



Come play with us.

At Colorado Trails Ranch, there's a wide range of daytime activities and instruction – horseback riding, fly fishing, swimming, rafting, hiking, and more – giving you a chance to try new adventures. There are the entertaining evening activities, which include a hayride, cowboy campfire sing-along, and Western dancing. Taking it easy is always an option, too – it's up to you...

ranch facilities

Just as there are activities for everyone at Colorado Trails Ranch – no matter your age or interests – there are a lot of different facilities to enjoy!

Our Western Town is a series of buildings that look just like what you'd find in towns of days long ago. Those buildings include the: Opera House (where evening activities such as square dancing are held), Ruckus Room (a great place for kids, with ping pong, air hockey, foosball, and a pool table), Soda Fountain (offering old-fashioned milkshakes, banana splits, and more), Trading Post (where t-shirts, Western hats, sweatshirts, sunscreen, and other sundries are sold), fly fishing center, Colorado Trails Ranch office, and guest telephone room.

The Main Lodge overlooks a secluded valley and is where guests enjoy our delicious meals. The Lodge Loft offers a great place for adults to enjoy their coffee while reading the morning paper or to play a game of pool on the adults-only pool table. Other facilities include:

- heated swimming pool
- archery range
- basketball court
- cabins
- laundry room (with free washers and dryers and detergent)
- petting zoo (with goats and miniature horses that kids love!)
- hot tub
- rifle range
- horseshoe pit
- volleyball court

location

Spectacular... breathtaking... magnificent. Those are just some of the words guests use to describe our location in southwestern Colorado.

Colorado Trails Ranch (elevation: 7,500 feet) is only 12 miles northeast of the historic western town of Durango, Colorado. Our 450 acres are nestled in a scenic mountain valley that adjoins the two-million acre San Juan National Forest. We'll pick you up at the Durango airport for no extra charge; another option is to fly into Albuquerque and make the easy four-hour drive to the ranch. (For more information and maps, please visit www.coloradotrails.com or give us a call!)

horseback riding

Whether you're a beginner or experienced rider, you'll feel right at home on our horses, enjoying the scenery as you ride through some of the most beautiful country in Colorado.

Our rides are grouped by ability, age, and desire – and with 85 horses to choose from, we're sure to find one that suits you perfectly. We offer morning, afternoon, and all-day rides with no more than six guests to a wrangler. The rides range from scenic walks to loping through the trees and meadows, depending on what you'd like to do.

If you've never ridden before or have limited experience, we'll show you the basics and get you comfortable with riding. If you're an experienced rider, you'll appreciate the quality of our horses and will be delighted by our progressive program and challenging trails. For adventuresome riders, we offer half-day Longhorn cattle drives, which are off-ranch and cost \$35 per guest.

Please note: There's a maximum weight restriction of 240 pounds for riding. Please contact us with any questions.

fly fishing

Do you love to fish? So do we! And we also love to introduce non-fishermen to the idyllic wonders of this great sport.

Colorado Trails Ranch offers a full-service fly fishing program with over two miles of private water on the Florida River. You also have access to high mountain streams in the San Juan National Forest or on the San Juan River

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during guided trips. In addition to free-flowing streams, we offer stocked fishing on nearby ranch ponds. There are half-day and full-day fishing options; you can read all about them at www.coloradotrails.com.

You can expect to catch rainbow, cutthroat, brown, and brook trout. Our professional guides happily work with novices and experts (and anywhere in between!). We provide all the essential supplies you need to enjoy the best trout fishing in the beautiful mountains of southwest Colorado.



additional activities

In addition to our excellent horseback riding and fly fishing programs, we offer:

- exciting river rafting on the Animas River
- guided hikes through our mountain forests
- power-tubing at Vallecito Lake for the older kids (adults can go, too)
- trap shooting near the ranch for adults and teens (when accompanied by an adult); ammunition is available in the Trading Post
- rifle shooting; ammunition for .22 rifles is available in the Trading Post

There are some special activities in the Durango area you can also enjoy. All of these activities are optional and require an additional fee:

- guided trip to Mesa Verde National Park
- half-day Longhorn cattle drives for our guests wishing for some adventure
- Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge train ride

If you're interested in this, we recommend you do the train ride before or after your stay with us, as you won't want to miss a day of ranch activities. Train reservations need to be made in advance (www.durangotrain.com).

