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COVERED WAGON
FAMILY EXPERIENCE
AT
MONTANA DUDE RANCH



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ACCOMMODATIONS

Covered Wagons

Homesteader wagons can be added to luxury homes and historic barn and glamping accommodations during summer vacations. Adding a wagon allows you to welcome more people on your group vacation or provide a private space for teens, couples or families who would delight in a private and unique space closer to nature. Kids can enjoy a night “camping out” under canvas. Alternatively, couples can sneak just steps away from their party’s accommodation to enjoy some romantic alone time.

Each wagon features a king bed and twin bunks. Amenities include twice-daily housekeeping services and snacks and beverages, on-hand and restocked daily. Adventurous travelers will love this opportunity to channel the pioneer experience—the perfect place for American dreaming.



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DINING

Montana Dude Ranch

LODGE

A unique lodge with an expertly appointed dining room. The Lodge hosts breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, specializing in evening multi-course menus, tasting menus and paired regional wine tastings. Arrive at 6 pm in the Great Room to enjoy artisan cocktails and gourmet hors d'oeuvres before you step in to dine by the fire and share tales of your day under the Big Sky.

BLUE CANTEEN

The epitome of ranch style dining in the open-air. The Blue Canteen is a hybrid cabin and canvas tent, turned breakfast and lunch nook, made cozy by a wood-burning stove. Enjoy casual cuisine, such as a grilled chicken and kale pesto sandwich or pulled pork with potato fries and an organic green salad for lunch or coffee with pastries and granola for breakfast on-the-go.

FLAGSTONE

The flagstone plays host to a weekly Chef's grill and dutch-oven dinner in the warmer months, as well as s'mores roasting by the campfire under the aspen trees. The food prepared in the open-air wood fire grill is rich and fresh—a locavore's delight. At the heart of the Ranch, the Flagstone hosts welcome celebrations, and it's just steps away from the Great Room and evening entertainment in the Saloon.

BUCKLE BARN

Our 5,500 sq. ft. event barn boasts on-site catering with its modern expo kitchen and wood fire grill. The custom-built grill facade is made of repurposed John Deer tractor parts, adding to the ranch style flare. Seasonal celebrations and special events are hosted in this warm and traditional Montana setting, often followed by live music and dancing on the circular-sawn fir floors.



ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

FLY FISHING

Montana

Whether you've dreamed of Montana fly fishing for years or you've yet to cast for the first time, you will not be disappointed by the opportunities on the Rock Creek. Four miles of private access and pristine river frontage on this freestone mountain stream boasts seven species of fish: Westslope cutthroat, rainbow, cut-bow, brown, brookie, bull and the Rocky Mountain whitefish.

