

COWBOY EXPERIENCE GUIDEBOOK ENTRIES

As of February 8, 2007

Venue: A & C Ranch Services, Fort McLeod

Proprietor: Allan & Chris Brown

Website: www.albertahorseranch.com

E-mail: info@albertahorseranch.com

Phone: (780) 847-2670

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Guidebook Descriptor: We are a well-established horse training facility, with many years of experience. We train horses for many purposes. Every morning you will get to see 30 to 40 horses come in for the day. Most any day you will see the progress as a colt is started in the round pen another is worked in the arena and another is moved out on the trails. The day usually progress with a 2 to 3 hour ride before lunch and then a different group of colts after lunch. Accommodation is available in our home or in two rustic cabins nestled in the hills. Picture perfect, early morning starts, long days in the saddle and the thrill of the cattle drive every spring and fall.

Doing, Learning Ranching

Venue: Airdrie Rodeo Ranch, Airdrie

Website: <http://www.airdrieprodeorodeo.net>

Phone: (403) 948-2096

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting**

Times: July 2, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Come on out for a first hand look at what really happens on a cattle ranch. Airdrie's Ranchhand's Competition is an amateur event with 12 teams of 4 members each competing in the following 5 events: Cattle Penning, Doctoring, Sorting, Loading & Branding. Your admission to this event also includes your admission to the Pro Rodeo Saturday evening.

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: June 28 – July 2, 2006

Reservations: Call (403) 948-0512 for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Airdrie Pro Rodeo offers an exciting weekend of action featuring all rodeo events from bareback riding to steer wrestling. Admission to the Ranchhand's Competition includes admission to the rodeo Saturday evening.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: July long weekend, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: The July long weekend in Airdrie includes Pro Chuckwagon Racing. Get in on the action as thoroughbred race horses pull their wagons around the track in record time.

Seeing Cowhorse Sorting, Rodeo & Chuckwagon Racing

Venue: Alberta Boot Co, Calgary

Proprietors: Tim Gerwing

Website: <http://albertaboot.com/>

Email: sales@albertaboot.com

Phone: (403) 263-4608

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: Monday to Saturday 9 am – 6 pm, call for extended hours or tours

Guidebook Descriptor: A Factory and Retail Outlet - As Alberta's only western boot-maker, Alberta Boot Company is proud of their boots and enjoys a solid reputation built on quality products and excellent service, but what really sets Alberta Boot apart from the competition is that they actually manufacture the boots 'right on the premises' at their location in downtown Calgary.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Alberta Outdoor Adventures Inc., Calgary

Proprietors: Isabelle Guilbault

Website: <http://www.albertaoutdooradventures.com/>

Phone: (403) 250-1051

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: late May - Sept

Experience length: Hourly – multi-day trips

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Travel by horseback over some of the most spectacular scenery in the world.

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions, Stettler

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.absteamtrain.com>

Phone: 1 800 282-3994
(403) 742-2811

Experience Category: **Historical & Lore** (Steam Train Trip)

Times: May – October with special trips in December

Experience length: 5 – 6 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: call for availability

Guidebook Descriptor: Alberta Prairie offers an exciting one-day adventure on board a real steam or diesel-powered train. Different themes are enacted throughout the season. All excursions include a full course buffet meal, which is included in the fare, on board entertainment and maybe even a train robbery.

Experience Category: **Historical & Lore** (Alberta Prairie Wagon Train Adventure)

Times: call for dates

Experience length: 3 day package

Experience/
Age Requirements: Must be over the age of 14

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: call for availability

Guidebook Descriptor: Join us on a 3-day wagon train adventure along historic rail rights-of-way in Central Alberta. Trips cover approximately 20 miles. You'll be an old hand on the lines by the end of the trek.

Seeing, Doing Historical & Lore

Venue: Alberta Rocky Mountain Trail Adventures Inc., Lethbridge

Proprietors: Larry Ober, Leanne White, Fred Minor

Website: <http://www.albertatrailrides.ca/>

Phone: (403) 553-4787
1 877 484-4078

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: July 1 – early September

Experience length: 1, 2, half & full day rides

Experience/

Age Requirements: Family oriented, children 8 & under, one & two hour rides only

Reservations: Recommended, but not required

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Overnight Pack Trips**

Times: July 1 – early September

Experience length: weekend – 10 day trips

Experience/

Age Requirements: Family oriented, children 6 & under, one & two hour rides only

Reservations: Recommended, but not required

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Experience the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains in the high country of the Livingston Range. Ride along crystal clear mountain streams, through high alpine meadows, and mountain passes with family and friends. Breathe in the pine scented mountain air. In the evening just sit back and feel the calm quiet of the tall stately pines.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Riding, Pack Trips

Venue: Alpine Outfitting, Jasper

Proprietors: Gerald Ward

Website: <http://www.alpineguiding.com>

Phone: (780) 852-0282

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June - Oct

Experience length: up to 14 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: 5 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 6

Guidebook Descriptor: Exclusive Backcountry Horse Trips and Horse Assisted Hiking Trips in the Jasper area. Join us on a scenic vacation, around the Wilmore Wilderness area, custom-designed for your family or small group. A one night overnight trip is also offered for those who would like to enjoy a pack trip without making a huge time commitment.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: April - October

Experience length: up to 5 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: 4 years & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 8

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy a wonderful trail ride in the beautiful rocky mountains. We travel at a walking pace so that you can enjoy all of the beautiful scenery around you.

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: Alpine Stables Ltd./Blue Ridge Outfitters, Waterton Lakes National Park

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.alpinestables.com/>

Phone: (403) 859-2462
(403) 653-2449 off season

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - September

Experience length: 2 hours - overnight

Experience/
Age Requirements: minimum age is 4 years old

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 people to large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: See lots of wildlife, alpine habitat, wildflowers galore, meander through wooded trails or climb to the tops of the mountains in the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park on a good horse.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: May - September

Experience length: 2 day – 6 day

Experience/
Age Requirements: medium to large groups

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 people to large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Come to southwestern Alberta's Mill Valley for the horse packing, camping and mountain-top experience of a lifetime. We'll fill the paniers, load them on the pack horses, mount up and head up the valley for an adventure of a lifetime!

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: Anchor D Guiding & Outfitting Ltd., Black Diamond

Proprietors: Dewy & Jan Mathews
Website: <http://www.anchor-d.com/>
Phone: (403) 933-2867
Fax: (403) 933-2255

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: April - October

Experience length: 2 hours – full day

Experience/

Age Requirements: 6 years and over, no experience necessary

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: Groups of 2 to 12, unless corporate function

Guidebook Descriptor: Join us for two-hours or three hours (half day) of horseback riding in the high ridges around the Ranch and in Kananaskis Country. Wind your way up to the top of a ridge, and along scenic trails, where you can capture magnificent views of the Rockies on one side, and the foothills and prairies on the other; or cross the Sheep River to explore even more incredible country, before winding your way back to the Ranch.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June 1 – mid-September

Experience length: 3 – 7 days

Experience/

Age Requirements: call to discuss – some trips for experienced riders

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: Groups of 2 to 12, unless corporate function

Guidebook Descriptor: Come with us and take a horseback riding adventure into the high and rugged country of the Canadian Rockies west of Calgary. Wind your way along crystal clear mountain streams, through high alpine meadows, and over mountain passes with your trusty four-legged friend. Relax by the campfire in the evenings, and when you're ready, your accommodation will be a comfortable, spacious tent with cots and foamies to sleep on. Wake up to the smell of coffee and frying bacon, to start your day all over again.

Doing Trail Rides, Pack Trips

Venue Name: Anderson Valley Ranch, Water Valley

Proprietors: Linda & Bob Anderson

Website: <http://www.andersonriding.com/>

Phone: (403) 637-3737

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May – Oct (weather permitting)

Experience length: 1, 1 ½, & 2 hour rides

Experience/None required
Age Requirements: 9 years & up, or inquire

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 6 – 10 people preferred

Guidebook Descriptor: Escape city life and retreat into the quietness of Anderson Valley Ranch by the Little Red Deer River. Ride over several hundreds of acres of forest and pasture land. Family campground is available.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding Lessons)

Times:

Experience length: 1, 1 ½, & 2 hour rides

Experience/
Age Requirements: 9 years & up or inquire

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: individual – small groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Rides are instruction based and range from 1 to 3 hours and include walking, trotting, and cantering where the terrain allows to do so safely. We will teach you according to your existing skill level, whether you are a seasoned rider or a beginner. We also offer horse-drawn hayrides, sleigh rides, parent lead walks to introduce children to riding, stagecoach rides, and barn dancing.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Rides
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Art on The Range, Caroline

Website: www.artontherange.com
Email: info@artontherange.com
Phone: (403) 722-3308

Experience Category: **Artistic**

Times: Thursday – Sunday noon– 5 pm

Guidebook Descriptor: ,,,,,,,*time to leave the pavement and head for the trees...*

Featuring western and wildlife Limited Edition Bronze sculptures by Crystal Mossing-Mascaro, plus western and wildlife themed artwork, and home and garden décor. Come in and experience a real working artists studio. Commissioned bronze sculptures and memorial bronze plaques. There are also art and craft workshops for kids and adults. A cozy log cabin bed and bale with private bathroom, kitchenette, hot tub, fire pit, corral and shelter for your horse or ATV and lots of riding/quad trails, close to fishing. Call ahead for reservations. Open Spring of 2006. Can be used as an artist retreat.

Seeing, Learning Artistic

Venue: Bar U Ranch National Historic Site, Longview

Proprietors: Parks Canada (contact: David Poulsen)
Website: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/ab/baru>
Phone: (403) 395-2110
1 800 568-4996

Experience Category: **Historical & Lore**

Times: May 28 – October 9

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: none required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: The Bar U Ranch National Historic Site, established in 1882, was one of the foremost ranching operations in Canada. Situated along Pekisko Creek, the ranch today consists of 35 historic structures and uses a living history approach to present a look at traditional ranching. Spend time at round-up camp learning about the cowboys who lived and worked on the Bar U. Enjoy cowboy music and poetry and try your hand at campfire cooking. Head over to the blacksmith shop where you'll see a blacksmith in action – hand-forging horseshoes and tools. Wander down to the horsebarn and visit with the resident animals or climb aboard the wagon and take a leisurely ride over the creek and through the ranchsite.

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Times: May 28, 2006

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: none required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Ten teams of two blacksmiths take to the forge and anvil as they vie for Bar U supremacy.

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Ranch Horse Competition)

Times: June 11, 2006

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: none required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Ranch Horse Competition--Riders and their mounts are put to the test as they tackle the everyday tasks of the working cowboy and the ranch horse.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Polo)

Times: July 30, 2006

Experience length: 2 – 4 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: none required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Polo once again takes centre stage on the Bar U Ranch historic polo field. This year marks the 102nd anniversary of the first Bar U polo match and features traditional and cowboy polo.

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Ranch Rodeo)

Times: August 18, 2006

Experience length: 3 – 4 hours

Experience/

Age Requirements: none

Reservations: none required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Ranch teams from Alberta and beyond go head to head in a competition based on the everyday challenges that have faced ranchers from the beginning. Sorting, branding, doctoring and roping are among the skills that are put to the test on this--the most popular day of the Bar U season.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Chore Horse Competition)

Times: Sept 19, 2006

Experience length: 2 – 3 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: none required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: It's the big guys' turn. It's fitting that on a ranch that was famous for its heavy (Percheron) horses, a day is set aside for teamsters and their teams of horses to perform the traditional tasks (loading, docking, harnessing and unharnessing among them) in a race against your opponents and the clock.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes

Seeing Smithing, Ranching, Horsemanship, Historical & Lore

Venue: Barrhead Agricultural Society Grounds, Barrhead

Website: www.town.barrhead.ab.ca

Phone: (780) 674-3301

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: September 14-17, 2006 (Wildrose Rodeo Association Finals)

Reservations: Tickets (780) 674-2121

Guidebook Descriptor: The Wildrose Rodeo Association (WRA) proudly looks forward to showcasing its top rodeo athletes, and top stock during the third weekend in September in Barrhead, Alberta. Barrhead in cooperation with the Barrhead Ag Society proves to be an excellent host for this WRA event where the best rodeo athletes vie for the coveted WRA Championship titles.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Barrier Mountain Outfitters, Sundre

Proprietors: Adrian Johnson

Phone: (403) 507-9755

Experience Category: **Trail Riding (& Camping)**

Times: May - Sept

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: 8 years if our horses

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: small & large groups – up to 30 people depending on accommodation requirements (your horses preferred though with notice, Barrier Mountain Outfitters can provide horses as well)

Guidebook Descriptor: Trail Ride through the rugged foothills west of Sundre where the Panther and Red Deer Rivers meet. Experience a wide variety of mountain and forest wildlife as you get a taste of the majestic outdoor landscape of west central Alberta. Accommodation: 3 log cabins and a bunkhouse as well as room for campers, motor homes, etc.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Bashaw Agricultural Grounds, Bashaw, Alberta

Website: <http://www.townofbashaw.com/events>

Phone: (780) 372-2291

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: June 9 – 11, 2006 (Central Alberta Association Rodeo)
Aug 18 - 20, 2006 (Canadian Youth Rodeo)

Reservations: Dave & Audra Shields (403) 851-7772

Guidebook Descriptor: The one-day rodeo has now “bucked” into an action packed two day rodeo. This is a CARA sanctioned rodeo with over 25 bull riders alone, saddle bronc and barrel racing, bareback are always a full schedule.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: June 9 & 10, 2006 6 PM and June 11, 2006 4 PM

Guidebook Descriptor: The All Pro Canadian Chuckwagon and Chariot Association pony and chariots will be coming round the home stretch, wheels afire, 4 abreast.

Experience Category: **Musical**

Times: December 1, 2006, Cowboy Christmas (with cowboy entertainment)

Reservations: Jan @ (780) 372-2291, call for confirmed dates/prices

Times: May 19-21, 2006, Bashaw Festival of Stars

Reservations: Ron & Penny @ (780) 372-3087 or email: pennyandron@hotmail.com

Guidebook Descriptor: Festival of Stars. The Music Lovin' 6 Of Alberta Foundation are proud to host our 3rd annual Festival of Stars. Country, Bluegrass, and Gospel Music showcasing Alberta Talent.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: December 3, 2006 Christmas in the Country Craft Show and Sale (main hall @ the Ag Grounds)

Reservations: Jan @780-372-229

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing
Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Bates Bar J Ranch, Cochrane

Proprietors: Randy & Kathy Bates

Website: <http://www.batesbarj.com>

Phone: (403) 637-2199

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Youth Riding Camps)

Times: July & August

Experience length: week long camps

Experience/

Age Requirements: 8 – 15 years

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: see website/call for details

Guidebook Descriptor: Boys and girls participate in real ranch life featuring horseback riding. They are taught riding, grooming, feeding and care of horses. Proper use and maintenance of tack and rigging is also included. The program also includes swimming in a natural pool in the creek, fishing, games, campfires, crafts, wagon rides, trampoline and a Friday night dance.

Seeing, Doing & Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Baur Water Valley Game Ranch, Water Valley – Working Cattle Ranch

Proprietors: Hermann Baur
Phone: (403) 932-2205 (403) 860-4478 cell
Email: hjbaur@telusplanet.net

Experience Category: **Trail Riding** (Adventure Packages with horses)

Times: May - Sept

Experience length: full day to 3 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 4 – 8 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride reliable ranch horses through your choice of terrain... rugged mountains and foothills in Kananaskis Country or rolling, treed foothills along the Cowboy Trail west of Cochrane.

Accommodation: Ranchhouse accommodation (4 rooms) as well as motor home accommodation (2 motor homes) when out on an overnight trail ride. Deutsch/German spoken.

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Bearberry Community Hall, Bearberry

Website: www.bearberrycommunity.com
Email: msiinc@telusplanet.net
Phone: Kathie Morris 403-638-2278 or Marlene Mitzel 403-638-2834

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: September 9, 2006 - 2 PM

Guidebook Descriptor: Bearberry Horseback Poker Rally & Steak Fry where everybody is welcome, kids included!

Experience Category: **Cooking**

Times: September 9, 2006

Guidebook Descriptor: Bearberry Horseback Poker Rally & Steak Fry where everybody is welcome, kids included!

Seeing Horsemanship
Doing Cooking

Venue: Bent Creek Western Vacations, Fort MacLeod

Proprietors: Gerry & Kathy Karchuk
Website: <http://www.bentcreek.ca>
Phone: 1 866 553 3974 Toll Free
(403) 553 3974
Email: cowboss@bentcreek.ca

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: June - September

Experience length: ½ day & full day rides, twice daily 2.5 hr lessons
Clinics scheduled in July & August

Experience/
Age Requirements: minimum age recommended: 14 years
Novice – experienced riders

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 8

Guidebook Descriptor: Experience horse/human communication in simple, easy to understand steps.

Experience Category: **Ranching (Cattle Handling)**

Times: June - September

Experience length: Cattle moves would be all day events; clinics in July & August

Experience/

Age Requirements: minimum age recommended: 14 years
Novice – experienced riders

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 8

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn numerous heading and healing roping techniques. We'll see how different roping techniques or loops are beneficial in different situations. Try techniques real ranch cowboys use to catch and doctor cattle in a low stress and humane way. Proper handling of cattle on the open range or in the feedlot is an art. Experience the western pride of good horsemanship and low stress cattle handling techniques.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: June - September

Experience length: ½ day & full day rides??
Trail Riding/Pack Horse Clinic in late June

Experience/
Age Requirements: minimum age recommended: 14 years
Novice – experienced riders

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 8

Guidebook Descriptor: Experience horse/human communication in simple, easy to understand steps. Ride the river valley and the Porcupine Hills enjoying magnificent mountain scenery. Western hospitality at its finest. Home cooked meals; Camp fires by the river.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes – a horsemanship book

Seeing, Doing & Learning Horsemanship
Seeing, Doing Ranching
Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Bent River Ranch Adventures, Drayton Valley (Working Ranch)

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.bentriverranch.com/>

Phone: (780) 727-4378

Email: info@bentriverranch.com or lawood2@telus.net

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - Oct

Experience length: 2 hours & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy the combination of river, trees, hills and mountains as you ride across the foothills of the historic Bent River Ranch west of Drayton Valley. Our horses or yours.

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: May - Oct

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Bent River Ranch is a 5th generation historic working ranch located on the banks of the Pembina River in west central Alberta. Be a part of the history and the future of this 5th Generation Ranch with Bison, Cattle and Horse herds. The experiences are many and the home cooked meals are unforgettable.

Experience Category: **Roping**

Times: May - Oct

Experience length: 1 hour & up
Experience/

Age Requirements:

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Head to Pembina River country to our working cattle, horse and bison ranch and learn the basics of roping.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding Lessons)

Times: May - Oct

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Come to Bent River Ranch and learn to ride from skilled, experienced instructors. Arena available.

Doing Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship, Roping
Seeing, Doing Ranching

Venue: Black Cat Guest Ranch, Hinton

Proprietors: Amber & Perry Hayward, Hilary Shannon

Website: <http://www.blackcatguestranch.ca>

Phone: 1 800 859-6840

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: mid-May - mid-October

Experience length: 1.5 – 6 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: minimum age 8 years

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride through the rugged and beautiful country west of Hinton. Pass through unique natural meadows, view wildlife and enjoy the serenity of Alberta's mountain terrain.

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Black Diamond Main Street, Black Diamond

Website: www.diamondvalleychamber.com

Email:

Experience Category: **Cooking** (Annual Cowboy Trail Chili Cookoff)

Times: September 16, 2006

Reservations: 1-877-933-4944 Black Diamond Merchant Association

Guidebook Descriptor: Cowboy trail merchants battle for best recipe. Free samples, entertainment, combined with in-store and sidewalk specials.

Seeing or Doing Cooking

Venue: Blackland Ranch, Fort Saskatchewan

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.blacklandranch.com>

Phone: (780) 998-2892

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (4-H, various clinics)

Times: Call/check website for dates

Experience length: 2 days & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: call for details

Numbers/Availability: up to 1000 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Blackland Ranch is a multi-use equine event centre which hosts a wide variety of western events; it is located 10 minutes northeast of Fort Saskatchewan.

Experience Category: **Roping** (Team Roping)

Times: Call/check website for dates

Experience length: 2 days & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: call for details

Numbers/Availability: up to 1000 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Blackland Ranch is a multi-use equine event centre which hosts a wide variety of western events; it is located 10 minutes northeast of Fort Saskatchewan.

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting** (Cutting, Team Penning, Working Cowhorse)

Times: Call/check website for dates

Experience length: 2 days & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: call for details

Numbers/Availability: up to 1000 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Blackland Ranch is a multi-use equine event centre which hosts a wide variety of western events; it is located 10 minutes northeast of Fort Saskatchewan.

Seeing Horsemanship, Roping & Cowhorse Sorting

Venue: Bonnyville Pro Rodeo Grounds, Bonnyville

Website: <http://www.town.bonnyville.ab.ca/keepinginformed/events>

Phone: (780) 826-3240

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Bonnyville Pro Rodeo)

Times: May 26 – 28, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Join the crowd heading to the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo the last weekend in May – all major rodeo events offered up including bareback, bronc and bull riding, barrel racing, tie down roping and steer wrestling.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Boundary Ranch, Kananaskis Village

Website: <http://www.boundaryranch.com>

Phone: (403) 591-7171

Experience Category: **Trail Rides**

Times: May - September

Experience length: 1 hour - full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 years and up

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Min number required for rides over 1 hour; inquire for more info.
Guidebook Descriptor: Ride the Canadian Rockies in the backcountry surrounding Boundary Ranch. Some of the most spectacular and scenic trails in Alberta are right here for all to enjoy. The trails provide great scenic shots as well as the opportunity of spotting deer, moose and elk!

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: July & August

Experience length: 2 days/1 night – 6 day/5 nights

Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 years and up

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Min number required for rides over 1 hour; inquire for more info.

Guidebook Descriptor: Experience the wonder of Kananaskis Country, 4200 square kilometres of towering peaks, high mountain lakes and alpine meadows in the heart of the Alberta Rockies. Every day is a once in a lifetime experience.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips (Clinic)**

Times: Apr 23 – 29, 2006

Experience length: 7 day program

Experience/
Age Requirements: mature students

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Call for numbers

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn to guide and pack in a mountain environment like no other. With over 70 years of experience, we will teach you everything you need to know about horse packing, camp set-up and travel by horse back in a mountain setting.

