

TUMBLING RIVER

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A TRADITION OF SERVICE
SINCE 1940



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Welcome to Tumbling River Ranch, one of the finest guest ranches in the Colorado Rockies. We have a long-established tradition of giving guests what they expect...and more than they hoped for...

A superb location, nestled in a secluded valley high in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, surrounded by cascading streams, abundant big game, wildflowers and trees...

Exciting activities, including trout fishing, swimming, invigorating hiking, horseback riding along extraordinarily secluded and scenic trails, trapshooting, river rafting, plus terrific programs for kids of all ages...

Outstanding facilities, offering a selection of cabins with fireplaces and private baths, and two historic lodges with spacious rooms and suites, plus a swimming pool, several hot tubs, and more...

Exceptional home-cooked meals, served in our historic lodges or outside in the fresh Rocky Mountain air, complete with scenic views...

Friendly atmosphere, for our ranch is our home and you are a welcomed guest. Our high staff-to-guest ratio (35/52) assures excellent service and outstanding programs for kids and teens. So come and join us. You have our promise that we will do everything possible to make your vacation the best you've ever had.

TUMBLING RIVER RANCH HISTORY •

Our ranch is unique in its location. The remote high mountains that surround us offer not only spectacular scenery but, in addition, contain a wealth of unspoiled

history. Because of the abundant wildlife, the Ute Indians once were plentiful in this area. Then came the trappers whose old cabins can still be found in pastures high above the ranch.



We keep a fine string of horses with variety enough so that there is one suited to the experience of most any rider. We mount up first thing Monday morning, beginning with a basic riding orientation program in the arena. For even the most experienced riders, the Rocky Mountains offer many new challenges. Guests may have as much instruction as they feel necessary throughout the week. Our wranglers love to spend additional time in the arena with interested guests.

We offer different trail rides every day except Sundays, but be sure to come watch the “Wrangler Rodeo” on Sunday after your family gets settled. The rides range from short to long and fast to slow. In all cases we provide experienced wranglers to accompany all rides.

With millions of acres of extraordinary scenery around us, you will never get bored on the rides. By the middle of the week we hope you’ll be ready for some all day riding, and perhaps by Thursday you will join us

on an overnight pack trip. We are one of the few ranches that can take our guests up into the back county (up to 12,200 ft.) where you may not see another person all day. We’ll provide sleeping bags, great food and Western Hospitality. We have special use permits which authorize us to ride in Pike National Forest and Mount Evans Wilderness Area.

We will select a horse for you at the beginning of the week and, if you like the choice, you can keep that one for all your riding. For riding safety and comfort, we strongly encourage you to bring boots or at least something with a good heel.

On Saturday it’s rodeo time. Both kids and adults will have a chance to compete in barrel racing, pole bending and more. It’s great fun to see folks (who a week before had never ridden in the Rockies) proudly wearing a blue ribbon on Saturday night. But don’t worry, you’ll have plenty of time to practice.

But the major event came a little over a century ago with the discovery of gold and silver. The high mountains that surround us are filled with old mines and abandoned ghost towns. We’re still finding them — in places it’s hard to imagine

humans surviving.

And with the mining came the old narrow gauge trains, often climbing well above timber-line. The Georgetown to Silver Plume narrow gauge railroad still

A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES ALL IN ONE WEEK



With the variety of activities available at Tumbling River Ranch, you could spend the whole summer playing! Experience white water rafting, fishing and fly-fishing in streams, ponds and high mountain lakes. Enjoy spectacular hiking, swimming, lounging in hot tubs, playing in the game room, square dancing, taking a hayride, enjoying a relaxing massage or singing by campfire. Take a van trip to historic towns and ride a narrow gauge railroad. By horseback you can explore long abandoned mines and seldom seen ghost towns, ride to cookouts or take an overnight pack trip. Or, you can simply sit back and read a good book surrounded by gorgeous scenery.

Fishing here is great. Whether you're looking for your first trout or you're an experienced fly-fisherman, a real adventure awaits you. We've made that first trout easy to catch by stocking our

ranch ponds. No license is required to fish our stocked ponds. More experienced fishermen will enjoy the miles of streams running through the ranch and the outstanding fishing on the nearby North Fork of the South Platte River. By mid-summer the high mountain lakes become accessible and give fly-fishing the ultimate challenge.

