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# Happy 100th, C Lazy U!

On its centennial, here are our 100 favorite things about the ranch. **BY GIGI RAGLAND**

**1** Scent of sagebrush, aka “cowboy perfume” **2.** Sizzling s’mores **3.** ● The scenic two-hour drive from Denver **4.** The Main L Lodge, built 70 years ago **5.** The 53 high peaks nearby **6.** 50 years of multigenerational family visits **7.** A 40-foot-high rock wall on the ranch ropes course **8.** The 35-foot-high “Leap of Faith” pole on the adventure ropes course **9.** Proximity to RMNP **10.** Petey, the Sicilian donkey **11.** All-day rides over 13 miles of trails **12.** The seven miles of private fishable water on and off the ranch **13.** A Gold Medal Orvis-endorsed fly fishing lodge **14.** Luxury summer spa tents suspended over the banks of Willow Creek **15.** The 8,500 acres of private land to roam **16.** 200 head of quarterhorses **17.** The freshly caught grilled rainbow trout **18.** The remodeled cabins made of beetle-kill pine **19.** The three-beat horse cantor



**20.** Hiking Mt. Baldy **21.** The morning and evening horse herd “jingle” (a guest favorite) **22.** The heated indoor riding arena **23.** The weekly guest “show-deo” **24.** The expert horsemanship program **25.** The summer cattle herding clinic **26.** The twice-daily horseback rides **27.** The horses for all levels **28.** The summer swimming pool **29.** The kiddie donkey cart rides **30.** Big Mike **31.** Post-hike hot tubbing **32.** Cross-country skiing on freshly groomed tracks **33.** Evening cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in the Main Lodge **34.** Zooming on the zipline **35.** Cinnamon-Vanilla Custard French Toast **36.** The first snowfall **37.** The evening lantern-lit winter ice hockey games **38.** Holiday season fireside hot chocolate **39.** The Christmas horse-drawn sleigh arrival of Santa **40.** Children Christmas caroling to parents **41.** Finessing the Sled Hill double-tube snow spin technique **42.** The winter sunset and full moon snowshoe **43.** Majestic Western landscape paintings **44.** Poolside lunches **45.** Lessons in mountain-biking **46.** Cabin chic decor **47.** Draft-horse winter sleigh rides **48.** Cardroom historic family photos **49.** Trimming the Christmas tree **50.** Hummingbirds **51.** Sipping straws made from hay **52.** Bald eagles **53.** Pine and blue spruce trees bordering cabins **54.** \$100 anniversary Boogie Bootlegger Cocktail **55.** Evening “kumbaya” moments near the hot tub fireplace **56.** Front porch rocker meadow views **57.** Colorful Pendleton blankets **58.** Shadows building and fading across the snowy winter landscape **59.** The first pop of green in spring **60.** The campfire branding ritual **61.** The partnership with Colorado Horse Rescue **62.** Kids carnival and talent show nights **63.** The “sandwich” horseback kids ride **64.** Barrel race? Oh, yes you can! **65.** Autumn aspen trees **66.** Coyote howls **67.** The snowmobile tours with Continental Divide views **68.** Mountain bike rides through pines and peaks **69.** Rocky Mountain-inspired cuisine served family style **70.** Plush guest robes **71.** The award-winning wine program **72.** “Cowboy” Dawn Cone **73.** Summer slopes blanketed in wildflowers **74.** Betsy **75.** Loaner cowboy boots **76.** The Fourth of July ranch parade **77.** Stargazing **78.** Cowboy copper tub spa soaks **79.** Homemade donuts **80.** The pronghorn antelope herd **81.** Prohibition-era cocktail-making classes **82.** Moose and elk **83.** Centennial celebration fireworks **84.** Tranquil Trails Massage **85.** Design-your-own family brand **86.** Unlimited second helpings at dinner **87.** Trains, Horses, and Wild West Stay Package **88.** Western music sing-alongs **89.** Woodsie cookout breakfasts **90.** The on-site horse whisperer **91.** Wine tastings in the new Adega Wine Room **92.** Cheerful, can-do employees **93.** Kids’ golden horseshoes **94.** The family morning horseback rides **95.** Inner cowgirl special retreats **96.** 29er mountain bikes **97.** The ice cream bar **98.** Archery **99.** The horse barn and tack room aromatherapy **100.** Western ranch heritage preservation **clazyu.com**

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