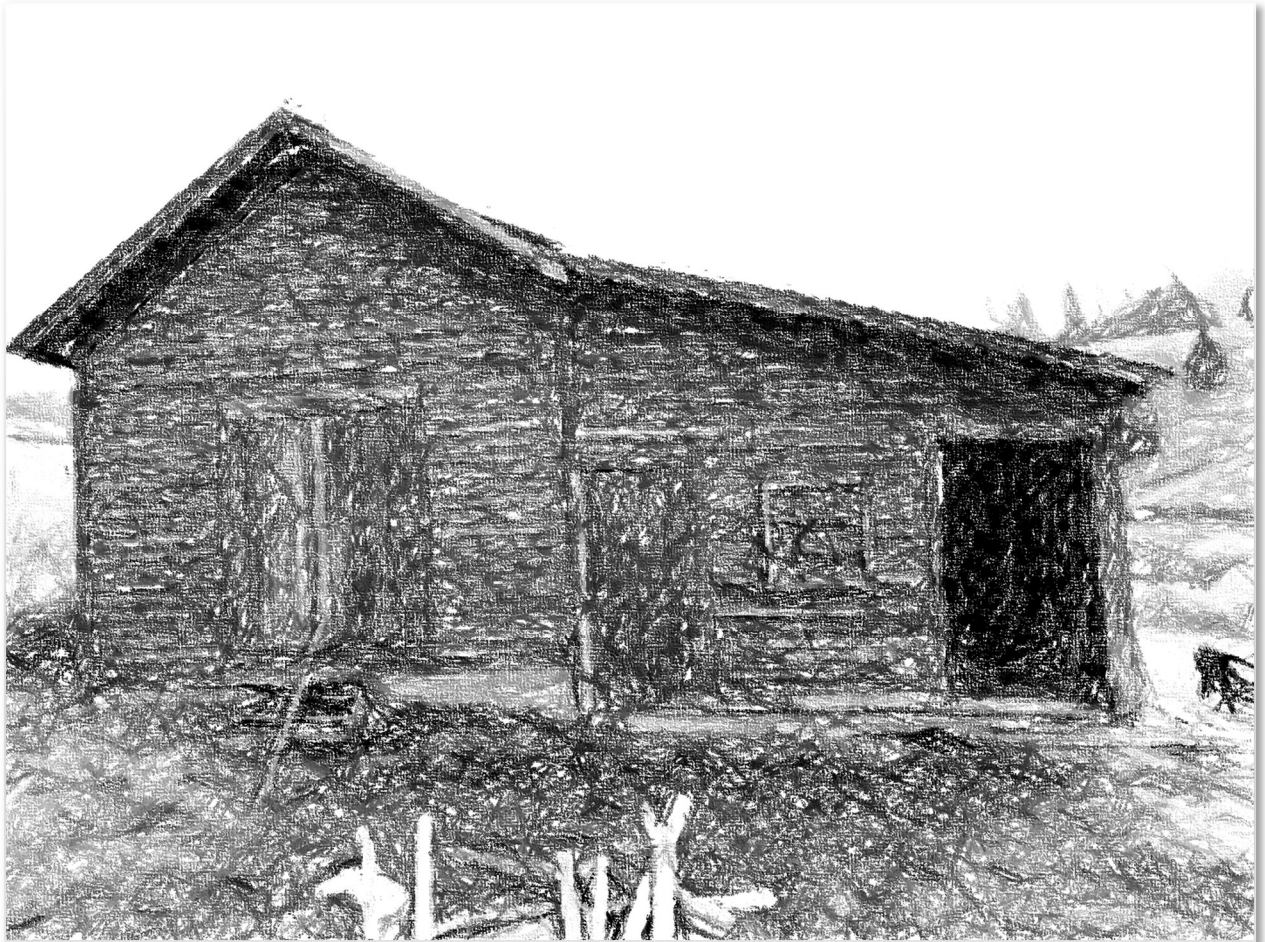


Hilby Family Barn



Welcome to the Hilby Family Barn



We're sure happy to have you here as our guest. We hope you will enjoy this corner of God's creation as much as we do. We've put together some information to help you have the best experience possible:

