

ALBERTA TO BUCKEYE, ARIZONA

DISCLAIMER!! I haven't been terribly diligent about updating this list so if there are errors or changes, sorry...

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION: ALBERTA TO SOUTH BUCKEYE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE:

- **IMPORTANT:** If you plan to stay longer than 30 days in the US, you will have to get new health papers. In order to get them processed for your return to Alberta, you must have the **original Coggins from your Vet. Don't let the Border guards take the original. Tell them you need the originals in order to return to Canada.**
- Some gas stations won't take a credit card without a zip code so you have to take your card into the station and leave it there, and they have to program the pump to work. **Before doing that**, try using the numbers from your postal code and add 00 at the end to make 5 digits; ie., Nanton's postal code is **T0L 1R0**, so we use 01000. It works at most pumps anymore.
- There are 3 passes to consider the weather - one north of Butte, one north of Idaho Falls (Monida Pass) and Beaver Pass, north of Beaver, Utah. **CHECK THE WEATHER.** If it's snowy these passes are bad and can be closed for days!

GENERAL ROUTE INFORMATION - Our Preferred Itinerary is 4 days:

From Claresholm, Alberta take Highway 2 south to Sweetgrass - the highway turns into the I-15 south. [It's mountainous and winding but it's a good, 4-lane highway.] If we make it to Butte, Montana (Exit on Harrison Avenue), the first day, we go to Ogden, Utah (Exit 346), on the second day [which is a north burb of Salt Lake City. Some people plan to get through SLC on the weekend to avoid the weekday traffic. We just leave Ogden after 9:00am.] From Ogden to Littlefield, Arizona (exit 122) [which is just outside of Mesquite, Nevada], or Las Vegas at Horseman's Park (Exit 65). From Vegas Take US-93 S/Flagstaff/Phoenix [which goes through Wickenburg and turns into Hiway 60] to the 303 Loop to I-10, I-10 W towards Los Angeles. Take exit 114, go south on Miller Road, follow it to the end of the road, it's on the right.

REVERSE ROUTE

Buckeye to Hurricane, Utah (Exit 16) is 6-7 hours driving time; Hurricane to Pocatello, Idaho (exit 71) again 6-7 hours driving time; Pocatello to Vaughn, Montana (exit 290), about 6 hours driving time, Vaughn to Alberta

ALTERNATE ROUTES

MONTANA – There is an alternate route to miss bad roads/weather. Take I-15 to Boulder, south of Helena, then Hwy 69 to Whitehall, Whitehall to Twin Bridges, Twin Bridges to Dillon. It is all single lane from Helena, but no mountains. Apparently it is similar distance as taking I15 to Dillon, but it takes a little longer being single lane, plus you go through several small towns.

IMPORTANT: If there is bad weather coming and you can stay ahead of it and get past Blackfoot, Idaho, **do it.** If not and the roads are bad at Dillon, **stop there.** The Monida pass is brutal in bad weather and is often closed, sometimes for days.

Here are the addresses I have and/or found on the internet:

CLARESHOLM, AB

Claresholm Agriplex

4950 - 4th Street West (QE2 Highway goes right by the Agriplex)

Claresholm, AB T0L0T0

Telephone: 403.625.2410

Contact: David Hansma

http://claresholmchamber.com/Agriplex_ad_page.htm

VAUGHN (GREAT FALLS) (The Great Falls fairgrounds is closed to overnights)

Wild West Arena

Vaughn, MT (exit 290) off I-15 (approximately 8 miles NW of Great Falls).

The turn is at mile marker 2 off Highway 89.

Phone 406-799-7433

There's water and power over by the grandstands. (\$10/horse) rodeo pens

HELENA, MONTANA (it's really expensive \$20 per horse per night and the stalls are crappy, but we did find a pole with power)

Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds

98 West Custer Avenue

Helena, Montana 59602

<http://www.lewisandclarkcountyfairgrounds.com/map-directions.html>

Phone: 406-457-8516 (phone # on website)

Maintenance – before 3:00 406-461-6790

Security Guard – 406-439-9722

BUTTE, MT [**CHECK THE ROADS HERE GOING NORTH - IF THERE IS SNOW, STOP HERE, IT'S A WINDY PASS**]

Butte Vigilante Rodeo

6354 Albany Avenue

Butte, MT 59702

<http://goldwest.visitmt.com/listings/8858.htm>

Alternate Phone: 406-494-6700 (Chris)

Alternate Phone: 406-490-8006

Stay on I15 to Harrison Avenue, (pass the Wal-Mart, Copper King Hotel, airport) go left on old Highway 2 (small sign attached to another sign – watch for it as it's easy to miss); go east to Albany; turn left (north) and travel 0.25 mile; grounds are on the right.

