



COLORADO'S PREMIER GUEST RANCH  
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## HORSEBACK RIDING AT THE C LAZY U RANCH

Our Riding program is designed for the safety and enjoyment of the horse and rider. The goal of the ranch is for each of our guests to have the best vacation of their life, and that starts with being injury free. The following is a brief listing of some of the rules that riders are asked to observe.

### *Safety Rules:*

1. Hats and scarves need to be secure on each rider. Ball caps may be worn, but a hat clip (available for purchase at our store, Louis' Old Place) must be worn, securing the rider's hat to a shirt collar. Cowboy hats must be equipped with a stampede string (also available for purchase at the store). *Please note that when hats or clothing are blown off they can easily spook the horses, causing an accident.*
2. All saddles have saddle bags attached to them. Riders are encouraged to bring rain coats and extra layers on trail rides. Please note that coats may not be worn around the waist when riding, nor can cameras be worn around the neck or wrist, but can be placed into the saddle bags, or (in the case of clothing) secured to the back the saddle. Additionally, the ranch provides guests with reusable water bottles which may also be put into saddle bags
3. Please do not smoke, take pictures, try to remove jackets or shirts, or drink from water bottles while you are mounted on your horse. Should you need to add or take off layers, notify your wrangler and they will help you dismount to do so. If you wish to take a picture, please ask your wrangler to stop and he/she will assist you.
4. Cell phones should be turned off and placed in a secure pocket or saddle bag. Making calls, while discouraged, is permissible only at break times when the rider is dismounted.
5. Halfway through your ride your wrangler will stop and let everyone dismount for a short break to stretch their legs, drink water, take pictures, etc. After dismounting, please untie any knots in your reins and let them fall freely to the ground.
6. For your safety and the safety of the horses, please stay out of the barn. If you need assistance at the barn, ask a wrangler to help.
7. Visiting the horses at the manger is not permitted- it can be dangerous. Please ask for a wrangler to assist you if you need something from your horse while it's tied at the rail.
8. Guests are not allowed to ride in the arenas or on trails without a wrangler or counselor.
9. Our horses are well fed and cared for. Please do not feed them because horses can get pushy when looking for treats. This, over time, becomes an unsafe situation.

## *Horsemanship:*

1. Equestrian activities can be dangerous and guests should use caution while riding. Please be alert and attentive to your horse at all times as horses can react quickly to many given situations.
2. When riding at a walk, always maintain at least a 1 horse distance between your horse and the horse in front of you. At a trot, maintain at least a 2 horse distance. At a lope/canter, maintain at least a 3 horse distance.
3. If you find yourself far behind the rest of your group it is permissible to catch up by going at a trot under sensible conditions (i.e. not downhill or on rocky ground). Holding your horse back so you can “go fast to catch up” is NEVER permitted- it's hard on the horses and teaches them to be pushy and dangerous.
4. Never pass the wrangler or other horses. Stay in line when going faster than a walk.
5. When the wrangler stops to open a gate, ride through slowly until all riders are through and then stop and wait for the wrangler to assume his or her position in the front.
6. Do not dismount during the ride without the wrangler's permission or knowledge. Call for assistance if you need it.
7. If you are uncomfortable with your horse, saddle or caliber of ride you have chosen, tell a wrangler and he or she will be happy to rectify the situation.

## *Types of Rides:*

1. **SLOW:** A scenic ride, for those who just want to admire the landscape or travel at a generally slower pace. They are generally shorter in length than other rides. On this ride you may make frequent stops for picture-taking if desired.
2. **MEDIUM:** A ride for those who have experience and are comfortable at a lope. You generally enjoy slower and shorter lopes on this ride than you would on a fast ride.
3. **FAST:** For the more experienced rider. Good fast, long lopes are offered when trail conditions permit, and a lot of ground is covered during the length of this ride.
4. **INSTRUCTION:** This is a learning, progressive ride, which is offered through Wednesday of the summer weeks. Riders start out at a walk then progress to a trot and lope. By Thursday, the rider may select a more advanced ride based on his or her confidence level.
5. **REFRESHER:** For riders that have trotted and cantered or loped before but want to be in a coached environment for a day or two before being on medium or fast rides.
6. **HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES:** Our complimentary classes are offered several days throughout the summer weeks. Great for riders of all abilities, each class is designed to share our concepts of the basic foundations of good horsemanship by focusing on understanding the nature of the horse in order to achieve good balance, feel, and technique. Visit the Outfitter's Cabin to reserve a place on the day (or days) of your choice, and get ready to start building a better relationship with your horse!
7. **CATTLE PUSHING:** If you've ever wanted to feel like a real cowboy and work with cattle C Lazy U gives you the chance to do just that! Ride out to the meadow with fellow guests and C Lazy U wranglers to collect and herd our cows. Individually you will be able to work on cutting cows out of the herd just like they do on big cattle ranches.
8. **ALL DAY RIDE:** The Thursday all day ride is a great adventure for the experienced rider. Guests who sign-up for this ride prepare their own lunches between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Patio House. At 9:00am the all-day ride is mounted first, to ensure a good start to the day. You can sign-up for this ride with the Head Wrangler or one of his Assistants.

Warning: Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities, pursuant to Section 13-21-120, Colorado Revised Statutes.