Doing Trail Rides
Doing, Learning Pack Trips

Venue: Bradley's Western Wear & Saddlery, High River

Proprietor: Bruce Stephenson
Phone: (403) 652-2504

Experience Category **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Western clothing, fashion accessories, jewellery, cowboy hats, boots and many other items are available for men, women and children.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Brent Eamor Leather Works, Black Diamond

Proprietor: Brent Eamor
Website: www.soxcadesign.com/eamor
Phone: (403) 933-7730

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: Brent has been working with design and construction of saddles and tack since 1967. His father, Felmer Eamor, opened his custom saddlery & tack business in the early 1940's in High River Alberta. The business went through a number of transitions with each change seeing saddle and tack production being marketed in increasing quantities to meet demand. Brent was one of the fortunate few to learn the business from his father, an icon in the Canadian western saddlery and tack business. He is the only Canadian to be inducted into the Saddlemakers Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Seeing Smithing

**Venue: Brewster Lake Louise Stables & Cowboy's Barbecue & Dance Barn,
Banff**

Proprietors: Kevin Stanton
Website: <http://www.brewsterlakelouisestables.com>
Phone: 1 800 691-5085
(403) 762-5454

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - October

Experience length: hourly - full day trips

Experience/

Age Requirements: rider minimum 52" tall

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: varied groups

Guidebook Descriptor: For a look at Banff & Canmore area history, join Lake Louise Stables for an up-close look at some of the most famous views in the world; rides include lake, valley & teahouse destinations. Sleighrides are offered in the winter months. See website for details

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western themed celebration)

Times: May - October

Experience length: hourly - full day trips

Experience/

Age Requirements: varies

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: varied groups

Guidebook Descriptor: A Western Barbecue at the Brewster Cowboy's Barbecue and Dance Barn is the ideal event for incentive groups, corporate and special private functions. Built in 1996, in honour of the Brewster Cowboys from over 100 years ago, the Dance Barn provides authentic Western atmosphere and entertainment. Our reputation for quality food, service and rustic western facilities make for an unforgettable Western Canadian experience. Several entertainment options also available including western bands, horseback riding, gunfighter's show, line-dancing & hayrides. Check website for details.

Doing Trail Riding

Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Brewster Mountain Pack Trains, Canmore

Proprietors: Kevin Stanton

Website: <http://www.brewstermountainpacktrains.com>

Phone: 1 800 691-5085

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 2, 4 or 6 days

Experience/

Age Requirements: rider minimum 52" tall

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: varied groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Join us for a pack trip in the Bow Valley area west of Calgary. Travel through some of the most spectacular areas of the Rockies, where seeing is definitely believing! Climb to some high elevations on trails that are well kept switchbacks up and over the Yamnuska Mountain on the border of Banff National Park. Pack trip guests will also cross some streams and travel through wooded areas.

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Meadow Creek Working Ranch Holiday)

Times: May - October

Experience length: 1 week

Experience/

Age Requirements: rider minimum 52" tall
Should be an intermediate rider

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: varied groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Guests have the opportunity to experience the 'Cowboy Way of Life' helping to move cattle, repair fence and cook up a cowboy breakfast. Guests stay in unique comfortable cabins and see the breath taking sunrise on the majestic Devils Head and Black Rock Mountains. The terrain is varied as is the pace, but most of the riding is done at a walk or a trot.

Seeing, Doing Ranching

Doing Pack Trips

Venue: Brown Creek Ranch Vacations (Working Cattle Ranch), Claresholm

Proprietors: Shaunere & Brian Lane

Website: <http://www.browncreekranchvacations.com>

Phone: (403) 625-4032

Email: shaunere@telus.net

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Cowgirl Package)

Times: April - October

Experience length: 2 days & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: 12 & up
Perfect for girlfriends, mom & daughter

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 2 – 4

Guidebook Descriptor: Here's a Cowgirl holiday that offers experiences ranging from sunny summer days in the saddle working with cattle to being completely pampered and having the time to relax and "catch up" with some friends. This package includes log cabin accommodation, riding, cattle work and daily ranch activities. After a day in the saddle, relax with a glass of champagne and scented candles. To add to this special time away with the girls, head to town for a Cowgirl shopping trip and a "real" afternoon tea for a completely perfect day.

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: year round

Experience length: 2 days & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: 12 & up

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 1 - 4

Guidebook Descriptor: Spend time at our southwestern Alberta cattle ranch doing things the old west way. Ride through the scenic Porcupine Hills which surround the ranch, participate in a cattle drive or just relax on the porch of your cabin.

EARN YOUR SPURS

Yes

Prize

Yes

B & B night for 2 adults or something else such as a book

Seeing, Doing Ranching

Venue: Bruce Stampede Grounds, Bruce

Website: <http://www.brucestampede.ca>

Phone: (780) 663-3730

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (93rd Annual Bruce Stampede)

Times: Sunday, July 30, 2006

Guidebook Descriptor: The oldest and largest one-day rodeo in Canada is the Annual Bruce Stampede!

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Buffalo Hills Art Gallery, Arrowood

Proprietors: Gordon Zahursky
Web site: www.buffalohillspartography.com
Email: zahursky@wildrose.net
Phone: (403) 534-3772

Experience Category: **Artistic**

Guidebook Descriptor: Visit this unique prairie gallery. Located ½ mile south of the village of Arrowood this gallery is home to works by many artists. Features Gordon Zahursky's own bronze castings.

Seeing Artistic

Venue: Buffalo Jump Canyon Ranch, Huxley

Proprietors: Stan & Debbie Andrus
Website: <http://www.buffalojumpranch.com/>
Phone: (403) 442-2277

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times:

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations:

Numbers/Availability: Minimum 2 riders; group rate offered for group of 10 or more

Guidebook Descriptor: Trail ride through Dry Island Buffalo Jump Provincial Park, a natural reserve of forest, canyon and mesas covered in Buffalo grass and home to Canada's most extensive dinosaur fossil fields as well as one of the highest and most dramatic bison jump sites in Alberta.

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: C-R Trails, Sundre

Proprietors: Carman Michel
Website: <http://www.crtrails.com/>
Phone: (403) 350-4169

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - Oct

Experience length: 2 days & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 2 – 6 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Take horseback rides on beautifully secluded mountain trails on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains in the Sundre area. Let the breathtaking scenery calm you as you enjoy cowboy cooking, campfires and fresh mountain air.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Calgary Exhibition & Stampede, Calgary

Website: <http://www.stampedeagriculture.com/>
Phone: Toll Free: 1-800-661-1260

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: April 19 - 21, 2007

Reservations: recommended (part of Roughstock)

Guidebook Descriptor: Six major events – Bareback, Bull Riding, Ladies Barrel Racing, Saddle Bronc, Steer Wrestling and Tie-Down Roping are the backbone of the Rodeo Royale.

Experience Category: **Artistic**

Times: April, 2007

Reservations: part of Stampede admission

Guidebook Descriptor: Roughstock Art Corral show will serve as an introduction for those collectors just discovering western art, as well as fulfilling the needs of established collectors. Affordable quality original art will be available as well as

photographic prints, limited issue giclée and numbered reproductions, artisan pieces and 'Quick Draw' original works.

Experience Category: **Smithing** (blacksmithing)

Times: April 19 - 21, 2007

Reservations: part of Roughstock admission

Guidebook Descriptor: Come on out and cheer on your favourite competitor as they vie for a place on the Canadian Team and fight fire with fire in an attempt to take home the coveted Canadian Champion Silver Buckle. The Canadian Horseshoeing Championships provides a valuable venue for showcasing the farrier industry to the public and developing competitive Canadian talent.

Experience Category: **Cowhorse sorting** (Team Penning)

Times: April 19 - 21, 2007

Reservations: part of Roughstock admission

Guidebook Descriptor: Team penning: Watch a race against the clock of rider and horse versus the herd instincts of cattle. A team of 3 riders must sort and pen 3 head of cattle from the herd in 60 seconds or less.

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: July 7 – 16, 2006

Reservations: recommended

Guidebook Descriptor: Six major events – Bareback, Bull Riding, Ladies Barrel Racing, Saddle Bronc, Steer Wrestling and Tie-Down Roping are the backbone of the Stampede Rodeo. Add in Novice Bareback, Novice Saddle Bronc, Junior Steer Riding and Wild Pony Racing for the youngsters. See your favourite rodeo athletes for a total of eight days prior to Wildcard Saturday and Showdown Sunday.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: July 7 – 16, 2006

Reservations: recommended

Guidebook Descriptor: The klaxon blares, and they're off. A blur of canvas and poles fly across the infield as wagons, cowboys and thoroughbreds dash around the barrels and onto the racetrack. Four wagons, 36 horses and 144 thundering hooves cross the finish line within fractions of a second.

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: July 6 – 16, 2006
July 6 at 7 p.m.
July 7 –16 at noon, 3:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Additional Shows: July 9 & 12 at 10 a.m.

Age Requirements: 3-6 yr olds

Reservations: with gate admission to Stampede

Guidebook Descriptor: The Pee-Wee Stampede in the Big Four building is returning to educate and provide a hands-on method of instilling cowboy ways to little city slickers ages three to six years old. This mock rodeo comes complete with stick horses, chaps, cowboy hats and stick bulls.

Experience Category: **Smithing** (Blacksmith)

Times: July 6 – 9, 2006

Reservations: part of Stampede admission

Guidebook Descriptor: 2006 World Championship Blacksmiths' Competition involves forging, creative forging, speed forging, two man team forging and the Four-Man Team Draft Horseshoeing all here in the Big Top.

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting** (Cutting, Team Penning, Working Cowhorse)

Times: July 8 – 10, 2006 (Team Penning Events)
July 11 – 13, 2006 (Cutting Horse Events)
July 15 – 16, 2006 (Working Cowhorse Classic)

Reservations: Part of Stampede admission

Guidebook Descriptor: Team penning: Watch a race against the clock of rider and horse versus the herd instincts of cattle. A team of 3 riders must sort and pen 3 head of cattle from the herd in 60 seconds or less.

This cutting horse event features three divisions, Open, Youth, and Non-Pro and is open to competitors in the NCHA, CCHA and ACHA. The Bill Collins Youth Excellence Award will be awarded to the top youth competitor.

Celebrating the athleticism of the horse, this working cowhorse competition has roots as far back as the vaqueros (Spanish cowboys) in the 1700s. Watch rein work where the horse maneuvers through a pattern of figure eights, straight runs, lead changes, sliding stops and 360 degree spins. The horse must control the movements of a single steer at

a dead run, heading it off and turning it both ways along the fence, then bringing it into the centre of the arena.

Experience Category: **Artistic**

Times: July 7 – 16, 2006

Reservations: part of Stampede admission

Guidebook Descriptor: The Western Art Show is one of the largest exhibits of its kind in western Canada and includes an art gallery, a photo gallery, a sales salon area featuring western artists and artisans, a photo competition, and an art auction. The artisans offer a juried selection of custom, handcrafted goods also with a western lifestyle theme: leatherwork, silversmiths, jewellery, fashion and furnishings.

Experience Category: **Musical**

Times: Monday, July 10 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Tuesday, July 11 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Thursday, July 13 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Friday, July 14 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Reservations: Free admission as part of Calgary Stampede. Come early...for the best seats!!!

Guidebook descriptor: (Window on the West Stage - Round-Up Centre) As a way of passing the lonely days on the trail, quieting cattle through the long nights, and entertaining each other around the campfire, the Cowboy of the old west developed a wondrous art known today as Cowboy Poetry. It's an entertaining mixture of tall tales, a humorous outlook on life, beautiful ballads and poetry depicting the life of the Cowboy.

Experience Category: **Historical & Lore**

Times: July 7- 16, 2006 - 11 am to 10:30 pm

Reservations: Free admission with Calgary Stampede park admission

Guidebook Descriptor: While taking in the Stampede, visit the newly re-opened **Canadian Country Music & Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame**. Drop by and see some legendary displays of memorabilia focusing on Canadian Country Music legends and current artists, as well as pro rodeo stars and legends who have helped shaped the rodeo & music scenes in Canada and around the world.

The Canadian Country Music & Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame is one of two log cabins located in the middle of Stampede Park.

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting** (Canadian Team Penning Association)

Times: Oct 5 – 9, 2006

Reservations: Call or check website for times/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Team penning: Watch a race against the clock of rider and horse versus the herd instincts of cattle. A team of 3 riders must sort and pen 3 head of cattle from the herd in 60 seconds or less.

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Simmental Sale & Round Up)

Times: Oct 20 - 21, 2006 (Sale)
Dec 4 – 5, 2006 (Round Up)

Reservations: Call or check website for times/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Calgary Bull Sale)

Times: March, 2007

Reservations: Call or check website for times/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Artistic, Chuckwagon Racing, Cowhorse Sorting, Musical, Smithing, Ranching
Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up, Rodeo

Venue: Calico Guest Ranch, Woking - Horse Ranch

Proprietors: Winnie McPherson

Phone: (780) 774-2403

Experience Category: **Trail Riding** (overnight tenting available)

Times: June - Sept

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 – 10 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride reliable ranch horses through rolling, forested trails in northern Alberta. Enjoy wildlife sightings as you ride along.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Camrose Regional Exhibition, Camrose

Website: <http://www.cre.ab.ca/>
Phone: (780) 672-3640
Toll Free: 1-800-296-8112

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Camrose Spring Classic Rodeo)

Times: March 16 - 18, 2007

Reservations: Call or check website for times/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy the action at the Camrose Indoor Spring Classic Rodeo. See Bronc Riding, Barrel Racing, Bull Riding and more.

Experience Category: **Musical** (Big Valley Jamboree Country Music Festival)

Email: www.bigvalleyjamboree.com

Times: Aug 3 - 6, 2006

Experience length: 1 – 4 days

Reservations and Tickets: 1-888-404-1234

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy one of Canada's largest music festivals featuring world-renowned western recording artists.

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Alberta Barrel Racing Finals)

Times: Aug, 2006

Reservations: Call or check website for times/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Take in a top barrel racing competition as barrel racers of all ages compete at their year-end championship.

Seeing Rodeo, Musical

Venue: Cardston Agridome, Cardston

Website: <http://www.cardstonagridome.com>
Phone: (403) 653-4076

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times:	Chinook Rodeos	varied weekends
	South Country Barrel Racing Futurity/Derby	May 5 - 8, 2006
	Cardston Heritage Days Celebration & Rodeo	Aug 10 - 12, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times:	South Country Derby (World Class Reining Show)	May 25 - 27, 2006
	South Country Slide In (Reining Show)	Aug 25 - 26, 2006

Reservations: Call re: tickets/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: The Cardston Agridome includes two outdoor arenas, the newest being 200' x 400', an excellent venue for team roping and barrel racing. The main indoor facility incorporates a new kitchen, concession and restroom area with showers. A campground is available for travelers and the stabling will accommodate 160 animals. The heated indoor arena seats up to 1500 spectators.

Experience Category: **Musical (Michelle Wright in Concert)**

Times: August 10, 2006

Reservations: Get your tickets @ 403-329-Seat or Lee Valley Outfitters & Sears, Main Street, Cardston

Seeing Rodeo, Horsemanship, Musical

Venue: Chase Cattle Co., Calgary

Phone: (403) 269-6450

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: A fine selection of western fashions is available at the Chase Cattle Co. including times such as cowboy hats, beaded shirts, western vests, skirts and more. Some home décor items and native artifacts are also available.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Chase Custom Saddle and Leather, Cluny

Website: www.chasesaddle.com

Email: dan&Ellen@ChaseSaddle.ca

Phone: (403) 734-2583

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Custom Saddle and gift shop is located on our farm outside of Cluny, Alberta, Canada. On the Trans-Canada Highway, we're approximately one and half hours east of Calgary and a couple kilometers north off the highway. Dan has been building saddles and tack and doing repairs for ten years now, and a couple of years ago opened our shop to the public. In Ellen's Gift Shop you'll find goods such as wool saddle blankets and the Pottery of Glenn Armstrong. Also showcased is various western merchandise to decorate your home, as well as Toe's watercolors, gift cards and the art of other local artists. We welcome in visitors and tourists who want a break from their travels along the highway, so come on in and take a look around!

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Chungo Creek Outfitters, Nordegg

Proprietors: Greg Kristoff

Website: <http://www.chungocreekoutfitters.com/>

Phone: (780) 785-3382

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June - August

Experience length: 3 – 14 days

Experience/

Age Requirements: family-oriented

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 10 people, larger groups by special arrangement

Guidebook Descriptor: During the summer we conduct high country horse pack trips into or near an area known as the Blackstone /Wapiabi Forest Land Use Zone. This vast area, designated as off limits to motorized vehicles, provides an excellent opportunity for people to truly experience horses, pack strings and nature in its entire splendor. Excellent opportunity to learn the skills.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: June - August

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: family-oriented

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: none specified

Guidebook Descriptor: Chungo Creek Outfitters is a family hunting/fishing and trail ride operation located northwest of Nordegg. Join us for a mountain trail ride through spectacular scenery in the Jasper area. Horsemanship skill training as you go.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes – gift certificate (size depends on venue application/coverage)

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: Cinch Trail Riding Ltd, Cochrane

Proprietors: Russell Stewart
Web-site: <http://www.cinchtrailriding.ca>
Phone: (403) 932-7433

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: Year-round

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: no experience required
minimum age 6 years, maximum 225 lbs

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: small groups up to corporate functions

Guidebook Descriptor: We offer a beautiful scenic setting in the foothills for guided trail rides or unguided trail rides with a membership. Our facilities can also have large functions like birthday parties, weddings and corporate functions that can include trail rides, wagon rides or pony lead-arounds for the younger children. So, come out and experience some western fun.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Guidebook Descriptor: We offer trail rides during our camps and retreats. Our Western Town overlooks the rugged and colourful Paintearth coulees, which provide a unique setting for many of our program activities. Hidden behind the old western exterior is an all-in-one complex housing year round facilities. We have bunkhouses that house 70 females and 56 males. Guests need to bring their own bedding and towels. We also have six fully furnished guest rooms that include bedding and towels, maximum of 2 people per room.

Doing Horsemanship, Trail Riding

Venue: Classic Rodeo, Nanton & Okotoks

Proprietor: Audi Roy
Email: classicrodeo@yahoo.ca
Phone: Nanton (403) 646-2222
Okotoks (403) 995-3615

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: Nanton: Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday & Monday open by chance or appt
Okotoks: Monday – Saturday 10 am -5 pm

Guidebook Descriptor: Wearers of the Wild West... unique western gift items, clothing, furniture, and western jewelry as well as jewelry by artist Shelagh Blatz. A wonderful gem of a western store!

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Cochrane & District Agricultural Society Arena, Cochrane

Website: <http://www.cochraneagsociety.ca>
Phone: (403) 932-4390

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Apr 23 - 24, 2006

Reservations: email Lacey Stanton (turn_burn2@yahoo.com)

Guidebook Descriptor: Devil's Head High School Rodeo

Experience Category: **Sharpshooting**

Website: <http://www.cochranefastguns.com>
Email: cochranefastguns@shaw.ca
Phone: (403) 932-3115 Linda and Richard Benedictson

Times: September 2 - 3, 2006 (Canadian Fast Draw Championships)

Guidebook Descriptor: Performances run between 15 and 20 minutes of fast paced action, which includes fast draw demonstrations, fancy gun handling and spinning, trick shooting and vignettes of the old time silver screen cowboy heroes.

Experience Category: **Roping (Cochrane Roping Club)**

Times: People can enroll in clinics that are booked by outside organizations

Reservations: Call for clinic dates/prices etc

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (www.cochranehorsetrials.com)

Times: People can enroll in clinics that are booked by outside organizations

Reservations: Call Sue Gray @ 403-932-4505 for clinic dates/prices

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting**

Times: People can enroll in clinics that are booked by outside organizations

Reservations: Call for clinic dates/prices etc

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Sharpshooting, Roping, Horsemanship, Cowhorse Sorting

Venue: Cochrane Rancho House, Cochrane

Website: www.bestlifesuccess.com/cowboytrailchurch

Email: CTC@bestlifesuccess.com or sandy.marshall@telusplanet.net

Phone: (403) 242-1005

Experience Category: **Musical**

Times: every Tuesday evening 7:00 p.m.

Guidebook Descriptor: Howdy and welcome to **COWBOY TRAIL CHURCH**. We are an evangelical Christian fellowship committed to reaching those who love the western way of life for Jesus Christ. If you enjoy Gospel music in the cowboy style, and enjoy worshipping in an atmosphere of informal fellowship where boots and hats are welcomed, you will love the open-handed, open-hearted style of **COWBOY TRAIL CHURCH**.

Experience Category: **Historical & Lore**

Website: www.smflibrary.ca
Email: library@smflibrary.ca
Phone: (403) 932-3782 or fax (403) 851-1324

Times: Library is open 9 AM – 4 PM Monday through Friday (closed for lunch)

Guidebook descriptor: This reference library was established in 1980 by the Stockmen's Memorial Foundation as a unique non-lending library. You are encouraged to come and browse in our comfortable surroundings, to research, or simply enjoy looking through the material. You can find, 13,000 books (including a complete collection of brand books) related to western culture from all across the provinces. 6,000 magazines relating to western lifestyle and history. Pamphlets, maps, videos, cowboy poetry, sheet music, photo's, audio tapes and cancelled brand files are among the collection. Call about display tour programmes.

Seeing Musical, Historical & Lore

Venue: Cold Lake Agricultural Society & Exhibition Park, Cold Lake

Website: <http://www.coldlakeagriculturalsociety.com>
Phone: (780) 594-0667

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Horsemanship/Horse Extravaganza April 8, 2006
Open Horse Show Aug 19-20, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Silver Buckle Stampede Rodeo June 9-11, 2006
Bullarama October 21, 2006

Reservations: Call re. tickets/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Horsemanship, Rodeo

Venue: Cole's Western Wear, Vegreville

Proprietor: Daryl & Pam Cole
Website: <http://www.canadiancowboy.ca/autolistings/CowboyShopping/Markets/>
Email: pcole@digitalweb.net

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Tucker trail and endurance saddles, and tack.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Country Acre Stables, Bentley

Proprietors: Chris Wiese

Website: <http://www.northernhorse.com/countryacre/>

Phone: (403) 843-4380

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: mid-June – August 31

Experience length: none

Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Nestled in the rolling hills on the west side of Gull Lake in Central Alberta, Country Acre Stables boasts 160 acres of scenic wooded trails and open fields.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Children's Riding Lessons)

Times: mid-June – August 31

Experience length: 1 – 2 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 – 16 years (children under 6 accepted with parent/guardian)

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Small groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Children will participate in natural horsemanship instruction; they will learn to communicate with their new friends using the horses' language. Lessons include learning games to play with horses, basic horse care, trail riding and arena work.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western Celebrations/Barbecues)

Times: mid-June – August 31

Experience length: varies

Experience/

Age Requirements:

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: varies

Guidebook Descriptor: Plan a company party or group barbecue at Country Acre Stables. Western flavour – call for details.

