



Welcome to Our Yellowstone River Home

8 River Dr Pray, MT 59065

We hope you enjoy your visit.

Please remember this is a **NO SMOKING** home.

A NOTE FROM THE OWNER:

The HOT TUB is BRAND SPANKIN NEW (May 2018). It's an expensive high-end hot tub and we would appreciate it if you would treat it with kid gloves and love. **Please read the HOT TUB Guide before using and follow the care instructions (further back in this book).** We are happy to share it and want it to be here and well maintained for everyone to enjoy for years to come.

This year we also replaced the OLD BBQ grill with a **NEW Weber Spirit II BBQ GRILL** located on the front porch. We would appreciate it if you would read the few guidelines for the Weber BBQ Use & Maintenance. You may be the first one to use it!

Guest Book: We would be grateful if you would write a few lines in the Guest Book (the red book on the coffee table). We are really working to make this a great experience for everyone who stays at our place. Enjoy!

We would LOVE it if you would give us a good review. Please use the site that you booked through (i.e., Mountain Home, VRBO, Trip Advisor, Airbnb). Just scan the QR Code below or go to <http://8RiverDrive.com/OwnersNote>

*If there is any reason you can't leave a good review
please contact Mt. Home Rentals and let them know
how we can earn one... Thanks*



THANK YOU for renting our place. Please treat it like it's yours while you are here. We hope you have a great time and will join us again someday!

“Yellowstone River Overlook” Guidelines and Tips

Please read and review upon arrival.

INSIDE THE HOME

In Case of Emergency, Dial 911.

If there are any problems, call Mountain Home at 406-586-4589. There is 24/7 support. For an after-hours emergency, you may call Mountain Home Cell Phone at 406-581-8582. If no one answers, please leave a message as messages will be checked and calls will be returned.

For Your Safety: There is a smoke alarm upstairs and one downstairs. There are three fire extinguishers. One is located under the kitchen sink, one is outside on the front porch near the grill and one is located upstairs. **In the event that you should need to find it, the ‘breaker box’ is located behind the WELCOME sign by the dining room table. Please lift from the bottom to access it.**

Electrical Outage - The electric is covered by Park Electric Cooperative Inc.

Office Hours are 8am to 5pm Monday – Friday. Phone Number is (406) 222-3100 or (888)298-0657. For After Hour Outages or Emergences call (855) 999-9492.

Lights: Please turn off the outside porch lights at night and when you check out or leave on an adventure. And, please do not leave the house with any appliances running.

Lock-up: Always leave the home locked when you are not here. This is a pretty safe area, but please don’t test your luck!

Extra Stuff: If you need the additional portable twin mattress, you will find it located under the queen bed upstairs. Sheets, a blanket and pillow for this mattress can be found in the closet of the queen bedroom. The mattress fits nicely on the upper lever ‘balcony’ or you may prefer to put it in front of the deck door. Two extra folding chairs can be found under the queen bed in the downstairs bedroom. If you happen to need a baby playpen and /or clip on high chair, you’ll find a Pack-n-Play upstairs and a high chair in the downstairs bedroom closet.

Cooling: To use the FREE MONTANA AIR CONDITIONING, Open the windows, check to make sure the screens are closed and use the fans provided to blow the air where you want it to go. If it's HOT, you'll find fans on the top shelf of each of the bedroom closets upstairs. The ceiling fan wall control (controls the fan) is located behind the television. In the summer it is set to help cool things down (set May 2018).

Heating: The thermostat is located at the base of the spiral staircase. Just set it on the temperature of your choice and it will automatically start up the gas-fired stove. The stove has a fan that will kick in once the gas stove heats up. It will warm up fast! Please adjust temperature (on the main floor) with the wall thermostat only. Do not touch the gas fired wood stove controls or turn off/blow out the pilot light. If it is COLD outside or WINTER, please shut the blinds and leave the thermostat at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

In the winter there is a remote possibility that the gas stove pilot light could blow out if there are extremely high winds. Please follow the instructions on the front cover of the stove if the pilot light goes out. In addition, there is a second heater (located near the kitchen table & called a thermoblaster) that will work as a back-up. This heater will be lit in winter months. It is not necessary in the summer. If this is not lit and you need it as a back-up heat source, there are instructions located on the side of the heater. There are also 4 space heaters for the remote chance that additional heating is needed. These are located upstairs on the shelf in the closet. Make sure any auxiliary heaters that you may use are moved away from all walls and wood tables, etc. when turned on.

