

RIDING TRIPS

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This ranch is super special as it features "Old West" style cabins but with all the modern day amenities you'd want. The days of riding are fun, varied and scenic and many like to unwind in the hot tub afterward and watch the sunset.

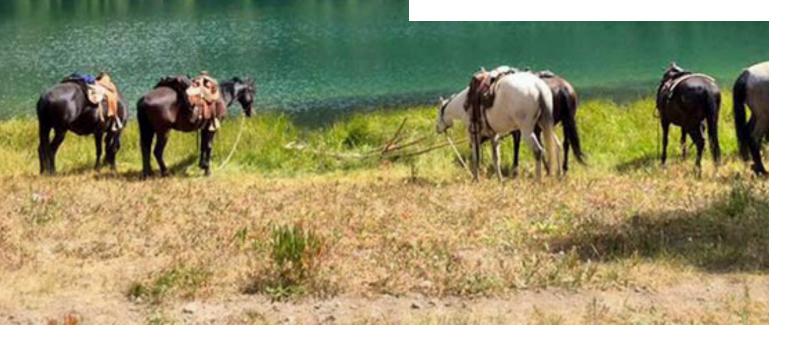
e aren't huge fans of typical dude ranches - they have too many people, too much chaos, and often they don't offer up enough "real" riding. But this gem is straight from our own play book of "what we love in our rides" – a maximum of 24 guests in a week, incredible attention to detail, excellent scenery

> We feel so fortunate to work with this ranch, the owners Kurt and Melissa are carrying on a long tradition of hosting guests

and miles of fun riding.

onsite and sharing all that they love most about MT. For folks that ride less, or not at all, they also offer fishing, hiking, roping and varied other fun activities.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURES – BUILD YOUR OWN MONTANA DUDE RANCH VACATION PACKAGES!





duration:

3-8 DAYS

2 - 20



country **MEMBERS** UNITED STATES

airport BOZĒMAN



CABIN

all meals

INCLUDED



Horseback riding SAMPLE DAY

What to Expect:

What makes this ride different than so many other ranches is that there isn't a set schedule. This is YOUR vacation so YOU tell us what you want to do every day. Riding is our specialty, but we have lots of activities for the non-riders too!

You'll start your day with a hearty Montana breakfast! Have dietary restrictions? Not an issue at all, our chef has you covered! At breakfast Kurt or Melissa will sit down with you, have a cup of coffee and ask what you want to do.

If you choose to ride, do you want a half or full day of riding? Where do you want to go? To a mountain lake, a climb to the top of the mountain with a top notch view or stay flat following a creek.

We run three trucks and trailers, ride in Yellowstone National Park, the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and Custer-Gallatin National Forest! One thing is guaranteed if you come for the horses and riding we've got you covered!

If you decide on a full day of riding (or a trip into the park) you will choose what kind of sandwich you want and fill your complimentary sandwich bag with healthy and not-so-healthy items and have lunch out on the trail. If you choose a half day of riding or have other options in mind we always have lunch at the ranch!









<u>RIDING LEVEL</u> Any level is welcome

<u>HORSES</u> Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Draft crosses, Warmbloods

We have a 230 pound weight restriction for riding. This will be enforced due to the riding we do and the safety of our horses and guests. No riding is offered on Sundays or the day of arrival/departure.

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Western - all saddles have slickers and saddlebags.

TERRAIN

Open fields, trails, forests and hills. The trail may be adjusted from the written itinerary if needed.

Non-riding ACTIVITIES*

We also offer guided hiking right from the ranch or you can Fly fish in the Taylor Fork creek on the ranch or across the road from the ranch in the Gallatin River. If you prefer the quiet, secluded enjoyment of your own private cabin porch with a good book and glass of wine or cup of coffee you can do that too!

Pursue whatever appeals to you among the activities at our Montana dude ranch or choose off ranch activities such as whitewater rafting, zip lining, kayaking, rock wall climbing, mountain biking and so much more - just a few minutes away! This precise location is known for some of the best outdoor activities, wildlife viewing, photography opportunities and tours in the world and it is all right outside your door!

Before nightfall, you're summoned to appetizers on the patio and another delicious homecooked meal in the Taylor Fork Lodge by the gentle clang of the dinner bell. Then the night is yours for a soak in the hot tub, conversation around the nightly campfire, a quiet walk to the corrals to visit the horses, a game of horse shoes, or whatever your mood demands. One thing is for sure, you will have a view of more stars than you've ever seen before – the clear skies and the high elevation give you a unique look at the heavens, Montana style.

