

## Rancho Diamante October Ride – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Ride leaves at 9:30 a.m.

Hosts: Sally Allen, Liz Mead and Cristy Varela

We are looking forward to hosting the October ride at Rancho Diamante, Skull Valley. The Fall will be upon us with cool temperatures ranging from mid 60's to mid 70's. Mornings are usually cool in the 50's. Bring a jacket.

The ride is approximately 3 ½ hours with 'bring your own' lunch. Lunch approximately 30 min. **Non-Riders will not be able to reach the lunch site.** The trail has hills; one is a little steep with beautiful views and lots of trees. Horses should be well shod. The trail will leave from the barn and wind through the ranch hills toward the Lori Smith gate. We will ride in the forest to a lunch site and return through Lightening gate making a nice loop back to the barn. There is water for the horses once we are back inside the ranch.

Parking is along the road to the barn, behind the bunkhouse and at the barn area. Signs and blue ribbons will be along the road inside the ranch directing you to the barn parking.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As Gibb Kerr will not be able to provide horses for this ride, Cristy has made arrangements with Yavapai Trail Adventures to provide rental horses. Cost is \$150 per horse, and you need to contact them directly – contact Cindy @ 928-308-2974. There is a limited number of horses so please call as soon as you can.

Please call if you have any questions and let us know by **October 12, 2025** if you will be joining us.

RSVP to: Sally Allen - 602-540-7461

Happy Trails

**PLEASE NOTE - IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Your ride hosts will cancel the ride by the night before if the weather looks bad. There will be no plans for a lunch get-together in this case. All those who have signed up to ride will be contacted directly by the hosts.

**Directions to Rancho Diamante**  
**9415 N. Calle Diamante, Skull Valley**

**Directions from Wickenburg:**

Travel north on Hwy 93, turn right on Hwy 89 toward Prescott. Go through Congress & travel up Yarnell hill. Approximately 6 miles past Yarnell, watch carefully for Hwy 15 – Thompson Valley Rd, turn left. Go approximately 5 miles & turn right at stop sign at Kirkland Bar & Steakhouse head toward Skull Valley. Travel another 5 miles past Skull Valley gas station & watch closely for Tonto Road sign. Turn left, (8-mile dirt road). Go past Contreras Rd, past the Bar-U-Bar ranch, through the next cattle guard. The road will split. Stay straight (left) for .7 mile to the rock entrance.

Enter through the right manual gate. Open & close the gate. There are cattle throughout. Drive cautiously. The barn is 1.8 miles from the gate. Go past Ghost Horse Trail, past the stock pond on the left, stay straight at the 1<sup>st</sup> fork in the road, go past the Koressel driveway on left, up the hill, through a small creek, at the next fork in the road stay right. The barn is straight ahead. Watch for sign & ribbons for parking.

**Directions from Phoenix:**

Travel north on I-17, Exit Hwy 69 toward Prescott. You will be on Hwy 69 for several miles. At Fain Rd, turn right (Maverick Gas). Travel several miles, Fain Road becomes Pioneer Pkwy. Go straight on Pioneer Pkwy to the end (signal) & turn left on Williamson Valley Rd for approx 2 miles. Go to the end (signal) and turn right onto Iron Springs Road. Travel approx. 7+ miles to Contreras Rd, turn right to end (4 miles). Turn right on Tonto Rd., and go approx 2.5 miles to the fork in road. You will pass Bar & Bar ranch, & cross a cattle guard. At the fork in the road, Tonto goes right. Stay straight or left on Calle Diamante for .7 miles to rock entrance. Enter through right manual gate, open & close the gate. The Barn is 1.8 miles from the gate. There are cattle throughout. Drive cautiously. Stay on Calle Diamante, go past Ghost Horse Trail and the stock tank on left. At the 1<sup>st</sup> fork in the road, stay left. Go up the hill, cross the creek and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> fork in the road, stay right. The barn is straight ahead. Watch for signs & ribbons to parking.

### **Directions from Prescott:**

**From Iron Springs Rd & Williamson Valley Rd, travel west on Iron Springs approx 7+ miles to Contreras Rd. Turn right. Travel 3.75 miles to the end & turn right on Tonto Road. Travel 2.5 miles to the fork in the road, you have already passed the Bar U Bar ranch on the right & crossed the cattle guard. At the fork in the road, stay straight or left for approx .7 miles. At the rock entrance, enter the right manual gate & close it.**

**There are cattle throughout. Drive cautiously. The Barn is 1.8 miles from the gate on Calle Diamante. Follow signs & blue ribbons past Ghost Horse Trail, past the stock pond on the left. At the 1<sup>st</sup> fork in the road, stay straight or left. Go up a hill, through the creek & stay to the right at 2<sup>nd</sup> fork in the road. The barn straight ahead. Watch for signs & ribbons for parking.**

### **Directions from California:**

**I-10 east thru Blythe & Quartzsite. Past Quartzsite approx. 10 miles to Hwy 60 turnoff toward Prescott, (left). The ranch is approx 3 hours from Blythe. Go past Salome (wave at Clair) & past Aguila. Turn left on Hwy 71 toward Congress.**

**Go thru Congress, turn left at Hwy 89. Go up Yarnell hill, through Yarnell, through Peebles Valley to Hwy 15, Thompson Valley Road, turn left. Travel approx 5 miles to stop sign, Kirkland Bar & Steakhouse. Turn right toward Skull Valley.**

**Go through Skull Valley, travel approx. 5 miles past Skull Valley gas station & watch closely for the Tonto Road sign. Turn Left onto Tonto Road (8-mile dirt road). Once on Tonto Rd, watch for cattle & deer, go past Contreras Rd, past the Bar U Bar ranch, over the cattle guard. The road will split, stay straight or left for .7 miles to the rock entrance. Go through the right manual gate & close.**

**The barn is 1.8 miles from the gate. There are cattle throughout. Drive cautiously. Once in ranch, go past Ghost Horse Trail, past the stock tank on the left. At the 1<sup>st</sup> fork in the road, stay left, go past the Korressel driveway on left, go up the hill, through the creek. At the next fork in the road, stay to the right & follow signs & ribbons to parking.**