

WELCOME

to

Longhorn

Guest Cabin

Welcome Note

ADDRESS

3361 County Rd. 211 • Hondo, TX 78861

HEADQUARTERS PHONE NUMBER 1-830-562-3650

Hello! Welcome to the Longhorn Guest Cabin. We are so glad you decided to stay here, and we hope you have a great time on the ranch.

We are happy to share our special getaway with you and truly hope you get to enjoy it as much as we do. The views from the bedrooms and front deck are spectacular in the mornings, and you will hear some melodic night sounds from local wildlife.

For dining out on weekends, we recommend Mac and Ernie's Roadside Eatery in Tarpley. More restaurant options are listed in this manual.

This manual contains information about the house and area to help you enjoy your stay. You should find everything that you need but if you have a question that isn't covered in here, please do get in touch and let us know how we can help. Please read the Emergency Information before launching out on an adventure on the property. All guests must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement.

We hope you enjoy yourself and visit again in the future!

Sincerely,

Debbie & Don Davis

Please sign the guest book on the desk and leave a review online to let us know how your stay was!



CONTACT INFORMATION: If you need assistance with anything, please contact:

Name: Debbie Davis

Phone number: 830/562-3650 land • 830/796-1057 cell

E-mail: info@longhornguestcabin.com

Checking out

CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

We hope you enjoyed your stay here!

As a reminder, check-out is at 12:00 noon on the day that your booking ends unless a later departure is approved.

Before you leave, could you please:

- Put all the dirty towels on the top of the washing machine
- Collect all garbage, bag it, and put it in the outdoor can on back porch
- Sign the guestbook
- Turn off lights
- Take with you any perishable foods you brought and did not consume

We would really appreciate it if you would leave us an on-line review to let us know how your stay was. We love to hear from our guests!

Please travel safe and come visit us again any time you're in the Hill Country!

Emergency Information

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY In case of emergency, **dial 911**

Nearest medical center: Medina Regional Hospital

Phone number: 830-426-7700

Address: 3100 Avenue E • Hondo, TX 78861

This hospital is for minor medical issues only. Do not trust the life of your loved-one to this facility.

Heart and stroke issues are better treated at :

Peterson Regional Medical Center in Kerrville

721 Thompson Dr. • Kerrville, TX 78028

This drive will take 1 hour, 10 minutes.

San Antonio **AirLIFE** can be directly called at **800-247-6428**.

Give them the location name **Seco Valley Ranch** and confirm the GPS: **29° 32.5841' N, 99° 21.5527' W**

They will land in the hay field in front of the cabin accessed through the gates in the cattle pens.

The Flight is 20-minutes from liftoff. The fee you are responsible for is minimum \$7500. The patient will be flown to the most appropriate San Antonio emergency room for the injury type.

Fire Department: 911 Hondo is the default dispatch, but it takes a minimum of 45-minutes for them to drive here. In event of fire, Tarpley VFD is 20-minutes closer. You must ask the 911 Dispatch operator to request Tarpley VFD be dispatched to this location. You will need to explain the situation. You may need to follow up with calls to the Tarpley VFD office (830) 562-3403 and Bandera County Dispatch (830) 796-3771.

Address: Seco Valley Ranch • 3361 CR 211 • Hondo, TX

How To

ACCESS THE PROPERTY

This remote location does not require you lock your vehicle or the cabin. If you wish to lock the cabin during your stay, we can assign you a door code. The front gate to the property is to remain closed and latched but unlocked.

USE THE WIRELESS INTERNET

Longhorn Guest – no password; cabin has 50 Mb. Please enable wifi calling on your cell phone to place calls from the cabin, as there is no reliable cell signal in the valleys of this ranch.

USE THE THERMOSTAT

Bedrooms and great room climate is controlled with a Nest thermostat located on the east wall, right of the fireplace. Adjust the temperature up or down by rotating the outside housing. Gently touch the center to access controls and rotate between icons. Eco mode will automatically revert to presets every twelve hours, so you will need to readjust to your comfort level in the mornings and before bed.

