

## Suggested Packing List

With your comfort, safety and enjoyment during your Western adventure in mind...  
Just four simple rules apply to apparel when horseback riding:

- No sneakers
- No chunky rubber soles
- No spurs
- Stampede string or chin strap for wide-brimmed hats

We rent chaps and chinks (short chaps) in the gift shop.

The Hideout Lodge & Guest Ranch is a year-round operation. Seasonal weather in Wyoming can be unpredictable, so it's best to be prepared. As they say, it's better to bring it and not need it, than to need it and not have it. Items flagged with an asterisk (\*) indicated more information noted below.

An important note for summer riding. Even though you may check the weather and it shows very hot temperatures in Shell, that weather is for the Shell Valley at 4,200 feet. In the summer season you will most likely be riding in the mountains (between 7,000-10,000 feet) where the weather can be quite unpredictable. If a mountain storm comes up it can turn a very warm summer day cold and rainy in a very short time. For that reason we tell our guests to always, even in the summer, bring a warm layer and a waterproof layer.

It can get quite hot during the summer in Wyoming, and spring and fall temperatures can get rather cool, sometimes even cold. Winter is cold and snowy. In general, bring clothing that can be layered.

### **What to Bring to The Hideout (year-round):**

- Camera
- Bathing suit (for hot tub year round and swimming pond in the summer)
- Lip balm (with sunscreen) and sunscreen
- Sunglasses

### **Spring, Summer and Fall (horseback riding season):**

- Headgear\*
  - Wide-brimmed hat (stampede string or chin strap mandatory)
  - Riding helmet, if desired
- Riding boots\*
- Rain slicker or waterproof rain coat (VERY IMPORTANT even in the summer)
- Warm coat, sweater or jacket (depending on the season, but always bring a warm layer)
- Comfortable riding jeans – we recommend Wranglers due to less-bulky inseams on legs. Also make sure your jeans are long enough that they will not bunch up and cause chafing while you are in the saddle.
- Chaps (for rental in our gift shop)
- Compression shorts and tall socks to prevent chaffing (for both women & men)
- Leather or warm gloves (very important so you don't sunburn your hands in the summer)
- Long-sleeved shirts for protection against high-altitude sun
- Long underwear or tights for warmth on cool days (Winter, Spring and Fall)
- Thermal socks (Winter, Spring and Fall)
- Clothing that can be layered

### **For your convenience, we supply:**

- Hair dryers, bathrobes and complimentary toiletry items in guest rooms
- Small saddle bag that goes over the saddle horn for your use (to carry water bottle, lunch, small camera, etc.)
- Complimentary water bottles
- We have complimentary laundry facilities with soap for exclusive use by our guests
- Iron and ironing board in guest rooms

### **For your convenience, we have available for purchase:**

- The Hideout Store & Gift Shop stocks many necessary Western wear items such as long sleeve Western shirts, scarves, gloves, stampede strings, rain slickers and hats. We do **not** sell jeans or boots.
- There are local Western stores with reasonable prices where it is possible to buy jeans and boots between \$60-200

### **Important Details**

- \*Helmets/Hats...
  - Due to the inherent risks of riding horses, we recommend that our guests wear a riding helmet. Riding helmets need to be professionally fitted; therefore, although The Hideout does have helmets to lend to our guests we cannot guarantee proper fit which is very important. Guests who choose to wear a riding helmet should bring their own. Wide-brimmed hats must to have a stampede string or chin strap so you don't have to dismount to retrieve your hat several times a day. Also flying hats can cause accidents and spook horses.
- \*Proper riding footwear...
  - For your safety, we cannot allow guests to ride in sneakers or otherwise unsuitable footwear. To minimize the risk of having one of your feet caught in a stirrup, we recommend that you ride in cowboy or riding boots. Leather boots with a shaft also provide more protection from the hard stirrup against your ankles. If you do not have cowboy boots, your boots should pull off easily (therefore, lace-up boots are NOT recommended). Footwear for riding should at least have:
    - Smooth leather/rubber soles
    - Heels

Leave the spurs at home. Our Hideout Horses are well-trained and willing, so you don't need spurs. Guests will not be allowed to wear spurs when riding.

Many of our guests ask about cocktail hour and dinner attire. While you are a guest at the ranch, jeans and button down shirts are the most commonly worn attire, but people do get cleaned up in the evening for cocktails and dinner. If you dress as if you were going to go to dinner at a casual sit-down restaurant you will be perfectly attired for the evening.