- **History of the barn and the family that built it.** – This barn was built at the turn of the last century by true pioneers of this area. The Hilbys moved here from California after the gold rush looking for a better life. This was two years *after* Custer's Last Stand at little Big Horn (Montana). Our region had its wars with the Native Americans as well.....P. 3
- **Description of our renovation** - We wanted to give a sense of what the barn originally looked like and how it came to be as you see it now. We were not sure if we should tear it down or repair it, but once we found out the history and the age, we *had* to fix it up. The vision evolved as we went, and it still is evolving.P. 5
- **House Rules & General property info** - just some guidelines on how to get the most out of your stay here. We promise it does not include “Close the door! Were you born in a barn?!”.....P. 9
- **Food ideas and suggestions** – You can always order food to be delivered, but we think it's more fun to experience the local establishments and the people that run them.....P. 12
- **Recreation opportunities in the area** – If you're not from around these parts, we wanted to give you a short list of things to do as well as some fun you can have right here without leaving the property.....P. 15
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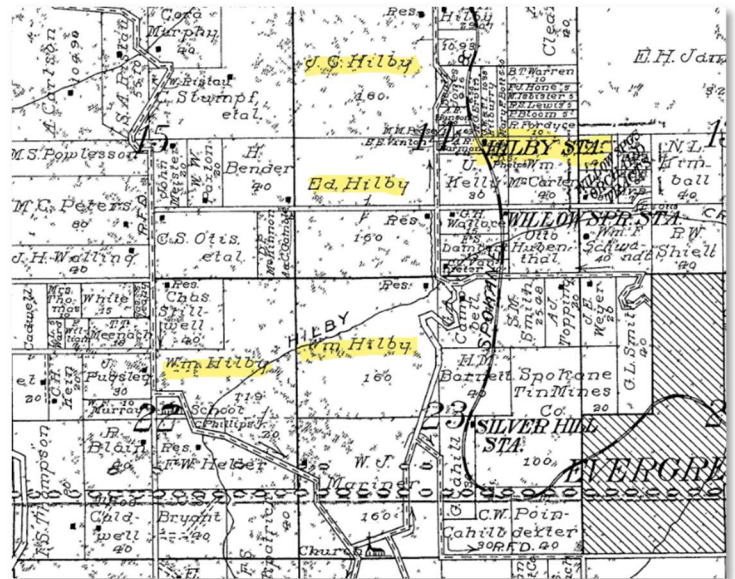
History

You are currently standing in a space once inhabited by pioneers. These were adventurous folk who came to this region seeking new lives in the promise of the new West. This barn was integrally involved in the history of this entire region. It is truly a monument and one we have tried to preserve by restoring it. It is now listed on the Washington State Registry of Historic Barns but one must go back to the beginning to really appreciate it. The story of this barn begins with the Hilby Family. There are more than a few Hilby family members still living in Spokane and the impact of this family is still very evident today. For instance, we live on Hilby road. We purchased our current residence from a Hilby granddaughter, Rita Hansen. The Hilby Station Apartments on Palouse Highway are named after a stop on the Inland Empire Electric Railway which existed from the 1890's to 1936 and had tracks that traveled across the eastern edge of our property.

So how did all of these things come to be?

Who were the Hilbys?

There were three brothers who moved to the Northwest from Calaveras County, CA in 1878: John, William, and Edward Hilby. They came with their father, Johannes Hilby who had immigrated from Switzerland and then to California during the gold rush of 1849. Spokane was about to be incorporated as a city in 1881 but was rapidly growing due to its strategic location on the Spokane River. As the family traveled north, they reportedly observed the trees of the Moran Prairie from atop Steptoe Butte just south of Spokane and decided to settle here. The three brothers each homesteaded a quarter section of the Moran Prairie in the late 1800's.



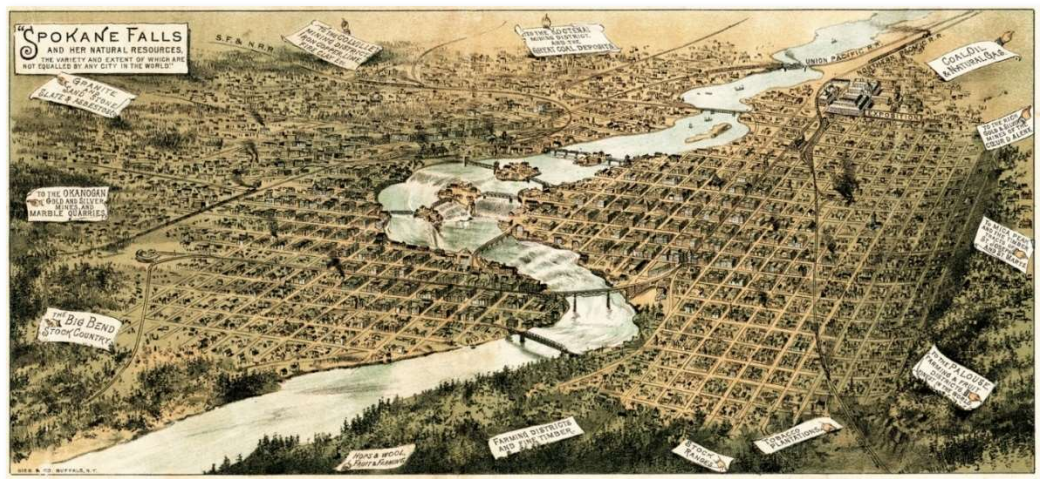
William Tell Hilby, the middle of the three brothers, married Blanche Kirby in 1885. Blanche was truly a Pioneer and Matron of the region. Her parents arrived in this area in 1872 six years before the Hilbys when she was 12. At the time of her arrival there was only a sawmill, two houses at the falls and few scattered homesteads around the area. Her family had come to Spokane from Minnesota. They came by train to San Francisco, then by boat to Portland, then by steamboat up the Columbia to Wallula and by freight wagon to Walla Walla where there was a military fort and trading post to buy supplies and a wagon. After arriving in Spokane their father, Phillip Kirby, built the third house in the area that would become incorporated as Spokane Falls a year later.