The kitchen and bathroom climates are controlled by the thermostat in the kitchen. Sometimes it requires more than one touch to activate the temperature adjustment.

We highly recommend turning off the HVAC during pleasant weather and sleeping with the screened windows open. You will enjoy hearing the nighttime wildlife. Please only open the windows with screens and do not leave the doors open, particularly at night. The house will quickly fill with gnats and mosquitoes.

When sleeping with the HVAC on, we recommend you leave at least one interior window open from the bedroom to the great room because there are no return air vents in the bedrooms. With more circulation, the cooler/warmer the bedrooms will remain.

INTERIOR WINDOWS

The old interior windows do not have built-in springs or window weights to hold them open. They must be supported by your hand when raising or lowering. Place the bottom of the frame onto the metal catch on the frame or they crash down, and the glass may shatter.

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USE THE WASHER AND DRYER LG standard controls manuals are in the cabinet above the machines.

USE OF KITCHEN RANGE This 1956 Frigidaire has been restored. There are still a few quirks. The timer clock does not work properly. Please do not turn it on because it will tick loudly without moving the hands. When it chimes, sometimes it does so continuously. To use the oven, set the Time Cook dial to ON. Your choices are Manual, On, and Off. You will also need to turn the Bake temperature dial to your desired cooking temp. The left pull-out drawer is a warmer. The on switch is on the upper left side inside the drawer. Caution: the surface above the oven door gets hot because the door does not completely seal.

PILLOWS, BLANKETS & TOWELS An extra king blanket is in the drawer of the bench in the king bedroom. Full-sized sheets, pillows, and a quilt are in the drawers under the futon couch and extra pillows are in both bedrooms on the shelf above the benches. Towels for outdoor use are in the metal mesh drawers of the console table in the laundry room.

COFFEE & TEA Coffee makers and hot water boiler are all located inside the roll-top door of the kitchen Hoosier cabinet. For all appliances, please only use bottled water or water from the reverse osmosis spigot at the kitchen sink. Our well water is very high in calcium that leaves scale build-up in appliances. This applies to the counter-top ice maker as well.

REFRIGERATOR The freezer is quite small. There is an orange cooler on the back porch for extra bags of ice and cold drinks.

APPLIANCES Instruction manuals for many appliances are in the bottom drawer of the Hoosier kitchen cabinet.

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COOKING

Basics such as spices and seasonings, sugar, flour, etc. are provide in the drawers to the right of the range and in the refrigerator. Most of the utensils and appliances required for meal preparation can be found in the cabinets. Cutting boards are stashed on the countertop behind the microwave. If you need a hand mixer or hand blender, call over to the ranch residence. (830) 562-3650.

DISHES & STEMWARE



Most everything is dishwasher safe with exception of the two horn drinking mugs and cast-iron cookware. Please do not place sharp knives in the dishwasher. The heat dulls them and rusts hand forged carbon steel. The horn mugs are designed for cold beverages only and not strong spirits. Strong alcohol and hot liquids can soften the wax used to attach the bottom of the cup to the horn. These must be hand washed only in warm, not hot water. They are designed for enjoying beer.

The plastic drinkware is BPA-free and dishwasher safe on lower heat settings. The wine glasses do not fit well into the dishwasher and require hand washing. Please do not use the scrubber side of the sponge on the plastic, as it will craze the surface. Red wine glasses are in the wine cabinet on the west wall left of the fireplace. Highball and cocktail glasses are in the bar beneath the kitchen pass-through window. Please do not place the decorated glasses in the dishwasher.

Please only use the Wallace Longhorn china indoors. There are Melamine luncheon plates ad cereal bowls for outdoor use. The Melamine is also dishwasher safe, but not microwavable.

PLACEMATS & NAPKINS

Placemats, cloth napkins and trivets can be found in the buffet table in the dining room.