Garbage: You'll find 2 large garbage cans outside by the driveway. Please put your trash from the house in there. When it gets full, just remove the large black garbage bag, tie it shut and put it on the ground. Please replace the black bag with another (found in the kitchen utility closet). If you are staying more than a couple of days you can enjoy the entire rural experience by dropping the bags at one of the two trash collection areas for the valley. One trash collection site is located 2 miles North of Mill Creek Road and Highway 89 and one is located at the intersection of East Valley Highway and Chico Hot Springs. If you choose to recycle there are drop offs at the Emigrant Store for cardboard and at the Chico collection site for other recyclables. **In preparation for your departure (on your last day)**, please tidy up the kitchen and run the dishwasher if needed. Please bag any remaining trash and put it in one of the cans provided outside in the driveway or take it with you.

Pets: If you were approved to bring an animal please follow these rules:

Please pick up after your pet. Please do not let your dogs chase the deer who live in the yard. This deer herd has lived in this neighborhood long before the homes were here. It's their yard. Every year at least one doe has twin fawns. Stressing these babies and mommas can endanger them in many ways so please don't.

Things to Do: You'll find games and puzzles in drawers of the rustic media cart on the way to the spiral staircase. We've been stashing them here for a while. We have curated a collection of books that we hope will have something for everyone.

To Watch TV – DISH NETWORK: Use the DISH remote to turn on the satellite box. Push the SAT button and then the power button (if the power is not already on). Use the DISH remote to turn on the TV by pressing the RED TV BUTTON (The EKT remote is your back up for the TV) Volume and channels are controlled by using the DISH remote. If the screen is Blue or says NO INPUT, press the INPUT BUTTON and select HDMI 1.

NOTE: Be sure to turn off the DISH receiver using the SAT BUTTON and the RED POWER BUTTON each time you turn off the TV as program updates occur when it is off. – Thanks.

To Watch DVD / BLUE RAY / NETFLIX - STREAMING VIDEO: Use the DISH remote to turn on the TV and set to the input to HDMI 2. To do this, press the INPUT BUTTON and select HDMI 2. Turn on the DVD/BLUERAY PLAYER by selecting DVD on the DISH remote and pressing the RED POWER BUTTON. [Note: this needs to be on when the streaming video, NETFLIX, etc.] Choose what you want to do, streaming service, or watch a DVD / Blue-Ray. Volume and other functions are controlled by using the DISH remote.

To Watch Master Bedroom TV: Use the DISH remote to turn on the satellite box. Push the SAT button and then the power button (if the power is not already on). Use the DISH remote to turn on the TV by pressing the RED TV BUTTON (The SAMSUNG remote is your back up for the TV) Volume and channels are controlled by using the DISH remote.

NOTE: Never change channels with the SAMSUNG TV REMOTE. The TV is set on channel 60 and needs to stay on that channel as DISH uses an in home private broadcast network for TV in the Bedroom. ALSO - be sure to turn off the DISH receiver using the SAT BUTTON and the RED POWER BUTTON each time you turn off the TV as program updates occur when it is off. – Thanks.

Yellowstone River Home Wi-Fi Instructions

As you may have noticed, Cellular Services and High-speed Internet are not always available in Montana. We have the fastest and most reliable service available at this time. (7.5mb, multiple streaming devices are not supported.) The wireless (Wi-Fi) service is provided by WISP–West, out of Livingston, Montana. Their customer service number is: (406) 222-5454. Please call them if you experience any wireless problems or issues, etc. *Please do not call Mountain Home with wireless issues as they will not be able to help.* To connect, simply do a search for ‘wireless networks’ on your lap top or cell phone and **select YELLOWSTONE NORTH**. The home network is open and does not require a password. Security for the network is provided by the WISP servers.

Please do not touch/unplug any of the cords, the wireless router, modem, service boxes, etc.
Thanks!

The Elk: There is a story here and it’s long. The 2 things you may be interested 1) This Bull is a 365 using Boone and Crockett scoring. 2) We like to fish; however, we do not hunt. By the way, there is no hunting on the property. This beautiful elk mount was stored in a garage and we were sad that he still wasn’t roaming the mountains. Since we could not fix that and his days had long since passed and we wished to honor this magnificent animal...the lady of the house negotiated his release and we took him home to watch over his valley. We also release all the fish...



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Wind: Please shut the windows if you are going to have the blinds down. The wind (from open windows can damage the blinds). Please be sure screen door is latched. Strong winds can often come up and damage the screen doors if they are not secure.

