



Hidden Trails

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*Equestrian Vacations
- on & with Hidden Trails*

About Hidden Trails



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love horses and adventure activities. We have been involved with riding and other outdoor vacations for over 20 years.

With our partners Voyage du Cheval (France), Pegasus (Germany) as well as Equitour (Switzerland and France) we have collected the best riding destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These rides are about galloping on endless beaches, forging rivers, cantering through forests, trotting along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for horses has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand. The majority of the overseas rides are from inn to inn, some from castle to castle and a few are camping rides.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends. The Hidden Trails trips are the best you can find.

They have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special riding vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.

We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Pryor Mountains Cattle Drives - USA, North America

Tour Code: CDWY01
7 days / 6 nights ~\$2,500.00
Dates: April-May, Sept-Oct

Trip Rating : ●●●●●●
Difficulty : ●●●●●●
Lodging : ●●●●

Tack: Western
Horses: Quarter horses
Pace: All paces, some long days in the saddl...

Airport: Billings MT



Introduction

Wyoming, USA

This Montana Working Ranch was built in 1898 and has run thousands of head of cattle and been the home of many cowboys who have rode and trained hundreds of foundation bred quarter horses over the years.

As you leave the paved highway and start up the canyon along the rutted road toward the mountain, you actually feel as if you are traveling back in time. Your hosts of this Pryor Mountains working ranch have been in the cattle business for generations. The ranch lies in a very beautiful, peaceful, and quiet country which is located about 50 miles south of Billings, Montana. It is rolling, native grasslands with areas of pines and canyons, laying along the Eastern slope of the majestic Pryor Mountains which run East and West along the Montana and Wyoming border. Very few people have ever invaded its serene and spacious lands. The cattle are wintered just east of Lovell in Wyoming, where the ranch grows the feed to complete the yearly cow and calf operation. In the spring we trail cows through Bad Pass Trail, through the Pryor Mountain Mustang Reserve down into Deadman and north up the trail to the base ranch in Montana and reverse in the fall.

On the late summer cattle drives we will spend two or three days gathering and trailing to the ranch headquarters all the cows and calves on the ranch. They will come from three different directions and we will gather and hold them in the corrals at the ranch. One day will be working and separating calves from cows so that the calves can be weaned and trucked to Lovell to the feedlot. One day will be trailing cows back to Spring Creek where they will stay until the cattle drives in the late fall take all of the cows to Wyoming.

Accommodation



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This is a stationary ride, so all nights will be spent at the ranch.

Description

You are accommodated at our Montana ranch, comprising about 33,000 acres, which include a canyon, the original Indian buffalo jump, and different elevations of mountains all around the canyon. During the time at the ranch you will stay in the bunkhouse or in one of the cabins. Normally, each night on the horse drives we pickup our guests at the stopping places and return them to the ranch for a good supper in the cookhouse and an opportunity to return to their rooms and use the bathroom facilities. Towels are provided for the trip. The Lodge is a big meeting room where we give out the pommel bags and accessories and sign the Rider Releases. There is also a small store in the lodge with basic ranch needs, gloves, vests, Tee shirts, cowboy hats, scarves, etc. There is a cookhouse building which is the main gathering place for social things and for meals. Limited WIFI is available at the ranch.





Bunkhouse

The bunkhouse is a remodeled old milk barn built back in the late 1800 and early 1900. It has been divided into 7 private bedrooms: three on the ground floor and four upstairs, which was originally the hay loft. There are 2 bathrooms at the end of the porch, and 2 more bathrooms at the end of the porch of the Lodge, just across the road. We have blended old and new in a western way by leaving the old log look and mixing it with hot water, heat, and electricity. The bunkhouse has an inviting front porch to sit on and enjoy a quiet moment to yourself or share cowboy stories with other guests.

Cabins

Down the canyon from the bunkhouse we have 5 cabins. The cabins are decorated with old ranch pictures decorate the walls from Montana cattle drives gone by. The cabins do have private bathrooms. If they are available, they can be reserved by paying the cabin upgrade cost.

