

PACKING FOR THE TRIPLE J RANCH



Your adventure begins! One of the nice things about coming to a ranch is that you don't need a lot of clothes. Start with a good pair of boots, that are well-worn and have a heel (so as not to slip in the stirrup), and bring several pairs of jeans. Make sure your riding jeans do *not* have a thick seam on the inside (such as Levi's), and have been washed a few times. Wranglers work well. If you think chaffing may be a problem, some wear panty hose or biking shorts under their jeans. (men & women)

Montana's weather is as varied as its landscape. Temperatures in the mountains can vary to quite a degree, beginning with *cool* mornings and ending with *cool* evenings, but it warms considerably during the day to 70-80's (*remember we can get cooler days*), so it is advisable to wear clothing in layers. Pack several shirts, from tank tops to sweatshirts, and a warm jacket. Remember your swimsuit and shorts for lounging by the hot tub or dipping your toes in the fish-ponds. A cowboy hat or hat with a brim is often nice on rides.

While we always hope for good weather, it does rain sometimes! So, you will need to bring raingear, either a two-piece suit, or a riding slicker. Poncho's will work, but are less preferable because they often tear and blow in the wind, which can scare your horse. Leather gloves keep your hands warm in chilly weather. A bandanna is a nice touch and can keep your neck warm too.

Finally, remember to bring the little essentials like shampoo, sunglasses, lip balm, sunscreen and insect repellent. Binoculars are great to spot birds or wildlife, and don't forget your camera and lots of film. For the fisherman, bring fly rod or spinning tackle. The ranch does not sell alcohol, so those interested may chose to bring something with them or stop in Augusta before coming to the ranch. Each cabin has its' own fridge for your use. We do have a pop machine, and *please* don't bring bottled water, as our water is the kind they bottle! You are welcome in the lodge at any time, whether you need a cookie or conversation. ☺

Anything you need with you on the trail can be packed in your saddle-bags. You will need to bring a water bottle for sipping on the trail, or on breaks. If we are out over the lunch hour, the ranch packs sack lunches. You can tie your slicker and jacket directly on your saddle. Also bring a sleeping bag if you are participating in the overnight, or rent one from the ranch (need to reserve in advance).

We look forward to showing you some real Western hospitality, so don't forget to pack a lot of enthusiasm for a great time!

TEMPERATURES	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT
AVERAGE MAXIMUM	66	75	83	82	72	62
AVERAGE MINIMUM	38	45	49	48	39	32
AVERAGE RAINFALL	2.3	3.0	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.9