

Maxwelton Aerie Alpaca Ranch ~ Helpful Information

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WIRELESS INTERNET: Password posted by the Piano

For good, free maps of South Whidbey and a ferry schedule PICKUP ON FERRY.

For Current events check out www.goosefootconnects.org

<http://www.whidbeycamanoislands.com/>

<http://www.whidbeyexaminer.com/>

<http://www.visitwhidbey.com/Whidbey-Island-Recreation.html>

<http://www.swparks.org/>

<http://www.centralwhidbeychamber.com/Recreation.html>



DRIVING Directions to Mukilteo/Clinton Ferry:

1 Take I-5 North to EXIT#189 "Mukilteo/Whidbey Island Ferry" [Exit right/then Big Overpass West over I-5.]

Note: EXIT#189 is the big 60mph exit that goes past the Boeing 747 & 777 Everett plant.

[IGNORE the first I-5 signs to Mukilteo at Exit#182 -- it has too many stoplights!]

2 Allow ~45minutes from Mercer Street to get into line at ferry dock.

3 Ferry takes 20 minutes and runs every 30minutes on the hour and half-hour.

4 Follow signs to ferry in Mukilteo. Line backs up ~1mile before toll booth.

1or 2 boat waits can occur at rush hour

DRIVING Directions On Whidbey Island to MAXWELTON AERIE:

[Mileages are from the stoplight at the end of the ferry dock at Clinton.]

1 Follow the main road [Hwy 525] westerly 3.7 miles to the second stoplight. [Maxwelton Road]

2 Turn left [south] onto Maxwelton Road and drive south ~4.0 miles to our driveway.

Our driveway is on the right [west] side of Maxwelton Road, marked with our house-number: "7224" (brass numbers mounted vertically on a post) opposite the big white & black mailboxes tied together with white numbers -- "7224"

You can't see the house from the end of driveway.

The driveway is dirt, single-lane, 500 feet long all-uphill, and rather steep at the very top.

It goes thru tall evergreen trees and past a small orchard on left.

KEYS - RED FARMHOUSE with White Trim

- 1 House should be open, call Bill Fraser if you don't see him when you arrive and need anything. 1-360-640-1554
- 2 A key ring is on the hook just inside the door if you want to lock up when you leave
- 3 The living room door has a night-latch (no key)



SAFETY at the FARM

Bluff: The farm is perched on a high bluff which is partially fenced and blocked off by planting.

Be sure your guests and children are informed to stay out of the planting and back from the bluff edge since this type of bluff can be undercut.

Working Farm: Maxwellton Aerie Alpaca Ranch is a working farm in a natural environment with the normal hazards of a farm such as electric fences, farm equipment, farm animals, etc. See release of liability in the confirmation.

Beach: The beach is inviting for walks and to see beach life but be sure you, your children and guests are aware of the dangers associated with beaches and tidal waters before going down to the beach.



ALPACAS & LLAMAS

We have alpacas and llamas in 3 separate pastures bordered by electric fences with gates.

DON'T TOUCH THE FENCE.

DON'T GO INTO THE PASTURE WITHOUT AN "OK" FROM BILL FRASER

AND NEVER LEAVE A GATE OPEN EVEN FOR A MINUTE.

Bill Fraser is the caretaker and lives next door. He feeds them morning and night and watches for their safety. He generally feeds at 9am or so and that is a good time to talk to him. He can give you instructions if you want to go in to the pasture to pet them or feed them carrots.

DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS ANYTHING WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM BILL FRASER.

PETS

Since we are a working farm we generally do not allow pets on the property. Call for special consideration.