Washington territory had just been established in 1851. The subsequent years were filled with conflict between the incoming settlers and the Native Americans here as was the case all throughout the west. In 1858 there was open hostility and war between the US military and the

native inhabitants of this area. Colonel Steptoe who was the commander of Ft. Walla Walla was en route to negotiate with the Colville tribe when a skirmish broke out and he was embarrassingly defeated just south of here at Steptoe Butte where the Hilbys would later get their first glimpse of their future homestead. Even closer, the Yakima nation and the Coeur d'Alene tribes were engaged in outright war with the US military. And in retaliation for reported killing white settlers, Colonel George Wright ordered the hanging of Qualchan, the son of Chief Owhi of the Yakima tribe at their camp at Latah Creek near what is today, Hangman Valley Golf Course., recently renamed Latah Creek Golf Course.

In 1876, four years *after* Blanche and her family arrived in Spokane, General Custer was famously defeated in Southern Montana by Chief Crazy Horse and an alliance of tribes including the Lakotas & Cheyennes. Just a year later, in June 1877 Chief Joseph of the peaceful Nez Perce

tribe of Oregon led a fighting retreat attempting to find asylum in Canada. This conflict flared throughout the region causing Blanche and



the other inhabitants of Spokane Falls to seek refuge on an island in the Spokane river that would later be called Havermale Island after Rev. Havermale who married Blanche and William Hilby in 1885. It took years for the hostilities to subside, but in 1880 The US Military established Fort Spokane to protect the construction of the Great Northern railway through the region. This railway was the new lifeblood to the area which quickly became the largest trading post west of Minnesota.

Blanche and William lived on his homestead which included this property on Moran Prairie for the next 60 years raising 9 children and 23 grandchildren. They were both very active in the community. In 1948 the Hilby farm which had grown to 300 acres was sold. Phillip Hilby, one of William's six sons, owned this particular 10-acre parcel. He built our home in 1958 (his name is inscribed in the concrete of our garage & dated 1952), but unfortunately, he died in 1959. His wife Grace continued to live here with their son Clarence until her death in 1985. Clarence Blain Hilby died in 1997. He was the Grandson of William Tell Hilby, Swedish immigrant from California and was the last direct descendant to live on this property.

Renovation

While we knew bits and pieces of the history of this barn From Rita Hansen, a Hilby granddaughter from whom we purchased this land in 2010, trying to discover exactly *when* it was built was difficult. It started with researching the family. Being a genealogy geek, Dale tracked down all of the Hilby descendants so he could begin to understand who was who. This was no easy task as there were a LOT of Hilbys! After a couple of trips to the NW room at the library and the Washington State Archives in Cheney and lastly a stop at the NW Museum of Arts and Culture, the picture was becoming clearer. However, we were still unsure of the exact age of the barn and if it was actually worth saving. It had fallen into disrepair, and we needed to either take it down or fix it up.



One day while pondering this question and poking around inside the barn, Dale happened to look up and found the proverbial break we were looking for. The page at right from the Spokesman Review was glued to the underside of the roof sheathing. It was dated May 6, 1906. We covered it in plexiglass and left it there. You can see it above the door to the winery.

This gave us an 'at least as old as' date. Based on the ages of the ancestors at that time. It had to be built by William even though we're not sure they actually lived there since then. We also believe the home was originally built as a simple gable roof home with the shed roof addition to the south being added in that 1906 time frame so it is likely the home was built prior to that date.



I'd like to think this picture of William is him sitting in the door of his home.

After learning all of this, we HAD to renovate it and keep this beautiful old barn.

Since it was originally a residence, a portion would become a ‘bunk house’ for our property and an event space for any soirees our small home could not accommodate. Lastly, it could provide a place for Dale to conduct his mad experiments into wine making.

We became aware of potential restoration funds available through the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. The first step was to get the barn registered on the Heritage Barn Registry which we did in 2019. To receive any funds however, we would not have been able to change any of the features of the barn or use it as we had intended. In early 2021 we started ‘peeling the onion’.

We began gently peeling the siding off the sides we were going to modify in March of 2021. The first big task was to raise the SW corner as it had sunk over a foot. After getting a couple of siding boards off, we discovered more newspapers, all dated 1906.

Once we got to jacking up the corner, we discovered just how tiny the ‘foundation’ was and decided we would need to pour another footing and foundation around the three downhill sides of the barn and an interior floor as well. The winery addition plans also began to take shape.



Winery addition

Over the Summer and Fall, framing began on the winery addition with the help of some good friends. We were able to insulate on top of the roof framing before adding a new roof to preserve the interior as original. Our goal was to re-use as much of the original materials as possible as we opened up the south side for a garage door/deck and repositioned the doors. After sandblasting and painting the exterior. We started in on the roof in a race against the weather as winter was coming. Fortunately, snow held off and we were able to get the roof on and the final pieces of siding on the winery addition as the first snow began to fall!

During the winter and spring of 2022, we worked on the interior. We reused the old exterior siding we pulled off as interior wall finishes. The old tin roof became the wainscoting. (The transition trim pieces came from our neighbor's barn that he replaced a few years ago and we had stored in this barn -yes we are packrats!) Two of the light fixtures were made from an old block & tackle and some horse team rigging that we found in the attic of the barn.



In the bunk house, the walls, ceilings, and floors are original, except in the bathroom. We thought about restoring an authentic outhouse, but County Health Department, and common sense dictated otherwise.