EARN YOUR SPURS

yes

Prize

yes, Horseback riding gift certificate(s)

Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Coutts Rodeo Grounds, Coutts

Website: http://discoverfoothills.com/view_events.php

Phone: Jamie Woodcock 403-344-2013

Experience Category: **Rodeo** Coutts Day Fair and Coutts Grass Rodeo

Times: June 17, 2006

Guidebook descriptor: bench shows, children's events , horse and livestock , parades, performing art & craft, rodeo/bullarama... something for all ages.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Cowboy Country Clothing Ltd, Nanton

Website: www.cowboycountryclothing.com

Email: sales@cowboycountryclothing.com

Phone: 1-877-646-3133 (in Canada)

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: CCC was opened in 1993 by Manerd and Shawna Bird in the heart of the western ranching community of Nanton, Alberta. Their retail store consists of 5000 square feet, filled to capacity with all sorts of western things, such as tack, clothing, jewelry, saddles, boots, hats, giftware and various accessories. They have an online catalog as well as a mail order catalog which are additions to the original business. They feel that through these advancements they are able to offer their products to

individuals throughout the world, who share their enthusiasm for all things western.
Enjoy your shopping experience!

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Cowgirl Blue, Calgary

Phone: (403) 266-6533

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Cowgirl Blue is located in Penny Lane shops. A great selection of women's western wear is featured. Some men's wear, children's wear and western consignment items can also be found.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Cowhorse Supply, Black Diamond

Proprietors: Tony & Carla Smith

Website: www.cowhorse.ca

Email: info@cowhorse.ca

Phone: (403) 933-7078

Toll Free: 1-877-988-7070

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: Cowhorse Supply has its roots in quality cowboy gear. Tony Smith, a farrier by trade, started out making stirrups for working cowboys and as demand grew, Cowhorse Supply evolved. Tony and his wife Carla realized that there were many talented people making great cowboy gear, but the product wasn't reaching the people. In most cases the makers were too busy toiling away in their shops to market their products. So Cowhorse Supply has gathered these items to offer to you, the discriminating buyer. All items are North American made, and often cowboy made. You will find old-fashioned quality often not found in these times of mass production. Bound Stirrups are hard to find, but we have them because we make them. These handmade stirrups combine strength, beauty and durability. They look great in the arena but are tough enough for all day cowboying.

Doing Smithing

Venue: Cross Zee Ranch, Canmore

Proprietors: Jim & Brenda Stanton

Website: <http://www.canadianrockies.net/crosszeeranch/>

Phone: (403) 678-4171

Experience Category: **Trail Rides**

Times: mid-May to mid-September

Experience length: 1 – 2 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: No riding experience required
minimum age - 7
Maximum weight - 250 lbs

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 – 10

Guidebook Descriptor: Scenic trail rides in the legendary Bow Valley west of Calgary.

Experience Category: **Cowboy Cowgirl Up** (Western Themed Celebrations)

Times: year round

Experience length: evening activities

Experience/
Age Requirements: fully catered & licensed

Reservations: Confirmed reservations required 14 days prior.

Numbers/Availability: 30 – 150 (Barn Dances up to 300 people)

Guidebook Descriptor: Year round private functions, fully catered and licensed, any occasion in our donut building including barbecues, weddings, celebrations, corporate functions, barn dances etc...

Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up
Doing Trail Rides

Venue: Daines Rodeo Ranch, Innisfail

Proprietors: Jack Daines
Website: <http://innisfailauctionmarket.com/rodeo.htm>
Phone: (403) 227-3166

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Innisfail Professional Rodeo)

Times: Rodeo - June 14-18, 2006

Experience length: approximately 3 hour performance

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Call for tickets/package details

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: One of the largest Professional Rodeos in Canada, the Innisfail Pro Rodeo, held at the Daines Rodeo Ranch in mid-June features an exciting dose of cowboy action. Set amidst central Alberta's rolling hills, the rodeo venue offers an *up close and personal* feel for all rodeo fans – rookies or veterans.

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Bucking Horse Sale)

Times: May 14, 2006

Experience length: half-full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Call for tickets

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Come on out to our annual Daines Ranch Bucking Horse Sale where you'll see a day of exciting rodeo style bucking horse action.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Deryk Pitts Saddlery, Eckville

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: His main objective when building a saddle is to have one that fits the horse. The majority of Pitt's saddles are highly decorated and prized by their owners for the proof of careful craftsmanship. Deryk suffered a devastating fire that wiped out all of his patterns, trees and a lifetime collection of leather tools. The waiting time for a Deryk Pitts saddle is one of the longest in the country: at least a year and a half. And this is an improvement from the two and a half to three year wait that many of his customers had prior to the fire last year.

Doing Smithing

Venue: Diamond Hitch Outfitters, Pincher Creek

Proprietors: Mike Judd

Phone: (403) 627-2949

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: June – Sept 15

Experience length: half - day trips

Experience/
Age Requirements: 7 & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 – 8 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Take a trip to the southwestern corner of Alberta west of Pincher Creek. Diamond Hitch Outfitters offers half to full day trail rides through some of the most scenic trails in the province. Ride through rugged foothills, meadows and trees where you can often see elk, deer, bears and moose.

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: DJ Ranch Horsemanship Facility, Okotoks

Proprietors: Pam Jones

Website: <http://www.djranch.ca/>

E-mail: pam@djranh.ca

Phone: (403) 938-2469

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding Lessons/Summer Camps)

Times: Year round lessons, summer day camps & workshops

Experience length: ½ hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: None

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Small classes – maximum 6 people

Guidebook Descriptor: DJ Ranch Horsemanship Facility Alberta, focuses on participation with horses for the pleasure and enjoyment of both horse and rider. Our guests will learn the basics of horsemanship from reading the 'language of the horse' through catching, haltering, grooming, leading and riding.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Prize Yes

Gift certificate for a free introductory 1.5 hour lesson

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Dovercourt Hall, Highway 22 Caroline

Website: www.bestlifesuccess.com/clearwatercowboychurch

Email: smoke101@telus.net or Tom King ektk@telus.net

Experience Category: **Musical** (Clearwater Cowboy Church)

Times: 7 PM Thursday Evenings

Reservations: Vivia Oliver (403) 722-2488

Guidebook Descriptor: CCC is an evangelical Christian fellowship committed to reaching those who love the Western way of life for Jesus Christ. If you enjoy Gospel music in the cowboy style and enjoy worshipping in an atmosphere of informal fellowship, where boots and hats are welcomed, you will love the open-handed, open hearted style of Clearwater Cowboy Church

Seeing Musical

Venue: Drayton Valley Omniplex, Drayton Valley

Website: <http://www.dvagsociety.com>

Phone: (780) 542-3174

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Frank Maddock High School Rodeo April 28 - 30
Drayton Valley Indoor Rodeo May 4 – 7
Drayton Valley Junior Rodeo May 13 – 14

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Big West Quarter Horse Show July 6 – 9
Big West Paint Color Show July 13 - 16

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Horsemanship

Venue: Drumheller Stampede Barn Ag Complex, Drumheller

Website: <http://www.virtuallydrumheller.com/community>

Phone: (403) 572-3556

Toll-free: 1 866 823-8100

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: July 28 – 30 (Richard Cosgrave Memorial Rodeo)

Reservations: Contact - Terry Yemen (403)823-3773

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: July 28 – 30 (Badlands Dinosaur Derby World Pro Chuckwagon Races)

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Horsemanship Clinic)

Times: Please call for dates

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing, Horsemanship

Venue: Duce Outfitters, Mountain View

Proprietors: Tyrell & Natalie Duce

Phone: (403) 653-2104

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - Sept

Experience length: 1 hour – day rides

Experience/

Age Requirements: 4 years & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 4 – 15 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Join us for a trail ride through the scenic Belly River country near Mountain View. Cross the river and wind your way through meadows and foothills in southwestern Alberta ranch country.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: mid-June - Sept

Experience length: 1 night & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 4 years & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 6 – 10 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Take a pack trip into the South Castle area in southwestern Alberta. Traverse rugged mountainous trails through breathtaking mountain country. Supplies are packed in with accommodation provided in tent camps or cabins.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes

Doing Trail Riding, Pack Trips

**Venue: Echo Coulee Guest Ranch Bed & Breakfast, Drumheller
(Working Ranch)**

Proprietors: Neil & Jardi Clark
Website: <http://www.echocoulee.com>
Phone: (403) 823-8074
Email: njclark@telusplanet.net

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Horsemanship Training Camps)

Times: May - Sept

Experience length: lessons, clinics & week-long camps

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Small groups?

Guidebook Entry: Join Jardi, an accomplished trainer who competes in Cow Horse competitions for a lessons or a clinic. Cattle are also available for cutting and cow horse training. Week long Riding Camps are available for groups interested in learning horsemanship from one of the best. Contact us to book a week or weekend. We can supply the horses or you can bring your own. This is a great place to have a riding camp if you want to learn lots about horses and do lots of riding.

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: Year round lessons, summer day camps & workshops

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: None

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: varies

Guidebook Entry: Experience the life of a cattle rancher in the scenic Drumheller Valley area. Ride with your hosts checking the herd at calving, branding or weaning or participate in driving the cattle to new pasture through out the year. Rides to check fence and water holes will take you through coulees, the wintering hills and along the Drumheller Valley. The ranch runs approximately 150 cows and a herd of 20+ quarter horses, bred and trained for cattle work. All our riding horses are quiet experienced cowhorses. Watch the young colts being trained, or learn and participate in the sport of cattle penning. Many of the young horses raised and started at the ranch have become accomplished cowhorses.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - Sept

Experience length: 1 hour & up (Supper rides available)

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – small groups

Guidebook Descriptor: We have miles and miles of unique country to ride in. Our trail rides are by appointment only and your horse is specifically chosen for you based on

your riding experience. The horses are all are well broke ranch horses that understand how to work with the rider to make your trail ride a one of kind riding experience. If you would prefer to bring your own horse, we are happy to accommodate you.

Doing Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing Ranching
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Northlands, Edmonton

Website: <http://www.northlands.com/>
<http://www.capitalex.ca/chucks.html> (chuckwagon racing)
Phone: (780) 542-3174

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing** (Edmonton's Chuckwagon Derby at Capital EX)

Times: July 19 - 28, 2007

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Canadian Finals Rodeo)

Times: Nov 7 - 11, 2007

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Cattle Shows/Sales, Horse Sale)

Times: Nov 2 - 10, 2007, Farmfair International

Reservations: Call for prices/availability

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting**

Times: Nov 2 - 10, 2007

Guidebook Descriptor: Northlands hosts the Heritage Ranch Rodeo in November in conjunction with Farmfair International.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Shopping)

Times: Nov 2 - 10, 2007, Farmfair International

Reservations: Call for prices/availability

Guidebook Descriptor: Take in Farmfair International, an agriculture event that includes cattle and horse activities as well as a trade fair featuring western art, music, clothing, leatherwork, silver etc...

Seeing Chuckwagon Racing, Cowhorse Sorting, Rodeo, Ranching
Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Elliott Bit & Spur, Fort McLeod

Proprietor: Dave Elliott

Phone: (403) 687-3000

E-mail: bitspur@telusplanet.net

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Guidebook Descriptor: We offer workshops on biting. The purpose of these workshops is to assist in the understanding of the systems used to communicate with our horses, regardless of discipline or style. This workshop evolved and developed through my involvement, observations, education and application over the past 19 years. You will learn about basic anatomy of the head and neck; cheek piece parts & mechanics; mouth piece parts & mechanics; bitless bridles; curb straps & chains; combining all of the above to get a better understanding of all the variation that we can get.

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Em-Te-Town, Alder Flats

Proprietors: Ed & Jackie Buziak

Website: <http://www.emtetown.com>

Phone: (780) 388-2166

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May – September, year round bookings as well depending on weather

Experience length: hourly – full day

Experience/

Age Requirements: some experience required
Can bring own horse as well; corrals available

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: group-oriented

Guidebook Descriptor: Come experience the West Country for a day - on the back of a horse. Bring your camera to capture the scenic outdoors and possible wildlife.

Experience Category: **Historical & Lore**

Times: year round (campground available)

Experience length: Historic town open 11 am – 4 pm

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: “We are the Old West”. Visit Em-Te-Town – an authentic recreation of the old west, complete with saloon, jailhouse, sheriff’s office, livery stable etc... located in west central Alberta on the banks of Rose Creek.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western Themed Celebrations)

Times: year round

Experience length: evening & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: small – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Join us for a variety of western celebrations including steak suppers, family functions and our annual ‘Guns of the Golden West live western show & gun draw contest in June’.

Experience Category: **Sharpshooting**

Times: First weekend in June every year (campground available)

Experience length: Historic town open 11 am – 4 pm

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Make Em-Te-Town your destination the first week in June where you can enjoy our western celebration featuring a western show & gun drawing contest.

Doing Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing Cowboy Up
Seeing Historical & Lore, Sharpshooting

Venue: Entrance Ranch, Hinton

Proprietors: Rocky Notnes
Website: <http://www.entranceranch.com>
Phone: (780) 865-7549

Experience Category: **Trail Rides**

Times: May – October (other times by arrangement – weather dependent)

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: Some experience recommended
7 years & up

Reservations: recommended – groups should call at least 1 week ahead to book

Numbers/Availability: 4 people & up for day rides (15 maximum)

Guidebook Descriptor: Trail ride in scenic foothills country near Hinton, Alberta with gorgeous mountain and river-views. View wildlife including elk, deer, coyotes and occasionally bear.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding Lessons)

Times: July-August

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: 7 years & up

Reservations: recommended – groups should call at least 1 week ahead to book

Numbers/Availability: individuals – small groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn the basics of riding; start at the barn, tack up your horse, gain basic horse-handling/horse-health information then head to the arena. Lessons include a trail riding element when riders ready. Lessons can be customized for any level of rider/group.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Rides

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Frontier Valley Trail Riding, Rosedale

Proprietors: Wallace Holmen
Phone: (403) 823-9459
(403) 820-3575 cell

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: end of May - September

Experience length: 1 hour, 20 min rides (overnight rides by arrangement)

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 – 10 riders

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride the rugged badlands of southern Alberta where you'll experience hills, coulees, grasslands and a wide variety of prairie wildlife. Guides provided along with horses for riders with varying levels of experience.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Frontier Western Shop, Claresholm

Proprietors: Duane Warren
Website: www.westernshop.com
Email: frontier@telusplanet.net
Phone: (403) 625-2777
Toll Free: 1-800-661-7939

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Horses, Tack, Western Wear and the Cowboy have been our business for 25 years. This full service 10,000 sq ft retail outlet, located one hour south of Calgary plus a complete online catalogue offers the latest in quality Western Clothing, western decor and everything equine. Whether you Ranch, Rodeo or are into Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Cutting Horses or just own a Horse, Saddle and Cowboy Boots, you can get what you need here.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: George's Harness and Saddlery, Ryley

Phone: (780) 663-3611

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: "Quality for you, and your horse." Custom built nylon and leather harnesses, saddles, chaps, riding gear, etc. Repairs to saddles, harness and tack. It is also a working museum that allows tourists to visit and watch as the work is done.

Seeing, Doing Smithing

Venue: Girletz Gear Custom Saddlery, Airdrie

Proprietors: Keith & Joan Girletz

Phone: (403) 948-3954

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Category: Superior Quality, Superior Ride, Superior Fit. Built for Your Horse, Designed for you! Keith and Joan Girletz have been making headway in the saddlemaking industry with innovative designs and their gendered approach to customers.

Doing Smithing

Venue: Girletz Rodeo Ranch, Balzac

Proprietors: Allen Girletz

Website: <http://www.rtrpurplesage.com/girletzrodeo>

Phone: (403) 226-0757

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western Themed Celebrations)

Times: May - October

Experience length: 3 hours & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: Client driven

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 200 – 1000 people

Guidebook Descriptor: The Girletz family invites you to the Girletz Rodeo Ranch for a variety of western celebrations including barbecues & corporate functions. Walk through the Old West Town, belly up to the bar in the Silver Dollar Saloon, go for a ride in a Horse Drawn Carriage, kick up your heels to some Live Music and don't forget to cheer on the cowboys and stock during the Rodeo!

Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Grand Saddlery & Western Wear, Cochrane

Proprietors: Denise Dalziel

Website: www.grandsaddlery.com

Email: grsaddle@telus.net

Phone: (403) 932-6686 or 1-888-9SADDLE

Experience Category: **Cowboy Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Saddlery & Harness & Western Décor. Supplying saddles for every aspect of western life including, western & pleasure, trail, barrel, wade & roper, cutters & working cowhorse, reining, endurance, arabian, draft & mule as well as many others. Plus lots of western décor items such as, western metal art, belt buckles and jewellery, longhorn skulls, western dishwear, bronze castings, and a wide variety of western tack and ropes.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Grande Prairie Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie

Website: <http://www.Evergreenpark.ca>

Phone: (780) 532-3279

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: May 31 – June 4, 2006, Pro Chuckwagon Racing

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: June 1 – 4, 2006, Grande Prairie Stompede Rodeo
Aug 25 - 27, 2006 Whispering Pines Rodeo

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Aug 29 – Sept 4, 2006, South Peace Horse Club
dates vary , Horsemanship Clinics/Shows

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptors:

Seeing Chuckwagon Racing, Rodeo, Horsemanship

Venue: Grandview Stage, Rocky Mountain House

Proprietors: Del and Lesley Ramage

Website: <http://www.grandviewstage.com>

Phone: (403) 845-6404

Experience Category: **Musical** (Bluegrass & Country Music & Cowboy Poetry)

Times: Year round

Experience length: varies

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required for cabin accommodation & summer festival

Numbers/Availability: up to 74 people for jam sessions/entertainment evenings
camping space available as additional accommodation option

Guidebook Descriptor: Check out the country west of Rocky Mountain House where the Grandview Stage Resort offers up bluegrass & country music including monthly jam sessions, music & cowboy poetry nights and a summer acoustic music festival. Jam sessions last Saturday every month from September thru May (supper included in ticket price), special "Grandview Stage Presents" musical and cowboy poetry nights featuring professional Alberta talent monthly, weekly informal jams (Wed nights during the winter), and a summer acoustic Music Festival in July (7,8,9 this year).

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes
Ranch bungalow gift certificate

Seeing, Doing Musical

Venue: Great Canadian Barn Dance, Hillspring

Proprietors: Lloyd & Trevor Kunkel

Website: <http://www.greatcanadianbarndance.com>

Phone: 1 866 626-3407

Experience Category: **Cooking**

Times: Sat night: 1 & 2 May thru October &
Friday (July & Aug)

Experience length: 4 – 5 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: all welcome; family oriented

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 150 people/sitting

Guidebook Descriptor: The Great Canadian Barn Dance is a full service family resort, offering the best in live western entertainment and dancing, clean, comfortable camping and accommodation, country cooking and more.

Experience Category: **Dancing**

Times: Sat night: 1 & 2 May thru October &
Friday (July & Aug)

Experience length: 4 – 5 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: all welcome; family oriented

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 150 people/sitting

Guidebook Descriptor: The Great Canadian Barn Dance is a full service family resort, offering the best in live western entertainment and dancing, clean, comfortable camping and accommodation, country cooking and more.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes, Dance tickets

Seeing, Doing Dancing
Doing Cooking

Note: "I survived the Great Canadian Barn Dance" certificate is awarded to those who show improvement on their dancing skills.

Kids award provided for best-dressed cowboy and best-dressed cowgirl

Venue: Green Meadows Equestrian Centre Inc, Lethbridge

Website: www.green-meadows.ca

Email: gmecl@la.shockware.com

Phone: (403) 394-2454 Edward & Els Van Hierden
located 2 miles east of Lethbridge (Hwy 3)

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Guidebook Descriptor: Green Meadows Equestrian Centre is a family-owned boarding facility that offers a good supply of quality horses for sale or lease, western riding lessons, and summer camps for children.

Learn Horsemanship

Venue: Griffin Valley Ranch, Cochrane (Working Horse Ranch)

Website: <http://www.griffinvalleyranch.ca>

Phone: (403) 932-7433

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: Year Round (weather permitting)

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: varies

Guidebook Descriptor: Here you will find over 8,000 acres of beautiful forest, valley and streams. Travel along our trails and enjoy the wildlife that shares this great valley. The top of our ridges will allow you to see as far as the eye can see. With the magnificent Rocky Mountains to the west and Calgary to the east, it makes for a very enjoyable trail ride. Accommodation available through Trappersville link on the website.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Horse Camps)

Times: July - August

Experience length: week long for 8 years to adults
3 day pony camp for children 6 – 7 years

Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 years & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: varies

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy the beauty of the Alberta foothills through a fun-filled week long adventure on horseback for horse enthusiasts from eight years old to eighty years old.

Doing Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Grosso Outfitting/Baldy Mountain Trail Rides, Nordegg

Proprietors: Clayton & Gene Grosso
Website: <http://www.grossooutfitting.com/>
Phone: (403) 845-6840

Experience Category: **Trail Rides**

Times: May 15 – Sept 10

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: Families or groups
Previous experience helpful but not required

Reservations: Required for rides over 1 hour

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Experience a wilderness riding experience in the beautiful Canadian Rocky Mountains that aims to connect visitors with the history of the horse and horsemen in the mountain west.

Doing Trail Rides

Venue: Hallmark Saddlery & Harness, Cardston

Proprietors: Douglas Hall
Website: www.saddleman.homestead.com
Email: hallmark@telusplanet.net
Phone: (403) 653-3744

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: Designers of Quality Hand Crafted Custom Saddles, Harness and Tack Accessories. Serving satisfied customers world wide for over 20 years!

Doing Smithing

Venue: Hand Crafted Horse Hair Products, Lethbridge

Proprietors: Donna Murray

Website: www.customhorsehairart.com

Email: dmhorsehair@shaw.ca

Experience Category: **Artistic**

Guidebook Descriptor: Donna Murray is a self-taught horsehair hitcher and braider, who resides in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. She started working with horsehair in 1992 and, with patience and perseverance, has learned to create high-quality, functional items. In the past, Donna spent her time training horses and working as a farrier (a person who makes and fits horseshoes). She had always been interested in horsehair work, but lacked the necessary time to pursue it. When her lifestyle changed, Donna used the opportunity to learn this ancient craft. Each piece is handcrafted, beginning with the preparation of the hair, to the completion of the finishing knots. Donna enjoys the challenges and creative possibilities that are involved in working with horsehair.

