

PACKING/PLANNING FOR YOUR TRIP AT CHEROKEE PARK RANCH

Howdy from Colorado! We thought the following might be helpful in packing and planning for your vacation at Cherokee Park Ranch this summer.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Our ranch address is 436 Cherokee Hills Dr, Livermore, CO – any app or map service will provide directions. We do not offer any transportation for our guests; however, we have listed the most common options below.

- Car Rental (most popular)**
- Shuttle Fare: Door to Door (800) 851-4528
- Two Step Limo at www.TwoStepLimo.com or (877)-2 STEP LIMO
- A Ride in Luxury at www.arideinluxury.com
- Hossein Lari (303) 520-7504 or hosseinlari@comcast.net
- Style Car Service at www.stylecarservice.com or (970) 639-1123
- Execustar at www.execustar.com or (720) 800-9492
- Drive Ahead at www.driveahead.co or (720) 259-0187 driveaheadtrips@gmail.com

****Guests participating in any OFF-RANCH (rafting, boat trip, Turkey Roost mountain hike) activities will need a personal vehicle. Cherokee Park Ranch does not provide any transportation.**

Because of our remote location, we do not encourage booking transportation via a ride share app e.g. Uber, Lyft, as they are less reliable.

ARRIVING/DEPARTURE

CHECK-IN is available any time AFTER 3:00 PM (15:00) on your Saturday arrival. We do not have any early check-in options and are unable to receive guests earlier than 3:00 PM. Upon your arrival, check in with our team at the main lodge. We'll get you settled in your accommodation, park your vehicle if you are driving, and give you a brief tour of the property so you can take full advantage of what Cherokee Park Ranch has to offer. Our dinner is at 6:30 PM. Should your travel day put your arrival past 6:30 PM, contact us directly (970) 493-6522. We can serve dinner to late arrivals up to 8:00 PM with notice. The speed limit within the ranch is 5 mph because of kids and critters.

CHECK-OUT time is 10:00 AM on your departing Friday. We do not offer late check-outs. Breakfast is served at 8:00 AM. While we do not serve an earlier breakfast for those departing prior to 8:00 AM, we do have coffee, fruit, and cereal always available in our main lodge.

GUEST FOOD & BEVERAGE/ALCOHOL

Guests are welcome to bring beverages or perishable items to enjoy while they are on vacation. We have two community refrigerators on property for any perishables or beverages. Every accommodation also has a small cooler that is filled with ice daily. Our bar, the Saddle Sore Saloon, offers wine, beer, and cocktails from 5-6:30 pm for purchase. Wine & beer are also available for purchase during our dinner service. All purchased beverages can be added to a final bill except for Thursday evening's purchases; Thursday evening's bar purchases are cash only. **We do caution guests from keeping any food in their accommodation. Because of our remote location, any food kept in rooms can bait wildlife, both big and small.**

FISHING LICENSE – *only required for river fishing/ fishing ride*

We are lucky enough to offer fishing in a stretch of river that runs right through our property. If you are planning on fishing in the RIVER while vacationing with us, you must have a fishing license through the state of Colorado. A license can be purchased at any time [HERE](#), but we recommend obtaining a license prior to your arrival. *You only need a license if you are 16 years or older. *No license is necessary for fishing in our pond.

HELMET POLICY – *optional*

The state of Colorado does NOT require any of our guests to wear a helmet while horseback riding. We are a BYOH (bring your own helmet) ranch. Should you or any family members want to wear a helmet, you must bring it with you. While we do not provide any helmets, we can direct you to [Troxel helmets](#) specifically for riding. As a member of the Dude Ranchers Association, we can extend a 25% discount to our guests with the code DRA at checkout.

WEATHER

The climate is dry and the air is relatively thin; our elevation is 7,200 feet. The daytime temperatures will range from the mid 70's to the mid 80's. The evening temps will range from the high 40's to the low 60's. Because we don't have a very high humidity level, our temps will feel cooler. It is perfect horseback riding weather!

CLOTHING & RIDING ATTIRE

A ranch vacation requires a lot of costume changes, but we have you covered with **coin operated washer/dryers**. The dress of the day will always be casual and comfortable outdoor wear, but we do suggest you pack layers as the temperature fluctuates throughout the day and evening.

Guests Should Pack:

- Sunscreen, bug spray, lip balm, body/hand lotion
- Layers: sweatshirts, pullovers, long-sleeved shirts, short-sleeved shirts
- Warm jacket
- Raincoat, we provide one while riding, but not for hiking or non-horse activities
- Women- we recommend wearing an athletic bra/undergarment while riding
- Riding Boots/Shoes – these must have a smooth sole and a heel, sneakers are permissible but not recommended
- Hiking Boots (for hiking) – these cannot be used for riding
- Hats: baseball, sun, cowboy – Please note that Cowboy hats require a 'stampede strap' to keep them secure when riding.

- Jeans/Riding Britches – we do not allow riding in shorts or athletic leggings
- Swimsuit
- Water shoes /Sandals (for rafting, fishing, letting your tootsies air out)
- Ranch Dressin’ Square Dance Attire (optional, but always fun)
- Socks, specifically tall socks for riding

Packing Planning Tip: Riding results in a lot of friction! Jeans should not be new- be sure that they have at least been laundered before using them to ride. Additionally, tall socks that reach above the line of riding shoes/boots are necessary to prevent blisters on calves. While you do not need to purchase a new wardrobe for your vacation, we do recommend that if you purchase anything for your vacation, it should be designed for equine activities over other athletic endeavors for comfort and performance.

Cherokee Park Ranch Provides:

- Coin operated laundry facility
- mini toiletries, and hairdryer
- Towels for both rooms and swimming area
- Bathrobes in every accommodation
- Rain slickers for riding
- Boot library – find a pair that fit you for the week, return them for someone else (inventory not managed or guaranteed)
- CPR merch like t-shirts, gloves, sweatshirts – available for purchase in our gift shop

RIVER RAFTING

We partner with Rocky Mountain Adventures (RMA), located in Fort Collins, CO, to offer our guests a Colorado rafting experience! Rafting through RMA is hosted exclusively on **Tuesday mornings**. The raft trip (Class II-III) will be both fun and wet.

- Must be 7 years old or older to participate
- Shoes are required: water shoes, sandals, or old sneakers are fine
- Bathing Suit required
- Wet Suit, helmet, personal floatation device are all bookable/required through RMA
- Participation requires a 7:00 AM ranch departure, **guests must transport themselves to rendezvous with RMA**
- Cherokee Park Ranch provides: an early breakfast option, packed picnic lunch, towels

RMA (info@shoprma.com) will contact you prior to your vacation with us to make a reservation with them. Cherokee Park Ranch does not book rafting excursions directly or on behalf of our guests.

Rafting Planning Tip: Cherokee Park Ranch does not provide childcare/supervision prior to 9:30 AM. Should your family have a non-rafter under 7 years old, your family will need to be available for child supervision e.g. Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, or one parent rides rather than river rafts.

FORGOT SOMETHING AFTER ARRIVING?

Our closest towns are Fort Collins, CO to the South and Laramie, WY to the North. These towns are going to be the closest places with any big box stores; however, let us know what you need- we keep back-ups of creature comforts like toothpaste to save you a trip into town.