The kitchen range is not original to this space, but it is close to the age. We found it in Wenatchee, WA and brought it here to live and hopefully will be restored to working condition. The same is true of the old radio which was a gift from Cheryl's brother Andy from Vancouver, WA.



plumbing under the bunkhouse

We found many things while under construction in addition to the newspaper clippings. Inside the walls we found some treasures that are prominently displayed around the space including the vintage Campbell's Soup can & cocoa box on the microwave. Hanging on the outside of the bathroom walls are more clippings from a newspaper dated later that we found stuffed into the wall between the bunk house and the current winery. There is also the lid to an old board game that had slipped from the attic down into the wall cavity. In addition to those, we found a fishing lure, playing cards, and a children's conductor figurine that are all now in the library. Above the radio are some old pictures we found in the barn. Of note was an old painting of Yosemite National Park which would have been very close to where the Hilby's grew up in California.

While looking to see just how close to Yosemite they lived, I ran across towns called, "Bummerville", and "Tragedy Springs". No wonder they traveled north! There was also a town called Willow Springs..... hmm... a coincidence? I think not.

The rest of the things you'll find are from us adding our own touches.; our fondness of books, cold beer and the dog prints in the finished concrete over by the wood stove are good examples.



Interior Finishing - winter of '21/'22

House rules and general property info

What, were you born in a barn?!!

Key codes to the door- Your private and secure unique entry codes will be given to you upon confirmation of your reservation.

Hot water – We have an on demand hot water system which has a delay in the hot water reaching the tap. Be patient, it feels like forever, but could take up to 15 seconds to get to the bathroom.

WiFi – The network name is “Barnery” and does not require a password.

TV’s passwords, Apps, etc- You are welcome to log in to any apps on the smart TV’s with your own login credentials. Don’t forget to log out when you leave or we’ll stock up our pay-per-view library after you’ve gone!

Amenities – You are welcome to help yourself to anything in the cupboards. We have the fridge stocked with basic condiments, and of course there is Keurig coffee w/ a variety of flavors (we are not heathens). There is a pellet smoker outside for your grilling pleasures, as well as a complete kitchen with microwave, and fridge (w/ small freezer). Please no food waste in the sink, however. Our vintage range was too tricky to rewire so we went with an induction cooktop and air/fryer toaster oven rather than risk a barn fire! There is a washer/dryer with supplies in the cabinet to its left.

Sofa Bed- The grey couch is a queen sized pull out bed (pretty comfy actually!). We have bedding and pillows for it under the pew behind the rectangular table.

Candle “fireplace” heater - can be turned on just for ambiance or if it’s chilly it can take the edge off. Use the black remote under the small tv.

Heat/cooling – both the upper and lower spaces of the barn are separately conditioned by two mini-split units with their respective white remote controls. You are welcome to adjust these as you like for your comfort. You’re also welcome to open the windows or the garage door for fresh air. The ceiling fan over the bed is controlled by the small white remote under the TV in the bedroom.

Wood stove - You are welcome to make yourself a fire in the wood stove if the weather or mood dictates. It has a finicky draft and can be a bit of a challenge for even an Eagle scout, so use a LOT of paper and small kindling.

- Oh, and Don’t look in the hidey hole! (What hidey hole?)

Property animals – We share this ranch with three dogs: Roxy and Finn are sister & brother, Lab mixes and *extremely* friendly. They will greet you and shepherd you to your parking space with Roxy (on the right) most likely dropping something inside your car door for you to throw, (pro tip: don't do it! You'll be doing it for the next 4-6 hours) Keyla is a 9 yr old Chiweenie that will yap at you but is harmless, and sort of cute. We also have a 'barn cat', Frankie who will probably keep his distance, but he is super friendly. We have some chickens that may be wandering around as well.



Games, Books, and toys, oh my – We have Cribbage, backgammon, Clue, Settlers of Cattan, chess and checkers. By all means, enjoy any of the books in our library. There are even some throw toys for Roxy, but you have already been warned.

Sauna – Did you know.... Saunas can improve your mood, reduce the risk of Alzheimer's, improve cardiovascular health, AND reduce your risk of all cause mortality? Get in there, it could save your life! Also, sauna bathing has been proven to mimic the effects of a moderate intensity exercise session. This is my kind of workout! Just drink lots of fluids before and after your bath. For more info, here's an extensive discussion of benefits of sauna bathing: https://youtu.be/RWkv9ad7zvc?si=44i_MjhSl9UnjdqP
(See the detailed instructions for use at back of the book)

Swim Spa – we keep ours at 82 degrees even in the winter. Use our fur lined crocs to get you to and fro in chilly weather. (See detailed instructions for use at back of book)

Hot tub – the cover just flips up and leans against the sauna.

We're happy to talk winemaking – Dale would be happy to give you a tour of his winemaking and bore you with more stories than you bargained for.

Sounds to expect – You will most likely hear our chickens in the early hours of the morning. Sorry/not sorry. Finn and Roxy will also sound off around 6:30am as they finish breakfast and sprint up the hillsides to chase any critters available. Coyotes are frequent voices in the night. Maybe our favorite is the shriek of the Red Tail Hawk as they sail on the thermals.

