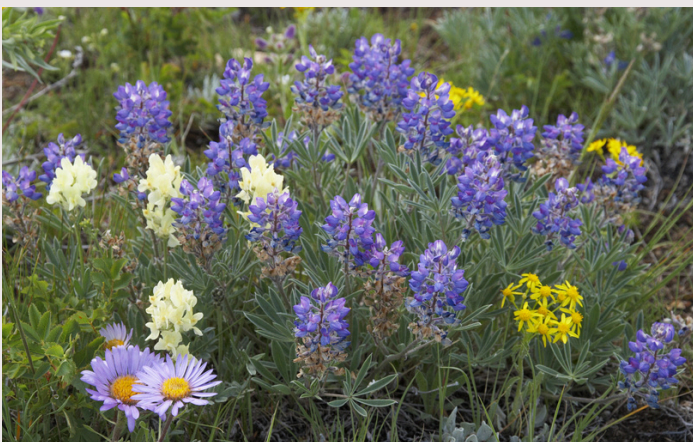




JULY 12-17, 2027

Legacy Journey to Pine Butte Preserve

Where the Rocky Mountains meet the prairie in northwest Montana lies a vast expanse of wilderness that is habitat for moose, mountain lions, lynx and birds ranging from warblers to raptors. The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Preserve serves as your home base for a remarkable experience in a jewel of the Crown of the Continent. Within this showcase of one of North America's most intact and wild ecosystems, you will find dramatic limestone peaks that tower above native grasslands with striking wildflowers abloom. Through hikes, horseback rides and guided tours, you will have the unique opportunity to connect with this rugged and beautiful region.



Photos: Pine Butte Guest Ranch, MT © Robert Granzow; Wildflowers near Pine Butte, MT © Robert Granzow

Legacy Journey Highlights

- Set out on trails that pass lush wetlands, century-old pines, wildflowers and alpine streams.
- Accompany TNC Montana staff as they guide you through crucially important habitats that support a variety of critical plants and animals.
- Keep an eye out for signs of grizzly bears, moose and elk.
- Head out for a half-day trail ride through the high meadows of the Rocky Mountain foothills.



Welcome to Montana!

Despite its size, Montana is the third-least populated state in the country, meaning that vast expanses of land continue to exist as pristine, untamed spaces of wildness. Pine Butte is such a place, and The Nature Conservancy is working to ensure that it remains one of the jewels in the Crown of the Continent. The area is one of the last places in the lower 48 where grizzly bears roam free on the plains, and its patchwork of habitats support a remarkable level of biodiversity.

In addition to on-the-ground land management, the Conservancy is working with local ranchers on collaborative stewardship and conservation tools. Community-based partnerships like this help ensure land protection and restoration efforts are sustained long into the future. The Conservancy's Pine Butte Swamp Preserve recalls an earlier time of rugged, American beauty and we look forward to having you join us in this special place.

With nature at your doorstep, you will spend your journey surrounded by breathtaking landscapes while gaining exclusive insight into local programs and strategies.

Photo: Pine Butte, MT © Robert Granzow

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1

Monday, July 12

Welcome to Montana! Please plan to arrive in Great Falls by 3:00 p.m. Once everyone is present, we will begin the scenic drive to Pine Butte. Upon arrival to the ranch, you will be escorted to your cabin to relax and unpack. Pine Butte boasts a main lodge stocked with a collection of books, cards and games and also a Front Room, where you can enjoy some peace and quiet. Dinner this evening will be in the main lodge. Along with an introduction from your TNC hosts, receive an overview of Pine Butte Preserve, safety and the itinerary for the week ahead. Get a good night's rest before the first full day of your journey!

Overnight at Pine Butte Guest Ranch, Pine Butte

DAY 2

Tuesday, July 13

This morning, TNC's Nathan Birkeland will give a comprehensive tour of Pine Butte Preserve. The preserve and surrounding lands support a third of the plant species in Montana, as well as many rare wetland species such as yellow lady's slipper, Macoun's gentian, and green-keeled cotton grass. About 200 species of birds and 43 species of mammals also call the preserve home. During the hike, make observations and ask your guide questions; no detail is too small! We'll enjoy a picnic boxed lunch while taking in the views of the preserve.

This afternoon, continue conversations with TNC staff on the preserve before relaxing back at the ranch. Sit on the porch with a book or walk around this gorgeous property. In the evening, have dinner and enjoy a presentation about the Conservancy's work at Pine Butte Preserve and the Rocky Mountain Front.

Overnight at Pine Butte Guest Ranch, Pine Butte

DAY 3

Wednesday, July 14

Mid-morning, meet at the main lodge for a short drive to Face Mountain Trailhead. On a one-mile hike up the south side of the trail, you'll see some of the most dramatic views of Pine Butte Preserve; take in the scenery at the summit, where one can stand at the edge of a 200-foot cliff where prairie falcons have nested. From this vantage point, both forks of the Teton River can be seen winding their way far out into the prairie. Enjoy a picnic boxed lunch while learning more about TNC's work to create strategic partnerships on the Rocky Mountain Front.

Upon return to Pine Butte, choose to rest and relax or join us for a horseback ride. After getting fitted to our horses, we will spend an hour in the saddle on a beautiful and mellow trail. This evening, there will be a presentation by TNC Crown of the Continent Director, Dave Hanna, before dinner.