Seeing Artistic

Venue: Hand Hills Lake Stampede & Club, Hand Hills

Website: www.handhills.ab.ca

Phone: (403) 665-2023 or (403) 665-2493 (rodeo day only)

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: June 2, 3 and 4, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: In July, 1917, J. J. Miller decided to put on a "show" to raise money for the Red Cross. The "show" was to be a rodeo and it was to be called "The Handhills Stampede". Little did Jack Miller realize that his fund raiser would turn into a legacy: a heirloom to be shared by generations of the Handhills Community. Since 1917, the Annual Hand Hills Lake Stampede has become common ground for old and young alike. A place to share memories and build futures. An event so precious that we work, like our fore-fathers, to keep the tradition alive and the pride growing. Families and friends working together to keep a legacy from the past, alive for the future.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: June 2 & 3 2006 7:00 PM

Experience Category: **Musical** (Country Vocal Spotlight)

Times: June 4, 2006 - 1 pm

Guidebook Descriptor: This sanctioned competition will take place at the Hand Hills Stampede on the Calgary Stampede traveling show stage. Winners of the competition will automatically advance to the semi finals round in Edmonton leading up to the finals taking place at the Canadian Finals Rodeo.

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing

Venue: Hanna Arena, Hanna

Website: www.aroundhanna.com

Phone: Ken Wells (403) 854-3895

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Sept 23 and 24, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: Nowhere will you find a better western hospitality and spirit than at the Hanna Indoor Pro Rodeo. Hosted by the Hanna Indoor Rodeo Association the rodeo has become the town's largest annual event.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Henry's Western Wear Ltd, Rocky Mountain House

Proprietors: Mabel & Henry Mah

Phone: (403) 845-3601

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Choose from authentic cowboy boots to stylish and designer western wear for the whole family.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Hessienda Outdoor Adventures, Clyde

Proprietors: Walter Hess

Phone: (780) 910-4662

Experience Category: **Trail Riding** (Overnight camping trips by prior arrangement)

Times: May - Sept

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommend call ahead

Numbers/Availability: 1 to 10 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Take a trail ride into the sandhills of north central Alberta. Ride through peaceful meadows, cross the Red Water River, meander through bush trails and enjoy area wildlife along the way.

EARN YOUR SPURS **Yes**
Prize Yes

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Hi Point Western Sales, Brooks

Proprietors: Bob Bowers

Email: hipoint1@telus.net

Phone: (403) 793-2575

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: For all clothing, horse, ranch, rodeo needs including boots. Hi Point Western Sales is a 5000 sq ft western general store.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Hidden Lake Ranch, Vermilion

Proprietors: Florence & Frank Gannon

Phone: (780) 744-2289

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: Year Round weather permitting

Experience length: hourly rides (handicapped riding experience)

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: up to 4 depending on riders' experience

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy central Alberta's gentle slopes and treed bluffs from the back of a quiet horse. Your guides will take you on a peaceful hour long ride where you

can enjoy varied prairie wildlife including deer, coyotes, and badgers.

Accommodation: Bed & Breakfast for up to 6 people (3 rooms). Campsite available as well.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: High Country Vacations, Grande Cache

Proprietors: Basil & Sue Leonard
Website: <http://www.horsebacktherockies.com>
Phone: (780) 827-3246
1 877 487-2457 toll free

Experience Category: **Packtrips**

Times: June - Sept

Experience length: 2 - 14 day trips

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 1 – 10 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Have you ever wondered what the Indians, cowboys and mountain men felt as they moved deep into the Rocky Mountains, discovering places where the alpine expanses, valleys and rivers were unnamed? Time travel back in an exploratory expedition as we trail ride deep into the wilderness, coming across old long-forgotten camping sites from yesteryear. You will spend 10 to 14 days living life on the trail. Experience an adventure travel vacation that will recall the physical stamina needed for survival in days gone by. Camps will be moved regularly with the packhorses. The Alberta rocky mountain trails will be rugged. You will experience an exploratory adventure similar to the native people and old time cowboys of days gone by. This exploratory expedition vacation takes travelers into spectacular scenery.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (5 day Colt Breaking Clinics)

Times: June 15 – 25 (choice of first or last 5 days)

Experience length: 5 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 15 colts

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn the basics of colt-breaking in a 5 day clinic.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (2 day Children's Horsemanship Clinics)

Times: June 17-18 or 24-25 (choice of either weekend)

Experience length: 2 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 12 participants

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn the basics of horsemanship including horse-handling, grooming, tacking up and riding fundamentals.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Packing Clinic)

Times: May 27 - 28

Experience length: 2 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 12 – 15 participants

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn the basics of backcountry horse packing. Horses & equipment provided.

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship
Doing Packtrips

Venue: High River Agricultural Society Arena, High River

Website: <http://www.highriver.ca>

Phone: (403) 652-3336

Experience Category: **Rodeo (pro)**

Times: Senior Pro Rodeo (first weekend April each year)
High River Pro Rodeo (June 23 – 25, 2006)

Reservations:

Guidebook Entry: Enjoy top rodeo action at High River's spring rodeos. Both rodeos feature top cowboys and cowgirls competing in events including Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping and more.

Experience Category: **Rodeo (little britches)**

Times: May long weekend each year

Reservations:

Guidebook Entry: Enjoy the youth of rodeo... kids of all ages show their enthusiasm and skill as they compete in the pony scramble, ribbon roping, barrel racing & steer riding.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: June 22 – 25, 2006

Guidebook Entry: Take in an evening of the North American Championship Chuckwagon Racing. See the best in the business compete.

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing

Venue: Highlandview Guest Farm, Longview (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Roy, Lenore & Tim McLean

Phone: (403) 395-2154

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Riding)

Times: June - August

Experience length: various – mainly half-day, full-day or evening experiences

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: up to 10 (more by arrangement)

Guidebook Descriptor: Take in the majestic Rocky Mountain view from Highlandview Guest Farm in the foothills west of High River. Join the McLeans on their working cattle ranch, for a cookout, barbecue, wagon or trail ride.

Experience Category: **Cooking** (Cookouts, Western Suppers & Barbecues)

Times: June - August

Experience length: various – mainly half, full or evening experiences

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: up to 10 (more by arrangement)

Guidebook Descriptor: Join the Highlandview Ranch crew for a rustic, authentic western supper... cookouts, barbecues done alone or in conjunction with a day ranch visit.

Seeing, Doing Ranching
Doing Cooking

Venue: Homeplace Ranch, Priddis (Working Ranch)

Proprietors: Mac, Jayne & Jessica MaKenny
E-mail: mac@homeplaceranch.com
Website: <http://www.homeplaceranch.com/>
Phone: 1 877 931-3245
(403) 931-3245

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: open year round

Experience length: half – full day (3 day minimum stay)

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 20

Guidebook Descriptor: Homeplace Ranch is a year round working and guest ranch in Alberta's high cattle country southwest of Calgary. In addition to the ranch property, we also ride on the surrounding several thousand acres of Crown land where bears, deer, coyotes, elk and other wildlife are frequently seen.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding instruction)

Times: April - October

Experience length: half – full days (week long experience)

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 20

Guidebook Descriptor: If you're going to ride a horse, listen up. There's no starter manual. It's not like sliding into the seat of a car, turning the key, and then stepping on the gas. But there are some basic rules and skills. And unlike a car, that horse begins to size you up as soon as you approach. Join us for a set of four lessons where you will learn about "hands", "seat", "equipment", and finishing with "trail etiquette". These lessons will generate a better understanding for you of a horse and what he is telling you.

Doing Trail Rides
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Horse Creek Ranch, Fort Assiniboine

Proprietors: Siebe Brouwer

Website: <http://www.horsecreekranch.ca>

Phone: 1 888 699-6099 toll free
(780) 584-2535

Email: info@horsecreekranch.ca

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding Lessons)

Times: April - Oct

Experience length: 3 – 14 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: under 16 years require parent attendance
220 lb maximum weight

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: group lessons (6 people), Cabins - 3 choices or holiday home

Guidebook Descriptor: Horse Creek Ranch holiday packages range from 1 to 14 days of riding. This includes horsemanship instructions, all home cooked meals, ranch activities

and use of our facilities, recreational activities, horse and tack and comfortable accommodations

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: April - Oct

Experience length: 1 – 6 hrs

Experience/

Age Requirements: under 16 years require parent attendance
220 lb maximum weight

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 1 – 12 riders

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride in the beautiful Wildland Park with over 60,000 acres of wonderful trails. There are lots of ecologic and environmental areas to enjoy during your ride. Learn about plants and trees in the area.

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Sorting Cattle, Cowhorse Work, Camping with Horses)

Times: June - Sept

Experience length: 3 – 14 days

Experience/

Age Requirements: under 16 years require parent attendance
220 lb maximum weight

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Horse Creek Ranch is an Alberta guest ranch east of the historic community of Fort Assiniboine. It is nestled between the beautiful Sand Hills Wildland Park and the meandering Athabasca River. View birds, unique vegetation, and a wide variety of wildlife as you savour the peaceful solitude of the trails

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Seeing, Doing Ranching

Doing Trail Riding

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Horseback Adventures Ltd., Brule

Proprietors: Tom & Shawn Vinson

Website: <http://www.horsebackadventuresltd.com/>
Phone: (780) 865-4777

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: May 15 – Sept 30

Experience length: 2 – 8 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: Novice +, reasonable physical condition expected
6 years and over

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: families or groups of 12 maximum

Guidebook Descriptor: A horseback adventure is ideal for families and small groups, join us for a back-country pack trip in Solomon Creek Wildland Provincial Park and Jasper Park in the Canadian Rockies of Northwestern Alberta.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: May 15 – Sept 30

Experience length: 2 – 4 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: Novice +, reasonable physical condition expected
6 years and older

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 3 sleeping cabins available, sleeping 6, 5, and 2 people respectively. Families or groups of 12 maximum.

Guidebook Descriptor: West Range has backcountry beauty with the comforts of home, located in the fantastic Solomon Cr. Valley. Pack trips from 2 – 5 days. Ride the high country, returning each afternoon to the comfort of your cozy cabin equipped with propane heaters and lights, dine family style in the main lodge on delicious home cooked meals.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Pack Trips

Venue: **Hutchings & Sharp Clothing Ltd., Medicine Hat**
Phone: (403) 526-2064

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Clothing: children's; Clothing: men's; Clothing: women's; Gifts; Tack: western; Western wear.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Ian Tyson's Navajo Mug, Longview

Proprietors: Sheila Sander

Website: <http://www.iantyson.com/pages/navajomug.asp>

Phone: (403) 558-2272

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: The Navajo Mug offers cappuccino, sandwiches, baking, treats for the trail, western giftware and Ian Tyson's music. Real cowboys do drink cappuccino, and now they can find it in Longview. "Cowboys like their coffee hot," said singer-songwriter Ian Tyson, who recently opened a take-out coffee house on the main street of his village. He has called his latest enterprise Ian Tyson's Navajo Mug. This is a play on words from the 1986 song Navajo Rug which he wrote with Tom Russell. The song includes a reference to "roadhouse coffee" and can be heard on Tyson's best-selling Cowboyography album.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: James Built Saddlery, Tack, Harness & Gifts, Tofield

Website: <http://www.jamesbuiltsaddlery.com/>

Email: jamesb@jamesbuiltsaddlery.com

Phone: (780) 662-4980

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Times: Tuesday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm, Saturday 9 am – 4 pm

Guidebook Descriptor: The driving force of any good business is passion in what the business is and what it produces. We are very passionate about leather, the different tannages, the look, the feel and the enduring qualities. We will never compromise great quality, and durability in our products, and feel we offer that great quality for a fair price. Custom leather chaps, jackets & vests, saddles and more.

Doing Smithing

Venue: Jasper Activity Centre Hockey Arena, Jasper

Website: www.jasperheritagerodeo.com

Phone: (780) 852-3858 email info@jasperheritagerodeo.com

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Jasper Heritage Rodeo)

Times: Aug 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2006

Reservations: Check website for dates and to order tickets

Guidebook Descriptor: Jasper Heritage Rodeo is the only professional rodeo that we know of to be held in a National Park. The Jasper Heritage Rodeo began in 1926, and had its origin with the outfitters and ranchers from the area. It was born out of the love for horses and to encourage the breeding of suitable horses for the mountain trails. It has always been a favorite of locals and tourists alike.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: JH Trail Rides, Rocky Mountain House

Proprietors: Del or Judy Whitford

Phone: (403) 722-2419

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: June – mid-Sept

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Take a guided Trail Ride through the mountain terrain west of Rocky Mountain House. Ford creeks, wind through towering pine and spruce, enjoying area wildlife along the way. (camping available in nearby public facility)

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Joe Lucas' West World, Carstairs

Proprietors: Joe and Sheona Lucas

Website: www.joelucaswestworld.com

Email: sheona@allstream.net

Phone: (403) 337-2033 or 1-888-525-9800

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: Open Monday - Friday 10 am – 6 pm, Saturday 10 am – 5 pm (Summer)
Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm (Winter)

Last Saturday before Christmas is annual customer appreciation day.

Guidebook Descriptor: Our store features unique western home décor, jewelry, the exclusive Double D Ranchwear, custom made log furniture along with our line of cowboy tack, saddles and ropes. We have the largest selection of ranch ropes or long ropes in Canada.

Experience Category: **Roping**

Times: Roping Arena @ Westworld allows them to hold roping clinics.
Children aged 6 - 12 years, roping clinic August 8 & 9, 2006

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up
Seeing, Doing, Learning Roping

Venue: K & K Livestock Co., Calgary East

Proprietors: Ken & Karen Mix
Website: www.kklivestock.com
Email: info@kklivestock.com
Phone: (403) 943-5835

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: The One Store you can bring your HORSE to fit your saddle!
Why shop at K & K? Large choice of saddles, tack to choose from as well as ropes, spurs, chaps, purses & giftware. Livestock feed supplies, Horses, stock trailers and farm equipment. Great customer service, expert product knowledge and a huge inventory.

Experience Category: **Roping**

Guidebook Descriptor: Roping and Penning clinics held on site at K & K Livestock, please check their website or phone for information.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up
Seeing, Doing Learning Roping

Venue: Kananaskis Guest Ranch, Canmore

Proprietors: Janet Brewster Stanton
Website: <http://www.kananaskisguelstranch.com>
Phone: 1 800 691-5085
Email: horses@kananaskisguelstranch.com

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western Themed Celebrations)
Barbecues, Rodeos, Music & other entertainment options available

Times: May - October (call for additional dates)

Experience length: varies

Experience/
Age Requirements: client-driven

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 50 - 1000

Guidebook Descriptor: The Kananaskis Guest Ranch is a great place to gather groups for any occasion from business to family. Our conference facilities can accommodate meetings for small intimate retreats of up to 50 people. All-inclusive packages include, Weddings, Reunions, Theme Parties, Rodeos, and the family specialty, Western Barbecues held in the famed "DONUT" tent for groups up to 1000 people. The Guest Ranch is located at the entrance of the Canadian Rockies. Our comfortable cabins and chalets, which feature antique furnishings and full baths, are located near the Bow River for scenic mountain views.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - October

Experience length: ½ trips

Experience/
Age Requirements: rider minimum 52" tall

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: small groups (call for details)

Guidebook Descriptor: Join us for guided trail rides in majestic foothills country along the Bow River.

Experience Category: **Cowgirl Up**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 2 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: 18 & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: based on groups of 15 or more

Guidebook Descriptor: Get Packing with Brewster's Kananaskis Guest Ranch Retreat for Women only! Business & Professional Associations, Clubs, Reunions, 'Just Friends',

Girlfriend Getaway, Fitness Excursion, Birthday, Stagette Party, Wedding Shower and Other Ladies' Occasions ... Go Trail Riding, Golfing or Rafting and enjoy a Western Barbecue.

Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up
Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Kikino Silver Birch Resort, Kikino

Website: <http://members.tripod.com/kikinoresort/documents/26.html>

Phone: 1-888-330-8833 or (780) 623-2662

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: August 18 – 20, 2006

Guidebook Descriptor: Located on the Kikino Settlement near Lac La Biche, this Kikino Silver Birch Rodeo and Celebration Days is an annual event that features top amateur rodeo. A horseshoe tournament, bingo, kids activities and a nightly steak supper round out the weekend.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: August 18 – 20, 2006

Guidebook Descriptor: Located on the Kikino Settlement near Lac La Biche, this Kikino Silver Birch Rodeo and Celebration Days is an annual event that features pony chariot and chuckwagon races. A horseshoe tournament, bingo, kids activities and a nightly steak supper round out the weekend

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon racing

Venue: Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village, Pincher Creek

Proprietors: Farley Wuth, Curator

Website: <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/kootenai/>

Phone: (403) 627-3684

Experience Category: **Historical & Lore**

Times: mid May – mid Sept as well as winter hours by arrangement

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: none

Reservations: call during winter season

Numbers/Availability: 1 and up

Guidebook Descriptor: For those interested in Canadian Ranching and Cowboy history, circa 1890, don't miss Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village in the southwestern foothills town of Pincher Creek. Take a guided tour during the summer season (Wed-Sun) and learn about the history of ranchers, cowboys and RCMP who made history in the area.

Seeing Historical & Lore

Venue: Lakedell Agricultural Complex, Westeros

Website: <http://www.lakedell.org/>

Phone: (780) 586-2505

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: dates vary - Horsemanship Clinics & 4-H events

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: June 17 & 18, 2006 - Lakedell Ag Society Wagon Train & Trail Ride

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Horsemanship, Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Lakeview Guest Ranch Ltd., Sangudo

Proprietors: Eckhard & Diana Krah

Website: <http://www.lakeviewguestranch.com>

E-mail: infolkgranch@xplorenet.com

Phone: (780) 785-3270

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Horse Handling/Riding Basics)

Times: May – October Ranch is open for accommodation year-round, activities offered only in safe weather and ground conditions.

Experience length: 1 day

Experience/

Age Requirements: 12 & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: up to 8

Guidebook Descriptor: Lakeview Guest Ranch focuses on participation with horses and our guests will learn the basics of horsemanship including catching, haltering, grooming, leading and riding. For the modern cowboy, guests can participate in an off road safety training by ATV and then head out and check fences or explore the area by ATV.

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 1 day

Experience/
Age Requirements: 12 & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 4 guest rooms with double occupancy.

Guidebook Descriptor: We are a working cattle ranch and operate on 64 ha of land. The ranch is surrounded by gentle rolling hills in an area called Royal Valley. We have quarter horses and appaloosa.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: Year round (weather permitting) ranch is open

Experience length: 1 – 2 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: beginners limited to 1 - 2 hour trail rides only

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 – 4 guests at a time

Guidebook Descriptor: Trail rides and ATV tours are accompanied by an experienced guide and will not take more than 2 guests at a time. Trails with different difficulties can be chosen according to the guests' riding experience and comfort level.

EARN YOUR SPURS
Prize

Yes
Yes, Hand-painted round/antique saw blade
or gift certificate for free overnight stay for 2 people

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship
Seeing, Doing Ranching
Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Lammle's Western Wear & Tack, Alberta

Website: www.lammles.com
Email: info@lammles.com
Phone: 1-877-526-6537

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: This classic store has western fashion, accessories, cowboy hat & brand name boots.

Lammle's Western Wear is considered to be among the top western retailers in North America. Western clothing, fashion accessories, jewellery, cowboy hats, boots and many other items are available for men, women and children. Visit any of our 10 locations in Calgary, 5 locations in Edmonton, 2 locations in Red Deer or stop by our Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Lloydminster, Camrose, Banff, Fort Saskatchewan or our new Spruce Grove location.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Larry's Riding Stables, Hinton

Proprietors: Larry Delorme
Website: <http://www.trailrides.ca/>
Phone: (780) 865-9223

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times:

Experience length: 1 hour, half or full day

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: Required for full day trips

Numbers/Availability: Maximum group size – 20 people
Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy a unique vacation experience sightseeing from horseback. Guided trail rides along the spectacular eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains from our riding stables just east of Jasper National Park.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: August – September inclusive

Experience length: 4 days/3 nights

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Fully-outfitted, back country pack trips into the Willmore Wilderness mountain area near Jasper.

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: Lazy H Trail Company, Cochrane

Proprietors: Richard & Connie Blair

Website: <http://www.lazyhtrailco.com>

Phone: (403) 851-0074 or (403) 851-8120

Experience Category: **Trail Riding** (1 hour orientation ride also available for beginners)

Times:

Experience length: 1 hour to full to multi-day

Experience/
Age Requirements: 12 years & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: individuals, couples, small & private groups
Rate increase applies for groups of 4 riders or less

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride some of the best trails in southern Alberta. All of our riding programs depart from our backcountry facility, Trapper's Hill Lodges, which is located in the heart of the magnificent backcountry west of Cochrane. We pride ourselves in the fact that we ride in small groups, making for a more personalized, enjoyable and natural horse ride.

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Lazy Vu Rocky Mountain Pack Trips Ltd., Hinton

Proprietors: John & Cindy Groat

Website: <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/lazyvu>

Phone: (780) 865-5161

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times:

Experience length: 4 days – 2 weeks & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations:

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Answer the 'explorer within' as you ride into the backcountry of the Willmore Wilderness, west of Hinton, that covers 1840 square miles of remote wilderness. Hundreds of miles of inter-connected trail can take you to any number of ruggedly beautiful locations.

Doing Pack Trips

Venue: Lea Park Pro Rodeo, Marwayne

Website: www.village.marwayne.ab.ca/LeaPark/leapark.htm

Phone: (780) 847-2437

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (52nd Lea Park Pro Rodeo @ Jubilee Regional Park, Marwayne)

Times: June 9, 10 & 11, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook descriptor: The Lea Park Pro Rodeo is a CPRA sanctioned rodeo held annually 10 miles north of Marwayne. Pancake breakfast and Rodeo Dance held in Marwayne. Three days of fun for the whole family.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Lee Valley Outfitters, Cardston

Proprietors: Mark T. Jensen

Phone: (403) 653-1311

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor:

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Lethbridge Exhibition Park, Lethbridge

Website: <http://www.exhibitionpark.ca/>

Phone: (403) 328-4491

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: August 24th - 26th 2006 (Whoop-Up Days Pro Rodeo)

Reservations: Call 328-4491 at beginning of August to purchase tickets in advance

Times: April 20 - 22, 2007 (Dodge Extreme Pro Rodeo)

Reservations: Call 328-4491 at beginning of April to purchase tickets in advance

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: June 16 - 18, 2006 (WPCA Chuckwagon Races)

Reservations: Call 380-1905 at the beginning of June to purchase advance tickets.