Wander! You are welcome to wander around our farm! Pick anything fresh out of the garden that you'd like: fresh berries for your oatmeal; Sprigs of lavender to take home; Or

even a pumpkin to carve! Take a stroll down to the pond to look for frogs, or up to the top of the property for a bit of a workout and a great view. While you wander, be aware of the beauties of this land. We hope you'll enjoy the Flora and Fauna – of this place. You'll see a lot of things but here are some notables to be on the lookout for (besides Sasquatch!):

Fauna:

Red tail Hawk - The most frequent(almost daily), largest, bird in our skies. It can be recognized by its distinctive shrieking cry.

Great Blue Herron- Less frequent, but they will help themselves to our fish and frogs.

White tail deer – Usually passing in our neighbor's pasture to the north or the hillside to the east. The 8' tall fence around our ranch is to keep them out of our vineyard!

Moose – Very infrequent, but stunning. Just keep your distance.

Owls – You may hear the Great Horned owl with their iconic “hoo, hoo, hoot” call. We are also trying to attract Barn owls to our property to hunt gophers and rodents. They have a distinctive screech as their call. See if you can spot our owl box.

Bats – did you know bats can eat their body weight in insects *every night*?! We used to have bats nesting in our barn before its restoration so we have put up a bat box on the winery addition to attract them back.

<https://www.batcon.org/about-bats/bats-101/>



Flora:

Cattails – Go weave a basket, we dare ya.

Cow parsnip – those Jurassic looking things by the creek.

Grape Vines – we're growing Marquette in our vineyard which is a deep red, Pinot Noir/Merlot descendant. Also some Pinot Gris and soon to have Zweigelt.

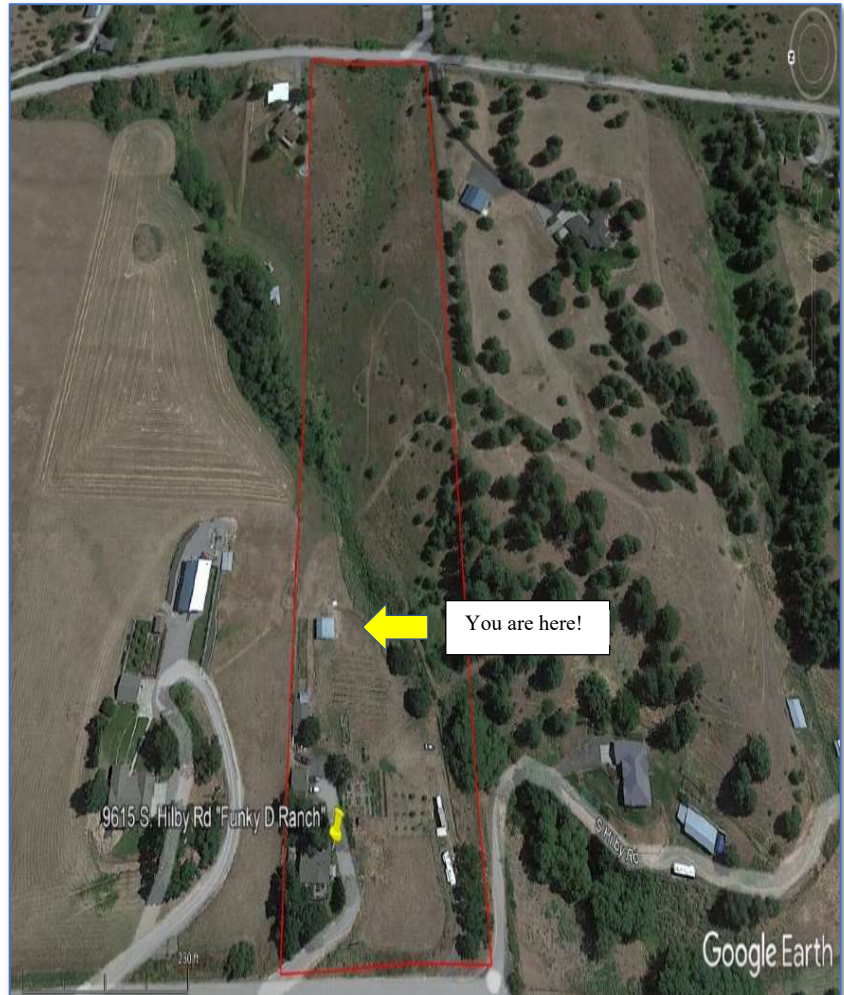
Christmas trees – We're slowly growing 120 Nordman fir trees,

Absynthe Wormwood – the bane of my existence. It is a constant battle, but I learned it can be distilled so.... Hmm...

Stinging Nettle – Can make a wonderful tea but should not be touched with bare hands. Will cause a pretty itchy/stingy rash. Lots of this down by the creek.

<https://www.healthline.com/health/food-nutrition/nettle-tea>

Here is the boundary of our property, so as you wander be on the lookout. We have heard of sasquatch sightings....



Upon your departure –

- Please wash any dishes used and leave them in the rack.
- Don't worry about any laundry.
- Please keep all food waste in the kitchen garbage. Recycling is by the bar.
- Sign our guest book!
- This is an old barn so please let us know if you discover anything that needs attention (light bulb out, leaky faucet, or ROUS (rodents of unusual size)).

We hope to see you again soon!

