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No matter where you have been living, the Crooked River Ranch is different...not just a little bit different.

Different in many ways — quieter, easier-going, with unusual things to intrigue you and opportunities to do things that are new and exciting. This isn't urban.

Mostly, there's the weather. Here on the ranch it's dry and sunny most of the time. It can get hot, and it can get cold. But when it's this dry, you really don't feel either extreme. Once you live over here, you'll find when you go back to the Valley you "nearly freeze" when the weather there is in the 30s and, as usual, moist.

Snow? No, not here. It's clear most of the time. And you can SEE. Like 50 miles. What you can see is the "back side" of mountains like Hood and Jefferson, and the Sisters. From other sites on CRR you have also views of the Deschutes and Crooked River canyons, which are spectacular, and of the rivers themselves. Over here a spectacular view is the norm.

Crooked River Ranch is part of Central Oregon, and Central Oregon moves at a pace different from the rest of the state. Life is calmer over here. The lower pressure is obvious in many ways.

Parking—In a big town, you drive downtown, look for a place to park, then give up and look for a parking lot. That's hard enough. Find a lot, pay a lot, then walk a lot to get where you're going. Over here you drive to town, not far, then often find a parking place at no fee right in front of where you're going. The door is 20 feet away, or maybe 20 steps.

Take it easy—When you first come over here, you may go downtown during hunting or fishing season to find a small sign on the door of an individual business; "gone hunting," or "gone fishing." Ask the store next door when he'll be back. Answer is simple: "When he gets a deer," or "When he catches the fish."

Point is, they came over here for the same reason you did, to relax and take it easy. You just have to wind some of the tension out of your city ways.

Although the ranch is not a city, it has many of the resident services that make for urban convenience.

The ranch has its own special Rural Fire Protection District, run by a board of Directors elected by ranch voters. All fire persons are volunteers. Equipment is first-rate. Training is constant. The district has been operating for nine years. Its insurance rating is 7, which makes for lower insurance premiums all the ranch.

Also the ranch has a special Road District, which has been improving and blacktopping main roads on the ranch for the past two years. The Road District just completed, in 1987, redoing and surfacing 3.3 miles of road at a total investment of $100,000 plus. More than 100 miles of roads are on the ranch.

Most parcels on CRR are served by the community water system, which draws by well from colous aquifers running underground from the Cascades. The water, tested monthly to state standards, is so pure it never has needed any addition of chemicals. Remember how drinking water USED to taste? Before chlorine? Well, that's the taste here. Water is available to all parcels on the ranch — by mains, individual wells or truck delivery to cisterns.

Electricity and phone service are available now to most parcels on the ranch, through private utilities with rates controlled by the state. A local contractor does regular garbage pickup. Rates are normal.

Medical and dental service, as well as hospital care, is available in Redmond (15) miles Bend (30) and Madras (30). Small but varied business communities are available in all three. There are major retailers and shopping malls in Bend.

Whatever your leisure time hobby or other activity, you are very likely to find either a formal group or several individuals at the ranch who already do the same thing.

Golf, tennis and swimming facilities are here and owned by the ranch club, available for use by all members-owners. There is an active garden club, a horse group, a ceramics class. Bible study is a weekly class. Several fanciers are working together in pigeons.

Walking for exercise in the early morning is a hobby of many older people here. They tell us there is a whole different ranch out there about sunup time—things you don't see in the middle of the day.

If you have a hobby, somebody else here has it, too.

If you recently have seen something in a newspaper or on TV about ridiculous things happening at the Ranch, we can explain that to you.

These things don't just "happen." They are organized and staged to create feature news stories about people having unusual fun here. The ranch's annual May Mule Mile has recently finished its eighth year. It is now listed as a "Grand Old Traditional" gathering of the equine elite. The mules don't run; they STROLL uphill and must make a mandatory pit-stop where they are urged to drink beer, which is free. The May Mule Mile is "run" on Memorial Day weekend every year. In 1987 we had 30 mules here, which can be pretty unusual even without a race.

This year Associated Press, United Press International and PR Newswire carried stories about the May Mule Mile to more than 1,000 newspapers, TV and radio stations in the U.S., Canada and England.