Room Occupancy

The bunkhouse rooms can be shared between up to 4 adults.
The cabins can host a maximum of 3 adults per cabin.



Meals

All meals from dinner on Day 1 to lunch on Day 7 are included. Dinner in Billings is not included.

Our ranch home-style meals are served with hot homemade breads. Meals are served buffet-style, allowing for further interactions as you dine with other guests and the cowboy crew. Breakfast and dinner are served at the ranch while lunch is packed and taken while out the ride.

We guarantee you will not leave with your belt on a smaller notch. Hard work generates vigorous appetites and we promise you will not go hungry during your vacation. Each week we serve tender angus beef steaks, top sirloin roast, healthy vegetables, fresh salads, homemade desserts, and lots of chocolate chip cookies for the kid in all of us. One of the meals we are famous for is our Indian Tacos! We promote beef on our ranch from pasture to plate.

Breakfast is hot and hearty, just the right way to start the day on a cattle drive holiday.

If the day's work takes us far from our headquarters, our cook will provide sack lunches to pack with you on your ride. Snacks, lemonade and cookies are always available for the raiding anytime you are in need of refreshment. Dinner is a time to tell the day's stories, trade jokes and wind down after a day on the range. It is great fun to retell each day's adventures and challenges while enjoying specially prepared home cooked meals.

Since we are located on the Crow Indian Reservation, Government Regulations does not allow alcohol be on the land.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to dietary restrictions if given prior notice.

Riding



Five riding days!! On the departure Saturday at the Ranch- guests do not ride.

Staff

We are a family owned and operated working guest ranch. We have a normal staff of eight people who live at the ranch throughout the season. We have two full-time cowboys and two seasonal working cowboys or cowgirls. The other family members help out when needed. On occasion, we have neighboring cowboys who come to ride

colts, or fill in at peak work times.

Horses

The Ranch has been raising registered American Quarter Horses for over 40 years. We gather our mares only a few times a year, and we are proud to say that our foals hit the ground in big, rough country, without human intervention. Before we ever lay hands on them, they already know how to handle themselves in rough terrain, cross water, and navigate the elements of nature. We raise our own foundation bred horses for specific skills in working cattle and traversing mountain terrain so you will enjoy and experience cow working skills and amazing western horse riding satisfaction.

We have caw horses, mares with foals, studs, yearlings, 2 year-olds we begin training, and then the riding horses the cowboys have personally or take in to ride for other people. We normally have around 150 horses on the ranch during the season.

We pick horses that will complement each guests riding ability and our cowboy crew shows each guest how to brush and prepare their horse to ride. You will saddle and bridle your own horse each day, which increases the bond of rider and horse.

During your stay, you will usually ride two or three horses per week. We usually do not ride the same horse every day. It is easier on the horses if they are given days off from being ridden. This also increases your riding ability as you learn the habits of each horse and test your ability to adapt to each horses personality.

Bringing your own tack

You are more than welcome to bring your own western saddle if you should choose. You can bring it on the plane with you, but we recommend shipping it ahead of time. Just let us know if you plan to bring a saddle and we can plan accordingly.

Bringing your own horse

The ranch is at an altitude of 4800-5600ft with a rocky, mountainous terrain. Most horses cannot travel and work in those conditions without an adjustment period. In addition, we cannot risk the health problems that an outside horse could bring to our herd of horses who are not normally exposed to outside diseases.



Itinerary

Ride out everyday to move, sort and care for mother cows and their baby calves. Four generations of cowboys have taken care of this historic ranch since 1898 and you will ride with our family who owns and takes care of this working ranch since 1998. This adventure takes you away from city life to a remote, quiet ranch setting at the foot of the Pryor Mountains where you will ride on 33,000 acres of land.

Our cattle drive weeks are some of our most popular weeks. We trail 800 cow calf pairs between our Montana ranch meadows and our Wyoming winter pastures.