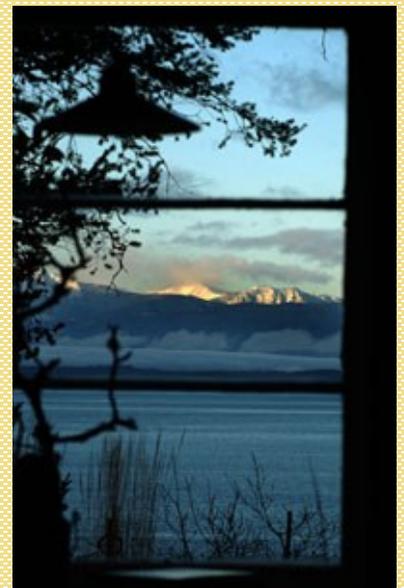
BEACH ACCESS

There are stairs to the beach just south of the house.

Observe Beach Etiquette & Safety www.beachwatchers.wsu.edu

Check tides at <http://www.saltwatertides.com/dynamic.dir/washingtonsites.html>

go to Strait of Juan de Fuca at Sunset Beach, Whidbey Island



GATHERING CLAMS AND OTHER SEA FOOD

The beach is full of wonderful sea life. Explore, enjoy, take photographs and disturb as little as possible. Don't walk south in front of the beach houses unless the tide is way out so you can walk far enough away from the houses to respect their privacy.

Be careful when the tide is coming in. There are a few places where the beach disappears and it can be difficult to get back to the stairs at high tide.

The tidelands in this area are privately owned by one property owner in Maxwelton. We have been able to dig clams through the years along with many neighbors. There are also public beaches nearby and you can get information on beaches, whether the season is open, and permits at SEBO's in Bayview 360-321-6080.

Any one over 15 digging clams should have a license.

Recreational shellfish hot line 1-866-880-5431. Additional information available at 1-800-562-5632

https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/marine_area_9.j?path=shellfish

HEAT: (Ask Bill Fraser for additional instructions)

1 There is a new gas-log fireplace in the living room.

The remote controls the temperature and flame size.

Be careful not to turn it up too high as it gets very hot.

2 There is a gas stove in the upstairs master bedroom.

Turn the gas stove ON & OFF by pushing the rocker switch on the right side of the stove.

The knob is for the fan speed.

3 There is an automatic gas furnace that ducts warm air to the main floor and the upstairs bedrooms.

Turn the furnace ON by adjusting the thermostat to 60 - 70 degrees (located on wall in dining room).

Turn the furnace OFF by adjusting the thermostat to 55oF or lower.



GUEST BOOKS & LIBRARY & MUSIC

There is a general "Guest Book" as well as a "Favorite Recipes Book" if you wish to contribute art, prose, poems, pictures, etc. Get creative with crayons and watercolor pencils in the basket in the living room.

Browse through the library for a good book or play any CD's to add music to your stay. If you get into a book and would like to finish it, you may check it out from our lending library. Just sign it out and take it home to finish your reading.

NOTE: The one exception to our lending library are Pete Schoening's mountain climbing books, which must not leave the premises.

GAMES AND PUZZLES

We have a selection of games and puzzles for your enjoyment in the closet in the living room and in the buffet in the dining room. There are lots of beach toys.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Leave beds unmade. Either leave sheets on the bed or place in the wicker laundry basket in the main floor store room.

Recycling: Put food scraps in the stainless steel bucket for the compost. It can be emptied into the worm bin drum just north of the parking area. Our recycle pick up is mixed paper, glass and plastic in clear garbage sacks. Only rinsed bottles are recyclable. If you want your garbage recycled properly, prepare it by separation, keep clean and rinsed and Bill will see that it is recycled. Leave in kitchen or in front of garage door.

CHECKOUT

Call Bill Fraser on his cell phone and leave a message that you are leaving. 1-360-640-1554

Turn off the furnace, the upstairs propane stove, the living room fireplace and the range.

Close doors but don't worry about locking them.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

The farm is a work in progress. We are constantly making improvements and would love your input.

Please let us know about anything we can do to improve your vacation experience.

Write your comments here or send us an e-mail.

Carolyn Geise

Have a pleasant stay and come again.



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