



LAZY MOOSE LODGE AT ASPEN RIDGE · ISLAND PARK, IDAHO

3 Days in Winter, 20 Minutes from Yellowstone

A long-weekend plan for a group of up to 10: a snowcoach day in the park, groomed trails out the door, Harriman on skis, and the hot tub every night. No sleds required.

Book direct with Jeremy & Jen at lazymooselodgeaspenridge.com · code **LAZYMoose10** for 10% off · no Airbnb/Vrbo guest fee · no security deposit

Winter 2026–27 · Sleeps 10 Nov–Apr · Private hot tub · Attached garage for sled staging · Plowed roads, 4WD recommended

Getting here and getting set up

- **Drive:** the cabin sits in Aspen Ridge, backing up to Highway 20, about 20 minutes from Yellowstone's West Entrance. The subdivision roads are plowed all winter; **4WD is highly recommended** and they can get slippery in heavy snow.
- **Trucks and trailers:** trucks fit in the driveway (about 20 ft wide, 40 ft long). Roads are plowed narrow, so most guests leave sled trailers at the public lot off Red Rock Road a couple of blocks away (no overnight camping); the exact pin comes with your booking confirmation.
- **Sleds:** optional. If you bring them, the attached garage is the staging area: sleds in at night, gear hung up, ride straight out to the groomed trails along Hwy 20 in the morning. No sleds are provided; West Yellowstone and Island Park have rental shops.
- **Groceries and fuel:** Sam Patch Co. grocery is about 5 minutes away with a gas station next to it. Stage Stop at Mack's Inn has fuel and propane. West Yellowstone (20 min) has the most restaurants open in winter.
- **Book the park day first:** Yellowstone's West Entrance is closed to cars in winter. Guided snowcoach and snowmobile tours leave from West Yellowstone from **December 15** through mid-March, and holiday and Presidents' Day weekends sell out early.
- **Phones:** the lodge has WiFi; cell service in Island Park varies by carrier, so download maps and tour confirmations before you head up.

Day 1 · Friday

Arrive, stock up, soak

Afternoon. Check-in is from 4 PM. Stop at Sam Patch Co. on the way in for the big shop (the kitchen has a 5-burner gas range with a griddle, a stainless-topped island, a dishwasher and a log dining table that seats 10, about 18 with the folding tables).

Evening. Get the gas fireplace going in the A-frame great room, make the first dinner, and finish the night in the private hot tub under the covered patio with the string lights on. It runs all winter and is serviced between guests.

Who sleeps where (10): Primary king with en-suite (clawfoot tub plus shower); Bear Room queen; Teton Room two singles; Bison Loft queen plus single (open loft, steep stair); plus a portable single mattress for the 10th guest. The summer bunkhouse is closed Nov–Apr.

Day 2 · Saturday

Snowcoach (or guided sled) day into Yellowstone

Drive 20 minutes to West Yellowstone for your tour. Most snowcoach days run to Old Faithful and the Firehole geyser basins: steam, bison in the snow, and a fraction of the summer crowds. Guided snowmobile tours cover the same ground faster and colder. Our journal post *Yellowstone in Winter: Snowcoach or Snowmobile?* on the website walks through how to choose.

Pack: layers, sunglasses, a thermos, and snacks. Tours are full days; eat a real breakfast at the cabin first.

Evening. Back at the cabin by late afternoon. Fireplace, dinner for the whole crew at the log table, movies on the smart TVs, hot tub.

Day 3 · Sunday

Trails, skis, or a slow morning

Option A, sleds: ride from the garage down the property to the groomed trail along Hwy 20 and onto the Island Park / Fremont County system, 500+ miles of groomed trails. Check the county grooming report before you ride.

Option B, no motors: Harriman State Park, about 15 minutes away, grooms cross-country ski and snowshoe trails through the old railroad ranch along the Henrys Fork. Moose and trumpeter swans are regulars. Day passes are sold at the park.

Option C, slow: sleep in, big breakfast, then drive the Hwy 20 corridor and Big Springs looking for moose and swans. Big Springs is open water all winter.

Check-out is Monday at 10 AM. Leave the sleds staged in the garage until you load up.

Good to know

Rates (winter 2026–27): \$299/night Sun–Thu, \$329 Fri–Sat, plus \$275 cleaning and Idaho lodging tax. A 3-night weekend is about \$1,200 all-in with code LAZYMOOSE10, booked direct.

Direct-booking perks: no Airbnb/Vrbo guest fee (typically up to ~14%), 10% off with the code, no security deposit, and you deal with the owners.

House notes: no pets. Five exterior Ring cameras cover the driveway, entry, sides and back patio area; none inside. Bear-proof trash cans. Washer and dryer, WiFi, welcome basket with huckleberry treats.

Mesa Falls is closed for construction this winter (expected back spring 2027). Tour operators, hours and road conditions change; confirm before you go. Lazy Moose Lodge at Aspen Ridge · booking@lazymooselodgeaspenridge.com · lazymooselodgeaspenridge.com/winter/

