



Great Fun!
Great Food!
Great Folks!



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Discover Your
Inner Cowboy™
at

Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch



Dude Ranch
Vacations for all ages.

HOWDY FOLKS!



Welcome to the Sylvan Dale experience! Our ranch family is proud of our heritage and we're eager to share it with you. The warmth you will find here relates to our love for people and the Western lifestyle.

We consider ourselves the keepers of old-fashioned fun—the kind that builds family closeness. Life's simple joys await you at Sylvan Dale...so do we!



The Jessups: David & Linda, Dave & Susan

A RICH HERITAGE!

One thousand years ago, Fremont people found shelter in a shallow cave in Echo Rock. Later, Indian tribes wintered in the valley seeking refuge from the snows of the high



country. In the 1800s, folks sought healing from respiratory ailments in the crisp, clean mountain air. Hospitality rooted itself in the 1920s when Fred Neville, a local cattleman, built a lodge and four cabins on the banks of the Big Thompson River and called it Sylvan Dale.

The Jessup story began in 1934 when a Kansas kid, working his way through college, arrived in the valley for a summer job and caught a vision of what the little ranch on the Big Thompson could someday be. Eleven years later, in 1946, Maurice and his wife, Mayme, bought Sylvan

Dale. Through a lifetime of hopes and dreams solidly based on faith, dedication and hard work, the Jessups and their two children, David and Susan, increased the 125 acre ranch to a 5,000 acre working ranch with cattle, horses and guest facilities to accommodate families and group events.

Much has happened since our parents, with barely enough money to make the down payment, grabbed hold of a dream and made it a reality. The growth and change since this humble beginning has helped define who and what we are today.

We would love to share the beauty of Sylvan Dale with your family this season.



So...Saddle Up with Us for a Meaningful Experience!



THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR A FEW GOOD FOLKS!

We are so looking forward to sharing the beauty of Sylvan Dale with you this summer. If you are planning a return visit, a 10% "Old Timer" discount as well as the welcome sound of the dinner bell awaits! If you are planning your first visit, you can look forward to a unique vacation experience and the opportunity to become "Old Timers" yourselves! Just call! We'll make it easy. 970-667-3915.



Quality time!



Ranch chores



Saddle up for a fun ride!

New Game Courts

Be sure you save some time during your stay to play on our new game courts.

Shuffle board, four square, tennis, basketball and pickle ball. Equipment provided or BYO.

Game on!



NITTY GRITTY FACTS



Reservations

To make your reservations, please call 970-667-3915 or email us at ranch@sylvandale.com. We are happy to hold your space for two weeks while awaiting your deposit.



Deposit

In order to secure your reservation, we ask for a deposit of 30% of the total package rate to be paid within two weeks from the time you make your reservation. If your family numbers 20 or more, we ask for a 50% deposit.

Payments

Final payment is due at check out, but you are welcome to pre-pay. Personal checks are appreciated. We also accept MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

Cancellations

If you cancel within 90 days of arrival, we will refund your deposit less \$100 per person processing fee. If your family numbers 20 or more, monies paid up front are not refundable. We recommend travelers insurance to secure your investment should something prevent you from coming.

Transportation from Airport

Most of our guests prefer to rent a car at the airport for convenience and increased sight-seeing options. There is also shuttle service direct from Denver International Airport to our ranch entry at a per-person fee.

Smoke-Free Environment

In order to assure all our guests a safe and healthy stay, there is no smoking inside any Sylvan Dale building or on the trails.

Alcohol Policy

Sylvan Dale serves fine wines and local micro-brews. State law does not allow you to bring your own alcoholic beverages into the dining room or other gathering areas.

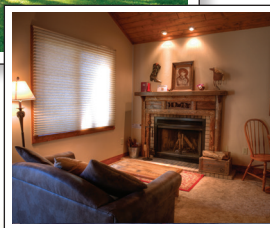
LOVE LETTERS!

I didn't miss TV at all, everything was so much fun. I wish every kid could go to the Sylvan Dale Dude Ranch at least once.

