



TLC's Conservation or Stewardship Partners with Accommodation in the Okanagan

If you're looking for a place to stay where you know you're going to be either surrounded by nature or supporting a business that is responsibly stewarding unique and important wildlife habitat of the Okanagan, then stay with one of our Stewardship or Conservation Partners. These partners either have a conservation covenant protecting some of the important habitat, or have a voluntary stewardship agreement promising to take care of these habitats.

Name	Location	Habitat Stewarded	Business	Website
O'Reilly Organic Farm & Bed & Breakfast	Oliver	Bog and Park Rill Creek riparian.	Orchard, ground crops + Accommodation	www.oreillyfarms.tay.ca/oreillyfarminfo.html
High Chaparral Guest House	Oliver	Grassland, open forest, & rocky terrain	Accommodation	www.highchaparralguesthouse.com
Bighorn Ridge Guest House	Okanagan Falls	Grassland	Accommodation	www.bighornridge.com
God's Mountain Estate	Penticton	Grassland & cliffs	Orchard, vineyard, + Accommodation	www.godsmountain.com
Kambo Farm/ Ciliegia Villa	Osoyoos	Wetland	Orchard/ Accommodation	www.ciliegiavilla.ca
Mountain Springs Nature Retreat	Kaleden	Open forest, Marron River riparian, lake	Accommodation & organic farm	www.mountainringscentre.ca
Valentine Farm	Summerland	Riparian	Accommodation, organic farm/vineyard, Vinegar	http://www.bbcana.com/9303.html

O'Reilly's Organic Farm Bed & Breakfast

Contact: David O'Reilly and Allison Cran, 37617 97th St., Oliver, British Columbia, V0H 1T0. Phone: (250) 498-6044



David O'Reilly and Allison Cran

O'Reilly's Organic Farm Bed and Breakfast is an oasis of peace and serenity in this busy world. They are located in the south Okanagan just north of Oliver - the Wine Capital of Canada. They have spacious bedrooms - each with an exquisite view of the Okanagan Valley. They offer wholesome, delicious vegetarian breakfasts while looking out over their working orchard.

CONSERVATION: Riparian conservation goes hand-in-hand with organic fruit production at this farm on Park Rill Creek. David and Allison care for their property on lower Park Rill Creek with a love for the land, and a deep appreciation of the time they spend on it. They know that the creek and its fringe of trees and shrubs (riparian area) are good for their farm, and vital to the health of the region as a whole. They are encouraging neighbours to protect the creek and are active members of "Friends of Park Rill".

They are active Conservation Partners with *TLC* The Land Conservancy and have placed a conservation covenant on their riparian area, and an adjacent wetland, so that the natural environment is protected forever. David and Allison began their stewardship work on the property by reducing the amount of mowing near the creek. This action alone resulted in a significant and rapid increase of trees and shrubs within the waterbirch-dogwood plant community. To assist the recovery of the habitat, 670 native shrubs and trees were planted, with assistance from the South Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship program.



Garden entrance and view down to conservation area.

God's Mountain Estate

Contact: Sarah Allen and Richard Goodall, 4898 Lakeside Road, Penticton, BC V2A 8W6. Phone: (250) 490 4800



Sarah and Richard

An Okanagan Valley Bed and Breakfast with eclectic ambiance, this 115 acre property is a rustic Mediterranean style escape. Enjoy breathtaking views of Skaha Lake, the surrounding Okanagan vineyards and mountains. Experience a more pastoral lifestyle - pick grapes from the vine, fruit from the trees, hike to the meadows and explore the natural beauty of British Columbia. Relax away from the pressures of everyday life.

They provide Bed and Breakfast Accommodations, as well as a full kitchen and dining facility for the use of their guests, should they wish to make their own picnic, lunch or dinner.

CONSERVATION: Sarah and Richard are in the process of going organic with their vineyard, their variety of fruit trees, and their heritage vegetable garden.

They are active Conservation Partners with *TLC* The Land Conservancy and are proud stewards of 105 acres of natural grasslands and cliffs located upslope of their Bed & Breakfast. As one walks up their nature trail behind the B&B, one notices the scent of vanilla from the magnificent ponderosa pines and the healthy cover and variety of bunchgrasses and wildflowers that protect the sensitive arid soils. California bighorn sheep take shelter from predators on the rocky cliffs, along with and a myriad of birds that nest and roost there. The not so popular but federally threatened rattlesnakes find a safe refuge amongst the rocks.



God's Mountain Estate

Kambo Farm/ Ciliegia Villa

Contact: Ranbir and Shinder Kambo, 12795 87th St, Osoyoos Phone.250 495 7155



Ranbir, Sheena, and Shinder

Ciliegia Villa, offers five luxurious Villas located in the only pocket desert in Canada. Nestled in the midst of the Okanagan's many orchards, with breathtaking views of Lake Osoyoos and the many hills that surround it. Our guests are invited to have a peaceful and relaxing stroll through our orchard, and view the diversity and abundance of seasonal fruits at Kambo Farms.