Food ideas and suggestions

There are many good options all within a 30 minute drive or you can always call Door Dash, Uber Eats, or your favorite delivery service. These are the locals & only our opinions. We don't get any kickback from any of these establishments.....yet. 😊

Closest grocery is Safeway (3010 E. 57th) or Trader Joes(2975 E. 29th)

Coffee: (you can't throw a rock and not hit a Starbucks or a drive thru shack, but these are locals)

Revel 77 –(3223 E. 57th) pour over artists. <https://www.revel77.com/>

Thomas Hammer (3173 S. Grand) Local roasters

Indaba – (3 locations) <https://www.indabacoffee.com/visit>

Breakfast: (OK we love a good breakfast joint) also check out Morty's & Poole's (Pub/Bistros)

Chalet (2918 S. Grand) Grandma's diner complete with liver & onions.

<https://www.darkhorserestaurantgroup.com/the-chalet-restaurant>

Hogans (2977 E. 29th) Classic 50's diner <https://www.yelp.com/biz/hogans-diner-spokane>

Satellite Diner (425 W Sprague) open all day & all good! <https://www.satellitediner.com/>

Barbeque:

Gas station BBQ – (57th& Palouse Hwy) No really! Maybe we're revealing our true selves but this stuff is really good. **Outlaw Barbecue** which has two locations in Spokane has opened a "satellite" location near us. They even have a drive-thru pick-up window!

Betty Jeans BBQ: (2926 E. 29th) Carolina style. <https://bettyjeansbbq.com/>

Fresh Soul (3029 E. 5th) Red beans & greens <https://www.facebook.com/FreshSoulR/>

*** Now that we've got the three essential categories covered, here are some others to consider ***

Sushi:

Izumi (4334 S. Regal) closest to us <https://www.izumi-spokane.com/>

Chef Lu's (2915 E. 29th) tasty Chow mein too! <https://www.luasanbistro.com/>

South Hill Grill (2911 E. 57th) <https://www.facebook.com/southhillgrill>

Mexican:

DeLeon's (2718 E. 57th) better than street tacos, very authentic.

<https://www.deleonstacoandbar.com/>

Rancho Viejo (3209 E. 57th) classic Abuela's place. Rice and beans baby!

<https://www.ranchoviejomexican.net/>

Fancy:

Luna (5620 S. Perry) <http://www.lunaspokane.com/>

Remedy (3809 S. Grand) <https://remedyspokane.com/>

Twigs – (4320 S. Regal) <https://twigsbistro.com/>

Breweries – Taprooms:

YaYa Brewing (11712 E. Montgomery) local boys! <https://yayabrewing.com/>

Four Eyed Guys (910 W. Indiana) <https://www.facebook.com/FourEyedGuys/>

NoLi (1003 E. Trent) great outdoor spot next to the river.

<https://www.nolibrewhouse.com/home>

Burgers:

Wisconsin Burger (916 S. Hatch) best. <https://wisconsinburger.com/index.html>
Dicks (10 E. 3rd) an institution! <https://www.facebook.com/dickshamburgers/>
Incrediburger (909 W. 1st) interesting. <https://incrediburgerandeggs.com/>

Pub/Bistro:

Morty's (5517 S. Regal)– our place for wings and the game <https://mortystapandgrille.com/>
Poole's Public house (5620 S. Regal) Scotch eggs anyone? <https://poolespublichouse.com/>
Waddells (4318 S. Regal) great fish and chips. <https://waddellspubandgrill.com/>
Jack and Dan's (1226 N. Hamilton) John Stockton's dad's bar. Go Zags!

Pizza:

South Perry Pizza (1011 S. Perry) <https://southperrypizzaspokane.com/>
Zeeks (1414 N. Hamilton) a Seattle icon, fantastic dough. <https://zeekspizza.com/>

Steaks:

Churchills (165 S. Post St) Best steak in town. <https://www.churchillssteakhouse.com/>
Spencer's (322 N. Spokane Falls Ct) <https://www.facebook.com/SpencersSteaksSpokane/>

A little farther for more interesting....

Mary Hill Winery Tasting Room– Spokane Natives that have come back to open a tasting room and bistro in Spokane's Kendall Yards Neighborhood that is worth a visit! It is located along the Spokane River with stunning views of the river, and the "Benny & Joon" House (What? you've never seen Johnny Depp's movie filmed here in Spokane?)
<https://www.facebook.com/maryhillspokane/> If you can make it on a Wednesday night be sure to catch the night market 5-8pm May -Sept. <http://kendallnightmarket.org/>.

Winescape Winery – (6011 E. 32nd) A local winery located just 11 minutes away with a small tasting room **in** the winery. These guys are after my own heart! Light on snacks, but GREAT wine. <https://winescapewines.com/>

Bark a Rescue Pub – (905 N. Washington) Upscale Pub food AND you can visit (or adopt) dogs and cats through their partnership with Spokane Humane Society on location. Booze and Pets, what could go wrong? <https://barkrescuepub.com/>

Durkins (415 W. Main) "A natty upscale diner with an intimate basement bar." This prohibition style eatery with Speakeasy craft style drinks is a fun stop. Menu includes Oysters, roasted bone marrow and fried bologna sandwich! <https://durkinsliquorbar.com/>

South Perry District – a two block neighborhood containing South Perry Pizza, Perry Street Brewing, south Perry Lantern Tap House and Thursday market, Worth a visit!
<https://www.facebook.com/ThursdayMarketinSouthPerry/>

Dinner downtown & stroll though Riverfront Park - If you're truly 'not from around here' then you should visit this park. It is the site of our 1974 World's Fair and has activities going on all of the time. Dissected by the Spokane River with quiet flowing water and roaring falls in Spring it is immediately adjacent to our downtown core with its endless dining options. <https://my.spokanecity.org/riverfrontspokane/>

Recreation Opportunities in the area

Here is the Chamber of Commerce version: <https://www.visitspokane.com/>.

