

Spring Creek Ranch, Jackson Hole, WY

Overview: Built in 1983, but updated with a \$400,000 refurbishment last year, Spring Creek Ranch offers three lodging choices for your Grand Teton National Park-Yellowstone-Jackson Hole Ski Resort home base. Nine cabins containing four hotel rooms each are nestled around the trout pond, or one to three bedroom condos are equipped with full kitchens. If you've got a large group or wallet, indulge in one of 10, 4,500-plus-square-foot mountain villas.

Notable: Located on a butte 1,000 feet above Jackson Hole, Spring Creek Ranch provides jaw-dropping mountain views. The property is surrounded by two national parks, and offers the area's premier wildlife safari and photography services with on-site naturalist Kurt Johnson.

Our Take: Spring Creek Ranch is a nature lover's paradise that doesn't skimp on the indoors. Stone fireplaces, lodgepole pine furnishings, and kitschy wall décor featuring guns and Western sayings, "Cowboys don't call 911," are in tune with the natural surroundings and Jackson charm.

Stay Here If: Being surrounded in natural splendor is more important than being in town, and you don't mind an occasional moose blocking the way to your room.

Information: Cabin hotel rooms start at \$340 per night. Check online for the summer adventure package and other specials. springcreekranch.com —Jayme Otto