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing

Venue: Lloydminster Exhibition, Lloydminster

Website: <http://www.lloydexh.com>

Phone: (306) 825-5571

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: Colonial Days Fair July 12-15, 2006

Guidebook Descriptor: Action packed, entertainment filled - four days of fun and excitement! Highlights of Colonial Days include Midway, parade, agricultural events, and grandstand entertainment.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: Chuckwagon Racing Finals Aug 17-20, 2006
Stockade Roundup/

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: The top chuckwagons on the CPCA circuit compete in the Finals here in Lloydminster. This is action that will keep you on the edge of your seat! The best drivers and the fastest horses are here to take home the Championship.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: UFA Roundup Ranch Horse Competition & Sale Nov 2-4, 2006
Horsemanship Clinics dates vary

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: UFA Roundup Ranch Horse Competition & Sale and 2 Year Old Prospect Show & Sale This top notch horse competition features divisions for both Ranch Horses and 2 Year Old Prospects. The exciting competition is followed by the sale so that the buyer can see the horse in action and be assured of buying the perfect animal.

Seeing Chuckwagon Racing, Horsemanship

Venue: Longriders RV Park & Horseback Riding, Edmonton

Proprietors: Ken Dobush

Website: <http://www.albertahorses.com/>

Phone: (780) 998-0305

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: year round

Experience length: 1 – 2 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: 8 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Join us for a trail ride (or hayride) northeast of Edmonton in and around the scenic Sturgeon River Valley and the historic Athabasca Landing Trail.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes – gift certificate

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Lucasia Ranch Vacations, Claresholm (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Judy & Wayne Lucas
Website: <http://www.lucasiaranch.com>
Phone: (403) 625-2295
Email: lucasia@telusplanet.net

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 2 nights & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 12 & over
Riding experience recommended for cattle drives

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 1 - 14

Guidebook Descriptor: If you are looking for a true Alberta Canada Working Ranch experience, head back in time to Historic Lucasia Ranch. Join ranch cowboys as they herd cattle through the picturesque Porcupine Hills of southwestern Alberta.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding Lessons)

Times: May - October

Experience length: 2 nights & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 12 & up
No experience required

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: individual or small groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn the basics of horse handling, saddling & riding – arena & trail riding formats used.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes, Lucasia Ranch gift

Seeing, Doing Ranching
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Lynes Custom Cowboy Co, Bonnyville

Proprietors: Vern Lynes (silversmith) and Susan Lynes (bronze artist & flatwork artist)

Website: www.lynescustomcowboyco.com

Email: info@lynescustomcowboyco.com

Phone: (780) 826-2047

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: Lynes Custom Cowboy Co. also offers a 4 week course for anybody interested in learning the Art of Bit and Spur Making. This course will give you a good basic knowledge of handmaking fine quality bits, spurs, and buckles. Only one student is enrolled per course so maximum individual instruction can be given.

Experience Category: **Artistic**

Guidebook Descriptor: Lynes Custom Cowboy Co. comprises of a husband and wife team dedicated to preserving the Cowboy way of life. Inspiration for the functional works of art comes from the spirit of the North American Cowboy and from living in the grandeur of the rugged Northern Canadian Prairies. Products produced by the Company include: limited edition Bronzes, original and limited edition Pencil Artwork original watercolors and other media, handmade Bits, Spurs & Belt Buckles, Saddle and Headstall Silver, Silver Jewelry, miscellaneous Silver items and Custom Order products. They offer courses in western art bronzes courses. Lynes Custom Cowboy Co. offers a 4 week course taught by Bronze Artist, Susan Lynes and can take a beginner from creating the original wax model to the finished Bronze Sculpture. Contact the website for more information and to register for classes.

Seeing, Doing, Learning Smithing

Seeing, Doing, Learning Artistic

Venue: Lynnwood Ranch, Okotoks

Proprietors: Wendy Keller LeDuc

Website: <http://www.lynnwoodranch.com>

Phone: (403) 938-2203

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Event/Banquet Facility & Catering)

Times: April - December

Experience length: day or evening functions

Experience/

Age Requirements: event-driven (family – adult events)

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 50 – 400 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Located 15 minutes south of Calgary, Lynnwood Ranch is nestled in the picturesque Sheep River Valley. We feature home cooked meals, country fresh air, crystal clean rivers and our famous Western Canadian hospitality. Country meeting & banquet facility offers a relaxed & private atmosphere with delicious food & personalized service. Ideal for weddings, banquets, barbecues & conventions

NOTE: Lynnwood Ranch clients/guests can arrange for such options as: Western Bands, Dummy Roping, Campfire Western Singer, Cowboy Poet, Cowboy Comedian, Old West Fun Money Casino, Gunfighter Entertainment Package, Hayride, Western Line Dancing instruction etc...

EARN YOUR SPURS Possibly... would certainly be willing to put promotional materials up to let Lynnwood visitors know about the program (would assist in the networking process re. Earn Your Spurs and related Cowboy Experience vendors.)

Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

(Music, Poetry, Sharp Shooting, Dancing etc... can be arranged)

Venue: Mary Reimer Park, Hinton

Website: www.town.hinton.ab.ca

Phone: (780) 865-5541 (Steve McClelland)

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Mary Reimer Memorial Rodeo)

Times: August 4-6, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Howdy partner! The Mary Reimer Memorial Rodeo is a major Hinton attraction and community event. Come check out all your favorite rodeo activities and competitions. Be sure to wear your cowboy hat and boots to get in the rodeo spirit! Guaranteed fun for the whole family

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede, Medicine Hat

Website: <http://www.mhstampede.com>

Phone: (403) 527-1234

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times:	Spring Pro Rodeo	March 10,11 & 12, 2006
	Summer Pro Rodeo	July 27 - 29, 2006
	Fall Senior Pro Rodeo	Oct 12 - 15, 2006

PBR Bull Riding

late September

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: Pro Chuckwagon Racing June 9 - 11, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Horse Show July 22 - 23, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptors:

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing, Horsemanship

Venue: Millarville Racing & Agricultural Society Arena, Millarville

Website: <http://www.millarville.ab.ca/>

Phone: (403) 931-3411

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: May 26 – 28, 2006 (Millarville Rodeo)

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Although the Millarville Rodeo is a relatively new event for the Millarville community it's already become an exciting tradition! Celebrating it 10th anniversary, this Foothills Cowboy Association Rodeo will feature everyone's favourite wild events including bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle and bareback bronc riding, barrel racing and calf roping. Be prepared to be on the edge of your seat for one of the best rodeos in Alberta. You'll be sitting so close you're going to feel the adrenaline rush as top cowboys and cowgirls compete for top dollars.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Shopping)

Times: Saturdays, June 17 – October 7, 2006 (Millarville Farmers' Market)
Christmas Market Nov 10th, 11th and 12th (10AM -5PM)

Reservations: Call for market info 403-931-2404

Guidebook Descriptor: The Millarville Farmers' Market (over 170 vendors) is renowned for its comfortable country atmosphere, original cowboy art, fine handcrafted goods, exquisite baking and simply the freshest farm and ranch fruit and produce. The Millarville Farmers' Market offers top quality vendors, breakfast concessions and outstanding live country cowboy entertainment

Seeing Rodeo
Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Misty Mountain Adventures, Pincher Creek

Proprietors: Joe & Doreen Jacobsen
Website: <http://www.mistymountainadventures.ca/>
Phone: (403) 627-1806

Experience Category: **Pack Trips** (1 hour horse orientation to start)

Times: May 1 - mid-fall (Season varies; call for information)

Experience length: 5 days (combination Pack & Ranch Experiences available)

Experience/
Age Requirements: 10 years and older

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 6 & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Departs at 4 pm of day one, arriving in base camp in early evening for hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and supper. It is followed by three full days of adventure, returning to trailhead at approximately 2 p.m. of day five

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: Year round

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 8

Guidebook Descriptor: Experience ranching as it has been done for over a hundred years. Our ranch was once part of the great open range and the skills required then are still used today. Riding, roping and working cattle go on here most every day just as in the past.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips** (Clinic)

Times: offered off season; call to inquire

Experience length: 3 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: required
Numbers/Availability: up to 24

Guidebook Descriptor: Spend a few days learning the ropes on our working cattle and horse ranch then embark on a scenic pack trip into the beautiful Rocky Mountains west of Pincher Creek. Trusty mountain horses carry you into pristine areas abundant with wildlife and incredible vistas. Fishing for high mountain trout is our specialty.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Ranching, Pack Trips

Venue: Moose Mountain Adventures, Bragg Creek

Proprietors: Neil MacLaine
Website: <http://www.packtrips.ca>
Phone: (403) 949-3329
Toll-free: 1-866-513-RIDE

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: year-round weather permitting

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: 8 & up (depending on experience level)

Reservations: Required for full day trips

Numbers/Availability: 4 – 10 people/group

Guidebook Descriptor: Horseback adventures and trail rides in the Canadian Rockies, south-east of Banff National Park... explore remote trails where people are rarely seen, and experience all the majesty of nature just as the great explorers of the last century

did.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June - September

Experience length: 2 days & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 8 & up (depending on experience level)

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Group sizes vary

Guidebook Descriptor: Genuine, real-life adventure, breathtaking scenery, camaraderie of the trail, excellent camp-fire cooked food and the opportunity to learn as much as you can about horses, riding and living with nature. Trip locations include Kananaskis, Porcupine Hills, Rockies as well as southwestern Alberta grassland areas.

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Rides

Venue: Mountain Guest Ranch, Blairmore

Proprietors: Kai Echardt
Website: <http://www.mountainguestranch.com>
Phone: (403) 563-3900
Email: guestranch@canada.com

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May 30 – Sept 30

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: individuals – 30 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride the foothills of southwestern Alberta's Crowsnest Pass Country in the Blairmore area.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Mountain Meadow Trail Rides, Mountain View

Proprietors: Dan & Terri Nelson / Nelson Ranch
Website: <http://www.mountainmeadowtrailrides.com>
E-mail: meadow1@telusplanet.net
Phone: (403) 653-2413

Experience Category: **Trail Rides**

Times: May - September

Experience length: 1 ½ hr, 2 ½ hr, 4 hr, & full day (specialty rides available)

Specialty rides: Cowboy cookout ride – Ride into high country wilderness area, and sit around a crackling campfire and enjoy an Alberta beef steak meal.
Canoe & Ride – Ride into the high country wilderness & canoe on Little Beaver Lake. Enjoy a hearty trail lunch and then ride beside Big Beaver Lake on the return ride back to the Nelson Ranch.

Experience/
Age Requirements: Beginner to advanced riders
5 years & up
275 lbs Maximum

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 2 – 10 riders (large groups (up to 30) may reserve a private ride with advanced notice)

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride side by side into the legendary mountain west and experience the connection between horse and rider as it was in the past, and share the legacy of the cowboy as it continues into the future. Western guides help riders explore beautiful high country trails in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains, next to Waterton Lakes National Park. Ride beneath tall shady pines, across meadows filled with wild flowers, through aspen groves, and beside a picturesque lake.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June – September (every week – see website for specific dates)

Experience length: 2, 3 & 4 day options

Experience/
Age Requirements: Beginner to advanced riders
8 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 4 to 10 riders (retreat groups & groups over 8 are booked as a private ride – on private rides, we can book up to 25 riders)

Guidebook Descriptor: Saddle up for an exceptional horseback riding adventure. Ride alongside cowboys that carry on western traditions and heritage across open meadows filled with a dazzling array of wildflowers. Meander through silent, shady pine forests, and crest high ridges for a breathtaking view of the Rocky Mountains. Relax at a remote wilderness base camp with log style cabins, cedar hot tub & canoeing close to the base camp.

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Cattle Drives)

Times: June - September

Experience length: 3 & 4 day options

Experience/
Age Requirements: intermediate to advanced riders
14 years and up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 8 – 10 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Authentic ranch cattle work and cattle drive into the high country wilderness area. Join the Nelson Ranch on one of the seasonal ranch cattle drives, and participate in the traditions of the historic west.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding
Seeing Ranching

Venue: MP Stables, Edmonton

Proprietors: Evelyn & Morris Presisniuk
Website: <http://www.mpstables.com>
Phone: (780) 973-3352

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: Seasonal/weather-permitting

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: individuals, families, groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy a horse ranch situated in a rural setting, just minutes from downtown Edmonton. We offer an authentic western riding experience for horse lovers of all ages and abilities. Expect excellent photo opportunities as you watch for deer, geese, coyotes and a nest of red-winged hawks. We believe horseback riding is not only therapeutic for body, mind and soul; it is the best way to see and discover Alberta's beauty at its best!

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Kids Day Camps – Pony 101)

Times: Seasonal/weather-permitting

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: varied sized groups

Guidebook Descriptor: MP Stables caters to children through their Pony 101 Day Camps, Birthday Parties & Field Trips.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes

Doing Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship (Kids Camps)

Venue: Nanton Recreation Centre, Nanton

Phone: (403) 646-5766

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Ranch Horse Camp May 20, June 24, Aug 20 & Sept 10, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: All Girl Rodeo June 24-25, 2006
Nanton Nite Rodeos July 8, 21, Aug 5, 11 & 19, 2006

Medicine Tree Ranch Rodeo July 21-22, 2006
Amateur (FCA) Rodeo Aug 6-7, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Roping**

Times: TNT Calf Roping July 14-16, 2006
Mad Cow Team Roping Aug 25-27, 2006

Reservations: Call for dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship
Seeing Rodeo, Roping

Venue: North Saskatchewan River Park, Rocky Mountain House

Website: www.rockyprorodeo.com

Phone: 1-800-565-3793

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: June 7 – 11, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: The bulls are buckin', and ready to roll in the Rocky Pro Rodeo. So, shake the dust off your hat, the mud off your boots, and join us for pro rodeo at the new spectacular, North Saskatchewan River Park.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: Rocky Pro Rodeo June 7 – 11, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: The wheels are greased and ready to roll. So, shake the dust off your hat, the mud off your boots, and join us for chuckwagon races at the new spectacular, North Saskatchewan River Park.

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing

Venue: Nothing Barred Guest Ranch, Lloydminster

Proprietors: Colleen & Roy Graham
Website: http://www.grahamsisters.com/nothing_barred.htm
Phone: (780) 875-8205

Experience Category: **Trail Rides**

Times: June – October

Experience length: 1 hour – overnight trips

Experience/
Age Requirements: No experience necessary
children – adults

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: small-medium groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Spend a relaxing day riding well-trained horses through scenic trails in east-central Alberta's rolling ranch country. Ideal for birthday parties, anniversaries and family reunions. Children's camps also available. Rustic log cabin available for overnight stays.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Rides

Venue: Ocean Front Saddlery, Bowden

Proprietors: Kenton & Debbie Hubschmid
Website: www.oceanfrontsaddlery.com
Email: hub1764@yahoo.ca
Phone: (403) 224-3060

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride with Confidence that comes from knowing you and your horse are outfitted with a custom built Ocean Front Saddle. Custom saddles for ropers, reiners, team penners, cutters, trainers, ranchers, bronc riders, outfitters and recreational riders.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Okotoks Agriplex, Okotoks

Website: <http://www.okotoksag.com>
Phone: (403) 938-3256

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Aug 31, Sept 1-2, 2006 (Professional Rodeo)

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting (Team Penning, Cattle Penning)**

Times:

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Roping**

Times:

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Clinics)

Times:

Reservations: Call or check website for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Cowhorse Sorting, Roping, Horsemanship

Venue: Old Entrance Trail Rides, Hinton

Proprietors: Mary Luger

Website: <http://www.oldentrance.ab.ca/>

Phone: (780) 865-3655

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: June – September

Experience length: 1 hour – ½ day

Experience/

Age Requirements: minimum 10 years of age
Maximum weight – 230 lbs

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: individual – small groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Guided trail rides departing from Old Entrance along the scenic Athabasca River Valley. Ride historic trails originally used by our early explorers, trappers and forest rangers along the beautiful eastern slopes of the Rockies. These trails are over a variety of terrain; along our river valley, onto open foothill ridges with spectacular mountain views and through mature evergreen forests.

Doing Trail Rides

Venue: Olds Cow Palace, Olds

Website: <http://www.oldsagsociety.com>

Phone: (403) 556-3770

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times:	Horsemanship & Dressage Clinic	May 10 – 12, 2006
	Alberta Pinto Horse Show	May 27, 2006
	Appaloosa Show	June 9 – 11, 2006
	Open Horse Show	July, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times:	District Heifer Show	June 19 – 20, 2006
	Cattle Shows/4-H Shows	July, 2006
	Cattlemens Classic Bull Congress	Feb 2 – 3, 2007

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: The Cattlemens Classic Bull Congress highlights some of the best seedstock in Western Canada, encouraging friendly competition among various breeds of beef cattle, and among other producers of agricultural products

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting**

Times: Cutting Horse Classic Aug 24 – 27, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Olds Fair & Rodeo)

Times: August 11 – 13, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: The rodeo in Olds is a Budweiser Rodeo. Events held at the CPRA Rodeo included saddle bronc, bareback, tie-down roping, ladies barrel racing, steer wrestling, and the ever-popular, bull riding. A special addition included Team Penning. CPRA mascot, Bull Jangles, will be on hand for kids of all ages. Add in Pro Rodeo Clown, Ernie Marshall, and fans are guaranteed to have a great time.

Experience Category: **Roping**

Times: Team Roping June 3 – 4, 2006
Canadian Team Roping Finals Aug 31 – Sept 4, 2006

Reservations: Call/check website for confirmed dates/prices & other events through the year

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing** (Olds Fair & Rodeo)

Times: Aug 11-13, 2006, starting at 7 PM

Guidebook Descriptor: You've heard it described as the "half mile of hell". Hellish because of the blazing competition, uncertain weather conditions, and attempts to replicate the speed and audacity necessary in a working chuckwagon. Your Rodeo starts with the "Taste of the Dust" Chariot and Chuckwagon Races. Arguably the most popular event at the Olds Fair & Rodeo, the races fill the grandstand each evening, and are a great deal for families looking for terrific entertainment.

Seeing Horsemanship, Ranching, Cowhorse Sorting, Rodeo, Musical, Roping, Chuckwagon Racing

Venue: Olds Sports Complex

Website: www.oldsalberta.com/jamboree.html

Phone: Cheryl (403) 556-1829, Dave (403) 556-1037, Jim (403) 507-7898
Olds Rotary Club

Experience Category: **Musical**

Times: Olds Tyme Music & Dance Jamboree Aug 17-20, 2006

Guidebook Descriptor: For a swingin' good time this four-day weekend of live music, dancing and listening is sure to please. There's even "Olds Tyme" dance lessons offered in the Olds Recreation Centre during the event.

Seeing Musical

Venue: Outlaws Guiding & Outfitting, Sundre

Proprietors: Frank, Jean & Shane Raymond

Website: <http://www.outlaws.ab.ca/>

Phone: (403) 556-2713

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: July – August

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations:

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy riding trails of untamed wilderness, great scenery and the opportunity to see wildlife in its natural habitat in the Rocky Mountains around Sundre.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: late June – late August

Experience length: 7 days

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: varied group sizes

Guidebook Descriptor: Are you looking for something more exhilarating for your trail riding vacation? Then this is for you!! "Outlaws" are offering a remote camp situated in the heart of the Rocky Mountains bordering Banff National Park. This area will enable our clients to experience scenic trails that are only accessible by pack trip or team

wagon while still returning each evening to a comfortable camp. Hot shower, flush toilet, heated tents and hearty home cooked meals.

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: Outpost at Warden Rock, Sundre

Proprietors: Tim Barton
Website: <http://www.outpostatwardenrock.com>
Phone: (403) 762-2767
Toll-free: 1 877 762-2767
Fax: (403) 762-2799

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 3 – 6 days (daily guided rides within our horseback packages)

Experience/
Age Requirements: 12 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 25 people

Guidebook Descriptor: The Outpost is located in the heart of some of the most beautiful country in the Canadian Rockies about, 1 hour west of Sundre, Alberta on the Red Deer River as it flows from Banff National Park. Guests travel to our secluded backcountry haven in the tradition of the old west via horseback, wagon or stagecoach.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Wilderness Packing School)

Times: contact us for scheduled dates

Experience length: 3 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: suitable for both beginners & those with some experience
12 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: group format

Guidebook Descriptor: Wilderness Packing School – including how to pick the right animal for the job, anatomy and mind, packsaddles and rigging, how to fit them to the animal; what equipment you need and how you can make some of your own; wilderness safety precautions and tips, how to pack the animals; tying the diamond and managing

animals in the backcountry.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Learn to Drive Multiple Hitches)

Times: contact us for scheduled dates

Experience length: 3 days

Experience/

Age Requirements: suitable for both beginners & those with some experience
12 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: group format

Guidebook Descriptor: Gain hands on experience with all aspects of driving animals. Anything else you want to know, just ask! This course is beneficial to anyone considering taking up driving, and to those who already drive and want to get into driving teams and bigger hitches.

Experience Category: **Cooking**

Times: July – August (Fridays)

Experience length: 4 hours (11 am – 3 pm)

Experience/

Age Requirements: 7 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: minimum 6 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy an authentic chuck wagon cookout along the banks of the Red Deer River. Travel in the tradition of the old west in Tim's covered sheepherder's wagon to our lunch site. Sit back, relax and take in the scenery while our cook prepares your meal. ***Buggy brunch also available with lunch at the Outpost. Check website.***

Doing Trail Riding, Cooking
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Oyen Agricultural Society Grounds, Oyen

E-mail: townoyen@telus.net

Phone: (403) 664-3511

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: July 26, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: Oyen White Lightning Dodge Professional Cowboy Crunch Bullerama presents Canadian Pro Bull-Riders meeting the Girletz Bulls for a chance to win over \$10,000.00. One of the top paying prize purses in Canada, always attracting the top professional bull riders. A must see for all rodeo fans.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Panther River Adventures, Eckville

Proprietors: Terry & Laureen Safron

Website: <http://www.pantherriver.com>

Phone: (403) 637-2920

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: year-round weather permitting

Experience length: 2 hour, ½ day, full day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Explore the wilderness in Alberta's foothills and Rocky Mountains west of Sundre on the back of good-natured, well trained horses. Follow old trails along peaceful rivers, pass by beautiful lakes - a great scenic discovery.