*if you so choose to do anything off ranch. You will NOT be able to book something at the last minute - the best days for these activities are Wednesday and Thursday.

- Archery Big Sky Basecamp: 406.995.5769
- Biking Big Sky Resort Mountain Biking: 406.995.5841
- Disc Golf Bighorn Ridge Disc Golf Course
- Fly-fishing Gallatin River Guides: 406.995.2290 or Blue Ribbon: 406.646.7642
- Golf Big Sky Resort Golf Course: 406.995.5780
- Kayaking Geyser Whitewater Expeditions: 406.995.4989
- Massage OZssage: 406.995.7575

- Rock Climbing Mountain Alpine Guides: 406.586.8430 or Geyser Whitewater (climbing wall) 406.995.4989
- Scenic Lift Ride Lone Peak Expedition (Tram Ride to the top): 406.995.5769
- White-water Rafting Geyser Whitewater Expeditions: 406.995.4989 or Montana Whitewater Rafting Company: 406.763.4465
- Yellowstone Tours Yellowstone Vacation Tours: 877.600.4308 pr See Yellowstone: 800.221.1151
- Yoga Santosha Wellness Center: 406.993.2510
- Zip-Lining Adventure Zip-Line: 406.995.5769 or Montana Whitewater Rafting and Zipline: 406.763.4465 or Yellowstone Zip-Line Adventure Park: 406.646.5171
- Yellowstone Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center - Wildlife park and education facility: 406.646.7001 - a 40 min. drive (West Yellowstone)







Hotels & LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Guests always ask us for areas to stay or things to do if they come a few days early or stay a few days late. Three Forks, Montana is a great place to stay that is centrally located and convenient for travel. It is a small town that is only 25 minutes from the airport and 30 minutes to Bozeman.

Sacajawea Hotel- sacajaweahotel.com 406-285-6515 - we recommend the Cottages if you decide to stay here (Located in Three Forks) They have a restaurant upstairs and downstairs. One is more formal dining, and the other is more bar style.

Armory Hotel is a nice hotel in downtown Bozeman. The rooftop restaurant has an amazing breakfast/brunch.

Chico Hot Springs & Resort - this is outside the north gate of the park and a great place to stay for a night with an amazing restaurant: 406-333-4933 www.chicohotsprings.com

Gallatin River Lodge- <u>www.grlodge.com</u> 406-388-0148 is in Bozeman and has a great restaurant. Three Forks has a rodeo mid-July if you are visiting in that time frame we highly recommend going. **The Hidden Restaurant** is one of the gems that the locals love.

Willowcreek - known for their ribs and great bar but family friendly.

Land of Magic - great steaks

Lahood - Farther from Bozeman (close to Lewis & Clark Caverns). Anything you order is amazing but they are known for their steaks and twice baked potatoes and cheesecake!

Farmers Daughters - this is in downtown Bozeman but a cute place for breakfast.

Here are some attractions that are close to the town of Three Forks (within an hour):

Lewis & Clark Caverns - State park with limestone caverns and hiking trails: 406.287.3541

Virginia and Nevada City are both old mining towns that are set up like the late 1800's with wooden boardwalks and great small museums. The Brewery Follies is an adult comedy show in V.C. that is a must see! 800-829-2969

Norris Hot Springs - Natural Hot Springs located about 30 minutes from Bozeman. www.norrishotsprings.com 406-685-3303

Museum of the Rockies - A great museum in Bozeman. www.museumoftherockies.org 406-994-2251

Buffalo Jump State Park - this is about 5 minutes from where the ranch winters the horses. It is a great hiking trail and that is easy and about 15 minutes from the town of Three Forks.

Headwaters State Park - Located near Three Forks, it is the headwaters of the Missouri River.

Breweries-there are lots of breweries in Bozeman and Three Forks.





Included/ NOT INCLUDED











INCLUDED: Rider rates include accommodations, meals, maid service, use of our Montana dude ranch facilities (including hot tub and rec room), guided hiking, horse and wrangler services daily, riding lessons, and participation in ranch activities. These include Monday Night's 'Blues and Brews' Thursday night's Rodeo and Music in the Meadow, and Friday night's cookout with Live Music and surf and turf.

<u>NOT INCLUDED:</u> Airfare Travel Insurance Transfers to/from the ranch

Alcoholic beverages - BYO

State Tax of 8% at checkout (c. \$328.00 USD) Service charge of 18% at checkout (split among all staff) (c. \$738.00 USD)