- shopping trip for those who would like to visit Durango and its charming shops

in the evenings

There's something to do every evening at the ranch! Activities that are included in your summer vacation (some are not offered during the fall) include:

- Western dancing (square, two-step, and line dancing)
- an ice cream social

- a Victorian Melodrama in Durango (additional charge, see www.diamondcirclemelodrama.com for more information)
- a hayride and a cowboy campfire sing-along
- a family beef tenderloin/chicken breast cookout under the Colorado skies
- a candlelight dinner for the adults (while counselors take care of the kids)

Or if you'd just like to relax and enjoy a beautiful evening in the mountains, the choice is yours. We'll provide the entertainment; you decide what you want to do!

kids & teens program

You won't find a more comprehensive kids program anywhere. At Colorado Trails Ranch, your children can ride, swim, and fish. They can also go rafting or to the petting zoo, learn archery or arts and crafts, and much more. (See list below.)

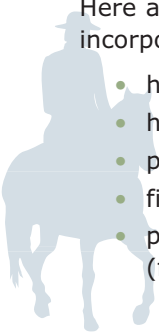
Our children's and teen's program is divided into three groups, each with their own counselor:

- **Buckaroos** (5-8 years old)
- **Rough Riders** (9-12 years old)
- **Teens** (13-17 years old)

This allows them to participate in activities with their peers at their own level of energy. They'll form friendships and feel comfortable surrounded by kids their own age. At the same time, the groups come together during the day, so brothers and sisters have plenty of time to hang out together, no matter their age.

Here are some of the activities included in the children's program; they all incorporate instruction, to whatever degree your child needs or wants:

- horseback riding
- horseback games in the riding arena
- picnic lunch horseback ride
- fishing
- power tubing on Vallecito Lake
(for Rough Riders, ages 9-12, and Teens, ages 13-17)



- half-day river rafting trip
- swimming
- nature hikes
- archery
- rifle shooting
- arts & crafts
- basketball
- cookout and games for Buckaroos (ages 5-8); overnight campout for brave Buckaroos, Rough Riders (ages 9-12), and Teens (ages 13-17)
- farewell cookout, awards ceremony, and farewell festivities
- volleyball
- horseshoes
- scavenger hunts
- petting zoo
- western dancing
- hayride
- Ruckus Room games



meals

At Colorado Trails Ranch, we realize you don't get to indulge yourself in everyday life, where food is often eaten quickly or grabbed on the run. So we pride ourselves on creating meals that are truly special... food that's highquality and upscale enough for adults, but also appealing to kids – like the home-baked breads at every meal.

Breakfast may include: homemade granola, cereal, toast, different kinds of homemade breads, yogurt, fresh fruit, and a hot breakfast item (such as homemade waffles, wrangler eggs, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage). We have two breakfast cookouts: one is a pancake cookout; the other includes a family ride to the cookout, where you can get eggs made to order, grits, Navajo fry bread, and grilled kielbasa.

Lunch may include: homemade soup and salad bar, Philly and chicken cheese steaks, homemade pizza, grilled chicken breasts, burgers and veggie burgers with all the fixings, Reuben and grilled cheese sandwiches, tortilla wrap sandwiches, and a taco bar. For dessert, there are fresh-baked cookies, brownies, or lemon bars.



“The food and especially baked goods were out of this world.”

Kathleen Lynch
Franklin, MA



Dinner may include: prime rib, salmon, specialty chicken dishes, pork, grilled tenderloin and veggies, pasta, garden vegetables, homemade breads, with a fresh green salad that changes nightly. There are two cookouts during the week. One starts with a hayride and features a cowboy singer (and singalong!). The other is our very special farewell dinner, which you'll get to experience on Saturday night.