Septic System: Please do not flush any paper products other than toilet paper. Please dispose of sanitary products in the garbage. Flushing sanitary products could cause an adverse impact on your stay.

Bugs: We spray near the house for mosquitos. The property is close to the river and there are bugs. We have supplied a (yes new) "Bug Zapper which is hanging on the hook off the back deck. If you turn the Bug zapper on, please remember to unplug it. Please be careful of the plug and the hot tub. Water and electricity do not go together! If the mosquitos are bad (in years with record snow fall they can be), we have left a container mosquito spray that can be attached to the hose. Follow the instructions on the package.

HOT TUB USE: PLEASE READ PRIOR TO USING OUR NEW HOT TUB.

Common Sense Hot Tub Rules



Shower With Soap
& Water Before
You Enter The Hot Tub



Senior Adults
Must Consult A
Doctor Before
Use Of The
Hot Tub



Anyone With Heart
Disease, Diabetes
High Or Low
Blood Pressure Or
Any Serious illness
Must Consult A Doctor



Pregnant Woman
Must Consult A
Doctor Before
Use Of The
Hot Tub



0-5
Children Under
The Age Of 5 Years
Are Not Permitted
In The Hot Tub

WARNING

Do Not Use
Hot Tub While Under
The Influence of
Alcohol, Tranquilisers
Or Any Other Drugs
That May Cause
Drowsiness Or That
Raise Or Lower
Blood Pressure



Do Not
Enter If
Temperature
Is Over 40°C
104°F



Enter & Exit The
Hot Tub Slowly

CAUTION

If You Have
Long Hair Please
Tie It Up Or Wear
A Swimming Cap
(Don't Worry
You'll Still
Look Cool!)



Children Must Be
Supervised At
All Times



No Glassware
Allowed In Or
Near The Hot Tub



Please Do Not
Use Soap Or
Sun Lotions
In The Hot Tub



Please No Jumping
Or Diving.
(Hot Tubs Are
Not That Deep!)



