

Wilderness Adventure Pack Trips

6 Day Itinerary

West Range Cabin - Moosehorn Lake Tent Camp Horseback Vacation

(please note: there may be changes to the itinerary, this is to be used as an example only.)

DAY 1:

Arrive at the ranch in Brule at 8:30AM. This is a short 20 minute drive from your hotel in Hinton. After introductions we will load your gear on the packhorses, and then you will get to meet your trusty saddle horse. You can put your lunch in one of the saddlebags and there will be room in the other for your camera, gloves etc. After you mount your horse your stirrups will be adjusted for your comfort and we will give you some instruction on riding do's and don'ts on the trail for your safety. When everyone has been mounted and ready we begin our ride. The packhorses will go ahead and you will follow behind. It takes a few miles of riding to get away from civilization as we make our way through a few gates and away from cars and the railroad. After we cross Solomon Creek we find an old trail and follow it up to the picturesque lunch stop high up the creek with a fantastic view of the Rocky Mountains. After an hour or so for lunch we will once again mount our horses and continue our way up through a spruce and aspen forest with glimpses of the rocky mountains through the trees. We arrive at West Range approx. 4:30 - 5:00 PM. The wranglers will unload all of the gear and you will be shown to your cabin where you will stow your gear for the night. Refreshments will be ready shortly in the dining lodge where you are welcome any time. Dinner will be served at 6:00PM. There are several enjoyable short hikes in the evening and a blazing campfire will bring your first day to an end.

DAY 2:

Wake up to the beautiful smell of fresh mountain air. Breakfast at 8:30 am. After breakfast you will mount your trusty horse for another beautiful day of riding. Today we will ride up to the top of Paradise Ridge a fantastic high mountain ride where the trail is steep and has several switchbacks. Once on top you will see views you only dream about. Here we will have lunch and enjoy the magnificent views just relaxing in the noon day sun. Make sure to bring plenty of film. After a relaxing lunch we begin our descent back down to the valley floor. You will have to walk down in certain spots, too steep to ride down. You will ride approximately 5 hours today. You will arrive back in camp with time to relax before dinner at 6pm. After dinner you may want to enjoy a short hike before relaxing around the campfire to end the day.

DAY 3:

Breakfast is served at 8:00AM in the dining lodge. Pancakes, bacon, eggs, and cereal are served along with lots of coffee to start your day. You should have your duffle packed and ready shortly after breakfast to be packed back on the packhorses. We ride up into the headwaters of Solomon Creek then over a high pass to drop into the headwaters of the South Fork of the Wild Hay River and the Moosehorn Lakes valley. Today's ride is about 6 hours over some rugged terrain, so camp is a welcome site arriving about 5PM. After the packhorses are unloaded, you can take your gear and set up your tent. Supper is served about 6:30 PM, then you may want to try your luck fishing in the lake or take a walk along the shoreline. The campfire is again a welcome site after a long day in the saddle.

DAY 4:

This is a layover day, breakfast can be a little later and the days more relaxed as we will not have the packhorses with us. We will stay in this same camp for three nights riding up into the high country above timberline along Jasper National Parks north boundary. Possible sightings of Bighorn Sheep, Goats, Mule Deer and Moose in this beautiful area.

DAY 5:

Early breakfast as we have to pack up our gear today and return back to the comforts of the heated cabin at West Range.

DAY 6:

A relaxing ride down Solomon Creek Valley to the Athabasca River and the home ranch in Brule. Should arrive approx. 3PM when you have to say goodbye to your trusty saddlehorse. This concludes your Horseback Adventure, but you will be left with a lifetime of wonderful memories or until you join us again on your next ride into the Mountains Beyond.