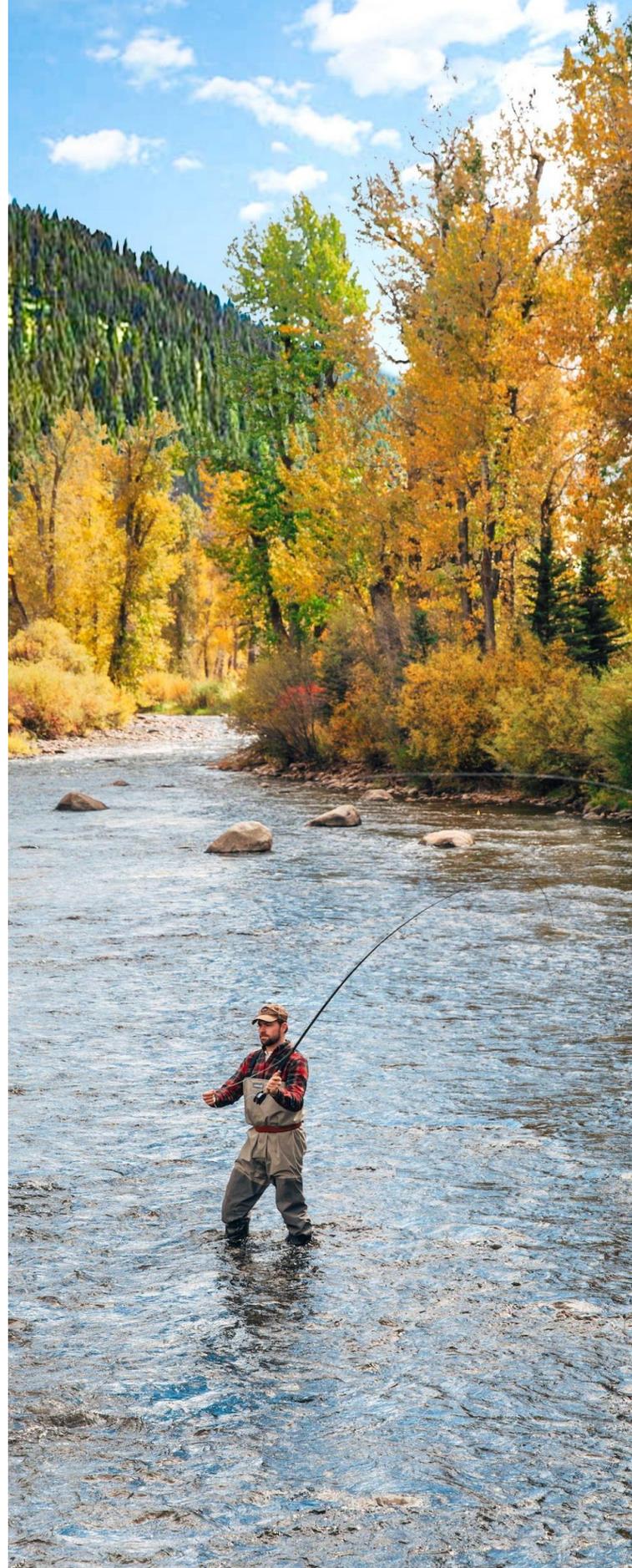
Rock Creek is famous for its salmon fly hatch starting in late May and lasting into July, as well as additional hatches including mayflies, golden stoneflies and caddis fly. Our licensed and trained fishing guides are excited to share their professional expertise and personal passion for fishing. They go above and beyond to ensure that your fishing experience is both enjoyable and successful.

Each day of fishing begins at the Rod & Gun Club, where you are outfitted with our top-of-the-line collection of rods, reels, waders and flies. Pull up your waders and venture into the stream for a one or two-hour fishing adventure on Rock Creek.

To ensure preservation of the sport, The Ranch asks that all guides and guests catch and release all trout they hook while on Rock Creek and during off-site excursions. Our experts advise on how to hunt for the perfect fishing hole—so you can enjoy solitary, as well as guided fly fishing.

CASTING LESSON & FLY TYING

Before heading out on the water, all guests receive personalized casting lessons and riverside instruction from our outstanding guides. Whether perfecting a double haul, casting into a gusty wind or simply getting back to the basics of a steeple cast, every guest will walk away with improved ability.





SHOOTING SPORTS

Montana

Shooting is a Montana tradition with deep roots in our history. It is also a rich part of modern identity to a large group of responsible multi-generational sports people. The Ranch offers an unmatched multi-faceted set of ranges and activities that experts and novices alike find challenging and enjoyable. Our guides train each guest on safety guidelines, proper handling and techniques with all equipment to ensure a safe experience for everyone. Through private instruction and a controlled environment, guests can develop new abilities while achieving a sense of accomplishment. Our program is designed to teach skills and safety to first-time shooters while giving experienced marksmen an opportunity to test their abilities.

SPORTING CLAYS

Located near beautiful Mallard Pond, our sporting clays course is the most popular target sport at the Ranch. The course is designed to emulate the variety and unpredictability of a bird on the wing, while being comfortable in all weather. There is a covered shooting stand that includes a wood-burning stove. Multiple throwers and myriad combinations create limitless challenges for novice or highly skilled marksmen. Our range features classic “going away” shots and more-tricky “running rabbit” stations, as well as a traditional chandelle target that can challenge even the most experienced enthusiasts.