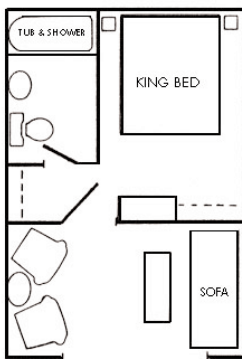
Desserts are homemade and may include: fudge pudding cake with ice cream, turnovers, cheesecake, ice cream pie, carrot cake, Napoleon puff pastries, bread pudding, and apple pie.

With advance notice, we can accommodate special dietary needs. Please give us as much information as possible before you arrive.

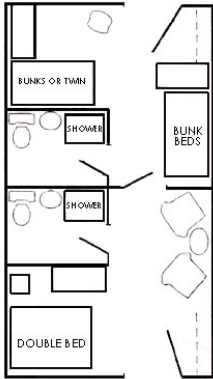
accommodations

Our cozy, beautifully decorated cabins can easily accommodate families, couples, and singles. All cabins have comfortable porches and private baths for each bedroom, along with daily housekeeping.

Please refer to the floor plans to select a cabin style that works best for you, although you may find it easiest to contact us so we can help you figure out what's best for your needs.

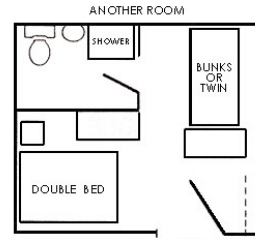


Longview Cabin is the only cabin on the ranch with a living room (which has a pull-out couch). Longview also has a bedroom with a king sized bed, bathroom, and porch.

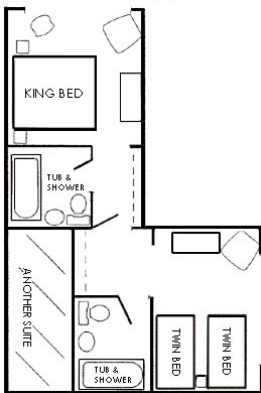
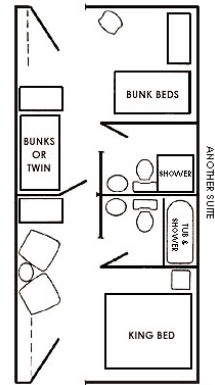


Alpine Cabins consist of two rooms. You can choose to stay in one room or two, depending on your needs. Each room has its own bathroom, entrance, and porch. Alpine cabins have double beds, single beds, and/or bunk beds.

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Country Cabins are duplex units with one shared porch, individual entrances, and a total of four bedrooms and bathrooms. Each side of a Country Cabin has a room with a king bed and bathroom adjoining a room with two sets of bunk beds (or a twin bed and bunk beds) and a bathroom.



Mountain Cabins are duplex units with a total of four bedrooms. Each side of a Mountain Cabin has its own porch and two adjoining bedrooms (one with a king bed, the other with twin beds). Each room has a private bathroom and entrance.

rates

The 2010 season runs from June 6-September 26.

The rates below are per person, double occupancy, for a week-long vacation (Sunday to Sunday). They include all meals, accommodations, on-ranch activities, and service charge (which makes gratuities unnecessary).

Check-in is on Sunday, any time after 3:00pm. We recommend that you arrive before 5:30pm in order to check in and move in to your cabin. Our first official function begins with dinner at 6:30pm; that's followed by an ice cream social, introductions and orientation for the upcoming week. Your week ends the following Sunday morning after breakfast, with check out to be completed by 9:30am.

Type of Cabin:	Alpine		Country & Mountain	Longview
	One Room	Two Rooms	One or Two Rooms	Two Rooms
Adult*	\$2,335	\$2,435	\$2,560	\$2,610
Child (5-12)	\$1,935	\$2,035	\$2,160	\$2,160
Child (under 5**)	\$950	\$950	\$950	\$950

*Single occupancy rates are 15% higher than the rates listed above.

** The children's program starts at age 5; those under the age of five will not be part of a structured program. Babysitters are available with advance notice and at a charge of \$9.00 an hour.

Discount weeks: A 15% discount is available for week-long stays between June 6-June 20, a 10% discount for the week of August 15, and a 20% discount for week-long stays between August 29-September 26.

