

# ASPEN RIDGE RANCH

## Flyfishing at its Best

Aspen Ridge Ranch offers private flyfishing on Oregon's famous upper Williamson River. If it's a one-of-a-kind flyfishing experience you are searching for then look no further than the black drake hatch at the beautiful Aspen Ridge Ranch. The upper Williamson River meanders for a couple miles through the Ranch and is teeming with native red-band trout. Located just east of the Cascade mountains in south-central Oregon, the ranch consists of several hundred acres of private land nestled in a mountain meadow surrounded by national forest. Old growth ponderosa pine, aspen, and boundless wildlife will be your only company at this remote flyfishing haven. To maintain the highest quality flyfishing experience we limit the number of guests to eight per three-day stay. A maximum of 56 fishers per year visit the Ranch and we insist on catch-and-release fishing with barbless hooks. The fish range from 10 to 30 inches and five pounders are not uncommon.

### Black Drakes

The black drake, siphonurus, is a medium size mayfly that is rarely found in the west. One place it does call home is the upper Williamson River in Oregon. The black drake hatch takes place in the spring and early summer. During this period it is a major food source for the native Williamson River red band trout. The best time of day to fish the black drake hatch is during the afternoon and evening when the fish feed aggressively on the surface.

The private Aspen Ridge Ranch offers flyfishers a unique opportunity to catch and release native red-bands on barbless dry flies during the black drake hatch. The small river meanders through the Ranch offering several miles of prime fishing. A minimum of trees and brush make for a satisfying and successful presentation of your fly. Most fishing during this hatch is done by casting to rising fish with size 10 and 12 dry flies. A 4 weight rod is ideal. Strictly regulated access to the property ensures a quality fishing experience. We guarantee that swarming hatches of black drakes with rolling wild trout feasting on them is an amazing and exciting thing to see.

"The black drake hatch at this rustic hide-away offers a very unusual window for wild rainbows. Twice I broke my 5X tippet before I accepted the fact that there were more than just a couple big 'bows in that river."

Don Johnston,  
long time Oregon flycaster.

### Accommodations

Aspen Ridge Ranch not only offers an unrivaled flyfishing experience but also a unique stay in the isolation of Oregon's backwoods. Lodging consists of warm, clean and authentic Sioux Indian tipis. Each lodge sleeps three people. Because the ranch is so remote we are

"Aspen Ridge is a very special place. I came for the fishing. However, because of the beauty and quiet I often found myself just sitting by the side of the river and taking it all in."

Chris Flanigan,  
guest for three consecutive seasons.

"off-the-grid" meaning power is generated by the sun and solar panels. We have a solar shower and two outhouses.

Your three-day, two-night visit includes all meals featuring wholesome and delicious home-style cooking; special dietary needs are gladly accommodated. Once the sun has set and the fishing is over plan to spend some festive time sitting around the campfire sharing fishing tales with friends old and new. The Ranch is located 85 miles north of Klamath Falls and 100 miles south of Bend.

Besides offering some of the best dry flyfishing in the country Aspen Ridge Ranch features equally impressive scenic beauty, solitude and unlimited recreational opportunities. When you've had your fill of catching the hard-fighting native trout you will find plenty of other activities to make your weekend at Aspen Ridge Ranch fun and exciting. Plan on doing some: hiking, bird watching, mountain biking, canoeing, swimming, hammock-resting, or sightseeing at nearby Crater Lake National Park, The Klamath Marsh Wildlife Refuge, Fort Rock State Park or Crack-in-the-ground.

### Rates & Reservations

Flyfishing at Aspen Ridge Ranch is available on a limited basis during the month of June. The three day, two night rate is \$500 per person. This package includes fishing, lodging and meals.

If you would like, bring your own beer, wine or soft drinks; other beverages are provided with meals. You will also need to bring your own towels, toiletries and tackle (we have black drake flies for sale).

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I look forward to your visit and will do my best to make your stay at the Ranch memorable.

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