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UST north of Granby in Grand County, C Lazy U offers an authentic dude ranch experience but instead of cowboy coffee and baked beans for dinner, guests can expect what the ranch calls signature Five-Spur Service, meaning there is espresso drinks at breakfast and expertly-prepared cuisine at meal times.

For those who want to be particularly social, the main lodge is the central gathering point for the ranch. Meals are served upstairs, but there is a bar downstairs as well as board games and the like for a tech-free evening.

As for activities, there are traditional ranch activities such as horseback riding (for those that feel the cold, there is a

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12,000-square-foot heated indoor arena, but they also head out onto the trails daily) and because C Lazy U is a working cattle ranch, seasoned riders and beginners with mettle can even get involved in a cattle drive. There are also plenty of other activities (including some that are winter-only) such as the Feed Wagon Sleigh which gives guests the opportunity to feed the ranch's 200 horses up close and learn about the herd dynamics when they are out to pasture. Other activities include winter trap shooting, snow tubing, sleigh rides, ice skating and hockey, snowmobiling and snowshoeing among other things. Then there is the Jingle. Each day you can watch the aforementioned 200 horses run out to pasture after daily trail

As for accommodations, C Lazy U has individual rooms and full private cabins, varying in size and décor but all within walking distance of the Main Lodge. Luxurious yet down-to-earth, rooms and cabins are as cozy as it comes with log fires, leather chairs and the like.

If you're in the market for a truly relaxing getaway, a trip to the spa is a must. Moving from its warmweather location next to the river, the menu essentially remains the same with facials, massages, wraps and all kinds of other relaxing and rejuvenating options.

Dining is an event at C Lazy U with meals being served community style. Sharing plates are brought to large tables and guests, who sit wherever there is space, are encouraged to mingle and get to know each other over generously proportioned and delicious meals.

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