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ELECTRICAL

The cabin was completely rewired in 2020. Should you experience a thrown breaker, there is one box on the exterior wall near the HVAC package unit on the east side of the cabin. There is a second breaker box in the outdoor closet near the bar-be-cue cabana on the west side of the cabin. A small flashlight is in the center drawer of the credenza to the left of the fireplace on the east wall.

GRILL

We leave the propane gas turned off at the tank to prevent gas leakage from accidentally turning on a knob when leaning against the grill. When using the grill, you may place the cover in the outdoor closet. Grilling tools are in the bottom drawer in the kitchen near the range.

FIREARMS

Persons with a Concealed Carry License, having completed a gun safety concealed carry course, may bring their handgun in their luggage into the cabin. Persons without a CCW License must leave their handgun in their vehicle. No long guns are permitted in the cabin or anywhere outside of your vehicle. The carry or discharge of any firearm is not permitted on the rangeland. There is no hunting on the property, no varmint shooting and no target shooting allowed.

FIRE PIT

Do not use when the county has issued a burn ban. You may use paper or ball moss for kindling along with three sticks of fatwood placed under three or four small logs in the center of the firepit stacked similarly to the fire-starting photos for the fireplace. If not cooking, remove the grate before lighting.

FIREPLACES & SMOKE DETECTOR

For lighting instructions, please refer to the Fireplaces tab at the end of this booklet. There are instructions with photos. Should you set off the smoke detector in the great room, use the cedar cane in the hall tree to tap the large button in the center of the detector to silence it. You won't be able to silence Nest Protect if smoke is above levels specified by law. This is an industry rule that all alarms follow.

Where To Eat

NEARBY GROCERIE STORES

Name: HEB
Address: 609 19th St. • Hondo
Distance: 30 miles
Closest thing to a regular city grocery, some Organics
There is also a Walmart in Hondo.

Name: Lowes Market
Address: 907 Main St. • Bandera
Distance: 27.5 miles
Fairly well stocked, few Organics

Name: Utopia General Store
Address: 406 Main St. • Utopia
Distance: 16.5 miles
Basics, nothing fancy, pretty good meat market

OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

Name: **The Laurel Tree**
Address: 18956 N. FM 187 • Utopia
Distance: 18.5 miles
Open only for lunch and supper on Saturdays. The Paris Le Cordon Bleu trained Chef Laurel Waters offers a five-course meal with your choice of two entrées, changing weekly. Reservations are required, typically a minimum of two weeks in advance.

Name: **Mac and Ernie's Roadside Eatery**
Address: 11804 FM 470 • Tarpley
Distance: 13.5 miles
Lunch from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sat.
Supper from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. & Sat.
Sunday lunch from 12-2 p.m.

Name: **Postal Brews**
Address: 283 Main St. • Utopia
Distance: 16.5 miles
Coffee and pastries 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tue. – Sat.
Panni's for lunch.
Friday evening 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. a one option meal, tap beer and live music

Name: **Rosie's Taqueria**
Address: 700 Main St. • Utopia
Distance: 17 miles
6 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon. - Sat. Closed Sunday and sometimes when she doesn't feel like opening 😊

What To Do

NIGHT LIFE

Honestly, the best night life can be experienced sitting under the stars and listening to the wildlife. When the weather is cold, you may warm yourself around the outdoor fire pit.

If you are hoping for a little honky-tonking, there are several options. Be advised though, you are likely to encounter deer and hogs on nighttime Hill Country highways and there are no streetlights. Use your high beams and watch the ditches and fence lines on the sides of the road. If an animal runs in front of you, do not swerve, instead slam on your breaks.

Quihi Gun Club and Dance Hall is about as authentic of an old German/Alsatian social club as you will find. Parents make pallets on the floor along the edges of the hall for little ones to nap while their parents dance into the night. Locals bring their own snacks. Popular is parisa and saltines. You can Order parisa from Silver Creek Meat and Gear in Hondo, The Country Mart in D'Hanis, and Dziuk's Meat Market in Castroville.