RIMFIRE RANGE

The rimfire range offers a great opportunity for an introduction to shooting sports. Dug into a hillside on the Eastern side of the Ranch, the range’s covered shooting stand offers protection from the elements. Using small caliber rifles and pistols with very little recoil, guests can practice hitting steel reactive targets at distances between 10 and 50 yards. These reactive targets engage the senses by flipping, moving and making noise when a shooter hits his or her mark. Targets include a dueling shooting tree for optional competitive shooting.

PISTOL RANGE

Most everyone can enjoy the excitement of shooting pistols, envisioning the cowboys and outlaws in the days of the Montana territories. Learn to use semi-automatic, single and double action pistols on our covered pistol range that provides relief from sun and rain on 12 and 25-yard targets. Choose between stationary and reactionary targets, suitable for all skill levels. Pistols are a great way to improve coordination and shooting skills.

TRAP & SKEET

Our outstanding Trap and Skeet course is a quick-trigger challenge game designed to test the reflexes of the shooter. Skeet shooting is a fast game consisting of nine fixed shooting stations and two fixed traps, or target throwers. The shooter rotates through the stations shooting singles and doubles for a total of twenty-five shots per game.

Our trap shoot consists of five shooting lanes with varying degrees of difficulty and one fixed trap, or target thrower. The trap oscillates to create new challenging positions between shots. Each new shot varies in angle and height. Participants in a “singles” game of trap will shoot five targets from each of the five stations. In a “doubles” game the competitor shoots at five pairs and ten targets at each of the five stations

RIFLE RANGE

Our Rifle Range, located in a mountain meadow, is ideal for testing long-distance marksmanship skills. The stand is covered to protect from rain and sun and features a wood stove for added warmth. The range is 400 yards long, equipped with reactive targets. New action targets allow a visual performance as well as competitive shooting.

Novice shooters will enjoy practicing their aim, while advanced marksmen can fine-tune their long-range shooting skills. Our Rod and Gun Club has true-to-form reproductions of iconic lever action Western firearms and more contemporary rifle options.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Montana

RODEO

Just like Montana itself, a rodeo has a Spanish origin coupled with vibrant Western heritage. Rodeos developed on working ranches where cowboys, or “vaqueros,” developed skills to manage cattle and horses, like roping, taming rough stock and herding. Modern rodeo events include team roping, break-away roping, pole bending, saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, bull riding and barrel racing.

The Ranch hosts a weekly summer rodeo in the Camp Roosevelt Arena, complete with professional cowboys and “rough stock” events. The festivities start with a cowboy social hour near the horse barn. Enjoy beverages and snacks and get the chance to mingle with the rodeo athletes prior to the event. Then, watch from the stands as cowboys ride bucking broncos or rope galloping steers.

Cheer on your favorite wranglers as they race around the barrels and dash through poles. Events such as wheelbarrow races and boot tosses get the audience participating in the fun. After the show, meet the cowboys and cowgirls on the Buckle Barn lawn for a rodeo barbeque.

AT A GLANCE:

- Summer rodeo on Tuesdays, June-August
- Pre-rodeo Cowboy Social Hour
- Followed by a rodeo barbeque on the Buckle Barn lawn
- Private rodeos may be produced at an additional cost





HORSEBACK RIDING

THE EXPERIENCE

Montana is made for horses and The Gage Ranch is made for riders. Wide-open skies, sagebrush hillsides and snow-capped peaks are best experienced on horseback. Part of the experience of our Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star luxury guest ranch is having everything for exceptional horseback riding vacations at your fingertips. Our Rod & Gun Club fits guests with hats, boots and riding helmets as needed. Our program is highly customizable for each guest, with wranglers at the ready to guide you through this essential ranch vacation experience.

