

## ONAHU RANCH

### Owners:

Andy Christensen homestead - Ranch with 3 buildings shown near center of SW1/4 section 12 - Onahu Creek/Trail Ridge Road- in survey of December 1881.

Merle and Mabel Hall @1930

Mr. & Mrs. Sargent - 1940 -originally cattle & horse ranch, became dude ranch in 1945

Joe & Myrtle Bloder – 1948 - 1957

(Wilsie A. Jamison?)

RMNP 1971

East Troublesome fire burned 193,000 acres on 10/21/2020 in Grand County and Rocky Mountain National Park. The Onahu Lodge was burned to the ground. The rock fireplaces still stand.

### Location:

5 miles from Grand Lake, Trail Ridge Road  
(1/4 mile from Green Mountain Ranch)



View from the lodge

### Onahu Lodge





**Onahu Dining Room**

**Evening entertainment around the fireplace**



**Onahu Lodge Lounge**



**General Ranch Information:**

\* Andy Christensen later owned a garage (maybe gas station) east of @ where Squeaky B's is presently located.

\* Halls owned it for "6-8 years and had just a few cabins which they rented to fishing parties." Sargents "developed it more into a ranch operation with horses but no cattle." "... with the addition of a new lodge, beautifully finished, and all modern accommodations. Outdoor beefsteak fries, riding, fishing, or just plain sitting are our specialty." Bloders ran "a strictly dude outfit... Rates were \$70 - 90 weekly, including horses" and meals (American plan).

\* "A tourist brochure dated early 1950s indicated that the ranch was 160 acres in size and advertised a lodge, cabins, and saddle horses and pack trip. Main lodge is two stories with four sleeping rooms..."

\* The Sargent daughter, Bev, married Dick McLaren, and divorced.

The Bloder son, Doyle Bloder, married Bonnie Harris and ten years later were divorced. They had three children – Sherry, Marde, and Michael

**Files:**

Onahu Ranch

**Pictures:**

Ad

Onahu Lodge

Brochure



**Joe and Myrtle Bloder**



**Colorado Range Riders**

Came through Onahu every summer during the years the Bloders owned the ranch



**Doyle Bloder on bucking steer – weekly Onahu rodeo  
(left) Doyle's wife Bonnie taking the picture  
(on fence) Wilma Jean Bloder, niece of Joe & Myrtle Bloder**





Entrance off of Trail Ridge Road

Bonnie Bloder



Bonnie Bloder, wife of Doyle Bloder