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Peace Country Pioneer Camps, Grande Prairie

Website: www.peacecountrypioneer.com

Phone: (780) 539-3884

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Guidebook Descriptor: We offer nine different pioneer camps. This is a great place to begin riding camps. At the different camps you will ride the trails of the Smoky River, or learn the art of round penning colts, have an evening dose of fun and stories in the tee pee, and take part in theme days and

evening programs. This is an interdenominational, world-wide Christian youth organization running summer camps.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Guidebook Descriptor: The pack trip is designed to give you the ultimate experience. You'll go into the Kakwa high country through seldom-traveled, isolated, and spectacular mountain terrain. You will be challenged physically and stretched spiritually, and you'll enjoy the unique wilderness comradeship of caring leaders and other campers. This is an interdenominational, world-wide Christian youth organization running summer camps.

Doing, Learning Horsemanship
Doing Pack Trips

Venue: Peace Valley Guest Ranch, Berwyn (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Robert & Lois Allen
Website: <http://www.mightypeace.com/pvgranch>
Phone: (780) 338-2183

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - October

Experience length: overnight & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: All ages accepted; some limitations re. younger riders

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: varies

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy the vast and beautiful rolling country along the Peace River. Ride the trails along the river valley, observing the area wildlife.

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: May - October

Experience length: overnight & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: All ages accepted; some limitations re. younger riders

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: varies

Guidebook Descriptor: Skill development in riding, fencing, corral building, moving and sorting cattle, branding and castrating etc...

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing, Learning Ranching

Venue: Pincher Creek & District Agricultural Grounds, Pincher Creek

Website: <http://www.pincher-creek.com/agsociety/>

Phone: (403) 627-4702

Experience Category: **Musical/Poetry**

Times: Pincher Creek Poetry Gathering June 16 – 18, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: Favorite poets and musicians will be returning to Pincher Creek along with a line up of brand new entertainers. Cowboy poetry and music comes straight from the heart and is an honest expression of western life as experienced by the men and women who write it and sing about it.

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times:	Rancher's Rodeo	June 18, 2006
	CGRA (All Girls) Rodeo	July 22 – 23, 2006
	Pincher Creek Fair & Pro Rodeo	August 18 – 20, 2006
	High School Rodeo	Sept 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Head to the Pincher Creek Ag Society Grounds along picturesque Pincher Creek and enjoy the rodeo action. From your hillside seat, take in Bull Riding, Bronc Riding, Tie Down Roping, Barrel Racing, Bareback Riding and Steer Wrestling.

Seeing Musical/Poetry, Rodeo

Venue: Ponoka Stampede Grounds, Ponoka

Website: www.ponoka.org or www.ponokastampede.com

Phone: (403) 783-2505

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: June 28 – July 3, 2006 (Ponoka Stampede)

Reservations: Call 403-783-0100 or 783-3120 for dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: June 28 – July 3, 2006 (Pro Chuckwagon Racing)

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: This professional rodeo attracts participants from across the continent and is Alberta's second largest outdoor rodeo and chuckwagon event. The entire community is hopping with western fun and excitement – plus there's free camping on the grounds.

Experience Category: **Musical** (Clay Walker)

Times: Thursday, June 29, 2006

Experience Category: **Artistic**

Times: July 2 and 3, 2006 (10:30 am – 6:30 pm)

Guidebook Descriptor: Cowboy Art Show @ Arena Complex

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing, Musical, Artistic

Venue: Pyramid Riding Stables, Jasper

Proprietors: Kurtis Horneman

Website: <http://www.mpljasper.com/jasper/pyramid.html>

Phone: (780) 852-7433

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May 15 – Oct 15

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/

Age Requirements: 7 & up

Reservations: Recommended

Numbers/Availability: individuals – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Nestled in the foothills of Pyramid Mountain just north of Jasper, Pyramid Riding Stables offers travelers an adventure of a lifetime - the opportunity to explore the natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains on horseback.

Earn Your Spurs Yes
Prize Yes (T shirt, gift certificate or something similar)

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Radke Outfitting, Red Deer

Proprietors: Stan Radke
Website: <http://www.radkeoutfitting.com>
Phone: (403) 340-3971

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June - Sept

Experience length: 5, 6 or 9 day trips

Experience/

Age Requirements: riders should be in good physical condition
12 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: group sizes vary

Guidebook Descriptor: Experience the Canadian Rocky Mountains as only a cowboy can see them. Cross country through high alpine passes and majestic mountain valleys in seldom visited areas. Camp out under the stars, listen to the wind and swap stories around the campfire.

Doing Pack Trips

Venue: Rafter 6 Guest Ranch, Seebe

Proprietors:
Website: <http://www.raftersix.com>
Phone: 1 888 267-2624
(403) 673-3622

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: Year round
Experience length: 1 hour – full day
Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 years & up
Reservations: required
Numbers/Availability: individuals & up

Guidebook Descriptor: The sprawling acres of Rafter Six Ranch are nestled at the base of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, surrounded by Provincial parkland, and the Stoney Indian Reserve. The ranch is located where the Kananaskis Valley and the Bow Valley meet.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: May - October
Experience length: 2 – 4 days
Experience/
Age Requirements: recommended for intermediate to experienced riders
Reservations: required
Numbers/Availability: 4 – 10 riders

Guidebook Descriptor: If you're a more experienced rider, take advantage of our Pack Trips into the rugged foothills and mountains southwest of Calgary.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western Themed Celebration)

Times: May – Sept
Experience length: 1.5 – 2 hours
Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 & up
Reservations: required
Numbers/Availability: 6 – 60

Guidebook Descriptor: Join the Rafter 6 crew for a western experience that could include our high energy western gymkhana, a campfire evening of cowboy music and poetry or trick roping lessons.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Rafter Heart Custom Tack, Pincher Creek

Proprietor: Donna Smith
Phone: (403) 627-2121

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Custom made tack.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Rangeview Ranch, Cardston (Working Family Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Dianne & Melvin Thomson
Website: <http://www.rangeviewranch.com>
Phone: (403) 653-2292
Email: thomson@telusplanet.net

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Cattle Drives, Moving & Sorting Cattle)

Times: mid May – early Sept

Experience length: varies; short & long stays available

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Preferred

Numbers/Availability: individuals – 18 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Join the Thomson family on their working cattle and horse ranch south of Cardston on the Milk River Ridge. Enjoy ranch life first hand with trail rides over 150,000 secluded acres of rolling hills and deep coulees still in their natural state. Learn all about ranch life as you join us in checking, moving and doctoring cattle. Learn the basics of roping and generally help with daily ranch activities. Families welcome.

Experience Category: **Artistic** (Leatherwork & Painting)

Times: mid May – early Sept

Experience length: hourly sessions available

Experience/

Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Preferred

Numbers/Availability: small groups & one on one

Guidebook Descriptor: While enjoying your stay at Rangeview Ranch, spend some time learning the basics of leatherwork and painting.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding, Colt Training)

Times: mid May – early Sept

Experience length: hourly

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Preferred

Numbers/Availability: individuals – 18

Guidebook Descriptor: As part of your Rangeview Ranch experience, spend part of each day learning riding fundamentals and colt training basics.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes – a painting or gift certificate

Seeing, Doing Ranching, Artistic
Seeing, Doing & Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Raymond Knight Stampede Grounds, Raymond

Website: www.townofraymond.com

Phone: Allan Heggie (403) 752-3661 or town office (403) 752-3322

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Raymond Knight Stampede)

Times: June 30 - July 1, 2006

Reservations: call for ticket information and prices

Guidebook Descriptor: In 1902 Raymond Knight conceived, coined the term, and organized the world's first 'stampede'. The uniqueness and appeal of this continuously-held well-known event led to the community's popular current title: "**Home of the First Stampede**". Each year on July 1, Raymond holds its popular Raymond Stampede with a Parade and Stampede (Rodeo). Today the stampede grounds include a rodeo infield, a half-mile race track and covered bleachers. A horseshoe pitch and campground which

includes two kitchen shelters are also part of the grounds. Join us for the next stampede!

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Red Deer River Ranches, Sundre (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Jason & Marcie Bradley

Website: <http://www.reddeerriverranches.com>

Phone: (403) 638-4226

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: Year Round (weather-permitting)

Experience length: 4 – 8 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: 10 yrs & up – call to discuss

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride over Red Deer River Ranches with acres of forest/rangeland, creeks and rivers to cross. Your horse or ours.

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: Year Round

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 10 yrs & up – call to discuss

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up, families welcome

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy our working ranch setting in the foothills southwest of Sundre. Join the Red Deer River Ranch crew in checking fences and cattle, moving and sorting cattle and general ranch work.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western Themed Retreats)

Times: Year Round

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: recommended
Numbers/Availability: small – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Red Deer River Ranches offers corporate retreats for varied sized groups. Join us for corporate meetings and team-building activities tailored to your business.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Year Round

Experience length: varies – call to discuss

Experience/
Age Requirements: 10 yrs & up – call to discuss

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 person & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Arrange a customized horsemanship experience tailored to your level of expertise. Learn to get comfortable with catching, saddling and riding your horse.

Accommodation: Winterized cabins in a rugged ranch setting.

Doing Trail Rides

Seeing, Doing Ranching, Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Red Lodge Outfitters & Guest Ranch, Bowden (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Dale & Wendy Bradshaw

Website: <http://www.redlodgeoutfitters.com/>

Phone: (403) 224-3082

Toll-free: 1-888-546-5199

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: Year Round

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: min 8 years

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: various

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy the beauty of a ranch trail ride west of Bowden amongst towering evergreens and rolling sandhills, as you check on a herd of grazing cattle. Good opportunities for wildlife sightings. Full day rides available further west along the mountains. Wagon rides offered as well.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding Lessons)

Times: Year Round

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: min 8 years

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: individuals – small groups

Guidebook Descriptor: For those less comfortable riding out on the trail, start your cowboy experience with some riding lessons in the Red Lodge arena.

Experience Category: **Ranching** (checking cattle, horses, roping basics)

Times: Year Round

Experience length: 1 day & up
Experience/

Age Requirements:
Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: up to 6 (in the house)

Guidebook Descriptor: Participate in daily Red Lodge Ranch work by checking on ranch horses and cattle and learning roping basics.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Reunions, Retreats, Western Celebrations)

Times: Year Round

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: up to 70 double occupancy (in the house)

Guidebook Descriptor: Red Lodge Outfitters & Guest Ranch offers a variety of Western Celebrations including retreats, reunions and celebrations. Year round rustic cabin accommodation available.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes

Seeing, Doing Ranching, Cowboy/Cowgirl Up
Doing Trail Rides
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Rem Saddlery, Coaldale

Proprietor: Vickie Keam
Phone: (403) 345-2428
Web-site: <http://www.geocities.com/rem saddlery>

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: Custom saddles and tack and leather work. Vickie's work is a labour of love and each design is created from her heart understanding the relationship between – rider, saddle and horse. By appointment only.

Doing Smithing

Venue: Remington Carriage Museum, Cardston

Proprietors Alberta Department of Community Development, Historic Sites
Website www.remingtoncarriagemuseum.com
Phone (403) 653-5139

Experience Category: **Historical and Lore**

Times: year-round, 7 days per week

Experience length 1-3 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: No age or experience limitations

Reservations: Required for chuckwagon BBQ package

Numbers/Availability: groups of 25 or more

Guidebook Descriptor: Exclusive chuckwagon package includes a special cowboy themed interpretive program, saloon piano music, western entertainment and cowboy themed meal. Chosen by Attractions Canada in a nationwide competition as the *Best Indoor Tourist Attraction In Canada*, The Remington Carriage Museum is the largest museum of horse drawn transportation in the world, with the largest collection of antique carriages, buggies, wagons and sleighs on display in North America.

Experience Category: **Cooking**

Times: Year-round, seven days per week

Experience length 1-2 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: No age or experience limitations

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Groups of 15 to 100

Guidebook Descriptor: Whether you want the elegant upper-class Victorian experience of a High Tea, or the down-to-earth cowboy atmosphere of a Chuckwagon Barbecue, a memorable experience awaits you at the Remington Museum. High Tea takes place in the Museum's Sun Room. The Chuckwagon Barbecue, with such options as special cowboy themed interpretive program, saloon piano music, western entertainment and cowboy themed meal (steak, beef stew, cheddar biscuits or baked beans), takes place on our patio, weather permitting.

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Times: Periodically, as determined by work required in the Shop/Stable

Experience length 1/2 hour

Experience/
Age Requirements: No age or experience limitations

Reservations: Not Required

Numbers/Availability: Groups of 15 to 50

Guidebook Descriptor: In our Restoration Shop you can talk to the craftsmen who restore our carriages, and watch as they work on the vehicles. Depending on the job at hand, they could be involved in blacksmithing, wheelwrighting, painting, wood bending and fine carpentry, all of which the visiting public can watch. Shoeing demonstrations are also given periodically in the Stable.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: Miniature Horse Chuckwagon Championships August 18 & 19, 2006

Reservations: Call regarding ticket prices and times

Guidebook Descriptor: These chuckwagons are approximately one half the size of those on the professional circuit and are pulled by a team of four miniature horses, but they pack all the punch of their regular sized counterparts!

Seeing, Doing Historical & Lore, Smithing, Chuckwagons
Doing Cooking

Venue: Ride the Wind Ranch, Rocky Mountain House

Proprietors: Hans & Kathy Rissi

Website: <http://www.ridethewindranch.com>

Phone: (403) 845-5997

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding lessons)

Times: May - October

Experience length: 2 – 5 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: Minimum 8 years of age

Reservations: required (minimum 3 night bookings July & August)

Numbers/Availability: maximum of 8 riders, we have 4 rooms in guest cabins

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy a wonderful ranch experience at Ride the Wind Ranch guest ranch. Feel at home in gorgeous cabins with private bathrooms, relax on the porch with a beautiful view of the Rocky Mountains, enjoy wonderful meals and splendid company. Get a taste of cowboy life - experience the partnership with a good ranch horse. You will participate in getting your riding horse from the corral, brushing and saddling up - with instruction and help. You will get instructions in Western Riding and Horseman Ship and will be able to put your skills on during a horseback ride through wonderful forested countryside. Trotting and loping is part of horseback riding if riders feel comfortable.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 2 – 5 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: Minimum 8 years of age

Reservations: required (minimum 3 night bookings July & August)

Numbers/Availability: maximum of 8 riders

Guidebook Descriptor: A peaceful horse and cattle ranch located in a very scenic region just West of Rocky Mountain House offering trail riding, horsemanship skills and canoe trips.

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship
Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Ridin' High Western, Cochrane

Proprietors: Dave & Audra Shields

Website: www.ridinhigh.ca

Email: ridinhi@telus.net

Phone: (403) 851-7772

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: hours by appointment only or look for them at Foothills area Farmers Markets

Guidebook Descriptor: Ridin' High Western Goods is a Canadian maker of finely crafted, one-of-a-kind handmade leather goods. All items are custom made and crafted specifically for you and your lifestyle. Catering to anyone interested in western/cowboy leather items, the unique and diverse selection of products include everyday necessities such as daytimers, wallets and belts. Ridin' High set the standard for western home décor with beautifully styled, hand-sewn leather accent pillows, placemats or decorative benches. All items are custom made by Audra Shields. Located in the beautiful Alberta foothills of the Cochrane area, our location doesn't limit our reach! Look for us at foothill area farmers markets during the summer months. Plus, Ridin' High boasts customers all over North America and can ship to any location in the world -- anywhere, anytime.

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Guidebook Descriptor: Ridin' High covers every aspect of rodeo right from the beginning. Ridin' High has a fully comprehensive training program that includes everything from stretches, exercise and sports medicine to actual bucking horse practice. Ridin' High has made a commitment to the betterment and longevity of the sport. By promoting education & fitness we can change the future of tomorrows pro-rodeo athlete today. Offering rodeo clinics, ongoing bareback and saddlebronc clinics. Call today to check schedule for times and information

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up
Seeing, Doing, Learning Rodeo

Venue: Riley & McCormick, Calgary

Website: www.realcowboys.com
Email: riley@realcowboys.com
Phone: (403) 228-4024 or 1-800-661-1585

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Official Suppliers to Canada's Real Cowboys since 1901. Founded in 1901, Riley & McCormick was providing Calgary Alberta district residents with the finest of harness, saddles and Western wear before the province of Alberta was incorporated in 1905. Riley & McCormick has been present at every Calgary Stampede since 1912. Since 1901, Riley and McCormick has been Canada's Western Wear mail order house.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Rio Grande Rodeo Grounds, Elmworth

Website <http://www.discoverthepeacecountry.com/htmlpages/elmworth.html>
Phone: (780) 354-8462

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Rio Grande Rodeo)

Times: July 1 and 2, 2006

Reservations: Required, please call

Guidebook Descriptor: The Rio Grande Rodeo is an annual event that draws crowds near and far. The Grounds are located only a short distance from Elmworth. (5 km west and then 2.5 km north on range road 121.) The rodeo tradition lives in Rio Grande each July during the Canada Day weekend when cheering fans and the dust of many hooves fills the air. This long-running rodeo includes professional chuckwagon races, a slow pitch ball tournament and an open air dance.

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Rio Grande Old Timers Rodeo)

Times: August, 2006

Reservations: call (780) 354-2201

Guidebook Descriptor: Located west of the County of Grande Prairie, on the Red Willow River south of Rio Grande, Old timers -those more than 40 years old- take part for three days, in August. The Rio Grande Old Timers Rodeo is also held here each year in August. The 3 day event is a professional seniors rodeo for those who are over 40 years old. It attracts competitors from Western Canada and the United States. It has been known as the largest seniors rodeo in Western Canada. Old Timers... those more than 40 years old.... take to the saddle for three days in August during Rio Grande's Old Timers' Rodeo. Located in the west country on the Red Willow River south of Rio Grande, this is a professional senior's rodeo with competitors from western Canada and the United States. Sanctioned by the Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association, it is classed as the biggest senior rodeo in western Canada.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: River Ridge Ranch, Thorsby (Working Ranch)

Proprietors: Terry Brookman

Website: <http://www.riverridgeranch.ca>

Phone: (780) 789-3646

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - October

Experience length: Hourly

Experience/

Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 1 – 6

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride along the North Saskatchewan River through winding, treed country – a very beautiful part of central Alberta.

EARN YOUR SPURS: Yes

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Rocky Mountain Outfitters, Bragg Creek

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.rockymountainoutfitters.ca>

Phone: (403) 949-3625

Email: info@rockymountainoutfitters.ca

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: varied sized groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Nestled at the base of the Canadian Rocky Mountains in the Bragg Creek area and surrounded by breathtaking views at every turn, we offer the perfect backdrop for an exciting packtrip getaway. Custom packages available. Packtrips use two trailheads: Mesa Butte south of Bragg Creek and Little Elbow Recreation area west of Bragg Creek.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western Themed Celebration)

Times: May - October

Experience length: 2 – 3 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: varied sized groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Join the crew at Rocky Mountain Outfitters in the scenic Bragg Creek area for your next western group barbecue. Wagon rides available as part of this experience

Doing Pack Trips,
Seeing, Doing Cowboy Up

Venue: Rolyn Hills Bed & Breakfast and Guest Ranch, Red Deer (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Rob & Lynda Purdie

Website: <http://www.rolynhills.com>

Phone: (403) 347-0206

Email: info@rolynhills.com

Experience Category: **Ranching** (riding is part of our Ranching experience)

Times: May - October

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 10 & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 2 – 6 guests

Guidebook Descriptor: This Red Deer area ranch custom grazes 900 head of steers during the summer months on 2000 acres. Much of the grazing ground is native pasture in hilly country with high points from which a person can see for 60 miles.

In 2005, the Purdie family was presented with a Centennial plaque to commemorate the homesteading of their ancestors from Scotland. The grandchildren of Rob & Lynda are the seventh generation of Purdies to live and be a part of life on this land.

There are 3 guest rooms and a large sitting room with pull outs. Breakfast is served in the large country kitchen of the main ranch house. A self catering guest house for 8 people can be accommodated dorm style.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes (B & B stay)

Seeing, Doing Ranching

Venue: Royal Alberta Museum, Edmonton

Website: www.royalalbertamuseum.ca

Phone: (780) 453-9100

Experience Category: **Artistic**

Times: June 10 – Nov 19, 2006

Guidebook Descriptor: The Frontier in Bronze... Sculptures by Bob Scriver. Scriver's magnificent bronzes celebrate the true spirit of the Old West. The exhibition showcases more than 20 spectacular bronzes depicting the western way of life. A selection of related artifacts and interviews with contemporary Westerners bring life to the sculptures. The various sizes of the bronzes take visitors through Alberta's history in four specific categories: *Blackfeet Life*, *Western Kingdom*, *Historical Encounters* and *Riders and Ropers*. This exhibition is made possible with the help of the Montana Historical Society, Montana's Museum.

Doing Artistic

Venue: Saddle Peaks Trail Rides, Cochrane

Proprietors: The Richards Family

Website: <http://www.saddle-peak.com/>

Phone: (403) 932-3299

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: mid May – Sept 30

Experience length: 2 - 5 day trips

Experience/

Age Requirements: Intermediate to experienced riders

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Head into the Rocky Mountains where you'll experience beauty and solitude as you ride the Eastern slopes of Banff National Park. *Pack Trips originate at the Richards Family Ranch located in the Ghost River District North West of Cochrane, Alberta.*

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: mid May – Sept 30

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/

Age Requirements: Full day rides for intermediate to experienced riders

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 2 person minimum

Guidebook Descriptor: Trail rides in the Rockies near Banff for visitors who enjoy horseback riding, western hospitality and great scenery.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: Sayles Saddlery Co. Calgary

Proprietors: Lynn R. Sayles

Website: www.saylessaddlery.com

Email: info@saylesSaddlery.com
Phone: (403) 252-2335

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: Monday to Friday 10 am – 5 pm, Saturday 9 am – 3 pm

Guidebook Descriptor: The Largest Selection of Western Gear in Alberta! Established in 1898, Sayles Saddlery Co. has been meeting the Saddlery and Tack needs of Albertans for over 106 years. For three generations, this family owned business has always strived in providing its customers with access to the widest variety of quality name-brand products and exceptional customer service. With over 5600 distinct product items (... and growing) – Sayles Saddlery Co. inventories the largest selection of Horse Tack, Saddlery and Western Gear in Alberta! At Sayles Saddlery, you will find something for everyone! We invite past and future customers to visit our newly renovated facility. Enjoy a fresh coffee or beverage while browsing through our spacious retail floor or rest those pounding feet in our comfortable customer lounge – this is YOUR store. Having problems or questions? - No problem, our competent sales staff is ready to provide you with the expertise and insight you require.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Sierra West Cabins & Ranch Vacations, Lundbreck (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Randy & Ginny Donahue
Website: <http://www.sierrawest-777.com>
Phone: (403) 628-2431
Fax: (403) 628-2631

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May – September @ specified times

Experience Length: 2 hours and up

Experience/ Minimal to Experienced
Age Requirements: 10+

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 1-8

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride through the scenic foothills of southwestern Alberta as you head towards the majestic Livingstone Mountain Range. Let the serenity of the mountains envelope you as the creak of your saddle and your horses footsteps are the only sound you hear.