The Ranch operates in the spirit of play, where travelers immerse themselves in the riding culture of Western Montana, rather than seeing it through the slats on a corral.

HORSEBACK RIDING AT A GLANCE:

- Twice-daily guided on-ranch adventures are included in your stay
- 75 horses
- Diverse trail system and open land
- Tack and gear provided

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Montana

- **Rock Creek Day:** Kids discover the importance of healthy waterways by identifying fish species and fishing on our ponds
- **Ranch Life Day:** Adopt a horse! Wranglers teach kids about horse safety and care, followed by a group ride and roping practice
- **Forest Day:** Adventure to where the wild things are by exploring a forest on the ranch and learning about its web of life
- **Treasure Day:** An exciting geocaching adventure where Grizzlies use a map and GPS to discover secret clues and treasures
- **Survival & Outdoor Safety Day:** A lesson in outdoor safety, including fire and shelter building, inspires future adventures
- **Splash Day:** Fun in the sun with pool games, water balloons and plenty of sunscreen
- **Wildlife Day:** A nature hike where kids learn about eagles, moose, elk, deer and other wild creatures in our area

The ranch understands the need to tailor the outdoor experience to the strengths of our youngest explorers, and our Little Grizzlies Kids Club caters to a well-rounded family vacation. In 2018, the ranch won the Virtuoso “Best of the Best” Travel Award for Best Family Program. Our ranch kids club introduces children to the Frontier West in an exciting and safe way. With our trained staff at the reins, parents can take a little time for themselves or adventure at a faster pace.

Little Grizzlies Kids Club is a fun, outdoor educational program for children ages 4 to 12. Children are welcome to join for morning and/or afternoon sessions. With three different age brackets, kids participate in age-appropriate activities and events, while sharing experiences with their peers.





THE RANCH KIDS CLUB

With our unique themed days, children enjoy a host of adventures designed to inspire and foster appreciation for the outdoors and provide education on Montana's history and traditions. From learning to care for animals at the Barn, to exploring the banks of Rock Creek for local flora and fauna, Little Grizzlies will reconnect with the natural world and broaden their horizons.

If the day is rainy, never fear! Our Silver Dollar Saloon offers 4 lanes of bowling, shuffleboard, board games and a movie theater, complete with a large collection of movies and popcorn.

Babysitting is offered as a separate program from the Little Grizzlies Kids Club at an additional fee of \$40 per hour per babysitter for a minimum of two hours. You may sign up for babysitting services at The Ranch with a 48-hour notice. Cancellation has to be given within 24 hours of a babysitting session or guests will be charged in full. Please contact a Ranch Ambassador for more details.

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DATES

PEAK SEASON

May 20 - Sept. 4

Nov. 25-29

Dec. 21-26

5-Night Minimum Stay

New Year's Celebration: 7-Night
Minimum Stay

SPRING & FALL

May 1 - May 19

Sept. 5 - Oct. 20

WINTER

Late Winter:

Oct. 21 - Dec. 20

Jan. 2 - Apr. 30

3-Night
Minimum Stay

Winter Season

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All lodging accommodations. Twice-daily housekeeping and all in-room luxury amenities.
- Daily coffee & tea bar, breakfast, lunch, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Unlimited premium beer, wine and spirits, as well as soft drinks and assorted beverages and snacks.
- An extensive variety of two daily, on-property, guided activities including all gear and equipment. There are never cancellation fees for changing activity schedules. Includes access to fitness center, pool and hot tub.
- Silver Dollar Saloon entertainment including billiards, poker table, shuffleboard, karaoke, private movie theatre, board games and four lanes of bowling.
- A private Ranch vehicle and driver are available to provide round-trip transportation from Missoula, Butte or Anaconda airports to The Ranch. Water and snacks are available for the drive. A luggage trailer is available at no extra cost. Additional charges apply for Bozeman and Helena airport transfers. Maximum capacity is 7 passengers per vehicle.

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