Address: 350 CR 4517 • Hondo, TX 78861

Distance: 37 miles

Bandera, 28 miles, has multiple options for bars. Two of the more popular dance halls are Arkey Blue's Silver Dollar Bar and 11th Street Cowboy Bar. Both offer authentic, dark, smoke-filled dance floors and good time crowds. Be advised, Bandera Police take a dim view on tipsy driving.

TOP ACTIVITIES

Birdwaching

Seco Valley Ranch offers some of the finest birdwaching in the Hill Country. Best times of year for your ornithological exploration are spring and summer.

Pollinator Garden

Wonderland Pollinator Garden just outside your back door offers a wide array of aerial creatures for your lepidopterological and mellitological curiosities.

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Art in Nature The countryside offers great subjects for nature photography and plein air painting.

Texas Longhorn Cattle A visit would not be complete without a side-by-side tour of the cattle herd. DWD Longhorns are heritage Texas Longhorn cattle. Don and Debbie Davis are both past presidents of the Cattlemen's Texas Longhorn Registry and founders of the Cattlemen's Texas Longhorn Conservancy, an organization whose mission is to engage in scientific and historical research, education and other charitable activities associated with the conservation of traditional Texas Longhorn cattle. We work with Geneticists and Biochemists on DNA research to ensure the integrity of these genotypes. If you schedule in advance, we are happy to take you for a spin in the Polaris to view and feed the cattle. The cabin décor is in honor of this historic icon.

Hiking
Mountain Biking
Trail Rides The property consists of 1883 acres for off-trail hiking and mountain biking (BYOBike). Equestrians may paddock their horses in our pens and use the ranch roads for trail rides.

Caving Skilled spelunkers may explore DWD Grotto and are welcome to rock garden the unexplored Jaime Hole. Access to Woot Cavern is only available to skilled rappeller groups.

NEARBY PARKS

Name: Hill Country State Natural Area
Distance: 12 miles

Name: Medina River in Bandera City Park
Distance: 26 miles

Name: Garner State Park
Distance: 29 miles

Name: Lost Maples State Park
Distance: 41 miles

Other Info.

GETTING AROUND

There is no public transportation or ride share available in this area. You must have your own vehicle. We request you limit driving of your vehicle on the property to the main road only. ATV's and motorized dirt bikes are not permitted. Please drive slowly, watching for crossing deer (they usually move in groups of three), snakes crossing the roads, jackrabbits, armadillos, and barn cats near the headquarters. The animals' safety depends on our conscientious observation.

PETS

We love dogs, but value the wellbeing of our wildlife, livestock, and two and four-legged residents of the ranch headquarters. Guest's pets are not welcome to roam off leash at the headquarters. Any animal that may chase a deer or rabbit or any wild animal it encounters, must be kept on leash when walking through the pastures. This is to ensure the safety of the wildlife as well as your dog. Never walk a dog in the pasture with cattle. The livestock will perceive your dog as a predator and can be treacherous with their horns. We practice a rotational grazing system. We will let pet owners know which pasture the herd is occupying during their stay. Dogs small enough to squeeze through a 6" x 6" opening in the fence must be supervised while in the yard.

WILDLIFE

Wild hogs are common in this area. Usually, they run away when encountered. Making loud noises, like clapping hands, stomping, and shouting will frighten them out of your path. Never corner a pig or come between a mother and her young. Javelinas can be found in the southern ends of all four southern pastures. They are a treat to see. Should you have a close encounter, they will react similarly as wild hogs. Do not let your dog chase after either species. It could prove deadly for your dog.

Other Info.

WE LOVE OUR SPIDERS & SNAKES

Black widows, brown recluse, scorpions and centipedes are quite common in the Hill Country. You will likely encounter one or more if you overturn rocks, wood, or containers on the ground. Just look before you put your hand anywhere. These creatures are part of our ecosystem and serve a purpose. Venomous snakes are rarely seen on this ranch, but it is wise to watch your step and look around before sitting in the pastures. Black Texas Indigo snakes call this region home and protect their territory by consuming other snakes including rattlesnakes. They are considered sacred in this area and are not to be disturbed.