Partial week stays: Partial week stays are offered based on availability. The rates are as follows: Between June 6-June 20 and from August 29-September 26, partial week stays are prorated, with a three-night minimum. From June 20-August 15, partial week stays are prorated plus 10%, with a three-night minimum. Partial week stays begin on a Sunday.

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Reservations: To make a reservation, please fill out and return our reservation form. (Our mailing address and fax number are on the form.) Or you can call us at 800-323-3833 and we'll take care of the rest.

Reservation deposit: A deposit of \$500 per person is required. For groups of ten or more, full payment is required 90 days in advance.

Cancellations: A refund of deposit is guaranteed with 90 days advance notice (less a \$100 cancellation fee). For groups of ten or more, full payment is required 90 days in advance and is non-refundable unless we're able to fill the vacancy left by the cancellation.


Credit cards: We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Diner's Club, and American Express.

Service charge: Weekly rates include a service charge which is distributed to CTR staff. This makes gratuities unnecessary.

Taxes: A 4% tax will be added to the rates listed above, which covers all state and local taxes.

What to bring: Our atmosphere is casual – and if you have any Western-type clothes, bring them along! For horseback riding, you'll need jeans or riding pants and boots with a smooth sole and heel. (Boots are required; we do have some loaner boots.) For riding, we recommend long sleeves, a hat, and a pair of gloves. Some of our guests suggest wearing an extra layer between jeans and skin – such as tights, pantyhose, long underwear, or Lycra shorts – to help protect from chafing. For hiking, you'll need hiking boots or athletic shoes, and be sure to bring your swimsuit for the pool and hot tub. (We provide pool towels.) You should bring shorts and short-sleeve shirts, but also a jacket or sweatshirt for the evenings. Cell phone service is not very good. We do have a landline available for our guests as well as wireless internet service around the office area.

Alcohol policy: During the summer, we have a very family-oriented atmosphere, so we don't sell any alcoholic beverages – but you may bring your own. Or, if you'd like, we can pick up alcoholic beverages for you on Monday morning and add the cost to your bill.

 “Best trip our family has had! We had a great time – we look forward to seeing you next year!”

John MacArthur
Portola Valley, CA



special weeks

art classes & fall colors

This is an adults-only week — offered from September 19–26 — that lets you combine a guest ranch vacation with the chance to learn or improve your artistic skills. If you visit Colorado Trails during this week, you're not required to participate in the art program; you can just enjoy all the regular activities offered at the ranch, along with the spectacular fall colors — whether on horseback or by van trips into the mountains.

The art and color clinic features drawing and painting, using the exquisite colors of nature for inspiration: a bouquet of wildflowers... the green pines, red oaks, and golden aspens... the vibrant blue Colorado skies. All supplies are provided; the instructor is Pat Fullerton, who has over 30 years experience as an art teacher and clinician.

Sample itinerary

Sunday: Arrive at the ranch and settle in, enjoy a delicious dinner, meet the other ranch guests and staff, and have a brief orientation.

Mornings during the week: Riding and other activities are available in the mornings, with the following art-related activities during the afternoons.

Monday: Drawing with the right side of the brain; negative shapes, contour, profile, portraits

Tuesday: Perspective drawing; 1 & 2 point perspectives, imaginary city

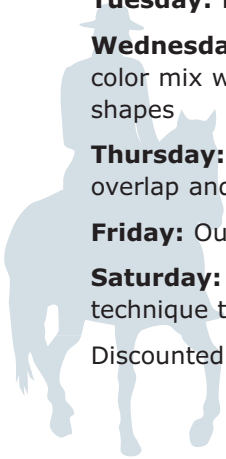
Wednesday: Watercolor introduction; line, shape, form, color, value, texture, color mix washes, glaze, washes, wet into wet, and saving whites as positive shapes

Thursday: Indoor painting, still life and/or landscape; unity by grouping, overlap and repetition, and variety and excitement by contrast and scale

Friday: Outdoor Painting: Landscape

Saturday: Finish up any unfinished paintings/drawings, work on any technique that was puzzling... and exhibit your work at a show!