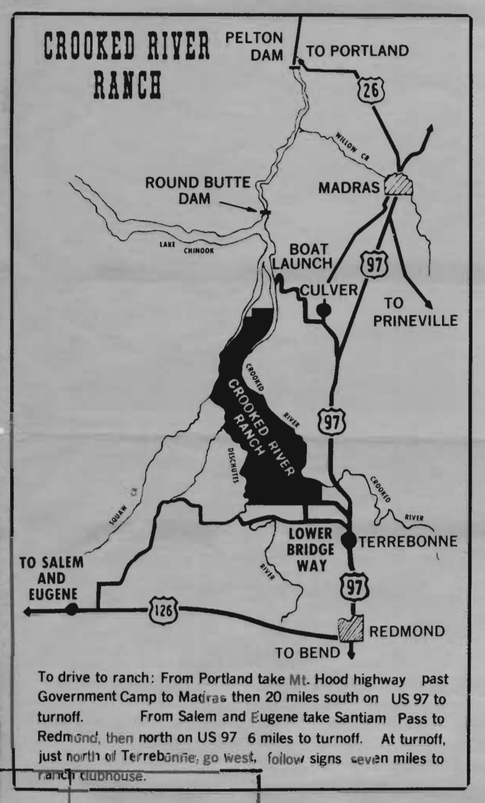
In October each year we hold the One-Day River, in which water from irrigation canals is drained down a mile long rocky dry canyon and over a 90-foot waterfall into the Crooked River.

Nature-lovers gather to watch the short-lived waterfall, picnic and trade sage sayings. Tens of millions gallons of water cruise down the dry wash and over the waterfall. The One-Day River, too, gets wide press coverage.

We formerly had a Pocket-Gopher Day, run each June in connection with the golf course. But this became so rigorous physically that we have not staged a PG Day in the past couple of years. It is subject to revival, however.

A new event of sports significance — the Short, Fat Guys Road Race — has been scheduled for the first time in the summer of 1987. This is a sort of "normal guys'" answer to seeing all those fit, muscular chaps running 26-mile marathons all over the place. The SFGRR may grow into another Grand Old Tradition. It takes time.

No, this isn't exactly weighty stuff. These events don't add authority to the world social order. But they are fun. You will enjoy such things, when you become a part of Crooked River Ranch.



To drive to ranch: From Portland take Mt. Hood highway past Government Camp to Madras then 20 miles south on US 97 to turnoff. From Salem and Eugene take Santiam Pass to Redmond, then north on US 97 6 miles to turnoff. At turnoff, just north of Terrebonne, go west, follow signs seven miles to ranch clubhouse.

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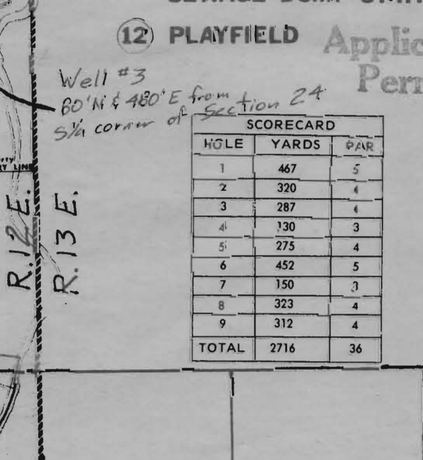

1. ORIGINAL RANCH COMPLEX
2. STABLES & RODEO GROUNDS
3. COMMUNITY RV PARK
4. KIDS FISHING & PICNIC AREA
5. CLUBHOUSE, CAFE, POOL, COMMUNITY STORE & POST OFFICE
6. GOLF COURSE
7. CHURCH
8. FIRE STATION
9. GAS STATION, AUTO & RV REPAIR
10. LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA
11. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STORAGE & SEWAGE DUMP STATION
12. PLAYFIELD

SCORECARD		
HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	467	5
2	320	4
3	287	4
4	130	3
5	275	4
6	452	5
7	150	3
8	323	4
9	312	4
TOTAL	2716	36

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