

What to Know Before You Go

Instructions for visitors to the Pancake Complex Wild Horse Gather

Where to meet: BLM personnel will meet the public and media at the White Pine County Aquatics Center, 1111 Veterans Blvd, in Ely, Nevada. Following introductions, sign-in and a short briefing, we will caravan to the gather site where we will remain until the day's operations are complete. The exact location of the site may not be known until the prior evening, so please be flexible.

When to meet: Visitors to the gather must RSVP to 775-296-0679 by 5:30 p.m. the night before the intended observation date. They will receive a call back no later than 9 p.m. with the observation schedule, meeting time and location. Note: Gather operations are dependent on the weather and could change with little or no notice.

Transportation: All visitors must have their own transportation – BLM staff cannot take people in government vehicles, except in an emergency. Visitor vehicles must have 4-wheel drive capabilities and off-road vehicle tires and carry a spare tire (we suggest multiple spare tires). High-clearance vehicles are highly recommended. Temporary holding corrals/sites will move to several locations during gather operations and roads can get very rough in and around the Complex. Extra gas cans are recommended due to the distances involved within the Complex and lack of facilities. Gas and full services are available in Ely, Nevada.

Cell phones are a good idea should you get stranded, though coverage cannot be guaranteed. We will travel together to and from the gather. Headlights must always be on during travel and if any vehicle has mechanical problems and/or flat tires, the caravan will stop.

Amenities / Lodging: There are lodging opportunities in Ely, Nevada.

Weather and road conditions: This is eastern Nevada in January and February, so plan for everything. Dressing in layers is recommended due to highly fluctuating temperatures throughout the day.

What to bring:

- Food and plenty of water
- Closed-toed sturdy shoes (*hiking shoes or boots recommended*)
- Bland, earth toned-colored clothing (*no bright colors or loud patterns, please*)
- Coat / hat / gloves (*dressing in layers recommended*)
- Sunscreen
- Toilet paper / Tissue (*There are NO bathrooms at the trap site, so plan accordingly*)
- Spare tire(s) and extra can of gasoline (*be sure to have proper equipment*)
- Binoculars and/or camera with zoom lens
- A small collapsible camp chair or cushion for the ground (*neutral in color and light enough to carry for a distance*)