In this interactive mystery game, a phantom horse gallops through Shadow Ranch, leaving behind a trail of frightening “accidents.” The ranch owner is bitten by a rattlesnake, and local legend says that more bad luck is sure to follow. The ghostly horse tramples all hope of a restful ranch vacation for you, as Nancy Drew -- you could be next on the list for revenge!

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR
RUNNING THE GAME:
Windows 98/Me/2000/XP
400 MHz or greater Pentium II or equivalent class CPU
64 MB of RAM
300 MB or more hard drive space
16MB DirectX compatible video card
16 bit DirectX compatible sound card
12X CD-ROM drive

INSTALLING THE GAME
The installation for most CD players will occur automatically as follows:

1. Please temporarily disable your antivirus program; consult your antivirus manual. Not doing so may cause problems upon installation.
2. Insert the game CD into your CD-ROM drive.
3. The installer program on the game CD will begin automatically.
4. Follow the instructions on the monitor to install the game.
5. Your game should now be successfully installed! You only need to install the game once, but each time you play the game CD-ROM must be in the CD player.

If your installer program does not automatically start up:

1. Double-click on the My Computer icon (or browse your My Computer directory).
2. Double-click the CD-ROM drive where you inserted the game CD.
3. Double-click on the Setup application.
4. Follow the instructions on the monitor to install the game.

The installer program copies certain files from the game CD onto the computer¹s internal hard drive and into a folder named > Nancy Drew > Secret of Shadow Ranch. The game program remembers this folder¹s name and location on the hard drive. After you install the game, do not move the Nancy Drew folder or its contents.

PLAYING THE GAME
Put the game CD in your CD drive. The game should start automatically. If your game does not start automatically, you may start it by double clicking on the desktop icon for the game or by selecting the game from the Start Menu under Programs > Nancy Drew > Secret of Shadow Ranch.

GAMEPLAY OVERVIEW
Are you new to Her Interactive¹s Nancy Drew mystery game series? Try the Gameplay Overview feature and get gameplay scoop! Learn how to navigate or move around, understand what the different mouse cursors mean, and get tips on viewing objects and hot spots in the game.
To access the Gameplay Overview, click on "New Game". Click on the ³Gameplay Overview² option at the top of the screen.

THE MENU SCREEN

The Menu Screen is your starting point for the game. To access the Menu Screen when you are playing the game, click on the "Menu" icon located on the upper left side of the game screen. The Menu Screen allows the following choices:

New Game: Click this option to begin a new adventure in the world of Nancy Drew!

Load & Save Game: You may save your game progress so you can resume game play later.

To Save: Click the ³Menu² icon located on the game screen. Click on the ³Load & Save Game² option. Select one of the files (the first time you save it reads, ³Shadow²). Type in the name for your saved game; and then click on the ³Save² button. If you do not want to save the game, press ³Cancel².

To Load a Saved Game: Click on the "Load" button next to the name of the game file you want to play. Click on "Done" at the bottom and you¹ll be ready to play your game.

Continue Game: You can click here to get back to the game you were playing. For example, if you saved your game or used the Game Setup screen, just click on "Continue Game" and you will get back to the game you were playing.

Second Chance: When you make a game-ending mistake during game play, you will automatically be able to go back to the Main Menu Screen. By clicking on Second Chance, you can go back to a safe point in the game before you made the error.

Game Setup: Clicking here lets you personalize the game to the way you like to play. You get to change options for voice, music, special effects and closed captioning (when on, written descriptions appear in the text window for sounds and voices in the game).

Game Credits: Click here to see the names of all the talented people who helped make this game!

Help: Click on the Help book, and you will reach a screen that offers you useful directions for playing the game.

Exit Game: When you click on this area, you will exit the game and return to your desktop. If you have not saved your game, you will be asked if you want to do so before exiting.

THE GAME CURSOR

The cursor is the main means of navigating and manipulating your game environment. The game cursor is a magnifying glass. Use the magnifying glass to move through the game. The cursor changes sometimes depending upon the current game situation:

Red Magnifying Glass: indicates a "hot-spot" or object that you can pick up or move or a character you may talk to in the game.

Navigational Arrows: When you are playing the game, the magnifying glass will change to a navigational arrow on the Game Screen. There are navigational arrows for moving left, right, up, down, ahead or forward, and stepping back or turning around.

Circular Arrows: Circular arrows appear on the left or right edges of the screen indicating that you can rotate around the room without having to click your mouse. By default, a game setup option called automove is enabled. With automove, the rotating happens automatically as soon as the cursor changes to the circular arrows. You will either see the room rotating around you (the normal case) or you may rotate around a stationary object. The rotation is done slowly and will stop as soon as the cursor is moved out of the left or right areas. You may disable automove in the setup options, but will then need to click your mouse each time you want to move around a room.

Small Arrow: The cursor will turn into a small arrow when you move outside the Game Screen in order to access items such as the Menu icon, pocket watch, conversation window and inventory items.
Hand: The cursor will turn into a hand to move things around and pick up objects.
Tool Box Objects: If you have picked up a tool, the cursor becomes an outline of that item.

THE TOOL BOX

Items that are picked up with the cursor become tool box items and appear in the tool box, which can be opened by clicking on the tool icon at the bottom of the screen.

GAME PUZZLES

There are many puzzles that you must solve in this game. Most of them are necessary to solve in order to advance in the game with new clues or inventory items. You will find these puzzles scattered throughout the game.

HOW TO UNINSTALL THE PROGRAM

From the Start menu, select Programs > Nancy Drew > Uninstall Secret of Shadow Ranch. You can also use the Add/Remove Programs option in the control panel. The uninstall function will first display a Maintenance dialog which has a remove option. Choose remove to uninstall the game. All the files and shortcuts that were originally installed to the hard drive will be removed except for the game folder and the saved game files inside it.

MORE HELP

Our website, www.herinteractive.com, contains the latest information on current game issues and answered to commonly asked technical support questions. If you need extra help installing, starting, or running the program, you may contact Technical Support by email at: techsupport@herinteractive.com or by telephone at 425-460-8787 or 1-800-461-8787.

GAME HINTS AND TIPS

If you need some extra help along the way, check out the Her Interactive Message Board on our website at www.herinteractive.com. You can post a question or search for hints that have been shared by other players. You can also view the "Hints/Clues" area on each product page of our website.

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EPILEPSY WARNING

Please read this caution before a video game is used by you or your child: Certain people are susceptible to epileptic fits or lose consciousness after exposure to flashing lights or light patterns in our daily environment. Such people may have a seizure while watching particular televised images or when they play some video games. This phenomenon may appear even if the subject has no history of previous difficulties.

If you or a member of your family has ever had symptoms related to epilepsy (seizures or loss of consciousness) when exposed to flashing lights, please

consult your doctor prior to use.

We advise that parents supervise the use of video games by their children. If you or your child experience any of the following symptoms while playing a video game: dizziness, blurred vision, eye or muscle twitches, loss of consciousness, disorientation, any involuntary movement or convulsion, immediately discontinue use and consult your doctor.