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Hours:

Summer 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Off-season 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Group Tours:

For school and commercial tours,
please make advance reservations.
Call (406) 846-2070 ext. 224

Web Address and Services:

www.nps.gov/grko

- Virtual tour of ranch
- Special event schedule
- Downloadable childrens' activity
- Downloadable photos
- Curriculum for teachers
- Newsletter

We're the Nation's Ranch.

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Where is "The Nation's Ranch"?



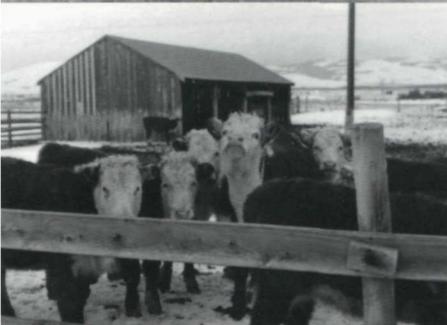
You'll find Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS just off Interstate 90, midway between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Take exit #184 or #187 at Deer Lodge. The ranch is at the north edge of town, across from the fairgrounds. Handicap access is available.

At the south end of town is the Old Prison Museum, which includes Montana's Territorial Prison, an exceptional collection of antique cars and several other museums. Between Grant-Kohrs Ranch and the Old Prison Museum is the Deer Lodge Historic District with buildings dating back to Montana's gold rush days.



From Trading Post to Cattle Baron's Empire to National Treasure

From the 1862 home and trading post of John Francis Grant to the headquarters of Conrad Kohrs' cattle empire, the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site holds a prominent place in the American livestock industry. In its heyday, Kohrs' cattle grazed on roughly ten million acres of public lands in four states and Canada. President Theodore Roosevelt said of Kohrs, "he was, and is, the finest type of pioneer in all the Rocky Mountain country." Thanks to his grandson Conrad Kohrs Warren and wife Nellie, the "home ranch" is preserved and continues to operate as a working cattle ranch, commemorating not only this extraordinary ranch, but the history of the entire open range cattle industry; the trail drives, the roundups, the heartbreaks and resounding successes. Eighty-nine structures, complete original furnishings, wagons, ranch records and live cattle and horses await the curious visitor to this remarkable ranch museum.



Summer

Experience the aroma of cowboy coffee at the chuckwagon, the sounds of the anvil ringing in the blacksmith shop, cows contentedly grazing...a visit in summer is filled with the hustle and bustle of living history programs and ranch activities. Try your hand at roping 'Woody', the wooden roping calf and discover why there's a little bit of "cowboy" in all of us.



Fall

Fall finds geese flying, crisp mornings and frisky horses. Deer and elk come down into the valley in increasing numbers as snow dusts majestic Mount Powell. Autumn colors brighten the banks of the Clark Fork River and the streams which flow through the ranch. Walks and tours continue during one of the prettiest times at the ranch.



Winter

Cold days mean a warm fire at the Visitor Center. Bald eagles stand out clearly on the leafless branches of the cottonwood trees. December sees the ranch decked out in Victorian style. The new year is a time of waiting: For the days to lengthen, the grass to green up, the calves to be born. Tours of the ranch house are available each day and outbuildings are open for self-guided tours.



Spring

Spring is measured in baby steps; the first morning we don't need headlights coming to work, the ice break-up on the river, the return of birds, the first blades of green grass along the sun-warmed fences. Then suddenly the first calves are born, the trees leaf out, school groups flock back as regular and welcome as the migratory songbirds. And the cycle begins again.