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Cattle Drives, Ranch work)

Times: May – September @ specified times

Experience length: ½ day +

Experience/
Age Requirements: Intermediate Riding Level Required
16+/below 16 accompanied by an adult

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 6 - 10 with our horses
Max 30 with their own horses

Guidebook Descriptor: Nestled at the base of the majestic Livingstone Mountain Range in Southwestern Alberta is “Sierra West Cabins & Ranch Vacations”. Log cabins, Texas longhorns, trail rides, cattle drives and authentic western charm! Endless hours of trails in the foothills & mountains! For horse owners – bring your own horse and enjoy our picturesque southwest Alberta.

Experience Category: **Roping** (Ranch Roping)

Times: May – September @ specified times

Experience Length: 2 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements: Must know how to ride
10+

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 10 max

Guidebook Descriptor: Ranch Roping – a relatively new sport, takes the traditional style of roping one step further. The first competitions held here in Alberta started in the early 2000’s. The cowboys learn to rope either end of the animal for any position as well as the proper, safe and easy handling of livestock. This can be done with a variety of loops, many of which had their origin with the Spanish Vaqueros. Some such loops are the Del Viento, Contra Viento, Houlihan and Scoop.

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Specified Weekends

Experience Length: Spectator Event only

Experience/
Age Requirements: Spectator Event only
Spectator Event only

Reservations: none

Numbers/Availability: Open

Guidebook Descriptor: Watch western Canada's Cowgirls in action! Come join the excitement as the girls thunder down the arena to compete in the various activities.

Seeing Rodeo
Seeing, Doing, Learning Roping
Doing Trail Riding, Ranching

Venue: Silver Sage Community Corral, Brooks

Phone: (403) 362-2262

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times:	Rough Stock classic	Sat of Easter weekend
	News Years Evening Bull Riding	Dec 31, 2006
	Brooks Kinsmen Pro Rodeo	June 9-10, 2006
	Brooks Kinsmen Pro Rodeo	Sept 8-9, 2006

Reservations: Contact: Mike Edwards (403) 362-0513

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Roping**

Times:	Twirl & Whirl (Barrel Race/Team Roping)	3 rd weekend in Sept each year
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Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times:	Ranch Horse Competition wi/Stock Dog Arena Trials	Oct 27-28, 2006
	Clinics & Horse-related activities	call for dates

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Roping, Horsemanship

Venue: Skyline Outfitters Ltd., Claresholm (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: Bill Moynihan

Website: <http://www.skylineranching.com>

Phone: (403) 625-2398

Experience Category: **Pack Trips** (Lessons available)

Times: April 15 – November 1

Experience length: overnight & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: 12 years & up; should have some riding experience

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 rider minimum/10 rider maximum

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy a wonderful overnight trip in a peaceful valley in the Porcupine Hills. You can learn all about doing pack trips and then embark on a wonderful adventure into the mountains.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: April 15 – November 1

Experience length: 2 hour – full day

Experience/

Age Requirements: call to discuss

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 - 10 riders

Guidebook Descriptor: Relax and enjoy a 2 hour trail ride or a full day ride with lunch into the surrounding area of Porcupine Hills. Our land back onto forestry, and there are 1,000's of acres to ride in. We cater to small groups so that everyone has the opportunity to learn to ride and enjoy themselves.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding lessons available)

Times: April 15 – November 1

Experience length: 1 hour (lessons) – full day

Experience/

Age Requirements: call to discuss

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 - 10 riders

Guidebook Descriptor: We specialize in teaching western horsemanship. You will learn the complete care of your horse, the use and repairs of equipment needed, and many other things that will make you a wonderful horseperson. You will learn the skills required, then embark on a trail ride.

Experience Category: **Roping** (Lessons available)

Times: April 15 – November 1

Experience length: 1 hour (lessons) & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: call to discuss

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 - 10 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn the basics of roping from the ground up. By the end of the day hopefully you will be able to rope a steer head.

Experience Category: **Smithing** (Horseshoeing lessons available)

Times: April 15 – November 1

Experience length: 1 hour (lessons) & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: call to discuss

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 2 - 10 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Learn how to do basic shoeing from trimming to hoof care.

Experience Category: Ranching

Times: April 15 – November 1

Experience length: 1 day to more

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 4 rooms, plus a cabin

Guidebook Descriptor: Step back in time to the beautiful Skyline Working Cattle Ranch in a peaceful valley in the Porcupine Hills; we offer classic western adventures and ranch vacations along with riding, roping & packing skill development. Enjoy a relaxful day in our cabin that can sleep up to 12 and you can do your own cooking, or enjoy your time in one of our rooms. The ranch offers a fantastic bed & breakfast in an antique fashion. The house has cozy country rooms, great meals and is decorated in an array of antiques. After a peaceful sleep, wake up to the smell of the best coffee you will ever have from our own natural spring water. Nearby the house is the garden, barns, spring fed trout ponds and an abundance of trails to take a walk or a morning ride.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize possibly a gift certificate for a weekend ranch stay

Seeing, Doing, Learning Pack Trips, Horsemanship, Roping & Smithing (Horseshoeing)
Doing Trail Riding, Ranching

Venue: Skyline Trail Rides, Jasper

Proprietors: Dave & Lynda Flato
Website: <http://www.skylinetrail.com>
Phone: 1 888 852-7787 toll free
(780) 852-4215
Email: skyline@telusplanet.net

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May – mid-October

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 7 years & up
weight restriction - 230 lb maximum

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: Explore the alpine country in Jasper National Park on a Skyline Trail Ride. Enjoy the stunning mountain beauty of the area keeping an eye out for area wildlife.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: July – mid-September

Experience length: 3 days and up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 10 years & up
weight restriction- 230 lb maximum

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 18 guests

Guidebook Descriptor: Skyline will take guests up to 7000 ft on the famous Skyline Trail west of Jasper where they will have the opportunity to enjoy a majestic view of the Canadian Rockies on horseback. Wildlife sightings could include mountain goats, sheep, bears, caribou and lots of marmots .Guests will experience true backcountry life and will stay at the oldest horse camp in Jasper National Park; the Shovel Pass Lodge.

Accommodation: 7 guest cabins and a lodge with dining room and kitchen

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes (1 ¼ hour trail ride)

Doing Trail Riding, Pack Trips

Venue: Smithbilt Hats, Calgary

Proprietor: Wade Smith

Website: www.smithbilthats.com

Email: info@smithbilthats.com

Phone: (403) 244-9131 or toll free 1-800-661-1354

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Long recognized for it's excellent quality and durability, Smithbilt Hats have been manufacturing in the same location for going on 86 years. And the methods that established the fine Smithbilt name have changed little since then. The same equipment is used that Morris Shumiatcher-Smith fashioned the first Smithbilt with, way back in 1919. Today, the company is owned and operated by a group of Calgary area businessmen. Dedicated to the promotion of western values and traditions they are committed to moving the ledgendary Smithbilt name forward with an emphasis on quality and service. There is a great amount of pride in being part of the icon that has come to symbolize the traditions and hospitality of Calgary all over the world.... The White Smithbilt Hat.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: South Ram Outfitters, Caroline

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.northernhorse.com/southram>
Phone: (403) 722-2539

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Cattle work part of Ranching experience)

Times: May – Oct (some wintertime calving dates as well)

Experience length: varies

Experience/
Age Requirements: 10 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: See why the beef is so good in Alberta; join us for a ranching experience... must be willing to get up in the morning, put in long hours & love that ranch aroma! Experience includes checking cattle and fences, sorting cattle, roping basics and general ranch chores.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: May - Oct

Experience length: 5 days – 2 weeks

Experience/
Age Requirements: 10 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: South Ram Outfitters takes guests west of Rocky Mountain House through the beautiful mountains surrounding Lake Abraham, along Ram River Falls, Siffleur Falls and other historic sites.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding** (& Wagon Trips)

Times: May – Oct (some winter activities)

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/
Age Requirements: 6 years & up
Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Spend time in the great outdoors with a new friend, learning and achieving together. Guide & instruction included. Enjoy some time around the campfire with cowboy music as part of the evening. Learn how to cook up authentic cowboy dishes.

Overall Guidebook Descriptor: South Ram Outfitters takes guests west of Rocky Mountain House through the beautiful mountains surrounding Lake Abraham, along Ram River Falls, Siffleur Falls and other historic sites.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Trail Riding, Pack Trips
Seeing, Doing Ranching

Venue: Stampede Boot Co. & Shoe Repair, Calgary

Phone: (403) 252-2212 or (403) 285-3546

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Stampede Boot Co. & Shoe Repair, a family owned business, has been operating in Calgary since 1975. A great selection of western boots, jeans, shirts, hats, belts and other items is available. Shoe repair services are also available.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Stavelly Arena, Stavelly

Phone: (403) 646-5813

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times:	Pro Rodeo	May 5 – 7, 2006
	Rodeo & Horseshow	Aug 26, 2006
	PBR Bull Riding	Sept 2, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times:	Horsemanship Clinic	May 20 – 22, 2006
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Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Musical**

Times: Willow Creek Cowboy Poetry Gathering July 7 –9, 2006

Reservations: Call Alan @ 403-549-2212 confirmed dates /prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Horsemanship, Musical

Venue: Steve Mason Saddlery, High River

Proprietor: Steve Mason

Email: flynsaddle@shaw.ca

Phone: (403) 615-4616

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: Steve comes from a long line of leather workers dating back to 1902, his great grandfather and grandfather were both harness and saddle makers (Bradley's Western Wear and Saddlery). Steve has been making saddles and custom leather goods for over 16 years, starting with a year long apprenticeship at Kings Saddlery in Sheridan, Wyo. He has been very fortunate to have worked with and mentored with some great saddle makers over the years, such as Matt Eberle, John Visser, Dale Harwood, and John King. Steve builds custom saddles for cowboys, using the best trees and materials available. He also makes chaps, chinks and custom cowboy gear with the expert care and attention to detail that Steve has gained a reputation for in the Custom Saddle Business.

Doing Smithing

Venue: Stony Plain Exhibition Park, Stony Plain

Website: www.stonyplain.com

Phone: (780) 963-2777

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Farmers Days Rodeo & Pancake Breakfast Jun 2 – 4, 2006

Reservations: Contact - Donna Smith 780-963-8591

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Musical/Poetry**

Times: Blueberry Bluegrass Festival Aug 4 – 6, 2006
Stony Plain Cowboy Poetry & Western Music Festival Aug 18 – 20,
2006

Reservations: www.stonyplaincowboypoetry.com
Contact - John Lindsay (780) 963-5998

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Musical/Poetry

Venue: Stormes Saddle Company, Millarville

Website: www.chuckstorms.com
Email: info@chuckstormes.com
Phone: (403) 931-4810

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: Chuck Stormes' lifelong passion for fine craftsmanship, coupled with ongoing research into the origins of horsemanship and the evolution of the saddle, qualify him to assist in assembling a purposeful collection. His goal has been to make an elegant, refined saddle in which all of the 'mechanics' of saddlemaking are correct, but with just as much attention to the lines of the saddle, creating an overall classic timeless look. Chuck's saddles have been on view at every major North American exhibition of western crafts, and, in 1998, he was the first recipient of the City of Calgary's Silver Spur Award for his dedication to the preservation of western culture.

Doing Smithing

Venue: Strathmore & District Agricultural Grounds, Strathmore

Website: <http://www.strathmorerodeo.com>
Phone: (403) 934-5811

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Strathmore Heritage Days Stampede)

Times: Strathmore Pro Rodeo Aug 3 – 7/06
Running With the Bulls Aug 5 – 6/06

Reservations: Required

Guidebook Descriptor: Canada's Third Largest Rodeo gets underway with everything from mutton bustin', stock dog trials, and pig races. Come and get dirt in your face and grit in your teeth. You won't find a better deal anywhere!

The Running of the Bulls – you want on the “edge of your seat” suspense, then come to Strathmore, Alberta and see the ONLY Running of the Bulls in North America. So if you’re brave enough to run with the bulls, or you want to call to get tickets to watch the fearless men and women take their chances with the massive beasts.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: Chuckwagon Racing (part of Strathmore Heritage Days) Aug 4 – 7/06

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Musical**

Times: Country Music Cabaret Aug 5/06

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing, Musical

Venue: Sturgeon Bison and Quarter Horses, Riviere Qui Barre

Proprietors: Merv & Cathy Schamber

Phone: (780) 939-4838

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Year Round

Experience length: 1 day & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: none

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: 1 & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy a horsemanship experience that caters to your interests and level of expertise. Join the Schamber family who train horses full time. They will tailor horse handling/riding lessons to your time frame and level of experience whether that be beginner or advanced. Indoor arena available.

Accommodation: Arrangements can be made to stay in the Main Ranch House or a Hotel in a neighboring community.

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Sundre Museum

Phone: (403) 638-3233

Experience Category: **Musical**

Times: July 22, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook descriptor: Cowboy Poetry Readings and Country Music

Seeing Musical

Venue: Sundre Rodeo Grounds, Sundre

Website: www.sundrerodeo.com or www.sundre.com

Email: info@sundrerodeo.com

Phone: Rodeo Office (403) 638-3055 or Linda Burrell (403) 638-6828

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: June 23, 24 & 25, 2006

Guidebook Descriptor: The little town with the big backyard plans on celebrating, along with you by Going Wild and Going West at the Sundre Pro Rodeo.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing** (Bulls 'n Wagon Event)

Times: August 5 & 6, 2006

Contact: Jack @ (403) 638-3718

Guidebook Descriptor: pony chariot and chuckwagon races as well as Pack Horse Races

Seeing: Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing

Venue: Sunnybrook Stables, Sunnybrook

Website: www.bestofthewest.net

Email: curlys@sunnybrookstables.com

Phone: (780) 789-2125 Deanna Johnson & Gary Creelman

Fax: (780) 789-2125 (Box 35 Sunnybrook AB T0C 2M0)

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: July – Sept - phone for details or check the website

Guidebook Descriptor: Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your riding skills and general horse management knowledge. Quality instruction in riding Western will cover information sessions on tack, feeding, conditioning, trailering, bandaging, identification and conformation. Riders are encouraged to bring their own horses, but horses are available.

Note: Sunnybrook Stables features the North American Curly Horses (Hypo allergenic)

Experience Category: **Trail Riding** (Prairie & Mountain)

Times: June – September

Reservations: Phone ahead and check the website for times

Guidebook Descriptor: This year is our most extensive mountain experience ever! We will be heading into the Willmore, Ya Ha Tinda, Panther River and the Humming Bird. Bring your own horse or rent one of ours. We can arrange transportation, meals and accommodations. Featuring six "Best of the West Adventures" rides to choose from.

Experience Category: **Musical** (Healing with Horses, Nature & Native Healing)

Guidebook Descriptor: Rainbow Trails offer fantastic programs from healing with horses, to drumming circles and medicine walks. All of our courses are based on native traditions that have withstood the test of time for over 10,000 years. Mother Earth is the basis for our foundation in all our teachings. Get ready to jump, laugh, cry, scream, yell, sing and be quiet!!! It brings people together for fellowship, singing, drumming, learning, fun and spiritual growth.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Best of the West – Unique Western Heritage and Native American Gifts)

Guidebook Descriptor: We now have cowboy , and western gift items. There are some unique gift items that reflect our Native American heritage. From cowboy statues, Indian artifacts, bronze statues and horse related gift ideas for all types of horse and western enthusiast. Items are available on our website.

Seeing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up
Doing & Learning Horsemanship, Trail Riding, Musical

Venue: Sunset Horseback Holidays, Sundre

Proprietors: Robin Roth

Website: <http://www.sunsetholidays.net>

Phone: 1 888 637-8580

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: June 1 – late September

Experience length: one hour – full day

Experience/

Age Requirements: none as wagon rides an option as well

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: up to 16 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride the winding scenic trails through open grassy meadows along the rushing waters of the Panther River and high timbered ridges in the deep foothills, to the calm, serene beauty of Kline Lake (pictured left). An abundance of wildlife and mountain flowers provide excellent photography opportunities.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June 1 – late September

Experience length: 1 – 5 day trips

Experience/

Age Requirements: none as wagon rides an option as well

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: up to 16 people

Overall Guidebook Descriptor: Sunset Guiding & Outfitting specializes in providing a relaxing western excursion and superb hospitality in the spectacular Alberta Rockies northwest of Calgary. Rushing waters, high mountain meadows and exquisite panoramas are the perfect setting for horseback riding, rafting, photography, fishing, wildlife photography or just simply relaxing.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: Symons Valley Ranch, Calgary

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.symonsvalleyranch.com>

Phone: (403) 274-4574

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 2 – 3 hours

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: some events

Numbers/Availability: small groups & up

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up** (Western style celebrations)

Times: Year Round

Experience length: varied

Experience/
Age Requirements: client-driven

Reservations: some events

Numbers/Availability: small groups & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Symons Valley Ranch, minutes from Calgary, has been home to thousands of celebrations, big and small for over 35 years. Corporate events, Christmas parties, weddings, reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, rodeos, year end wind-ups, fund raisers. you name it, we've had it. Some say we're experts when it comes to whoopin' it up and showin' our guests good ol' fashion fun.

Seeing Rodeo

Seeing, Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Terra Cotta Dudes Pottery & Gallery, Black Diamond

Proprietors: Bob & Evonne Smulders

Website: www.terracottadudes.com

Email: thestore@terracottadudes.com

Phone: (403) 933-5047

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Terra Cotta Dudes strives to offer spirited, handmade objects such as pottery, glass, fine art & sculpture, home décor, jewellery, and clothing. This

enables artisans locally and worldwide to sustain their craft with focus on style & substance through expanded global markets.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: The Country Outpost, Coaldale

Proprietors: Ken & Brenda Jagersma

Website: http://www.coaldalechamber.com/country_outpost.htm

Phone: (403) 345-2992

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: Monday to Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm

Guidebook Descriptor: "The One Stop Tack Shop" We Carry a complete line of English & Western tack, plus an extensive line of horse care products as well as unique western art and collectibles. We also buy, sell, trade & consign new & used tack. When buying that new saddle bring your horse along and try it out. Our indoor and outdoor arenas make it possible to test ride the saddle for comfort and fit before you buy.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: The Jones Boys Saddlery & Western Wear, Red Deer

Website: www.northernhorse.com/jonesboys

Email: jonesboy@rttinc.com

Phone: (403) 347-7202

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: There are 2 stores open from Monday to Saturday 9 am – 6 pm, Sunday the boss and staff have gone ropin'

Guidebook Descriptor: Two store locations with a great selection of Western Wear for men, women and children, boots, hats and western tack. Come on in and enjoy.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: The Lazy M Ranch, Caroline (Working Cattle & Horse Ranch)

Proprietors: Lane & Margie Moore, Travis & Natascha Moore

Website: <http://www.lazymcanada.com>

Phone: (403) 722-3053

Fax: (403) 722-3246

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: mid May - September

Experience length: 5 day seminars

Experience/

Age Requirements: recommended for adults; exceptions may be made depending on the equine enthusiasts experience

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 14 double occupancy

Guidebook Descriptor: The Lazy M Ranch staff offers 5 day horsemanship seminars. Horsemanship/Horse Whispering – Discover there is “no magic” to horsewhispering – simply the ABC’s of ANY Good Communication: Awareness, Boundaries and Consistency. What you can learn in these 5 days will carry over to every aspect of your relationships – NOT just with your HORSE!

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: mid May - September

Experience length: 5 days & up (3 – 7 hour daily rides from Base Camp)

Experience/

Age Requirements: recommended for people 16 & over (call re. exceptions) riding experience required; varies with trip

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 6 - 8 double occupancy (wall tents, with beds, mattress, stove and even a shower tent!)

Guidebook Descriptor: Mountain Riding from two 5 Star Tent Camps in the Rockies. Drive to the base camp and explore the scenic Cut Off Creek area – then for further adventure head deeper up the haunting Clearwater River Valley, crossing crystal clear rivers and streams while following the trails of first nations peoples and the wildlife of the area. Gear is loaded into a covered wagon and taken by team to the pristine headwaters of the Clearwater and the second camp. Experience the history of the Rockies just as the early explorers and Mountain Men did!

EARN YOUR SPURS

Prize

Yes

Yes

For the Horsemanship Seminars - a Halter

For the Mountain Trips – a Wildlife book

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Doing Pack Trips

Venue: The Mill Store, Okotoks

Website: <http://www.unifeed.com/unifeed/millstore/index.html>

Email: millstore@agricoreunited.com

Phone: (403) 938-8370 or 1-888-776-7773

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: The Okotoks location is primarily dedicated to the horse/dog/cat enthusiasts. We have a huge selection of saddles and tack as well as grooming, health, and training products. The Okotoks Mill Store has a full time Nutritionist on staff to assist you with your "feeding" needs.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Timber Mountain Pack Trains, Pincher Creek

Proprietors: James Kenney

Phone: (403) 627-5084 627-4578

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June - Sept

Experience length: up to 1 week

Experience/

Age Requirements: call to discuss

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: minimum 4 – large groups

Guidebook Descriptor: Established in 1955, Timber Mountain Pack Train offers spectacular trail rides, horseback camping and professionally guided pack trips through the remote Rocky Mountains of southwest Alberta. Also enjoy fishing the ice cold streams, rivers and glacier fed lakes.

Doing Pack Trips

Venue: Timberline Tours Ltd., Lake Louise

Proprietors: Paul Peyto

Website: <http://www.timberlinetours.ca>

E-mail: info@timberlinetours.ca

Phone: (403) 522-2743

Toll-free: 888-858-3388

Experience Category: **Trail Rides**

Times: Late May – mid October

Experience length: 10 minutes to full day rides (children's pony rides as well)

Experience/
Age Requirements: Horse is chosen on riders ability
5 years and up ride their own (can be lead)
Children can be younger for pony rides and doubles
* weight must be under 280 lbs
* Doubles and over 280 lbs are accessed on an individual basis only

Reservations: strongly suggested

Numbers/Availability: 1 - 8 people (larger groups by arrangement)

Guidebook Descriptor: Leave today's pressures behind. Relax and enjoy your tour on horseback through the beauty and the majestic Canadian Rockies in Banff National Park. Whether it's 10 minutes or 10 days our scenery is unbeatable!