Overnight at Pine Butte Guest Ranch, Pine Butte



Conservation Highlight: Pine Butte Preserve

Pine Butte's unique, groundwater-fed wetlands attract a variety of species that travel between the grasslands of the Great Plains and higher elevations in the Rockies.

Depending on the time of year, grizzlies, beavers, mountain lions, deer, lynx, moose, bighorn sheep and about 200 species of birds visit the preserve. To conserve this landscape at a larger, more meaningful scale, TNC, along with community partners, manages the land in a way that benefits the area's spectacular wildlife, unique ecology and local, often traditional livelihoods.

Photo: Horseback riding at Pine Butte, MT © Simon Williams/TNC

Itinerary Overview (cont.)

DAY 4

Thursday, July 15

After breakfast in the main lodge, we head out for a short drive to begin a day of horseback riding on the local equestrian trails. These trails will take you through diverse forests, over crystalline streams, and to mountain outcrops with unbelievable views. Just imagine, horseback was once the primary way to traverse Montana's varied terrain.

In the afternoon, hike at your leisure around the property or relax with a book or your fellow travelers.

Prior to dinner, TNC Blackfeet Program Manager, Dylan DeRosier, will join us for a presentation about TNC's partnerships with the Blackfeet Reservation.

Overnight at Pine Butte Guest Ranch, Pine Butte

DAY 5

Friday, July 16

After breakfast, meet at the main lodge to head out for today's hike to Our Lake. We will drive about 6 miles to the end of the South Fork of the Teton Road. The Our Lake trail is a difficult hike, covering approximately 7 miles round trip and climbing up 1,450 vertical feet.

If you prefer to relax or do an easier hike today, your trip leaders will be happy to provide you with suggestions of alternative hikes or walks you can do on your own.

Afterwards, we'll return to Pine Butte to rest and relax before enjoying our final night's dinner to celebrate a fantastic week together.

Overnight at Pine Butte Guest Ranch, Pine Butte

DAY 6

Saturday, July 17

Bid farewell to Pine Butte!

Enjoy a final breakfast with your newfound friends at Pine Butte Preserve before transferring as a group back to Great Falls for your flights home.



Trip Cost

Double Occupancy: \$5,925/person

Single Occupancy: \$5,925/person

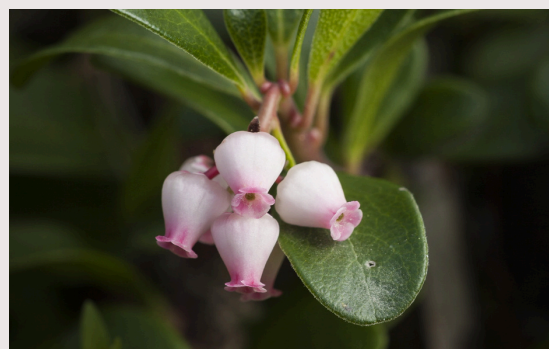
This trip must have 14 travelers.

This cost includes:

- Accommodations
- All ground transportation
- All meals, beginning with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 6
- All activities
- All gratuities
- All park entrance fees and permitting
- Alcohol throughout the week
- 2 Iconic trip leaders
- 2 TNC hosts

This cost excludes:

- Travel to and from trip start and end location
- Travel insurance
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations
- Incidentals



Photos (from top to bottom): Hiking at the base of Pine Butte, MT © Simon Williams/TNC; Horseback riding at Pine Butte, MT © Jacob Smutz/TNC; Pine Butte Lodge, MT © Jacob Smutz/TNC; Bearberry flowers, Pine Butte, MT © Robert Granzow



Payment & Cancellation Terms

All payment requests will be sent through WeTravel, your trip registration and payment portal. This may include the deposit, final payment, and any supplemental amounts for pre-/post-nights, extra transfers, or add-ons. If you need to cancel, please contact Iconic Adventures at concierge@iconicadventures.com.

Deposit:

- A \$1,500 per person deposit is due at the time of registration.
 - Cancellation 0-7 days after payment (when booked 7+ days before full payment is due): Deposit is fully refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 8-21 days after payment (when booked 8-21 days before full payment is due): Deposit is 50% refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 22+ days after payment: Deposit is non-refundable.

Full Trip Payment:

- Full trip payment is due 150 days prior to trip start.
 - Cancellation 150-136 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is 50% refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 135-0 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is non-refundable.

Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Iconic Adventures, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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TNC Travel Values

● Access

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places, you'll see how you are helping save them.

● Impact

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

● Knowledge

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

● Inspiration

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

● Globally Minded

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results into global impact by scaling solutions that work.

Photo: Davis Mountain Preserve, TX © Jerod Foster



TNC Traveler Expectations

Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review [TNC's Code of Conduct](#) prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. To that end, by registering for a TNC trip, you agree to uphold the Code.

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are:

- respect for each other,
- respect for the world around us, and
- acting with integrity.

The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.

TNC Traveler Expectations (cont.)

● **Respect all people, places and perspectives.**

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

● **Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.**

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

● **Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.**

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

● **Employ an attitude of flexibility.**

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.

Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at legacyjourneys@tnc.org.

