

Bear Mountain Farm and Retreat
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Directions to Bear Mountain Farm and Retreat

If this is your first visit, we recommend you arrive before dark! We are 2 1/2 miles off the hard surface road (US 250) and the road is gravel, dirt, mud, rough and rocky in places. Last chance for supplies is in Monterey, which is about 30 minutes away. You'll want to be sure you have everything with you before you come, especially plenty of food.

Please call if you need assistance. Cell phone service is limited after you pass Hightown. (On top of the ridges there may be cell service) If you are arriving after dark, we appreciate a call from Monterey so we will be on the look out for you. Please read the directions before you come because you will need them!! If you would like to print out the directions in pdf format, please [click here](#).

Directions:

From the West Virginia side: Take U. S. 250 to WV/VA border. Go 1.5 miles farther and turn right on County Road 601. (Bear Mountain Road)

From the East: Take U.S. 250 (Mountain Turnpike) west through Monterey and continue on 250 west to Hightown From the General Store in Hightown, continue traveling west on US 250 for 6.0+ miles to Bear Mountain Road (County Road 601) and **turn LEFT off 250**.

After you turn, you will go uphill, take a sharp right, then continue straight. Go past the gate entrance to Red Oak Ranch on your left. The road will turn to the right (do not go down to Laurel Lane through the gate) then up another hill to the left. At the top of the hill there will be a small cottage on the left and a sheep pasture on the right. Go through the gated cattle guard (most of the year this gate will be closed but not locked.) Continue on the road which runs on top of the ridge through a cattle field. After 1.6 miles total from 250 you will come to another closed gate which is the end of state maintained road. (there are a couple old camper trailers at the last gate, and watch out for the mushy cow patties when you get out to get the gates) Go through this gate (please close all gates) then continue south on our private right of way through a wooded area for approximately 3/4 mile, passing a large field on your left. When the road forks, go left into our entrance. There is a rail fence and blue gate there (usually open) with our sign. Go down the driveway for about 1/8 mile through the woods and when the area opens up, you will see a parking sign to your right. Please park to the right in designated area. The MainLodge(Tom Brody's house/office) is up the hill to your left when you drive in. Please come up to Lodge to check in and register. Tom will assist you in getting settled in. If no one is at home, and you know your designated cabin . . . please make yourselves at home and Tom will meet you upon his return.

There are posted bear signs with arrows along the road to help guide you. We recommend a four-wheel drive vehicle during the early spring and late fall. But if you don't have four-wheel drive, just take it slowly. Travel time from Monterey is approximately 30 minutes.