



FLYING HORSE RANCH

# The Cowboy Chronicle

## Welcome To Your Colorado Ranch Vacation

We invite you to join us at the Flying Horse Ranch for a genuine Rocky Mountain ranch vacation. Escape your fast-paced lifestyle into one that offers a leisurely pace within the serenity of the surrounding mountains. Outstanding service, superb staff, customized activities and gracious hospitality await you.

We at the Flying Horse Ranch are gearing up and excited for the new season! This year we welcome many changes and additions to our program.

We will be offering the following:

- All Inclusive Pricing
- Home Cooked Meals
- Monthly Community Events



The 10,000 square foot lodge presents opportunities for gathering with family and friends.

- 1/2 Day or shorter Trail Rides
- Hike or bike the Colorado Trail
- Visit our Petting Zoo
- Fish or boat around Horseshoe Lake
- Experience a Cattle Branding first hand
- White Water Rafting
- Enjoy horseshoes, volleyball or bocce ball
- Take a short drive to visit a natural hot springs in Buena Vista

## Enjoy our Home-Cooked Meals

The Flying Horse Ranch is excited to add our home cooked meals to enhance your stay.

Start your day with a satisfying continental breakfast while you plan your events for the day and then head out

with the lunch we pack for you.

After a fun filled day, step into the lodges seating area for games or relaxing in front of the fireplace. Buddy up to the western bar for your favorite refreshment before

we invite you to join us in our luxurious dining room to trade stories of your day with your new friends and family members. Retreat outdoors to the fire pit to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and gaze at the stars.

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## Calving Season is in Full Gear

The calves are arriving!

We are expecting 180 calves this year and have about 50 already on the ground.

## Exclusive Cattle Branding Packages

This year we are offering two weekends of Cattle Branding Packages. These packages include great home cooked meals, luxurious room accommodations and offer you the chance to experience first hand the method cowboys have used to take care of their herds from ancient times.

We invite both children and adults to join us to learn the skills of a cowboy and an age old tradition.

- Learn how to correctly swing a rope
- Help us gather and sort the cattle horseback
- Wrestle calves with the cowboys
- Help us vaccinate and brand the calves

Call us at 719-246-6419 to reserve your spot. Choose either May 20th thru 23rd or June 10th thru 13th.



## The History & Purpose of Branding Cattle

“Branding” was first seen as early as 2700 BC in ancient times. The people of that time would use hot rods to mark their caves or homes.

This eventually evolved into putting your brand or mark on your animals. You can find brands on cattle and horses and the purpose of branding is to prove ownership of lost or stolen animals.

An unbranded animal is called a “slick” and is almost impossible to legally identify and hard to place back in the correct owners.

Today there are two types of branding irons, either a hot brand or a freeze brand. With our cattle we use the hot brand.

Brands are typically placed on the cattle’s hip or shoulder area and it is the decision of the ranch as to where they place it. All cattle will have the brand in the same location.



Our best hand “Doc”

## Join us for a Scrapbooking/Stamping Weekend

May 6th thru 9th we are having our first scrapbooking/stamping retreat. Get away for the weekend and work on those projects you never have time to get to. Enjoy a presentation from either a Stampin Up consultant or a Creative Memories consultant or both. They will

be here on Saturday for a few hours to help give you ideas.

Find a cozy spot with one of your friends around our lodge to work on your projects. Meet new friends that love scrapbooking. Share fun stories and brag about your cute kids or animals.

Packages include home cooked meals but does not include horseback riding.

Please call Allison at 719-246-6419 to reserve your spot or email her at [alli@flyinghorseranch.com](mailto:alli@flyinghorseranch.com). Limited numbers of spots and this event is one

## History of the Flying Horse Ranch



The Wahl-Coleman Ranch better known now as the Flying Horse Ranch was originally removed from public domain in 1883 when Thomas Hyatt paid John McCall \$100.00 to relinquish his claim to the land. After many years and the property changing hands a few times, Albert Wahl from the Roggen area of Weld County purchased the property. Albert and his wife Ada lived on the ranch until their deaths in 1993.



The Coleman part of the name comes from Hylan and Mary Catherine Coleman. They started working at the ranch for the Wahl's in 1963 and since the Wahl's did not have any children, the Coleman's inherited the ranch upon their deaths.

During the time the Wahl's lived on the ranch, they focused on raising Hereford cattle and hay. Mr. Wahl erected many of the barn type structures that are still lo-

cated on the ranch today.

The Coleman's sold the ranch back to Park County as a working ranch with it's water rights intact when they decided they wanted to retire to Montana.



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### Visit Our Fish Camp

The Fish Camp consists of two 14' x 16' heavy duty canvas tents that each sleep four people. They are located at our Baker Lake.

Each tent is furnished with four oversized cots, tables and chairs, and wood burning stoves. Propane and Propane stoves are also provided.

Guests bring and cook their own food and enjoy the outdoor experience.

The use of the Fish Camp includes access to all of the Ranch's private water without needing a fishing license. If guests choose to fish the mile of Jefferson Creek that runs through the ranch you will need a license.

Baker Lake is a Fly Fishing only lake and we require that you use only barbless hooks. All ranch fishing is no use of live bait and Baker Lake is catch and release only.

Guests are also welcome to cast fish down at our very own Horseshoe Lake, located by the lodge. Horseshoe Lake has a two fish limit per day.

Visit our website or call us now to schedule the use of our tents.

Tents are set up from May 15th thru October 31st.