GATES

It is very important you leave gates as you found them. If you walk through a closed gate, please close it behind you. If you walk through an open gate, please leave it open. There is no reliable live water on this property. The livestock are dependent on well water piped to troughs in the various pastures. Closing an open gate could prove deadly if the animals cannot access water. Leaving a gate open that had been closed could let the herd into the wrong pasture. The front gate to the property (with the sign Guest Cabin & Headquarters 2 miles), must always be closed. The horses are in that pasture and sometimes the herd of cattle. Leaving that gate open would allow them to leave the property and get out on the road.

Boundary gates are marked with a purple and red sign. Do not cross our boundary onto the neighbor's property. Trespassing laws are enforced.

BARNS

Guest are not welcome to enter barns or sheds or rummage through equipment. This rule is for your safety.

How To - TV

TV Operation

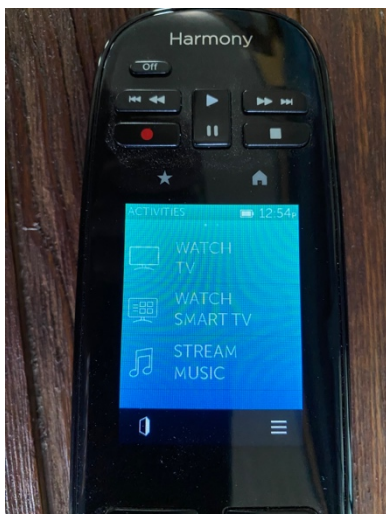
Using the TV and Sound Bar

The Harmony remote operates the TV, DirecTV Receiver and Samsung Sound bar.



The remote should be on its charger located on the credenza to the left of the fireplace on the east wall where the TV is located. The Harmony Remote touch screen allows you to switch between the following menus by swiping the touch screen left or right:

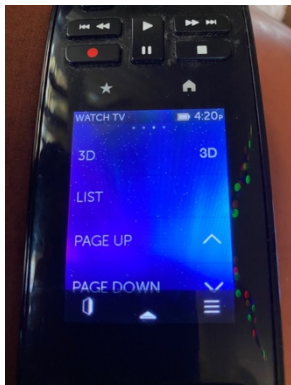
Activities – select between Watch TV, Watch Smart TV, Stream Music



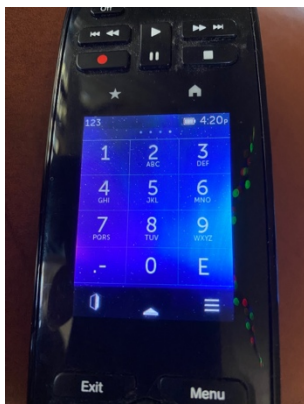
Favorites: scroll through the touch screen to select a channel you want to watch



Current Activity: shows a few options for the currently selected activity. You should not need to use this menu.



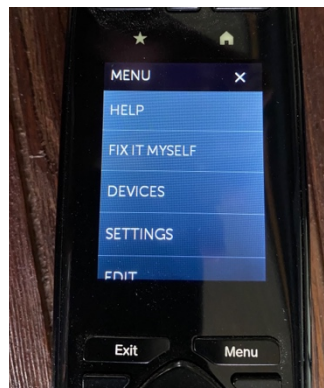
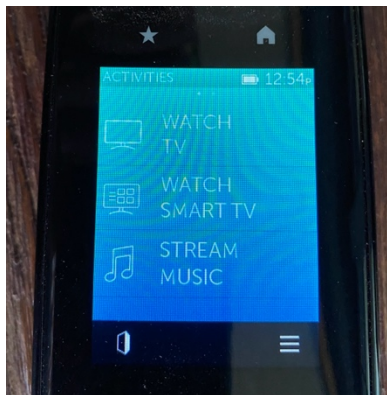
123: number keypad