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June – September

Experience length: overnight – 10 day trips

Experience/
Age Requirements: Horse is chosen based on riders ability
5 years & older
*weight must be under 280 lbs
*over 280 lbs would be accessed on an individual basis

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 2 - 10 people (larger groups by arrangement)

Guidebook Descriptor: Travel into high elevations around Lake Louise and experience, first hand, some of the freshest air, clearest water and most breathtaking scenery this world can offer. Our tent camps are located in remote Rocky Mountain areas. Do some fishing or just sit back and relax around the campfire.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes
Prize Yes (depends on value)

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: TL Bar Ranch, Trochu (Working Ranch)

Proprietors: The Lynches
Website: <http://www.tlbarranch.com>

Phone: (403) 442-2399

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: May - October

Experience length: overnight & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Guests are treated like family. Friendliness, cleanliness, home-made food, and lots of it, make your stay memorable. All ages are welcome to come and spend time at the Ranch and share in an authentic western experience. Comfortable accommodations are provided in the log ranch home or in a cozy guest cottage. Camper-van vehicles and tenters may camp on the property and join in on (arranged) ranch meals.

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May - October

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Riding is the main activity with daily checking of the cattle and fences. The horses are gentle and dependable and will carry you safely over the rugged terrain and through river crossings. There are many miles of interesting trails to explore and to see wildlife.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (riding lessons)

Times: May - October

Experience length: 1 hour & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: individual or small groups

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Discover the **TL Bar Ranch**, nestled in the "*valley of the dinosaurs*". This is a special place where the ghosts of dinosaurs still roam. Horseback riding is the main activity with options including daily cattle and fence checks as well as trail riding rugged terrain and through river crossings.

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Tonquin Valley Adventures, Jasper

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.tonquinadventures.com>

Phone: (780) 852-1188

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: late June – mid-September

Experience length: 2 – 5 day trips

Experience/

Age Requirements: call for details

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 14

Guidebook Descriptor: Tonquin Valley Adventures specializes in fully guided pack trips to the Tonquin Valley and the Tonquin Amethyst Lake Lodge in Jasper National Park.

Doing Pack trips

Venue: Tumbleweed Mercantile, Black Diamond

Proprietor: Amy Brewster

Website: <http://www.tumbleweedmercantile.com/>

Email: amy@tumbleweedmercantile.com

Phone: (403) 933-2288 or 1-888-933-2288

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Times: Monday to Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 11 am – 5 pm

Guidebook Descriptor: Tumbleweed Mercantile and Design, located in the old 1929 jailhouse in Black Diamond, Alberta, specializes in ranch, lodge and mountain home décor. Our unique shop offers an eclectic mix of home décor and giftware from whimsical cowboy funk to collectable upscale art and furnishings. There is always a large selection of authentic sterling silver and turquoise jewellery, and beautiful Alberta made custom jewellery available at affordable prices. The store product is constantly changing and evolving with seasons, trends and new releases. Every visit is a new adventure. Thus the name Tumbleweed!

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Valleyview Agricultural Society Grounds, Valleyview

Phone: (780) 524-2396 (Joanne) early am 524-4259

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Open all Breed Horse Show June 30, July 1-2, 2006
Gymkhana Aug 4, 2006
Clinics at varied other times through the year; call for dates

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Cooking**

Times: Chili Cookoff & Corn Boil Aug 4, 2006

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Wild Rose Rodeo & Agricultural Fair Aug 5-6, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Horsemanship, Cooking, Rodeo

Venue: Vic Bennett Saddles & Tack, Sherwood Park

Website: www.vicbennett.ca

Email: info@vicbennett.ca

Phone: (780) 416-6995

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: At Vic Bennett Saddles we make our living building and supplying superior tack. We don't sell clothes, hats, boots or bolo ties. We build saddles, breast collars, bridles, training equipment and supply hard to find handmade blankets, bits and equipment. We are fussy about our workmanship. Our aim is to hand make gear with refinement while still retaining substance and form. Continuing to provide quality handcrafted saddles to the performance horse community.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Vegreville Agricultural Society Grounds, Vegreville

Website: www.cpcf.ca

Phone: 1-888-611-0161 or (780) 632-3950

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: September 8, 9, & 10, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook descriptor: Come out and experience the new sport of pony chuckwagon races along with the ever popular mini chuckwagon races. Children will have the opportunity to talk to the racers and to pet the miniature horses. Chat with the drivers up close and personal on "Meet the Drivers" nights where the general public gets to go behind the scenes.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: September 8, 9, & 10, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook descriptor: Various horse-based events are planned including ladies barrel racing and penning for audiences to watch.

Seeing Chuckwagon Racing, Horsemanship

Venue: Wabamun Agricultural Society Grounds & Arena, Wabamun

Website: <http://www.wabamun.ca>

Phone: (780) 892-2720 or Village of Wabamun Office (780) 892-2699

Experience Category: **Rodeo** (Wabamun Western Fun Daze & Rodeo)

Times: June 22-25, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Wabamun can boast the largest semi pro indoor rodeo in Canada for 7 years. Rodeo performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening with an afternoon performance on Sunday. There will be a dance on Saturday evening.

Seeing Rodeo

Venue: Wainwright Stampede Grounds, Wainwright

Website: www.wsa.ca

Phone: (780) 842-4341

E-mail: saddleup@telusplanet.net

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: June 22-25, 2006

Reservations: Call for confirmed dates/prices

Guidebook Descriptor: Annual Wainwright Stampede CPRA Rodeo, Parade, Concert, Cabaret – 4 big days of entertainment.

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing (CPCA)**

Times: Call for confirmed dates/prices/times

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Rodeo, Chuckwagon Racing

Venue: Ward Alpine Outfitting, Jasper

Proprietors:

Website: <http://www.alpineguiding.com>

Phone: (780) 852-0282

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times:

Experience length: 3 – 14 day trips

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability:

Guidebook Descriptor: Take an exclusive backcountry horse trip through the rugged Rocky Mountain terrain around Jasper.

Doing Pack Trips

Venue: Warner Guiding & Outfitting Ltd. (Holiday On Horseback), Banff

Proprietors: Ron Warner

Website: <http://www.horseback.com/>

Phone: 1 800 661-8352

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: April 1 – October 30

Experience length: 1 hour – full day

Experience/

Age Requirements: minimum age – 6 years
maximum weight – 260 lbs

Reservations: required for longer rides

Numbers/Availability: 20 person maximum

Guidebook Descriptor: Enjoy a Trail Riding experience in Banff National Park where you'll ride a seasoned horse suited to your ability over majestic foothill and mountain terrain.

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June 28 – Sept 30

Experience length: 2 days & up

Experience/

Age Requirements: minimum age – 8 years
maximum weight – 260 lbs

Reservations: required for longer rides

Numbers/Availability: group sizes vary depending on trip selected

Guidebook Descriptor: Holiday on horseback offers true western heritage experiences in Banff National Park. Exciting horseback riding brings you closer to nature, where you will learn all about life in the west! Special themed trips available including "Year of the

Grizzly Trip”, “Paws in the Wilderness (Wolf) Trip”, “Autumn Wilderness Ride” and a number of Lodge Rides. See website for details.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Pack Trips, Trail Riding

Venue: Waterton National Park area of the Canadian Rockies

Organization: The Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies (TRCR), Waterton

Contact: Rick Godderis

Website: <http://www.trail-rides.ca>

Phone: (403) 614-7234 or (780) 962-5638

TRCR Phone: (403) 652-8672

TRCR Fax: (403) 652-8673

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: early July – late September

Experience length: 11 - 6 day back-country rides from base camp

Experience/

Age Requirements: Novice to advanced riding skills will enjoy this experience
 minimum age – 8 years
 Maximum weight – 230 lbs
 (can accommodate a few heavier so please call if over)

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: up to 15 per ride. Please check our web-site for availability.

Guidebook Descriptor: Join our 83 year old riding club on the trail and experience for yourself the beauty and magic of the back-country in the area near Waterton National Park in the Canadian Rockies. Horses, tack, accommodation and meals provided while on the ride. Membership is open to all; annual dues are \$25. Please check our web-site for our annual rides in different locations.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Prize Possibly – will check with executive

Doing Trail Riding

Venue: Western Adventures, Blairmore

Proprietors: Glen & Leslie Huber

Website: <http://www.westernadventures.ca>

Phone: (403) 563-0253

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: June 1 – Sept 30

Experience length: hourly to full-day

Experience/
Age Requirements: 4 years & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: small groups & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Trail rides through our territory cover all types of terrain, from a leisurely hour-long ride on the "north loop", to a challenging seven-hour ride up the "Window Mountain trail".

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: June 1 – Sept 30

Experience length: overnight – 1 week

Experience/
Age Requirements: 4 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: small groups & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Take a pack trip from our western outfitter's base camp, which is situated in a lovely meadow at the foot of the famous Crowsnest Mountain just a few miles from the nearby towns of Blairmore and Coleman.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Riding Lessons)

Times: June 1 – Sept 30

Experience length: hourly & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 4 years & up

Reservations: recommended

Numbers/Availability: individuals & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Improve your balance, confidence and communication with your horse with hourly riding lessons in our training ring. One-on-one instruction is provided

by our experienced trainers. For beginners we will start from the basics of posture, balance, reining, and leg signals. In no time, you will be working on the "finesse" of riding with confidence and being as one with your horse.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Horse Training Clinics)

Times: June 1 – Sept 30

Experience length: hourly & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 4 years & up

Reservations: Call for dates/prices

Numbers/Availability: small groups & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Horse owners can learn the fundamentals of training their own horses, breaking bad habits and understanding your horse as an athlete. Clinics can be tailored to the needs of the group, and cover a wide range of topics. We will show you essential skills and techniques for working with your horse from the ground, and mounted. Soon you will understand the psychology and physiology that makes a horse respond to you, and you will get better performance from your horse as you continue to teach and learn from it.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Pack Horse Clinics)

Times: June 1 – Sept 30

Experience length: hourly & up

Experience/
Age Requirements: 4 years & up

Reservations: Call for dates/prices

Numbers/Availability: small groups & up

Guidebook Descriptor: Hunters and adventuresome outdoorsmen will get more use of their horses with specialty pack clinics designed to get you on the trail for safe, enjoyable overnight adventures. Inquire about rates and clinic dates with our experienced trainers.

Clinic topics include:

- Pack rigging and equipment
- Getting your horse to accept a pack
- Packing with proper balance and efficiency
- Campfire cooking
- Emergency shoeing
- First Aid (horse and human) on the trail
- Knot tying (diamond hitch and double diamond)

- Packing out wild meat

Doing, Pack Trips, Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Western Sky Saddlery, Carstairs

Proprietors: Terry & Elaine Welland
Website: <http://cowboyallday.com>
Email: info@cowboyallday.com
Phone: (403) 337-3007 or 1-888-244-TACK

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Western Sky Tack & Feed was established in 1995 by Terry and Elaine Welland, both remain as owners and managers today. Now in our tenth year and with 2 major expansions behind us, the business continues to break ground by merging new product technology with traditional craftsmanship. Our business philosophy is to maintain high standards in the products and services we provide to equine enthusiasts of every discipline, and back those products up with an unparalleled level of customer satisfaction. Saddlery, tack, western wear, feed supplies, and cowboy gifts are what we're all about. This Western Shop is situated where Prairie Trails meet the Rocky Mountain Foothills, and outfitting the horse and rider is something we take very seriously. The saddles, tack, cowboy clothing, and horse care products we bring to market include brand name US and Canadian made goods, as well as selected first quality import items.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Westerner, Red Deer

Website: <http://www.western.ab.ca>
Phone: (403) 343-7800

Experience Category: **Chuckwagon Racing**

Times: July 19-23, 2006
August 17-20, 2006 Dodge World Chuckwagon Championships

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor: Westerner Days featuring Old Time Town & Country Fair including pony chuckwagon races & livestock show)

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: May 19-22, 2006 (Spring Horse Show)
May 25-28, 2006 (Westerner Park's Spring Quarter Horse Show)

June 8-11, 2006 (Reining Alberta event)
June 16-18, 2006 (Red Deer Classic Horse Show)
July 7-9, 2006 (Reining Alberta event)
July 28-30, 2006 (Wildrose Quarter Horse Show)
Aug 10-13, 2006 (Paint Horse Show)

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Ranching**

Times: June 3-5, 2006 (4-H Beef Show)
Dec 16, 2006 (Red & black Cattle Sale)
Dec 17, 2006 (Checkers Cattle Sale)

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Cowhorse Sorting**

Times: Sept 28-Oct 1, 2006 (Canadian Supreme Cutting Show)

Reservations:

Guidebook Descriptor:

Experience Category: **Rodeo**

Times: Oct 7-9, 2006 (FCA Rodeo Finals) – tentative
Dec 1-2, 2006 (WPB Bull Riding event)

Reservations: Call for tickets/prices

Guidebook Descriptor:

Seeing Chuckwagon Racing, Horsemanship, Ranching, Cowhorse Sorting, Rodeo

Venue: White Creek Leather Craft, Bowden

Proprietor: Sandy Hinxler
Phone: (403) 224-3895

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up/Smithing**

Times: Open May – December, Friday, Saturday & Monday 9 am – 5 pm,

Sunday 1 pm -5 pm

Guidebook Descriptor: Giftware with a western flare. Sue uses her creative gift to make and sell beautiful dream catchers, leather crafts and afghans along with the work of several local artists and craftspeople.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up, Smithing

Venue: Wild Bill's Legendary Saloon, Banff

Website: www.wbsaloon.com

E-mail: lisa@wbsaloon.com

Phone: (403) 762-0945

Experience Category: **Eating**

Guidebook Descriptor: Our normal fare is Western and Tex-Mex, but our chefs can prepare any menu of choice. Our concept is simple; well-prepared food, using the freshest ingredients available, served in a pleasing environment.

Experience Category: **Dancing**

Guidebook Descriptor: We offer line dance and two step lessons.

Experience Category: **Musical**

Guidebook Descriptor: We have wonderful live country bands playing at our saloon.

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: We accommodate groups of all sizes. With private dining areas and room for 600 we are the perfect place for your party or convention, both big and small! We're famous for hosting fun group events with a full buffet as well as unique activities such as calf roping, line dancing, live bands and more. We will be happy to customize your menu to your specific requirements, whether it is a dinner party, wedding reception or casual party.

Doing Eating, Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Seeing, Doing, Learning Dancing

Seeing Musical

Venue: Wild Deuce Retreats & Outfitting, Kingman

Proprietors: Terri McKinney, Brenda Winder

Website: <http://www.wilddeuce.com>

Phone: (780) 672-2058

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: May 15 – Nov 1

Experience length: 4 – 5 days

Experience/
Age Requirements: Adults

Reservations: Preferred

Numbers/Availability: minimum 6 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Head west of Rocky Mountain House to start your Wild Deuce adventure. Relax and enjoy the peaceful majesty of the mountains on a trustworthy horse as you ride over miles of stunning trails. See elk, moose, deer, bighorn sheep and the odd bear. Become absorbed in the sounds and smells of nature.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship**

Times: Year Round (call/check web for dates/availability)

Experience length: 3 days and up

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: Preferred

Numbers/Availability: varies – call for details

Guidebook Descriptor: If you have an unbroken horse or one needing trail miles, Wild Deuce has the program for you. From shorter clinics to month-long stays, we offer intense training programs for you and your horse.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Prize - Clothing, gift certificate for a pack trip or art piece (photography)

Doing Pack Trips

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Wild Rose Outfitting Inc., Peers

Proprietors: Dave Manzer

Website: <http://www.access-adventures.com/ab/tr/wildrose.htm>

Phone: (403) 693-2296

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times:

Experience length: up to 14 days

Experience/
Age Requirements:

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: 8 people/group

Guidebook Descriptor: Wild Rose Outfitting offers custom tailored Pack Trips in the remote high alpine Rocky Mountains of the Willmore Wilderness region.

Doing Pack Trips

Venue: Wild West Wagons, Longview

Website: <http://wildwestwagons.com/>
Email: wayne@wildwestwagons.com
Phone: (403) 558-2454

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: We specialize in indoor and outdoor western decor. We have many products (stage coaches, little wagons, mini wagons and sleighs) that are available in the store and we also do custom work. Our handcrafted products are one of a kind and very unique.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up

Venue: Wilderness Ranch, Claresholm

Contact: Bonny Smyth
Website: <http://www.wildernessranch.ab.ca>
Phone: (403) 625-3403

Experience Category: **Pack Trips**

Times: July - August

Experience length: 1 week

Experience/
Age Requirements: 14 & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: call or check website

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Youth & Family Riding Camps/Trail Riding)

Times: July - August

Experience length: 1 week

Experience/

Age Requirements: all ages; 9-12 yr olds – trailblazers; 12-14 yr olds – pioneer camps

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: call or check website

Guidebook Descriptor: *Experience God's Grace at Wilderness Ranch!*

Eat delicious meals that you have helped cook over open fires. Enjoy the beautiful and historic rangeland of Southern Alberta's Porcupine Hills from the back of a horse. Trail Ride, play games and make new friends. Worship God under starry skies around a blazing campfire.

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes

Doing Pack Trips

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Wildhorse Mountain Outfitters, Nordegg

Proprietors: Bear & Diane Baker

Website: <http://www.wildhorsecamp.com>

Phone: (403) 990-5576

Experience Category: **Trail Riding**

Times: May – Oct

Experience length 1 hr. – full day rides

Experience/ No experience required

Age Requirements: 10 years,
maximum weight – 225 lbs

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: Groups 2 – 20/ride

Guidebook Descriptor: Ride the Rockies with the Wildhorse Gang! Create new memories from 1 hour to full day events. Experience the magic of our personable, well-trained mountain trail horses. Let the Red Rock Flats take your breath away, "Lets Talk About Real Living"!!

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (Girl's Summer Riding Camps July 9-15 & Aug 13-19)

Times: May – Oct.

Experience length: 1 hr.

Experience/
Age Requirements: None required
10 yrs old

Reservations: Required

Numbers/Availability: 1 – 4 /group

Guidebook Descriptor: Attention Horse Crazy Girls: Come ride the rockies on our spirited but well-trained horses. Learn horse safety, grooming, tack, basic horsemanship, trail riding techniques, plus lots of great things about horses and riding mountain trails. Remember who you are, stay in private pine cabins or share accommodations in cowboy style bunkhouses, or the seven tipi's in our circle are available for overnight stays. Meals are available at the cook shack by prior reservation only

EARN YOUR SPURS Yes, only for Trail Riding
Prize – Yes, a 1 hour trail ride for 2 people

Doing Trail Riding
Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship

Venue: Willow Creek Church Ministry Centre, Nanton

Web site: www.willowcreek-ministries.org
Email: info@willowcreek-ministries.org
Phone: Keith Pickerill (403) 646-0021

Experience Category: **Musical**

Times: Wednesday, 7-8 PM (youth meets Thursdays @ 7 PM 2121-19th Street, Nanton

Guidebook Descriptor: If you like the cowboy culture, you'll love Cowboy Church. Come and enjoy country and western gospel music, cowboy poetry and messages delivered in a uniquely cowboy way.

Seeing Musical

Venue: Willow Creek Forge Gallery, Nanton

Proprietors: Maise Murray and Martin Reinhard
Website: <http://www.willowcreekforge.com>
E-mail: theforge@telusplanet.net

Phone: (403) 646-2244 or 1-800-693-0663

Experience Category: **Cowboy/Cowgirl Up**

Guidebook Descriptor: Willow Creek Forge Gallery co-owners Martin Reinhard & Maizie Murray bring years of expertise to their unique gallery. The Gallery also features many unique hand-crafted items, antiques and Western art pieces from local artists.

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: Willow Creek Forge Gallery represents the work of some of the finest blacksmiths in Canada and abroad, including Willow Creek's own Martin Reinhard, a journeyman Master Blacksmith who was trained in Switzerland. Willow Creek Forge Gallery, named 1999 C.G.T.A. SPECIALTY RETAILER of the YEAR, houses the largest selection of Hand-Forged Iron in Canada...including architectural hardware, corporate gifts, chandeliers, candle holders, lamps, door handles and more. You dream it... we make it. There are no boundaries to what we can do.

Doing Cowboy/Cowgirl Up, Smithing

Venue: Willow Creek Saddle, Nanton

Website: www.willowcreeksaddle.com

Email: swallace@telusplanet.net

Phone: (403) 646-2727

Experience Category: **Smithing**

Guidebook Descriptor: The Best Little Saddle Shop in Alberta. Owned and operated in Nanton by Rusty and Shirley Wallace for over 30 years, Willow Creek Saddles provides custom built saddles, reins, bits and tack for customers world wide.

Doing Smithing

Venue: Willow Lane Ranch, Granum (Working Cattle Ranch)

Proprietors: LeAnne & Keith Lane

Website: <http://www.willowlaneranch.com>

Phone: 1 800 665-0284 or (403) 687-2284

Email: leanne@willowlaneranch.com

Experience Category: **Ranching** (Cattle Work, Cattle Drives)

Times: mid-May – mid_October

Experience length: varies (4 night minimum recommended)

Experience/

Age Requirements: 16 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 8 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Guests take part in daily ranch activities, which may include riding with your hosts to check cattle, participation in cattle drives, roundup, branding, fence mending and calving.

Experience Category: **Horsemanship** (The western horse & how it works)

Times: mid-May – mid_October

Experience length: varies (4 night minimum recommended)

Experience/
Age Requirements: 16 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 8 people

Guidebook Descriptor: For almost 15 years our working cattle ranch has specialized in unique holiday experiences. Cattle drives, working ranch activities, cow camps and much more. Within your working ranch holiday experience, learn all about the Western Horse and how it works in a ranch setting.

Experience Category: **Roping** (Roping basics)

Times: mid-May – mid_October

Experience length: varies (4 night minimum recommended)

Experience/
Age Requirements: 16 years & up

Reservations: required

Numbers/Availability: up to 8 people

Guidebook Descriptor: Extend your western ranch skills by learning the basics or roping... from the ground up.

Seeing, Doing, Learning Horsemanship, Roping
Seeing, Doing Ranching