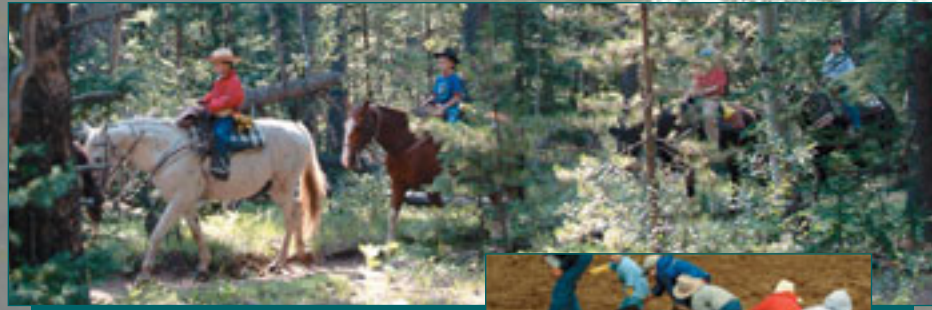
We also offer basic training in fly-fishing, as well as additional guided fly-fishing trips on and around the ranch.

From late May through August we offer our guests a terrific white water rafting experience. We drive you to a beautiful area near the head waters of the Arkansas River where there are rapids equal to any. A bonded rafting company provides the rafts, boatmen and life jackets, etc. Children should be at least 8 years old. There is a modest extra charge. It is a great adventure!



runs. So during the summer we can explore these remote, historic areas. The feeling of discovery is exciting. Our ranch is one of the few places you can really have a chance to see the unspoiled history of the Rockies.

The old mines are also a rockhoulder's paradise with a great assortment of minerals found in few other places. So if you like geology, you will find plenty to explore.



Parents can be assured that the babies, kids and teens will be well entertained. Our counselors are ready after breakfast with exciting programs for all the kids 3 years and over. The programs continue through lunch and the afternoon. There are separate activities for those 3 to 5, 6 to 11, and for teens. The programs are entirely optional but they're a lot of fun and enable parents to have more freedom. We also offer additional nanny programs for children under 3.

For the kids under 6, we have pony rides. Those 6 and over may go on the trail rides. Kids any age

may accompany their parents on vehicle trips or any other family activities.

The programs include riding, hiking, fishing, swimming, nature hikes, rodeo practice, kids' overnight campouts, and play in our fort and teepee. One of the highlights of the kids' program is a trip to Georgetown where they may take an hour long ride on the Silver Plume narrow gauge train (many adults enjoy this also). For the teens, the most memorable experience is the famous "capture the flag" and the overnight pack trip to 12,200 feet.

In addition to visiting remote areas, you will also have a chance to visit well preserved old towns such as Georgetown, Breckenridge and Fairplay. A century ago historic Georgetown became known as the Silver Queen — the

silver mining capital of the Rockies. Its old homes and stores are extremely well preserved. There you will see exceptional museums with relics from our area and be able to browse in the quaint shops.

OUR SERVICE IS FOREMOST; OUR CUISINE, RENOWNED

During the typical summer week, about a dozen families are here and we think this is just right for our guests — enough to assure that there's plenty going on and that you'll be able to meet other interesting folks, but not so many that you'll feel lost.

Each morning a selection of activities is offered. The hardest thing you will need to do is choose!

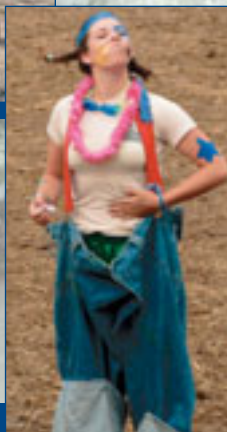
Whenever we ask our guests what they enjoyed most, "service" is tops on their list. Our staff is extraordinarily friendly, making you feel welcome from the moment you arrive. And throughout the week your enjoyment is our heartfelt commitment.

Now a word about the food — it's great! Meals are a source of pride to us. Everything here is home cooked. We make our own breads and desserts, and guarantee that you and your kids will

agree on the menu. Typical dinners will feature beef tenderloin, turkey, pork tenderloin, grilled chicken, and barbecued ribs. And all you can eat! We have lots of cookouts, and you haven't lived until you've ridden several hours up to a high mountain meadow and smelled coffee brewing and bacon cooking. We can cater to any eating style or dietary need, and our menu is broad enough to satisfy even the pickiest! Beer and wine are served with most dinners.

During summer months, one of the week's highlights is our adult candlelight dinner. While parents feast in splendor and enjoy live entertainment, kids are having fun playing "capture the flag" and enjoying a great outdoor cookout with their counselors.

One more thing. Informality is the norm — you can wear your jeans day and night.



