Location

The Bar FX Ranch is located one mile south of the picturesque village of Wickenburg, and consists of 1600 acres of rolling hills, colorful mesas studded with cacti and other desert growth, overlooking the Hassayampa river with its legends. The main ranch buildings and grounds are situated in a beautiful valley sheltered from wind, surrounded by graceful palm, giant eucalyptus, cottonwood and willow trees as well as the native mesquite and catclaw. Many of our guests have proclaimed it “a veritable oasis on the desert.”

Bar FX is one of the few remaining cattle ranches owned and operated by a true western pioneer family.—A friendly welcome awaits every visitor.

Rich in History

Historians and archaeologists can find here subject matter for important research, there being ample evidence of a prehistoric civilization and the later Indian and white culture that paved the way for our present day civilization. The Bar FX Ranch contains the original home of Henry Wickenburg, discoverer of the famous Vulture Gold mine, and founder of the town which bears his name. Along the river and in the nearby hills on the Bar FX, the curious prospector may discover relics of the Apache and earlier days. We have unearthed prehistoric pottery, wampum beads, arrow heads, flint, stone axes and other stone implements.

Ideal Climate

Besides being one of the great points of historical interest of the state and the center of a rich mining and livestock industry, the unmatched climate and undefinable charm of Wickenburg continues to attract noted personages of the art and literary world who recognize it as the “best climate in the world.” Here is to be found a most desirable semi-tropical climate—days of beautiful sunshine and very little rain. This section is credited with having the highest rate of sunshine in the United States. The altitude is 2100 feet and the average daily temperature is 72 degrees.

The complete freedom of outdoor life with sunshine throughout the year, the peace and quiet of nature, the dry clear air, the wide expanse of the desert and the glory of the sinking sun as it reflects on the surrounding hills are to be found and enjoyed on the Bar FX Ranch.

Places to Go and Things to Do

Horseback riding is one of the most popular diversions on the Bar FX. The ranch maintains a string of well “broke,” well trained cow horses, safe, gentle, and thoroughly reliable for children or beginners; and more spirited faster animals for those accustomed to riding. A cowboy is ready at all times to take you over the trails, and every precaution is used to insure your safety. There are interesting events in the everyday life of the
cowboys, such as broncho-busting, branding, round-ups, etc., and they are ever ready to put on a rodeo for the benefit of the guests, many of whom join in after a little experience at riding. Pack trips to various mines, mountains, or all day trips into the beautiful rugged canyons or expansive plains, where the cowboys cook the meals over the campfires—a meal that will tempt even the most delicate of appetites—sizzling steaks, the aroma of coffee, the silvery moon for which Arizona is rapidly becoming famous, the strumming of guitars—all wonderful experiences never to be forgotten.

There is also badminton, tennis, horseshoes, croquet, target practice, and a good polo field to afford plenty of activity for our guests.

In the evening the rustic main living room with its huge open fireplace filled with crackling logs welcomes everyone to a game of bridge, ping pong, reading, impromptu games or to listen to cowboy songs.

Freedom and relaxation are among the attributes of the Bar FX. A perfect rest, if you desire it, or, plenty of things to do. We want all of our guests to feel free to do what pleases them most.

Remember, your time is your own to do with as you please, for when you are happy, we, too, are happy.

Wholesome Food—Excellent Accommodations

The spirit of the old west is preserved in the adobe building of Hopi Indian design, while the comforts of modern life are represented in the unique fireplace and the cozy furnishings of the main lodge and dining room, where the best of meals are attractively served at separate tables or as one large family. A variety of fresh vegetables is served daily. Fresh eggs, milk, cream, butter and cottage cheese are supplied from the ranch. The cheery and comfortable bedrooms, all with private bath, are furnished to meet the requirements of the eastern visitor who expects clean, sanitary, quarters without sacrifice of the western atmosphere, and with a little touch of the Indian in evidence.

Domestic water in abundance is obtained from a source other than the Hassayampa river, from which water for irrigation is taken. The well is located in the foothills outside the river basin, and furnishes 200 gallons a minute of pure water. Every effort has been made to make Bar FX Ranch comfortable and sanitary in all respects.

Hunting


Wild cat, coyote, lynx, fox, coon and badger trapping provides thrilling sport for many of the guests.
What to Wear

The atmosphere of the ranch is strictly home-like; the main idea is to be comfortable and happy. Sport clothes are appropriate and are worn almost entirely. Durable riding breeches, leather jackets, flannel shirts, sweaters and hiking or riding boots may be worn, and can be obtained at Wickenburg or Phoenix. Blue jeans are popular with both men and women. You will spend most of your time in the "wide open spaces," so prepare to dress accordingly. Expensive riding attire is not advisable because of the prevalence of brush along the many trails.

Motoring

Excellent paved roads lead in every direction. The Grand Canyon, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, ancient Casa Grande Ruins, Old Mexico, Roosevelt Dam, and beautiful mountain lakes are within a day's drive of the Bar FX Ranch.

Information

The ranch car makes daily trips into Wickenburg, where there are stores, churches, telegraph and telephone services, a theatre, postoffice, and good physicians. Excellent accredited schools make it possible for the young folks to spend the winter at the ranch and still keep up with their studies.

A ten-car garage is at the disposal of guests who bring their automobiles.

The ranch maintains a library for the use of those who wish to read.

Phoenix, the capital of Arizona, is but an hour's drive south of Wickenburg over fine paved roads. In that city there are excellent golf courses, theatres, shops and stores.

Reservations are made for guests for a week or for a season. It is of advantage to know that Bar FX is not able to house a large number of guests; however, sufficient accommodations are available for a comfortably sized group. It is always best to make reservations somewhat in advance of your arrival.

Bar FX Ranch is operated on the American Plan. Rates are quoted without horse and no additional charge is made for anything the Ranch has to offer. Single, $45.50-$55.00 a week. Reductions are made
for month and three-month stays and for families according to arrangement of rooms. Rates on horses are $2.50 a day, $14.00 a week.

Persons afflicted with a communicable disease are not accepted. The management reserves the right to refuse or cancel the stay of any guest, at any time, when in its opinion they are undesirable.

Bar FX Ranch is maintained for the patronage of gentle guests.

How to Come to the Bar FX Ranch

By the Santa Fe Railroad direct to Wickenburg, the Rock Island and Southern Pacific to Phoenix, or by air via American Air Lines to Phoenix. The ranch car will meet you at any of these places at no extra charge.

Wickenburg is on highways U. S. 60, connecting Los Angeles and Phoenix, and U. S. 89, connecting Tucson, Phoenix and the northern part of Arizona.

For further information write, wire or telephone—

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