



## *Preparing for your vacation*

Since nights can get down around 40 degrees, you will need **jeans, sweaters, sweat shirts, and a light to medium -weight jacket.** On the other extreme, days will normally be between 75 - 85 degrees so don't forget your **swimsuits, short sleeved shirts, shorts and tennis shoes.** You might like to know that we have a "fancy dinner" for adults during the week. Casual dress is fine, but if you'd like to show off some of your fancy western clothes, you are more than welcome to do so. Hikers will need to bring good hiking shoes.

Other items that will be useful: **suntan lotion or sun screen, cowboy hat or baseball cap, chap stick, and a canteen or water bottle.** We stock these and other basic items such as candy bars, pop, t-shirts and a supply of fishing equipment. Many of our guests fly to Albuquerque or Colorado Springs and thus are able to bring only a limited amount of luggage.

In an effort to leave a greener footprint we want to cut down on the use of plastic bottles, therefore we encourage you to bring your own water bottles for riding. Please keep in mind that **they must be 24 ozs or less and no more than 10 inches in diameter** (Nalgens and similar don't work as they are too wide for the water bottle holders on our saddles). Please note that we will supply two steel bottles per cabin, and we do have some for sale in our Trading Post.

**If you would like to ship anything to the ranch,** our physical address is: Rainbow Trout Ranch, 1484 FDR 250, Antonito, CO 81120. Be sure to put your name on your box and to allow plenty of time for arrival. Your boxes will be on your cabin porch when you arrive. Keep in mind that FedEx delivery/pickup is very limited here so UPS is a better shipping option.

**Our lodge, dining room, and cabins are designated as nonsmoking.** We only allow smoking on the porches where ashtrays are provided.

**Those who plan to ride** should bring slip on boots with a heel. We have a "boot box" at the ranch and you are welcome to borrow a pair should you find a good fit. You may also want to bring long sleeved shirts for bushwhacking rides and some people do bring chaps although they are not necessary. Many people do some riding or take lessons before coming to the ranch - this is a benefit but certainly not a must as we provide excellent instruction. Your pleasure and safety on horseback will be enhanced if you are in good physical condition. The risk of accident increases considerably if you are in poor physical condition or are overweight. Please see our **Eligibility criteria** for more information.

**Please note that your arrival here at the ranch should be after 3:30pm** but before dinner at 6:30pm. On Sunday evenings after dinner we have an Orientation where you will have an opportunity to meet the other guests and the staff, and we will discuss our weekly activities and answer questions. You don't want to miss this! If you are arriving on a different day to Sunday, we will give you a personal orientation, and you will have a riding orientation before you ride. **Departure time is 9:30am. We are unable to give credit for late arrival, early departure, or for meals or activities missed.**

**Final payment** to the ranch is due by departure day. We are happy to take personal checks or traveler's checks and we do accept all major credit cards. Keep in mind that we offer a 2.5% discount for the use of cash/check for all payments. Extras that you might want to prepare for: 2.9% Colorado state tax on your total bill, county lodging tax, trading post purchases and the optional staff gratuity.