Phone: 406-494-3002

DILLON, MT

10 West Reeder Street

Dillon, MT 59725

Phone: 406 683-5511

<http://www.montanarockies.worldweb.com/Dillon/SightsAttractions/Fairgrounds>

1 hour north of Monida. If roads are bad STOP HERE!

Go to the gate, there's a number to phone and they will give you a code. There is a nice big pen we put 3 horses in and there is a working hydrant right in that pen. There are also stalls available and numerous pens if you don't want to put them out or all in the same pen.

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO
Sandy Downs
6855 South 15th East
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404

OFFICE: (208)745.8433

POCATELLO, IDAHO
Bannock County Fairgrounds
10588 Fairgrounds Road
Pocatello, Idaho 83234
Phone: 208-237-1340

<http://www.bannockcountyfairgrounds.com/horse-stalls-north.html>

Pocatello take first exit 71. At second set of lights, go left (Fairgrounds sign) to National Guard Sign - Fairway Drive.

MALAD, IDAHO – Sign on the highway at Exit 13, looks like a racetrack and rodeo grounds (not visited to date)

TREMENTON, UTAH
Box Elder County Fairgrounds
350 North 1000 West
Tremonton, Utah 84337
(435) 257-5366

<http://www.boxeldercounty.org/directions.htm>

Fri I-15 take Exit 383. Go east to Iowa String Road (1000 West). Turn right. Fairgrounds are on the right 1/2 mile south (the horses hate the stalls because they can't see each other and they cry all night. There are some pens around the back which are good for a break, or would be ok as a stopover in nice weather) \$10 per horse, honor system, plug in by the stalls

OGDEN, UTAH
Weber County Fairgrounds (Golden Spike)
Exit 346 off I-15, follow Fairgrounds sign
1000 North 1200 West
Ogden, Utah 84404
1-800-44-ARENA

<http://www.co.weber.ut.us/>

Stayed at the Best Western Plus at 1335 West 12th Street, 3 trains through the night. Stay on road side, trains on backside. Also, coming from the horse facility, turn into the hotel just after median, immediate left, to park east of hotel. If missed, turn by restaurant for bigger entrance

SPANISH FORKS, UTAH
40 South Main Street
Spanish Fork, UT 84660
Phone: (801) 804-4500

From I-15 take the UT-156 exit- EXIT 260- toward SPANISH FORK, Drive for 0.2 miles., Turn LEFT onto N MAIN ST / UT-156., Drive for 1.1 miles. , End at 40 S Main St, Spanish Fork, UT 84660-2031, US (Building will be on your right)

NEPHI, UTAH – Exit 222, North past Flying J to traffic lights, left 3-4 blocks, left side

SCIPIO, UTAH - Exit 188 east, turn right on first road to the right, takes you into the grounds. There is an arena and pens so great for a stopping place and/or overnight. The hydrant was turned off at the washrooms but there was one open on the northeast side of the arena. There is a Super 8 motel just ¼ mile north, with a Subway, and there's a Flying J under the overpass.

FILLMORE, UTAH – apparently there is a place to stay, we've never been there. It's so close to Scipio we haven't bothered, but is included here in case Scipio is closed.

CEDAR CITY, Utah

Exit 59 West, pass auction on the left to ? Hollow Fairground, arena on left (these aren't my directions but may be useful) Note Cedar City still gets snow. If you can, when going south get to Hurricane!

HURRICANE (burb of St. GEORGE), UTAH

Washington County Fairgrounds (Dixie Centre)

5500 West 700 South, Hurricane, Utah

<http://www.washcofair.net/2007/info/index.html>

Gary – 435-680-8081

Office – 435-652-4000

Washington County Regional Fairpark: Take I-15 to the Hurricane Exit (Exit 16), (SR-9). Go approximately 3 miles. It is across from Quail Creek Reservoir, \$15 per horse (Spring 2010). Phone to book ahead and leave a message if you don't get an answer. They might not phone you back but they do leave stalls open if you tell them you're going to be late. If it's been a tough trip, we'll stay an extra day in Hurricane to let rest. There are a couple outdoor arenas you can let the horses out in and there are open panel pens behind the chutes. There are some nice restaurants and outlet stores in St. George which is only ½ hour away. We usually put water in the trailer there and pick up groceries for the road.

HARMONY HORSE HAVEN

2321 S Washington Fields Rd,

Washington, Utah 84780 (another burb of St. George, Utah)

Same exit as Hurricane, guy's name is Steve(?). I phoned 435.680.2650 and got him, but also was given 435.673.3991. It's not ideal - covered pens but open sided panels, and could use some maintenance.