CONSERVATION: Ranbir and Shinder balance their cherry tree farm, villa, and wetland in a very giving manner. The story of the wetland is quite heroic. Ranbir and Shinder found out that many years ago, there used to be a wetland where their orchard trees now grew. Due to several reasons, they decided to take the trees down, and re-dig and re-build the pond. So in December of 2008, they did so. In spring of 2009, natural seepage filled the pond and both Great Basin Spadefoots and Painted Turtles found their way into the pond. In spring, summer, and fall, with the assistance of TLC's SOS Stewardship Program and dedicated volunteers, the Kambos restored the 10 metre riparian zone around the pond. Monitoring and restoration will continue as the Kambos are 'Wildlife Habitat Stewards' with TLC's SOS Stewardship Program.



Ciliegia Villa

Bighorn Ridge Guest House

Contact: Carla Leinweber/Roger Hawthorne, 2357 Rolling Hills Road, Okanagan Falls, BC V0H 1R0.
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Carla and Roger

Rustic Elegance in Wine Country. This custom design guest house is located on a ridge overlooking Vaseaux Lake, mountains, and Blue Mountain Vineyard. They are an adult-only pet-friendly guest house with two private suites - each sleeping 2 adults.

CONSERVATION: Carla and Roger have fashioned their buildings to blend in with the surrounding natural area, and have a minimalist outdoor footprint (no lawn or landscaping). The grasslands on the whole property are part of the stewarded area, including to the edge of buildings. They are Wildlife Habitat Stewards with TLC's South Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship Program stewarding 9 acres of antelope-brush grassland with a few scattered ponderosa pines. They share their property with species at risk such as the Bighorn Sheep, Western Rattlesnakes, Behr's Hairstreak butterfly, and the Western Skink, as well as many other wildlife species.



Bighorn Ridge Guest House

High Chaparral Guest House

Contact: Bruce Brownstein and Linda Sheehy, 13990 Fairview-Patten Road, Oliver, BC, Phone: 250-485-2797.



Bruce and TLC volunteers helping with native plant re-vegetation project.

Nestled high in the hills West of Oliver, the High Chaparral Guest House offers serenity and privacy amid the indigenous flora and fauna of the Northernmost high desert in North America. They offer privacy and commanding views of the valley with no other building in sight.

They are an adult-only dog-friendly guest house with two private suites - each sleeping 2 adults. High Chaparral is a true getaway where you can unplug from the stresses of city life.

CONSERVATION: Bruce and Linda have a voluntary stewardship agreement with TLC's South Okanagan – Similkameen Stewardship Program as Wildlife Habitat Stewards. Their 80 acre property surrounding the Guest House has beautiful rolling hills and cliffs in the ponderosa pine-bunchgrass ecosystem. They share their property with several species at risk including Nuttall's cottontails and Western Rattlesnakes.



High Chaparral Guest House

Mountain Springs Nature Retreat



Phyllis Jmaeff

Contact: Phyllis Jmaeff at www.mountainspringscentre.ca

Situated right on Marron Lake, the Retreat has over 300 acres of natural beauty to enjoy. It is exceptionally diverse with an unusually wide variety of habitats to explore. Come stay in one of three accommodations options and explore the property via one of the many trails that take you from Ponderosa Pine forest to cattail marsh, from moss-covered forest path through the canyon to lush meadows in the valley. Wildlife abounds in this pristine paradise of nature.

The Mountain Springs Nature Retreat also offers special agritourism packages available to anyone who would like to work on their organic farm and/or nature retreat grounds in exchange for a discounted rate on lodging.

CONSERVATION: Located in the beautiful Marron River valley just west of Kaleden, BC. Mountain Springs Nature Resort has 137 ha. of grasslands, open forest, wetlands, lake, and rugged terrain under a voluntary stewardship agreement with TLC's South Okanagan – Similkameen Stewardship Program. They are proud Wildlife Habitat Stewards and the whole property is a wildlife haven.

Valentine Farm Guest House

Contact: Kim Stansfield and John Gordon, Valentine Farm, home of The Vinegar Works
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Kim and John

Situated in Prairie Valley, Summerland, guests can stay in this self-contained guest house and experience beautiful scenic views and a working certified organic farm and vineyard. Breakfast includes farm fresh eggs and seasonal farm grown products. Guest may also sample 'the Vinegar Works' wine vinegars, jams and jellies, produced exclusively at this farm. It is 5 minutes from downtown Summerland, 40 minutes from Kelowna, and 15 minutes from Penticton. Guests can also enjoy the Trans Canada Trail (5 minute walk away), and their natural riparian area rich with birds and wildlife.

CONSERVATION: Kim and John became TLC Conservation Partners in 2009. Not only do they take great care in growing food and grapes organically (Certified Organic), they are also voluntarily stewarding a 0.58 hectare natural riparian area through which a small underground stream surfaces. This area serves as a respite for wildlife passing through the area and is abundantly alive with numerous varieties of birds and insects and amphibians throughout the year. It is a critical source of beneficial insects for their farm and is truly the crown jewel of a very beautiful piece of property.