– Sean Vierra (9 years old)

Endless backcountry to explore and trout the size of my leg!

– Bill and Gayle Carey, Denver, Colorado



BACK COUNTRY ADVENTURES



Breakfast Ride

Up at the crack of dawn, mount up and head out for breakfast on the trail.

Cowboy coffee never tasted so good!

Overnight Pack Trip

Saddle up for the highlight of the week! Climb in elevation through ponderosa forests to 7,120 feet to reach Cow Camp, a 1930's historic log cabin. Camp Cookie will be a waitin., with steak, taters, and tales around the campfire. Sleep under the stars and awake to a Cowboy Breakfast before you head down the trail to home. Unforgettable!



ADVENTURES FOR KIDS



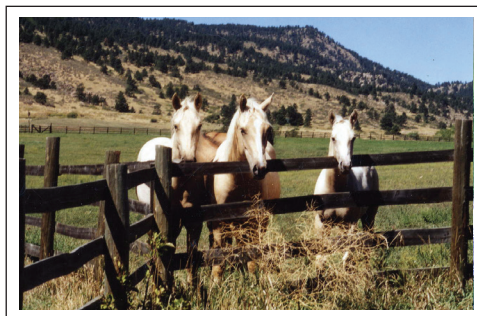
Kids ages 3 – 12 are invited to participate in “Ranch Camp” – a program offering a wide variety of outdoor fun and horse interaction. Western riding instruction, trail rides, mare and foal care, and ranch chores. Afternoon affords time for families to ride together or participate in other scheduled activities. Child care is available as needed.



LOTS TO DO...NO PRESSURE TO DO IT!

Our brand of Western fun includes something for everyone, from the welcome wagon to the cheers and action of the Gymkhana finale.

Partner up with a Sylvan Dale mount for adventures in the arena and on the trail. Explore the back country, break into a gentle lope and learn to “sit the jog!” Daily horsemanship clinics will help you advance your riding skills giving you confidence to work with cattle, and participate in the Poker Ride!



Anglers love the challenge of the Big Thompson River and the trophy trout waters of the Big Valley.



Evening fun is designed with everyone in mind. Enjoy cowboy entertainment, family softball, Western dancing and songs around the campfire. What better way to embrace the spirit of the Old West!



We are an equal opportunity provider authorized by special use permit for the Roosevelt National Forest.

Nearby Fun

Rocky Mountain National Park offers scenic drives and high country hikes with breathtaking views. We'll pack a box lunch for you.

Golf There are two 18-hole golf courses seven miles away and three more within a 20-mile radius.

Shopping in the area includes art galleries, antique shops, malls, and souvenir shops.

Mountain Biking nearby at Devil's Backbone and Bobcat Ridge open space. (BYOB)

THE PLACE FOR FAMILY REUNIONS



Our kids, ages 13 and 15, and my niece and nephew, 12 and 9, enjoyed the freedom to roam and play. We love the Sylvan Dale Ranch and we will be back!

— Karen Nolan, Vista, CA

Families have gathered at Sylvan Dale for up to four generations! Why? It's a safe environment where family members of all ages can bond through wholesome old-fashioned fun with such activities as catching a rainbow trout, playing family softball, saddling up for a riding adventure, tapping their toes at the Western dance night and roasting marshmallows over an evening campfire. It's a magical environment for creating memories that last a lifetime.

Dude Lite

The best of the basics with a wide variety of à la carte activities for all ages. Perfect for your upcoming family reunion (minimum 25 people).

Dude Lite offers quality family time at our lowest price. Hike the trails, take a dip in the outdoor heated pool, fish the pond, fly fish the river, visit the baby foals, participate in ranch chores, gather at the campfire for s'mores, hop on the wagon for a ride on the Foothills Trail, or explore Cottonwood Gulch. Play a game of tennis, softball, horseshoe, or volleyball. Available à la carte activities: horseback riding, guided fly fishing, skeet shooting, yoga and massage. Six night's lodging and 17 ranch-style meals.