Discounted rates apply to this week (20% off of regular rates).



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horseman's week

Join us August 29–September 5 for a week of horseback riding and instruction, beautiful scenery, great food, relaxation, and fun!

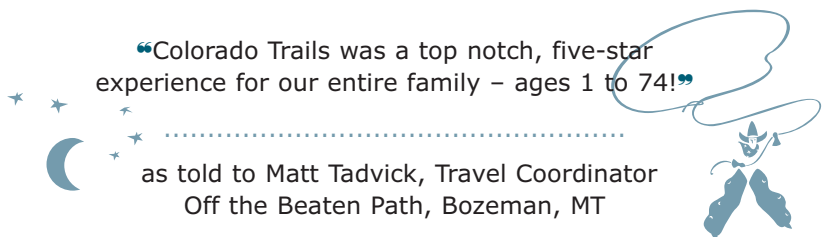
The week includes:

- personalized horseback riding instruction for all guests
- cattle work
- general instruction about the horse and tack
- ground work: catching, grooming, and tacking horses
- evening entertainment
- archery, rifle and trap shooting
- heated swimming pool and hot tub
- guided hikes and fly-fishing
- shopping trip to the historic town of Durango
- guided trip to Mesa Verde National Park (optional, additional charge)
- home-cooked meals, cookouts, and lunch on the trail
- friendly care and exceptional service from the CTR staff

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what our guests say about us.....

“We have traveled a lot but have never had better care taken...It was great that you lived up to what you advertise.” –Laura Talmud, Wellesley, MA

“I still can't believe what a perfect week it was. Claire (10) had so much fun learning new skills and being independent. I had the time of my life.” –Celeste Herr, La Crescenta, CA

“On behalf of the entire Dalton family, I want to thank you and your staff for a wonderful vacation. The grandchildren still have big smiles on their faces. They want to return. Thank you so much.” –Buzz and Carolyn Dalton, Bellevue, KY

“The counselors took such great care of our kids. They were so caring, patient and went out of their way to make sure the kids got to do what they wanted (i.e: extra archery). They also were flexible to allow the parents to participate in the kids activities so we could experience things as a family.” –Anonymous comment from a guest questionnaire.

“I want you and all the staff to know how much Susan and I enjoyed being here...Without a doubt, your best asset is your staff. What wonderful, kind, patient young people...We have had some great vacations, but none compare to this one with you.” –Mike and Sue Self, Scottsdale, AZ

“Colorado Trails is an amazing experience that reconnects adults to a simple and innocent part of your childhood left long ago and introduces your children to these same experiences. Fishing, horse riding, hay rides, cookouts, ice cream socials, game room for the kids, and white water rafting to name but a few. This is the perfect family vacation far surpassing other destinations we've traveled to around the world.” –Eric Nickel, San Rafael, CA

“The wranglers were incredibly patient and made us all feel relaxed on our horses. They did as much as we were comfortable with.” –Anonymous comment from a guest questionnaire.

“I know many of you may not realize it, but this place you work at has a little bit of magic in it. It teaches families how to be together on vacation while also giving everyone the opportunity to have their own experience in the lovely, beautiful San Juan Mountains and National Forest of SW Colorado. Thank you for giving all of us some new memories and giving us the space to remember the ones we made many times before.” –Anne Militante, Chicago, IL

“This has been the best family vacation we have ever had. All the attention to detail, extra effort and personalization came together and made us feel special. We all loved it!” – Anonymous comment from a guest questionnaire.

“You don't need to change a thing, it was superb: the accommodations, the organization, the staff, the riding, the food (oh, the food...), the trips, the atmosphere & camaraderie, the children's activities, the humming birds (I fell in love with them) and, well...just about everything was perfect. No complaints, only praise.” –Maddie Pursey, Somerset, England

“We really did have the best vacation ever. The kids had a great time and loved every activity. Gretchen and I also loved everything. The staff took great care of our children, the food was excellent, all of the activities were fun, and we met some great people. The beautiful day we had on the all day ride "cutting out" cattle will stay with us forever.” –Doug Heely, Medway