



## OREGON TRAVEL NEWS

# Gerry Frank's picks: Escape to Silvies Valley Ranch

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Escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and head to **Silvies Valley Ranch** (10000 Rendezvous Lane, Seneca; 800-745-8437, 541-573-5150; silvies.us) - the epitome of luxury in Eastern Oregon. Host and hostess, **Dr. Scott Campbell and Sandy Campbell**, have thought of it all. This private retreat features high-end cabins, spacious guest rooms and fine dining, (a spa and fitness facility to open this July) as well as a unique golf facility that you will need to experience to believe. With two reversible 18-hole courses that share nine greens designed by Portland architect **Dan Hixson**, guests will be able to play from the first hole to the 18th on day one followed by reversed play the next day. In addition, there's also a nine-hole, par-three

course. This uncommon layout will not only bring more life into the game, but being the first of its kind in Oregon, with Michigan having the most similar, it will likely attract golfers from all over the country. To make things even more interesting, a new seven-hole challenge course, McVeigh's Gauntlet, will open in July, and McVeigh golfers can take one of the ranch's American Range Goats out - as their personal caddie.

The spacious two-bedroom cabins can be divided into two units - one with a living room, fully equipped kitchen and a private hot tub on the patio; ideal for extended stays. Luxury rooms also feature a cozy fireplace, bedroom skylights, western-themed furnishings and beautiful bathroom accommodations including rain showers and a copper sink. The ranch house guest rooms are also well appointed and spacious; fitting for group getaways, both small and large, corporate and noncorporate. Guest room choices include single or double king rooms.



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With three dining options on-site, guests won't have to go far for a change in scenery. The stunning dining room features a full-service bar, a communal table for larger groups, outside patio seating as well as booth and table seating. The Porch at the Lodge welcomes diners who want to fully soak in the views that the ranch has to offer; an excellent choice for socializing with friends with a glass of wine or a cold beer in hand. Egan's Hideout, the clubhouse, is ideal for golf buddies to gather and drink coffee as they plan the day ahead; merchandise is available for sale. No matter your choice, one can expect western-inspired fare including organic beef and chevon raised right on the ranch, house-made bread, soups, salads, appetizers and desserts.

With 140,000 hikeable and bikeable acres on the ranch, a shooting range, a world-class golf course, cattle roundup, goat facility tours and goat herding, fishing, Indian cave tours and wagon rides, there's truly something at Silvies resort for everyone and for many trips to come.

It is really a one-of-a-kind retreat!

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