Each cattle drive takes four days to walk through the historic old Sioux trail, horse thief canyon and Bad Pass trail into the Dryhead country on the Crow Indian Reservation. Each day has its special challenges but keeping all of those calves moving along the trail is the most important work. That is what working ranch cattle drives are all about.

Our day at the ranch begins at daylight as cows like cooler weather to move down the trail. We do not camp. We drive back to the ranch each afternoon/evening when we are finished getting the cows settled in the designated corrals and pastures where they spend the night. We drive to the ranch for supper and a comfortable bed to sleep in to rise early again the next morning to get back to where the cows are waiting to walk another day closer to the ranch destination. You will ride several different horses during the week and spend the last day at the ranch driving the cows to their spring grazing pastures.



Sample Itinerary: Spring Cattle Drives - *subject to changes*

Our spring cattle drive season starts in mid April and ends in mid May. We also offer Fall cattle drives from mid-September to mid-October.

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Bring warm winter clothes that can layer for the warm and cold temperatures that bless our wonderful state. Our ranch has a store that stocks items needed to assure guests have items needed to enjoy their stay, this includes: rain slickers, pommel bags, cowboy hats, gloves, sweatshirts, wool vests, sun screen, lip savor and gift items.

Note: We reserve the right to change our schedule when weather makes it unsafe to ride or cattle make it necessary to change our scheduled plans. We have no control over mother nature or horses and cows which are the purpose of this cattle drive and we want the right to alter our schedule to meet these changes if they should occur.

We will take pictures of all the happenings during the week. Copies can be purchased at the end of the week (about \$30)- on CD's to share with your friends. After our Steak dinner on Friday night we take some time to look at these pictures and wrap up our great adventure week.

Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

Pick-up from Billings airport and transfer to Lovell, WY.

Day 2 (Monday): Lovell to Wyoming-Montana Inspection corrals

In the morning, we meet our cowboys and saddle your horses at a set of corrals across the Shoshone River from our farm ground in Lovell. The first day covers the Badlands, just north of Lovell, Wyoming. We end the day at the Wyoming-Montana Inspection corrals for our overnight stop and for the brand inspector to come and inspect all of the brands on all of the cows before we go into Montana.

Day 3-5 (Tuesday through Thursday): Trailing Cattle to the Ranch

We will be trailing cows and calves the rest of the way to the ranch. You will walk with cows and calves through Horse Thief canyon, near Devil's Canyon overlook, by Carolyn Lockhart Ranch and across Deadman's Creek.

Day 6 (Friday): Taking Cattle to Spring Pastures

We will wake up to the beautiful setting of the ranch. We will settle the cows in their new pastures and make sure all the calves have found their mothers. Our ride that day will focus on taking the cows and calves to their spring pasture and enjoy the amazing vistas.

Day 7 (Saturday): Transfer to Billings

On Saturday we will leave at 8:00 in the morning to go back to Billings, Montana by 1:00 p.m.



2025 CATTLE DRIVES AND WEANING WEEKS

April 27 - May 3 - Cattle Drive from Wyoming to Montana
May 4 - 10 - Cattle Drive from Wyoming to Montana
May 11 - 17 - Cattle Drive from Wyoming to Montana
Sept 14 - 20 - Gathering cows and calves to vaccinate calves
Sept. 21 - 27 - Gathering cows and calves to vaccinate calves
Sept. 28 - Oct. 4 - Gathering cows and calves to vaccinate calves

2026 CATTLE DRIVES AND WEANING WEEKS

April 26 - May 2 - Cattle Drive from Wyoming to Montana
May 3 - 9 - Cattle Drive from Wyoming to Montana
May 10 - 16 - Cattle Drive from Wyoming to Montana
May 17 - 23 - Cattle Drive from Wyoming to Montana

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Sept 13 - 19 - Gathering cows and calves to vaccinate calves
Sept 20 - 26 - Gathering cows and calves to vaccinate calves
Sept 27 - Oct. 3 - Gathering cows and calves to vaccinate calves



Non Riders

Non riding companion can join this adventure and follow the riding group by car. Inquire for more information.

