

Fly Ranch Survival Guide

The Desert is Real

Radical Self-reliance is one of Burning Man's core principles, and it is your responsibility to ensure your own care. [Daytime temperatures](#) are high and humidity is low. The temperature at night is cold and below freezing in winter.

Seek shade during the hottest part of the day. Wear sunscreen. Begin drinking water before you leave home. Keep drinking water after you arrive. Bring warm clothing if you'll be at Fly after dark. Wear long pants to protect your legs. Consuming alcohol, caffeine or other substances increases risk of dehydration.

Be careful of the smaller dangerous animals, like rattlesnakes, ticks, and mosquitoes.

Where to stay

When coming to Fly Ranch, you can stay [at Bruno's](#) in Gerlach. You can stay in Reno and drive 1.5 hours from there. Or you can camp on public land managed by the BLM surrounding Fly Ranch. [This map](#) shows which land is BLM land. When the playa is dry, we recommend [where Black Rock City is](#) or [off Soldier Meadow Road](#). Or rent an RV [here](#).

Being a local

A good definition of a local is someone who gives back more than they take. Please help us by being respectful, visiting local establishments, and being a good ambassador. You can get gas at [Bruno's Gas Station](#), snacks and provisions at the [Empire Store](#), pottery at [Planet X](#), food and drinks at [Bruno's](#), and drinks and coffee at the [Miner's Club](#). Learn more about local businesses [here](#).

If Someone Jumps A Fence Or Gate

Politely explain that the property is not open. Give them background on the project, and suggest they visit [our website](#) to sign up for announcements about walks. Let them know it's a delicate ecosystem. Apologize and empathize if they saw a website or picture that said it was open. We have guidance that's easily found online, but people miss it and feel upset they drove a few hours.

On Immediacy

We increasingly spend time in front of screens and on our phones. Some communities are putting down their phones, and we're testing that out. Let's enjoy the property without distractions. Let's connect with the land, explore, and be in the moment with one another. Let's experience the land in real time together. For our walks, we'll give you a small sleeping bag for your phone. Please put the phone in the bag when you come onto the property and leave cameras and tripods in the vehicles. At the end of walks and experiences we'll have time for you to retrieve your cameras and snap pictures. We support photography and telling stories through pictures, so in the future, we'll have trips specifically for photographing the land.

Supplies:

Definitely Bring:	If Camping Overnight:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A filled reusable water bottle● Stable, close-toed shoes● Sunscreen/sunblock & sunglasses● Insect Repellent● A wide brim hat (a chinstrap is useful in the wind)● Layers of clothing (weather can be unstable out here)● Prescriptions, contact lens supplies (disposables work great), and anything else you need to maintain your health in a remote area with no services● Common sense, an open mind, a sense of humor, and a positive attitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1 gallon of water per person per day● Food & beverages● A first-aid kit (the nearest full-service medical facility is over 70 mi away!)● Lotion and lip balm● MOOP bag or bucket● Hand sanitizer● Flashlights and spare batteries (headlamps are useful)● Sleeping bags/blankets● Garbage and recycling bags, and tools to clean up your campsite, if camping● Portable ashtrays if you smoke (e.g. mint tin that closes securely)

DO NOT Bring the Following:

- Dogs
- Guns
- Fireworks
- Amplified sound systems

Leave No Trace!

Black Rock City is a leave no trace event and activities at Fly Ranch are the same. There is no garbage service or trash cans at Fly Ranch. You will need to take with you everything that you bring. Leave plants, rocks, and historical artifacts as you find them. If you find something that appears to be an authentic artifact, contact a Fly Ranch Guardian. Do not build unauthorized structures or furniture. Do not set fire to structures or furniture (or start campfires).