LODGING HISTORY •

The original homestead cabin, built around the turn of the century, is still the favorite of many guests. The Ranch House and the Pueblo House were both built

during the 1920's and reflect a charm that can no longer be duplicated. An early mayor of Denver built the Ranch House as his mountain home.

The Pueblo House is truly a showplace. It was built by the daughter of

"THIS PLACE IS MAGICAL"



Adolph Coors as her mountain home. The talents of the Indians from Taos were utilized in the construction and the carving of decorative beams. The Spanish-Indian decor is extraordinary.

The ranch is located along twelve miles of Geneva Creek (the Tumbling River). The accommodations come in three options — the Ranch House, Pueblo House and individual cabins. The Ranch House is a five story lodge containing a suite for one family. The Scenic room has an exceptional view and private living room — perfect for mom & dad. The kids each have their own bedrooms (each with fireplace and bath). The rest of the building houses the main dining room and a large living room with a huge stone fireplace. Bighorn sheep can often be seen from this ranch house.

Surrounding the Ranch House are half a dozen cabins (typically with two separate suites that can be opened to adjoin). Each suite has a private bath and fireplace. The cabins vary in size, but all have beautiful wooden porches to enjoy the cool Colorado weather. Your family can gather on the front porch swing and

watch the hummingbirds come and go. In addition, there is a heated pool, massage room, game room with ping pong, pool table, etc., office, corral, trading post and a pond stocked with trout.

The Pueblo House is truly a showplace. (See History sidebar.) The Pueblo has seven guest bedrooms, each with a fireplace and beautiful views. The house contains a dining room, a large living room with inviting bay windows offering expansive scenic views, plus a game room and a sun/sitting room. The Pueblo House is a perfect accommodation for a family gathering — in fact, it stays booked throughout the summer with big families. It is also a favorite for our returning guests. The Pueblo House overlooks our fly-fishing pond and another ranch hot tub. The Sullivan cabin is just across Three Mile Creek from the Pueblo House. It is perfect for Grandma & Grandpa or even “honeymooners.”

FROM A GUEST •

“We have never seen such a caring and wonderful group of people. They go out of their way to make your vacation everything you want it to be.”



OUR LOCATION IS SECOND TO NONE

The ranch is located about 50 miles southwest of Denver and about 1.5 hours from the Denver airport. We are truly high in the heart of the Rockies with the snow-capped peaks of the Continental Divide within riding distance to the west, and Mt. Evans to the east. Pikes Peak can often be seen to the south.

We are surrounded by Pike National Forest with many of the highest peaks in the Rockies. There are literally millions of acres of secluded, unspoiled country to enjoy — alpine meadows colored with wildflowers, cascading streams and deep blue mountain lakes far from any sign of civilization.

Twenty miles to the north is historic Georgetown which a century ago became

known as the Silver Queen — the silver mining capital of the Rockies. Its old homes and stores are extremely well preserved.

The main ranch is at 9200 feet, far too high for poisonous snakes or hay fever plants. Even in the summer the days seldom get over 75 degrees, with the nights cool enough for fires in the fireplaces and sweaters or light jackets.

If you plan to fly into Denver, it's an easy drive in a rental car, or we can arrange to have a ranch vehicle waiting for you at the airport. If you are driving to the ranch, call or write us and we'll help plan your route here and back. We are anxious to help.



Tumbling River Ranch is located in the heart of Pike National Forest and borders the Mount Evans Wilderness area. We are tucked just below the Continental divide and several of Colorado's highest mountains (Mt. Evans & Mt. Bierstadt). We are also central to some of Colorado's most quaint historic towns (Georgetown and Breckenridge), yet only an hour from downtown Denver. At 9200 feet in elevation, Mother Nature has provided warm, sunny days and cool mountain evenings (perfect for being outdoors), with extraordinary vistas in every direction.

FAMILY TRADITION • *Tumbling River Ranch has been a dude ranch since the 1940's. In 1975, Jim & Mary Dale Gordon traded the heat of Dallas, TX for the Colorado Rocky Mountains with the purchase of Tumbling River Ranch. After 25 years of*

running the ranch, they turned the reins over to their youngest child Megan. She and her husband Scott along with their daughter Laney, invite you and your family to come experience three generations of western hospitality.

“Our four kids are still talking about it being the best vacation they’ve ever had — and Mom & Dad agree!”

“The kids program is unbeatable, the food is irresistible, the riding is unforgettable.”

“Our daughter thought she would be bored to tears. The only tears we saw were those running down her face the whole way home.”

“Tumbling River Ranch was the best week of my life — all three times that I’ve been there!”

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