15 min
Limit Your Soak to
15 Minutes, &
Cool Off Before
Re-Entering



Please Replace
Spa Cover After
Using The
Hot Tub

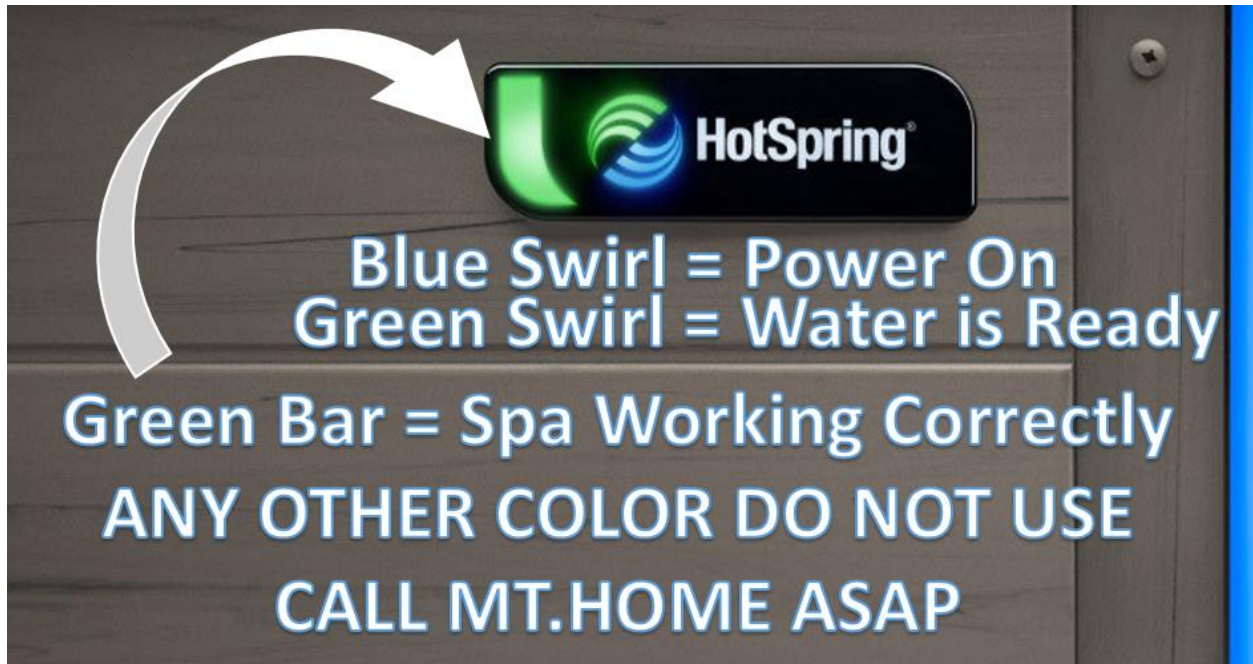


Please Do Not
Sit Or Lie Down
On The Spa Cover

SPA RULES

- Take a cleansing shower before using the spa.
- Please do not use the spa if you have diarrhea or any disease transmittable by water.
- No person under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol may use the spa.
- **WARNING** – people using prescription medications and/or having the following medical conditions should consult with their physician before entering the spa: pregnancy, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or other serious medical condition.
- Enter and exit the spa slowly.
- Staying in a spa too long may result in dizziness, fainting, and nausea.
- Heat stroke warning – Users limited to 15 minutes in spa.
- Children age 5 and under are not allowed in the spa.

HOT SPRING LOGO LIGHT



HELP US KEEP OUR
HOT TUB HAPPY

AFTER EACH USE
ADD 2 TBL SP
OF CHLORINE

THEN PRESS THE
CLEAN BUTTON
(The Spa will run for apx.
10 minutes then shut off)

THEN CLOSE THE COVER

PLEASE WAIT 6 HOURS
BEFORE USING THE
HOT TUB AGAIN

Our Hot Tub (Spa) Rules and Users Guide

- Please shower off before entering the Hot Tub.
- The Hot Tub Should Always be left on and in the heating cycle.
- The temperature is locked at 102 degrees F. **Please do not attempt to adjust the temperature.**
- Please only use towels provided for the Hot Tub in the Basket. The chlorine can damage the other bath towels.
- The Hot Tub is ready to go. The following will tell you how to remove the lid, adjust the jets, and adjust the lights. Just follow these easy steps when using;

Step 1. Prior to using the tub it is important that that every individual rinses off in the shower to remove any body lotions, sunscreens, oils, and dirt. Failure to do so can cause jets and filters to become clogged.

Step 2. The lid is held in place by a large black bar which is mounted to the side of the tub. **This bar does not come off of the tub, but rather flips back towards the north deck rail.** First, unclip the black snaps that attach the lid to the tub. Then simply grab the lid (closest to the wall of the house) and flip it backwards. The bar will help facilitate the lid opening and will support it once flipped all the way back. If the lid is left open while not using the hot tub, the water temperature will drop and take 1 hour for every 5 degrees to heat back up. Please keep the lid closed and secured when not in use. The great thing about this lid is that one person can lift it.

Step 3. Jet Pump Control. Top left button on the control panel labeled 'JETS'. Pressing the JET button and select options from LED panel.

Step 4. Light on/off and intensity controls. Top right button on control panel labeled 'LIGHTS'.

The light control uses four positions: high, medium, low, and off. To turn on the spa light, press the LIGHT button. This will place all lights in the spa on the high setting. Press the light button again to lower the intensity of the lights to the medium setting and so forth. PLEASE TURN ALL HOT TUB LIGHTS OFF WHEN YOUR ARE NOT IN THE HOT TUB.

NOTE: If there is an issue with the HOT TUB the breaker box for the hot tub is located outside next to the sprinkler box. If there is an issue please contact Mountain Hot Tub and they will contact the owners. The owners have an APP that will notify them of any issues or failures with the hot tub.

Use Of The Outdoor Fire Ring: We have provided an outdoor fire pit to help complete your Montana experience. We do not however provide wood for burning, but recommend that you purchase your own. Wood piles can be found at the Albertson's in Livingston or occasionally at the nearby Emigrant store. We ask that if you choose to use the fire pit that you first call the number listed below to confirm with the county that we are not in a 'HIGH FIRE DANGER' burn ban. If the county declares a burn ban, an ordinance will be in affect and you many not use the outdoor pit, sorry. Please do not burn any trees/brush from the property as we would like to preserve the local vegetation. Please be careful when having a fire and do not leave a fire unattended for any reason at any time. Hoses are located on both sides of the house to insure the fire is completely out before leaving. Parties assume all risk of use. Thank You

Emigrant Store (406) 333-4434, Park County Burn number (406) 222-4188

Park County Rural Fire District #1, 304 E. Park Street, Livingston MT

Weber Gas Grill Use & Cleaning Instructions:

Remove cover, turn on propane and grill. Only use if you have experience in grilling. Please clean the grease trap as grease which is spilled on the deck from the grill is very difficult to remove. Please be as neat as possible. Please clean grill when finished.