Other Info

Meeting: Billings airport

Airport: Billings MT

Transfer: Billings 4PM on Sunday

Distance: 2.5 hrs drive

Transfers available from Billings airport at 3:00 PM. If you plan on driving, meet us in Billings or Lovell first! Drop-off time is 12:00 PM on the last day.

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter horses

Pace: All paces, some long days in the saddle

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 out of 5) Intermediate

Weight: 220 lbs / 100 kg

Riders: Min 6 riders Max 12 riders Max Capacity 12
(per riding group)

Rates and Dates 2026 - CDWY01

Rates include: Accommodation in the bunkhouse, All meals & 5 riding days

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	7 day cattle drive	\$2500
B 2026	7 day weaning week	\$2500

Gratuity: 15 %

Transfer Option

Description

2026 Transfer from Billings airport or Clock Tower Inn at 3pm, drop-off at 12pm on the last day, pp, return	\$200
2026 Upgrade to cabin with private bathroom (dbl), pp	\$250
2026 Upgrade to cabin with private bathroom (single)	\$500
2026 Bed tax - \$30 per person per week (mandatory)	\$30

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	04/26/2026 - 05/02/2026	7d / 6n	7 day cattle drive
A 2026	05/03/2026 - 05/09/2026	7d / 6n	7 day cattle drive
A 2026	05/10/2026 - 05/16/2026	7d / 6n	7 day cattle drive
A 2026	05/17/2026 - 05/23/2026	7d / 6n	7 day cattle drive
B 2026	09/13/2026 - 09/19/2026	7d / 6n	7 day weaning week
B 2026	09/20/2026 - 09/26/2026	7d / 6n	7 day weaning week
B 2026	09/27/2026 - 10/03/2026	7d / 6n	7 day weaning week

Min/Max: 6/12

Rates do not include: Gratuities, Taxes & Airport transfers
Alcoholic drinks are not allowed on this trip!

Rates and Dates 2027 - CDWY01

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A 2027	05/02/2027 - 05/08/2027	7d / 6n	7 day cattle drive
A 2027	05/09/2027 - 05/15/2027	7d / 6n	7 day cattle drive
A 2027	05/16/2027 - 05/22/2027	7d / 6n	7 day cattle drive
A 2027	05/23/2027 - 05/29/2027	7d / 6n	7 day cattle drive
B 2027	09/19/2027 - 09/25/2027	7d / 6n	7 day weaning week
B 2027	09/26/2027 - 10/02/2027	7d / 6n	7 day weaning week
B 2027	10/03/2027 - 10/09/2027	7d / 6n	7 day weaning week

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Reservation Form

Tour : _____ **Code #:** _____ **from:** _____ **to :** _____

The Travelers (Last Name, First Name)	Male Female	Single room / or tent	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight	Special diets												
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Intern.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking			
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Special Diets: _____

Your fitness level: Excellent Moderate Poor How long have you been riding? _____

How often do you ride? _____ Have you been on other riding tours? No Yes last trip when? _____

If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local airport/station: I would like the transfer to be included: YES NO

In an emergency, name and phone number of contact: _____

Attention: Please, if there is more than one participant, all have to sign the reservation form - make copies if needed

With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and the Hidden Trails Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.

I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement at least 10 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) _____

Street _____ e-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Phone (wk) _____ (hm) _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Date _____ Signature (mandatory) 1. _____

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum \$ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before the travel date to my credit card.

For payments by VISA or Mastercard (no debit cards)

Cardholder: _____

Card # _____ 3 digit Security # _____

Exp. Date: _____ Signature _____

Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than mailing address):

I have enclosed a check for the deposit

Additional Signatures:

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up initial _____

No, we will provide our own initial _____

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