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A dude ranch vacation is all about the western lifestyle, so don't be afraid to embrace the "cowboy way." Even if you're a total city slicker, you'll fit right in with classic westernwear.

Jeans and boots are a ranchwear mainstay. If you're buying these new for the trip, break them in beforehand to make sure you'll be comfortable all day in them.

Think about dressing in layers for changeable weather conditions, and selecting versatile items to enjoy hours in the saddle plus all the outdoor activities a ranch vacation has to offer.

Horse Illustrated partnered with the experts at the Dude Ranchers' Association to help you pack the right gear for an unforgettable adventure. Visit duderanch.org for over 100 of the best dude and guest ranches, plus more tips to plan your perfect western vacation.

DUDE RANCH PACKING LIST

Cool mornings:

- ☐ Moisture-wicking base layer (long or short sleeve)
- ☐ Beanie to keep your head and ears warm, just in case...
- ☐ Light to midweight vest
- ☐ Light to midweight jacket

Warm / Hot Days... be ready to shed layers:

- ☐ T-Shirt or base layer (long or short sleeve)
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Ball Cap

Unexpected,/ afternoon rain showers:

- ☐ Lightweight rain shell or water repellent windbreaker with a hood

Cooler nights...be ready to add back those layers:

- ☐ Comfortable western or denim shirt
- ☐ Lightweight lined or mid-weight jacket
- ☐ Lightweight lined or mid-weight vest
- ☐ Hoodie or pullover
- ☐ Long pants or jeans

Footwear:

- ☐ Cowboy boots
- ☐ Tall socks
- ☐ Hiking boots or athletic shoes
- ☐ Water shoes
- ☐ Casual/dressy shoes for nicer dinner occasions

Riding Gear:

- ☐ Lightweight ventilated riding helmet
- ☐ "Seat Saver" cushion for your saddle in wool, foam or a combination of both. If you're not used to spending hours in the saddle, this can be a lifesaver.
- ☐ Western jeans: look for styles designed for riding. You might need a slightly longer inseam in the saddle.

Additional items:

- ☐ Reusable plastic or stainless-steel water bottle
- ☐ Camera or cellphone with plenty of storage, because you will be taking A LOT of pictures
- ☐ Lightweight backpack - allows you to carry your essentials during the day while keeping your hands free.
- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Insect repellent

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