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Summer Trip (Fishing and/or Horseback Riding) Additional Information

General Considerations

The best gear you can bring is the right attitude to enjoy the wilderness. Colorado serves up a high percentage of perfect sunny days in the summer; the fish bite all day, wildlife abounds and there are mind boggling views. However, the area is a remote and wild place. Weather and many other variables can affect your trip. Having the right attitude for this type of trip can make or break your experience.

The weather in June-August is usually sunny with highs in the 55-75 degree range and night time temps in the 40-50 degree range. Just keep in mind, the altitude does allow any day to turn out to be a winter day. A large portion of our area is 10k to above 11k in elevation.

On day trips, you can get away with most all clothing materials as long as you make sure to bring decent rain gear.

Don't hesitate to give us a call about any specific gear questions.

Day Trips

Rain Gear

- We will provide slickers on your riding horses. This rain protection is ideal for riding, but not well suited for other activities. If your group is planning on doing a hike off of the horses, fishing, etc... bring comfortable rain gear. Any of the options available at sporting goods stores and other retailers work. Also, most day-to-day rain jackets are fine. “Water resistant” clothing will not work, “water-proof” is a must.
- Cheap ponchos are not a great option. In heavy downpours and activities they will not keep you dry.

Clothing

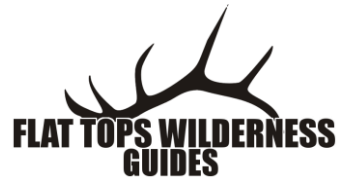
- **Bring Layers** – The mountain temperature fluctuations will amaze you.
- The ideal mountain layers in summer: 1) Synthetic or Light Merino Wool Base Layer, 2) Lightweight softshell jacket or insulating “puffy” jacket, and 3) a medium weight jacket. It sounds like a lot, but layers can always be folded and tied over the back of the saddle.
- Brimmed hats – great sun protection.
- Jeans and other long pants are great. Don’t bring any clothing that isn’t fairly resistant to dirt, mud, brush and vegetation. Do not wear shorts.
- Some folks like to wear a light pair of gloves while riding. It can be a little chilly in the early mornings and holding leather rains for a couple hours can be hard on your hands.

Shoes/Boots

- Closed-toe, durable footwear is a must. No sandals, cros, slippers, high heels, barefeet etc...
- Cowboy boots are great but not necessary.
- Warm socks

Other

- Bug spray if sensitive to mosquitoes
- Sunglasses
- Sun lotion
- Water Bottle
- Camera/Phone
- If you have been prescribed an Epi-Pen, do not come on this trip without one.



- Snacks for saddle bags. We provide meals/snacks/drinks on our trips but some people like having their preferred snacks in a saddlebag while riding.
- Compact binoculars for wildlife viewing are fun to have along.

If trip is focused on guided fishing:

- Trade in normal sunglasses for polarized ones
- Day pack or fanny pack – for when hiking into fishing spots
- Small flash light or headlamp in pack/fanny pack
- We provide basic conventional or fly fishing gear (rods, reels, flies/spinners, tippet, etc...), but if you are more than a beginner fisherman we suggest you bring your own fishing gear. Our gear is optimized for decent performance and durability only. It is not as versatile and tuned as most advanced fisherman prefer.
- Wear waterproof hiking boots or pack along lightweight waders. Bring wool or synthetic socks.
- Purchase a fishing license before arrival