

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Instructions for visitors to the Tuscarora Wild Horse Gather

Where to meet:

All visitors must meet at the Midas Saloon and Dinner House in Midas, Nevada at 7 a.m. The Midas Saloon is located at: 100 Main Street. The Saloon's website, which contains a helpful link to current weather conditions, is: <http://midassaloon.com>.

Transportation:

All visitors must have their own transportation. Vehicles must be 4-wheel drive with a high clearance preferably. Make sure the gas tank is topped off in Winnemucca, Nevada, which is the last place for gas (Midas DOES NOT have any). Also make sure tires, including spares, are properly inflated before traveling to the gather. **Drive time from Winnemucca to Midas is about 1 ½ hours, and drive time from Midas to the gather site is another 45 minutes to 1 hour, for a total drive time from Winnemucca to the gather of about 2 ½ hours.** The holding corrals, which will be visited at the end of the tour, are on the way back to Midas and are located just about 1 mile down the road from Midas.

Dress Code:

All visitors should wear attire that is muted in color and blends in with the surrounding range at the gather, such as: browns, beiges, etc. DO NOT wear bright colors, including white, as they could distract the horses during the gather. The weather will be cool in the morning and will warm up as they day goes on, so dress accordingly.

Lodging:

Lodging is recommended in Winnemucca, Nevada. There are several places to stay, which can be viewed at the following website: <http://www.winnemucca.nv.us/accommodations.html>.

Amenities in Winnemucca:

- Gas stations
- Grocery stores
- Restaurants
- Hotels

Amenities in Midas:

- Restaurant

Driving Directions from Winnemucca, Nevada to Midas Saloon:

Winnemucca is about 60 miles from Midas, and the drive time is about 1 ½ hours.

Midas Saloon and Dinner House is located in the mining ghost town of Midas, Nevada, 62 miles Northeast of Winnemucca, Nevada. From I-80, take exit 194, exit to Golconda and follow the signs to Midas. Go right when the pavement ends, down 29 miles of county maintained unpaved road. The road is well maintained all year round.

Weather conditions:

Plan on temperatures of highs in the mid- to upper 80s during the day at the gather site. In Winnemucca, the high temperatures are in the low- to mid-90s and lows are in the mid- to high 50s.

What to bring:

- Bug spray
- Layered clothes
- Closed-toed sturdy shoes
- Hats
- Sunscreen
- Food and water
- Binoculars
- Toilet paper
- First aid kit
- Camera with a good zoom lens

**There will be one porta potty available near the temporary holding corral so plan accordingly.*

GROUND RULES

These rules were created to ensure the safety of both the humans and the animals at the gather

- Visitors to the gather must be escorted into and out of the gather site by a BLM representative.
- Visitors will be assigned to a specific BLM representative and must stay with that person at all times.
- Visitors are NOT permitted to walk around the gather site unaccompanied by their BLM representative.
- Visitors must direct their questions/comments to either their designated BLM representative or the BLM spokesperson on site, and not engage other BLM/contractor staff and disrupt their gather duties/responsibilities.
- BLM may make the BLM/contractor staff available during down times for a Q&A session.
- When given the signal that the helicopter is close to the gather site bringing horses in, visitors must stand in areas specified by BLM representatives and must not move or talk as the horses are guided into the corral.
- Visitors who do not cooperate and follow the rules may be escorted off the trap site by BLM law enforcement personnel.