

## Horse Pack and Fishing on the Aquarius Plateau

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Guiding on Griffin Top in the Dixie National Forest ceased in the 1980's with the death of Marty Rich's father, Mayo Rich. Marty decided to resume the guide service in 2007. And we were lucky enough to be one of the first trips to go out! Marty later told me that Bryce Canyon Pines is the exclusive guide and outfitting service for the west side of Griffin Top. No ATV's or other motorized vehicles are allowed in the area, so all travel is on horseback or on foot. After riding the area for a couple days, I was extremely glad not to be on foot. Getting to the lakes we were going to fish in the morning was straight down and the ride to camp in the afternoon was straight back up!

The Rich family has a long history at Bryce Canyon Pines. The property began as a dance hall, complete with kitchen and gas pumps in the 1930's. Mayo and Mary Rich purchased the property in 1948 and the family has owned and operated the property continuously since that time. The first three motel rooms were built in 1954. Today, Marty and Ethel Rich and their family are in charge and there is a motel, restaurant, and RV and camping park.

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