To Watch TV:

1. From the Harmony remote Activities screen select: Watch TV. This will tun on the Samsung TV, DirecTV Remote and Samsung Sound bar
2. From the Harmony Remote touch screen swipe left to the Favorites screen showing the Favorite Channels programmed into the remote. (These are not the only channels you can view just the 50 favorite channels.)
3. Touch the channel you want to watch from the Harmony touch screen.
4. If you are not sure which channel you want to watch, select the "Guide Button" on the Harmony remote. The TV will go to the DirecTV Guide where you can scroll up or down the list of channels using the Ch/Pg button on the right side of the Harmony Remote. Highlight the channel you want to go to and select OK from the remote.
- 5.

Note: if when selecting "Watch TV" and all the devices don't turn on, this happens, select the 3 horizontal bars on the bottom right of the touch screen.



This takes you to the "Menu" screen above. Select "Help" from this screen. Harmony does a really good job of knowing what went wrong and fixing it. After the remote has corrected the problem, it will ask "did that fix the problem?" Select "yes" if the problem was fixed, "No" if not. If you select No the remote will ask a series of questions trying to resolve the issue.

6. When finished watching TV select the "Off" button at the top left of the Remote.

To Watch Smart TV:

1. From the Harmony Remote Activities screen select Watch Smart TV. This will turn on the TV and Samsung Sound bar.
2. Smart TV options will be shown at the bottom of the TV screen. Use the remote to scroll through the options available. DirecTV, Netflix, Prime video, Disney, Hulu Apple TV, YouTube, etc.
3. For subscription Apps like Netflix, you will need to log on with your username and password to watch.

To Stream music from your phone or iPod:

1. From the Harmony Remote Activities screen select Stream Music. This will turn the Samsung Sound bar on.

Note: The first time you use your device to stream to the sound bar you will need to pair your device with the Samsung Sound bar using Bluetooth using the Samsung Sound Bar remote.



The initial connection

1. Press the **PAIR** button on the remote control to enter the **"BT PAIRING"** mode.
(OR) a. Press the **(Source)** button on the top panel and then select **"BT"**.
"BT" changes to **"BT PAIRING"** in a few seconds automatically or changes to **BT READY** if there is a connect record.
b. When **"BT READY"** appears, press and hold the **(Source)** button on the top panel of the Soundbar for more than 5 seconds to display **"BT PAIRING"**.
2. On your device, select **"[AV] Samsung Soundbar Q6T-Series"** from the list that appears.
 - When the Soundbar is connected to the Bluetooth device, **[Bluetooth Device Name]** → **"BT"** appears in the front display.
3. Play music files from the device connected via Bluetooth through the Soundbar.

If the device fails to connect

- If a previously connected Soundbar listing (e.g., **"[AV] Samsung Soundbar Q6T Series"**), appears in the list, delete it.
- Then, repeat steps 1 and 2.

NOTE

- After you have connected the Soundbar to your mobile device the first time, use the **"BT READY"** mode to reconnect.

Fireplace Instructions

The two fireplaces at either end of the big room are over 100 years old. They do not have a damper and don't draw as well as modern fireplaces do today. Please follow the step-by-step instructions on how to build a fire in these older fireplaces. Failure to get the fireplace to draw properly will result in the room filling with smoke and the smoke detectors going off.

1. Place a small pile of shredded newspaper on the fire grate. Strips of paper work better than wadded up paper, the strips have more surface area to light. Place 4 to 6 pieces of fatwood on top of the newspaper. Fatwood may be found in the metal bucket by the fireplace.



2. Arrange a moderate amount of wood as far back on the fire grate against the back wall as possible. You want to start with a small fire to get the chimney drawing properly. Light a page of newspaper and hold it up into the chimney as shown below. This will get the chimney to start drafting upward.



3. Use the lighted newspaper to start the paper strips and fatwood on fire.



