

# Don't just visit the west . . . live it!

Now that you've reserved your week at the TX Ranch, please allow us to give a few suggestions for clothing and camping gear

## What to bring

Keep in mind that spring and fall weather can be a bit cool, especially at night. We hope this list of suggested items will help keep you warm and comfortable during your stay and while camping.

- Warm, non-slick sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, and comfy sleep wear
- Warm, weather-resistant coat, hat, gloves, warm socks, rain poncho or other rain gear, and a neck kerchief
- Quilted shirt, preferably dark in color, and easy to brush off
- Cowboy boots with safety heel or slick-soled boots with safety heel, and an extra pair of sturdy, comfortable shoes for camp
- Wide-brimmed hat and billed cap, for sun
- Spurs, simple and inexpensive (desirable); chaps (optional)
- Small saddle bag or non-floppy, nylon zip bag for water and snacks
- Water bottle with nylon pouch and easy tie options
- Flashlight, lantern, batteries, candles, matches
- Inexpensive throw rug (our tents have earth floors)
- Towel, wash cloth, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, mirror, comb and brush
- Solar-heated shower bag (about \$5 at a camp store, K-Mart, etc.)
- Sunscreen and lip screen
- Wet wipes, Kleenex, plastic laundry and trash bags
- Camera and lots of film or batteries!
- Special personal items such as diet foods, snacks, beverages, cigarettes, and personal first aid items
- Duck tape! Many uses, including protecting sore leg areas

Should you find it difficult to find any of these items, Billings has several camping, western wear and ranch outfitter stores.

- Connolly's Saddlery: provide free transportation to and from their store, no obligations! 877-252-3312; 406-252-3312; [www.connollysaddlery.com](http://www.connollysaddlery.com)
- Big "R" Store: 406-652-9118
- Lou Taubert's: 406-254-2248

## Camp facilities

You're invited to make yourself at home in our cook cabin and help yourself to our condiments table, which includes hot and cold beverages, drink mixes and water. Canvas wall tents are provided and include your cot with a good mattress pad and a wood burning stove if desired, with wood provided in camp. Setup in camp includes a wash table with wash basins, a small wooden shower house, and an outhouse facility with paper. Fresh water tanks are provided near the cabin area for your personal use and for drinking.

Thank you very much. We'll see you soon!



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## 2009 rates

Our weekly rate is \$1,450 per week (us). Your deposit of \$450 confirms your reservation. It is non-refundable, though we do try to help out if we get sufficient prior notification and are able to fill your spot. The balance is due upon arrival. Please pay by money order, bank draft, travelers checks or wire. If you prefer to pay by check, please do so not less than 45 days in advance of your arrival.

A release form signature will be required upon your arrival, including an adult signature for any guest 18 years and under.

## Transportation

We include free transportation to and from Billings, Montana. We will meet you on Saturday from 4:30–5:00 pm at the Billings Logan International Airport, the Clock Tower Inn or the Dude Rancher Lodge. We return to Billings the following Saturday at 1:00 pm, April–June; 12 noon, July–October.

Please arrange flights according to our schedule. Extended delays, extra trips or change of date will incur a separate courier fee. Early notice of delays is appreciated. Contact our courier, Ralph Obanion, at 406-252-3072 or Loretta Tillett at the TX Ranch.

## Hotels in downtown Billings

- Best Western Clock Tower Inn  
800-628-9081; 406-259-5511
- Dude Rancher Lodge  
800-221-3302; 406-259-5561

If you choose to stay at either motel, let them know you are a TX Ranch guest and you will receive a special reduced rate. For your convenience, you may keep your luggage at either motel lobby until our Saturday meeting time.