MESQUITE, NEVADA

Go right past the Palms Golf Club, whose address is:

530 Peppermill Palms Blvd

Littlefield AZ 86432

Exit 122, go right, go left at second set of lights, follow Pioneer Memorial Parkway Highway 91 to Palms Golf Club, watch for the turn, it comes up quickly. Turn right, go right past the golf course to the rodeo grounds

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

HORSEMAN'S PARK

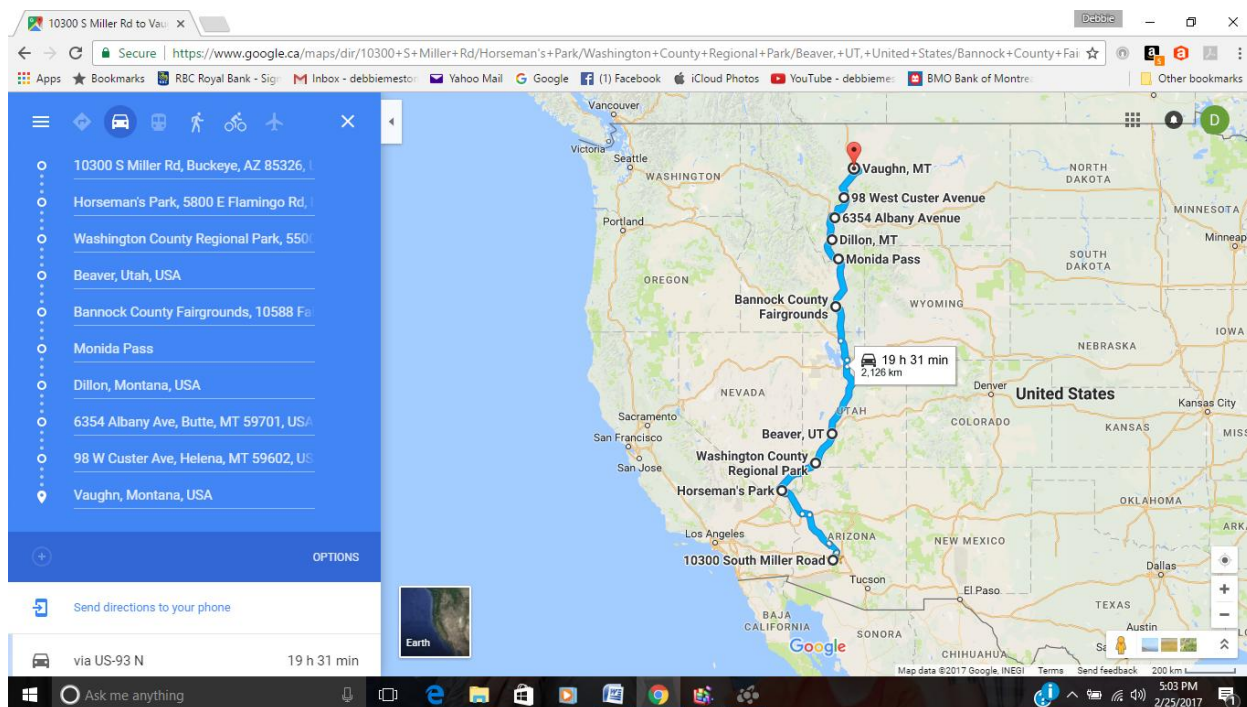
5800 E Flamingo Rd

Las Vegas, NV – 89122

Phone: 702.455.8206

<http://www.equineeventlv.com/>

Horseman's Park off Highway 93/Boulder or Highway 95/515 to Flamingo Road. East on Flamingo Road past Sam's Town



NOTES:

GOOD MID-DAY STOPS FOR HORSES

East of Cutbank, Montana, on the south side of the road is a rodeo grounds. That's about 4 hours from Claresholm Exit 93 at Blackfoot, Idaho, follow the Fairgrounds sign. There is no water there, but there are pens. Also there are fast food places and a Flying J; or south of the south exit for Blackfoot there's a Conoco gas station. The pumps are handy for a truck and trailer, and there is land around it where you could walk horses

Exit 222, Nephi, Utah (Flying J has grass field north lot)

Exit 255 between Nephi and south of Provo/Spanish Fork, Utah (Flying J, sandy lot, north end)

Exit 265 Provo, Utah (Flying J sandy lot)

Exit 51, Kingman, Arizona, Mojave County Fairgrounds, to Stockton hill Road, go left to Airfield Avenue, go left to Mojave County Fairgrounds. Overnight stalls are locked up as they are not in use, but there's a big area to walk horses, or an arena to let the horses out for a run. Check if the gate into the rodeo grounds is open as there are pens and water there.