

Stargazing/Birdwatching Conference/ Education Center in Ogden Valley (Narrative)

I live on a 6-acre plot of farm land in Liberty, UT, surrounded by hundreds of acres of fields and near North Fork Park, which is a designated Dark Sky Zone, making it ideal for stargazing. It is also a hotbed of wildlife activity, including bird migration. I have a 3-bedroom guesthouse on my property that I would like to turn into an educational and experiential self-tour retreat where people can come to stargaze, view birds and other wildlife, and learn more about astronomy and different avian and animal species.

Upon arrival, guests would find educational materials (maps, posters, literature, astronomy and wildlife phone apps, websites, etc.), as well as a telescope and binoculars provided.

Guests would stay over for at least two nights to increase their chances of having clear night skies, as well as give them more opportunity to view birds and wildlife.

Lodging:

The lodging is a three bedroom, one full-bathroom house with a full kitchen, completely stocked with all cooking/dining equipment. It can house up to 6 people. It is up-to-date with fire extinguishers and smoke/CO2 detectors.

Parking:

Being that we are on a large property, there is plenty of parking for much more than 6 vehicles (which is the absolute max number of cars that 6 guests could potentially bring). Although in reality, we expect most guest groups to be smaller than 6, and their vehicle counts to be one or two.

Water/Wastewater:

Like everyone else in our area, we are on well water and septic tanks. Since I also live on the property with my family, it is in our highest interest to maintain the well and septic systems.

Outdoor Lighting Plan:

As is mandated in our area, there are no upward-facing lights outside on the property. There is a porch light (covered by a patio roof) and a downward-facing parking area light.

Location:

6015 N 3100 E, Liberty, UT 84310

The guest house is over a quarter-mile away from the nearest neighbor's residence, so there is no risk of bothering any neighbors.