

**GETAWAY GOAL** 

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Colorado. I figured that horseback riding and fly-fishing in 8,500 acres of mountain scenery would give us time

After sneaking in our morning workouts, we convened at the ranch's weathered barn. Head wrangler Bill Fisher paired us greenhorns with easygoing horses that inspired our confidence, then we paraded into the open valley, where we chatted while basking in views of knifelike summits piercing the turquoise sky.

Fly-fishing at meandering Willow Creek filled our afternoon, Strapped into our waders, Ben and I occasionally exchanged smirks at how ridiculous we looked. As we waited for fish to bite, we passed the time with actual conversation. When a footlong fish gulped the grasshopper Ben had floated along the grassy bank, my hoots of glee matched his own. As we squeezed our faces together for a celebratory selfie, I felt a rush of our former selves, young and falling in love.

After dinner at the ranch house, with the sagebrush glowing in the setting sun, we sat on our cabin porch. With no phones or Internet readily available, we had each other's undivided attention, and we talked about our hankerings, made plans for upcoming holidays and laughed. Looking back on it now, I call it our family reunion.

-Kelly Bastone

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