But here is our take:

Walking! OK, the cool people call it hiking but we don't quibble....

Stevens Creek trail head (type in "Big Rock Hiking Trail" in your maps app) gives you access to the Dishman Hills Conservancy, A series of interconnected trails. Including the Rocks of Sharon and it's star, 'Big Rock', a 230' hunk of rock rising out of the hillside. This area was a popular day trip for early Spokanites in the 1920's as they could ride the electric rail to this area for a picnic and enjoy views of the Palouse and Steptoe Butte. It is walking distance from our barn but it'll take you an hour and a half to get to the trail head of the 3.3 mile loop. Or hop in the car and you're there in 11 min!



Golf- Spokane has 8 public courses offering some of the best golf in the Northwest at very affordable rates. Latah Creek Golf Course (3 min away!), The Creek at Qualchan (8 min away!), Downriver, Indian Canyon, MeadowWood, Esmerelda, Liberty Lake, and don't forget the Coeur d'Alene Resort with it's floating green. <https://www.visitspokane.com/things-to-do/golf/>

Spokane County Water Park – (3724 E. 61st)
Very family friendly with Basketball and pickleball courts



<https://www.spokanecounty.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Southside-Family-Aquatics-Facility-51>

Manito Park – (1702 S. Grand) One of eight major parks in Spokane, you could spend an entire day in this park alone. My personal favorite place to hide is the Gaiser



Conservatory. <https://my.spokanecity.org/parks/major/manito/>

Cycling – On almost any day you’ll see members of the two local cycling clubs out on Palouse highway. If you’re more adventurous check out the Hiawatha Trail.

<https://www.ridethehiawatha.com/>

Silverwood Theme Park – Our “Mini Knotts Berry Farm” with an awesome water park.

<https://www.silverwoodthemepark.com/>

Snow Skiing - (60 min away) For your winter fun, Mt Spokane is only 45 min drive and offers 1700+ acres of country skiing, terrain park, sledding hill, 52 groomed runs & 7 lifts.

<https://www.mtspokane.com/>

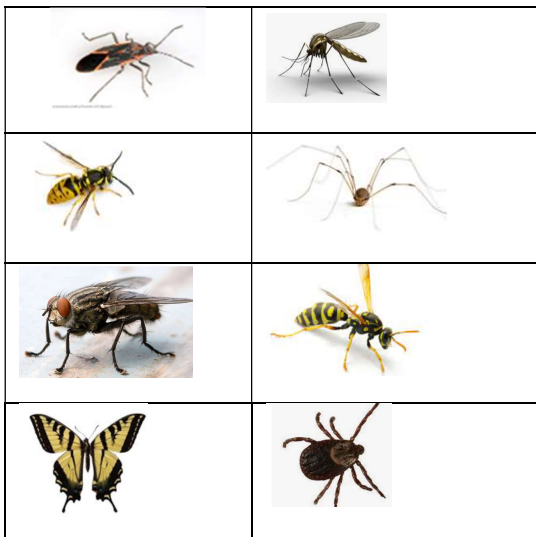
Schweitzer, 49 Degrees North, and Silver Mountain offer some of the best in the US.

Coeur d’Alene Lake – (45 min away) Many have described Coeur ‘d Alene as the ‘Tahoe of the Northwest’. Summer offers lake cruises, parasailing, beautiful public beach and park, sea plane rides, vibrant downtown restaurants and shops just one block off the water. Tubbs Hill offers a beautiful hike and view of the lake. Or visit the Centennial trail. November through February offer some of the best Bald Eagle watching anywhere in the world!

<https://youtu.be/cY9eGMAAnBFA?si=ZgHlph4hHTWgbHRv>

Play Critter Bingo!

Match these bugs (many of which you’ll find here!) with their correct name:



Box Elder	Mosquito
Horse Fly	Paper wasp
SwallowTail	Daddy long leg
Deer tick	Yellow Jacket

Your Hosts

Dale And Cheryl DuPree have been embarking on their adventures together for the last twelve years. Both enjoy taking something old, fixing it up and making it beautiful again. Renovating homes has become a passion, but don't call it "flipping", because we're way too slow at it and Cheryl hates that term.

Dale is a born and raised Spokanite, retired from a sales career. Cheryl is a CA hippie transplant, retired from natural child birth and childrens ministry positions. We have seven children between us. Although being retired, loving all our kids plus two grandchildren and building out our little farm keeps us plenty busy.

We bought this property in 2010. The first 5 years were spent gutting and refinishing our 1950's era home. We then turned our attention outside and began planting/caring for the land. Just in the last couple of years have we restored the old Hilby Family Barn and have begun to implement permaculture techniques of water management, and organic farming. While we don't have a traditional farm (or as we recently were told, "Admitting you're a farmer is the first step."), we are members of the [South Spokane Farm Corridor](#) and until a clearer path toward that end appears, we will continue to wander along doing the next thing.