There is an extra propane tank. You can see how much propane is in the tank by looking at the gauge as it hooks to the Weber (we thought that was a helpful feature).

Please cover once it has cooled down. Before leaving please double-check to be sure that the grill is covered. Thank You!



Tips from the Owner's to enjoy your trip like a local (We want you to come back and rent our place again!)

Our Yellowstone River Home is located just north of Yellowstone National Park on the Yellowstone River in Montana's gorgeous Paradise Valley. This location offers guests easy access to a wide variety of fun activities.

While in the area: Many guests use our River Home as a 'base' from which to explore all of Yellowstone and Grand Teton Park and the incredible Beartooth Highway

Towns to Explore: The tiny town of Emigrant is nearby and offers a small general store as well as a few good places to eat. The town of Livingston is 20 minutes away with a great selection of restaurants, galleries and shopping. Just over the hill, you'll find Bozeman. Located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, Bozeman is truly a remarkable community. It is a college town, home of Montana State University. While retaining small town feel, Bozeman prides itself on offering community activities and programs typically available only in larger, metropolitan areas. Combine the wide array of resources with an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities and it's easy to understand why Bozeman ranks as one of the nation's most livable cities. There is so much to do!

Coffee Run: Chico opens at 8 if you need a Latte or espresso it's only 10 minutes down the road. Go to the gift shop.

Note: If you make coffee please remember to turn off the pot. It's not automatic. We are kickin' it old school on the river. Also if you use coffee please leave a can for the next guest if it's empty. We try and keep decaf and regular in the house.

Martinis: Use the white shaker with the red lid. Ice is in the freezer. Please fill up the ice if you use all the cubes in a tray.

Chico: It really is a great place. We recommend a good soak in a natural hot springs – it cures a lot of ailments. The dining room is 5 stars and if you want a reservation make one now.

<https://www.chicohotsprings.com/>

Gluten Free: The Emigrant store has been gluten free choices for bread etc...(We can't believe it either).

Groceries: The Emigrant store or you can go into Albertson's or Town & Country in Livingston.

Breakfast: Our favorite is the Pray Café. Cheryl Standish, the owner of the café wrote the cookbook Biscuits Bears & Broncs. Please don't lose my copy. She hasn't re-printed copies and our copy was her mother's copy until we purchased it. It's pretty popular for a cookbook.

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/pray-cafe-pray>

Gardiner: If you like a good view and a microbrew check out Iron Horse. We like Tumbleweed for breakfast. We also like Tumbleweed for books. <https://www.yelp.com/biz/tumbleweed-bookstore-and-cafe-gardiner>

Zip n Dip: It sounds easy. The zip line is a course and not for the faint of heart. If you want an adrenaline rush and zipping is your thing – this course does not disappoint. If you go it's a life experience. However, our tip is do not go with a group of more than 8 (your party and any others added) or it is too many bodies on the zip platforms. Trust us...we've been there.

<https://www.montanawhitewater.com/z/>

Fishing: Your own private fishing on the Yellowstone River is right out the back door. The world renowned Yellowstone River offers some of the best wild trout fishing you'll find anywhere. In additions, just down the road are the world-famous spring creeks (DePuy's, Armstong's, and Nelson's) and the streams in Yellowstone Park. Within easy driving distance are the Gallatin and Madison Rivers, as well as the Boulder and Lower Yellowstone, all of which are also great trout fisheries. If you are an avid fly fisher, the Yellowstone River Home is hard to beat. Professional guide service and fishing information is available by checking out the links on this site. Our friend Rowdy Nelson (RowdyRiverGuides.com) is a guide and you can find his card on the bulletin board behind the front door. Tell him you are staying @ 8 River Drive. For fishing reports go to <https://www.montanaangler.com/montana-fishing-report>

Chicory Fishing Access: This fishing access is a hop, skip and a jump down the road. It's a nice little walk and there is a picnic table there.

Hanging out on the Yellowstone River Overlook Deck: Just hanging out on the River deck is one our favorite activities. You'll almost feel like you are right on top of the River. Use the binoculars and camera, you never know what you might see! Depending on the season, you'll have the opportunity to see many mule deer, white tail deer and possibly other wildlife. In addition, there are numerous bird species in Paradise Valley and the Yellowstone River ecosystem including Bald Eagles and Golden eagles, owls, hawks, falcons, sand hill cranes, pelicans, geese, hummingbirds, and many songbirds, including the melodious western meadowlark. There are deer that live in the neighborhood.

Yellowstone National Park: <https://www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm> Yellowstone is the nation's oldest national park, and arguably the premier wildlife viewing destination in the joy a country. Elk wander its lush meadows, bison roam the vast hillsides, and the opportunity to view grizzly bears, wolves and other wildlife in their native habitat is truly one-of-a-kind. Everyone needs to see Yellowstone Park at least once in their lives, and every season has its own appeal. The magnificent North entrance to Yellowstone Park is a short drive to the South through Montana's fabulous Paradise Valley. You'll find that most of the Yellowstone Park roads are closed to normal traffic during the winter, for mid-December through mid-March. As such, it makes a winter visit an outstanding time to take a snow coach ride, cross country ski or snowmobile through the Park.

The only car-accessible Yellowstone Park entrance that remains open year-round is located at Mammoth (the North Entrance). That plowed road makes for a fun drive in the winter – you can explore the Tower Falls area, the Lamar Valley, and Cooke City. You may even want to stop and ski on some of the many groomed cross-country ski trails which are located along this road. If you want to view wolves, check out the Lamar Valley in the winter. It is common to view wolf packs from toad turnouts using scopes or binoculars. In Mammoth, you can rent snowmobiles, cross-county skis and snowshoes, or take snow coaches that transport you to Old Faithful or take you on tours to other destinations.

Horseback Riding: Several outfitters in the immediate area can take you on horseback up into the surrounding mountains or you might want to go on a guided ride into Yellowstone Park. It's a great way to see the wilderness and wildlife if hiking is not your thing. You'll also find many local rodeos to watch and enjoy in the summertime.

Mountain Biking: There are many trails and country roads in the area that are wonderful for mountain biking. Bring your own bikes or rent them from a local rental service and you'll be set for a lot of fun.

Hiking: Outstanding hiking trails are located in the Absaroka mountains/wilderness area just minutes from the Yellowstone Lookout Homes. You might even want to stop by at the UA Forest Service Office (just South of Livingston on Highway 89) to get a map which will outline the hundreds of miles of wilderness trails available to you. In addition to the nearby mountainous wilderness trails, you'll want to explore the trails available to you within Yellowstone National Park. There are more trails right outside your door than you could possibly have time to hike. You'll find the scenery is breathtaking, and the wildlife watching and photography opportunities are remarkable.

Chico Hot Springs: After a long day out hiking, fishing, or sightseeing, check out Chico Hot Springs (about 8 miles from the homes). At Chico, you can enjoy a first-class meal in the dining room. For reservations call (406) 333-4933 <http://www.chicohotsprings.com/dining/dining-room/> and then a soak in its world-renown hot springs pools.

For a more relaxed dining experience you can check out the Pool Side Grille or eat in the Saloon while enjoying your cocktails. If you have kids, you're going to have a hard time keeping them out of this pool. It's large enough to play in but has a semiseparate hotter part more popular with relaxing adults. The Chico bar hosts great local live music for some fun night life, and the bar has a window out to the pool, if you'd rather relax with a drink out in the hot pool, while gazing up at the stars. It's a 'must-do-experience' place for the whole family.

The Day Spa at Chico: (406) 333-4553 <http://www.chicohotsprings.com/day-spa/spa-menu/>

The Boiling River: This is the Owner's favorite activity in the Park. Perhaps, you too can experience the outdoor natural hot springs pools at the Boiling River parking area about 3 miles inside Yellowstone Park from Gardiner. After parking, you'll walk about a half mile along a path bordering the Gardiner River. You will know you have arrived when you see a place where a creek of hot geothermal water flows into the river (you'll see lots of steam) and it is well marked with a trail and signs. Here you will also see rocks piled up in the river to create natural pools where the hot water mingles with the cold river water to create comfortable places to soak and relax.

Hunting: There is no hunting on this property. However, this region of Montana has excellent populations of elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, moose, black bear, bighorn sheep, mountain goat and mountain lion.

Winter Fun: When winter sets in and snow falls on the nearby mountains, the Yellowstone River is fabulous to watch as ice chunks gloat by. Downhill skiers can head for the slopes a Bridger Bowl and Big Sky Ski areas. Cross country skiers and snowmobilers can find fabulous trails in the mountains nearby or in Yellowstone Park. After a long day of winter play the cozy gas fired woodstove at the Yellowstone River Overlook Home will be a welcome sight.

Thank you very much for choosing to stay at our home.

Your new friends,

The Owners