So far, we have: 1/8 ac. orchard (14 fruit trees, 8 nut trees), 1/8 ac. vineyard, 1/8 ac. Christmas trees, plus a vegetable garden with pumpkin patch, 34 lavender bushes, 2 hops vines, and plans for much more.

Thanks for joining us on this little adventure!

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Sauna – The Sauna takes about 30-45 minutes to heat up (maybe an hour in winter). Turn the timer knob (on the lower right) past the first 1 to number 2 or 3 on the dial. Then turn backward to the large 1 until an audible “Ka-chunk!” is heard. Leave knob at the setting and Sauna will operate for 1 hour before shutting off automatically. Allow at least 30 minutes for the room to heat up. Note!! If you set timer past first 1, timer will not come on until the time set has elapsed. The 60 min. timer is quiet. It does not tick. There’s an 8-hour time clock (small 1 to 8 on the timer dial). If you wish to preset your Sauna heater to automatically turn on when you are away, you may preset up to 8 hours in advance of



Sauna bathing. For eg., if you set the timer knob at number 3 setting, the Sauna heater will turn on 3 hours later, and will be ready for usage in 3 1/2 hours (allowing for 1/2 hour heat up time). The heater will shut off automatically in another half hour, and if you wish to continue using Sauna, reset the 60 min. timer. We leave the knob on the left alone, because the max temp setting will get the sauna to 140 deg. Ahhhhhh.... just right. If for some reason it is not heating, there is a reset button underneath the heater just to the left of the control knobs. I use the screw on the floor to gently press it.

We have complimentary robes and fur lined crocs to get you to and from the sauna in comfort. Bring a towel to sit on. There are Turkish towels in a basket by the bedroom candle ‘fireplace’. When in the sauna you may hear the adjacent hot tub heater kick on which is fairly loud (sorry ‘bout that) but don’t be alarmed. It only lasts for a minute or two.

Pro tip #1: bring in your phone and put it on the floor so you can play your favorite relaxation music and keep track of the time. (It will not get too hot if on the floor)

Pro tip #2: once sauna reaches around 130 degrees stay for 15-20 minutes. Get out and jump in the swim spa for 2-3 minutes to cool off, then back into the sauna for another 15-20 minutes or longer if you feel like it.

Pro tip#3: for a dusk or evening sauna bath bring one of the battery candle lights in with you.

In winter we have found that the condensation from the steam inside will run down and freeze at the bottom edge of the door eventually building up and preventing the door from closing completely. There’s a little cloth inside to help wipe away this condensation/ice if it becomes an issue; usually after repeated use.

Swim Spa – Simply roll the cover back from the entry mat end. Turn the controls on by pressing the dot in the middle of the four arrows.

You'll see the time and after a bit the water temp. The jets have multiple speeds as you keep pressing each control button. The audio controls are outside the spa over the southern edge nearest the stairs to the lower deck. There are also assorted exercise bands in the deck storage box for your use.



The stereo controls are located on the outside of the spa just over the edge from the jet controls. The blue tooth range is very low, so leave your phone nearby.

When closing, just roll the cover closed. If any of the jet controls are too complicated, they'll shut off by themselves after a bit!

IMPORTANT: When closing, simply roll the cover back but only use the black nylon loop handle under the cover's edge to pull the cover tight (Otherwise things might tear). This will stand up the ribs of the cover, but it takes a fair amount of oomph. As long as you're pulling on that black nylon loop you can give it a real big tug, but don't worry if it doesn't look right to you.



Pro Tip: the cover is heavy, but rolling it is fairly easy. Easiest is to flip the leading edge up (like the pic above), sit on the edge, put your feet in, and roll it away from you as you get in the pool. Then simply roll it toward you when you want to get out keeping it centered on the pool.

Dale or Cheryl are always happy to help you with any of this, just give us a shout.

Funky D Merch!

Want to order something to remember your stay at the Funky D Ranch? We've got you covered. Scan the QR code below and it'll take you to our store. If there's something not listed, let us know and we'll create it!
You want a Snoot on a pint? Or Roxy on a hat? Again, We've got you covered!!

The screenshot shows the Funky D Ranch online store interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the store name, menu items (All products, Women's, Men's, Accessories), and a shopping cart icon. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "All products" with a sub-header "15 items" and a "Sort by: Newest arrivals" dropdown menu. The merchandise is displayed in a grid of 15 items, each with a product image, name, and price:

Product Name	Price
Funky D Ranch Enamel Camping Mug	\$11.03
Funky D Ranch V-Neck Tee	\$16.47
Roxy Frisbee Women's Relaxed FL	\$37.57
Roxy Frisbee V-Neck Tee	\$18.12
The Daily Snoot V-Neck Tee	\$18.12
Women's Daily Snoot Sweatshirt	\$37.57
Funky D Ranch Roofline V-Neck T...	\$21.07
The Daily Snoot	\$15.80
Can Cooler Sleeve	\$7.78
Pint Glass, 16oz	\$13.19
Low Profile Baseball Cap	\$24.15
Unisex Quarter-Zip Pullover	\$23.22
Funky D Basic Tee	\$13.50
Roxy's Hoodie	\$40.05
Funky D Mug, 11oz	\$8.32

