



—ACTIVITIES —

“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.” – John Muir



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FITNESS



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& GROUP ACTIVITIES



SHOOTING



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VERMEJO

— FISHING —

“Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after,” – Henry David Thoreau.



FISHING

Duration: Half or Full-Day

Price: Included if self-guided
or \$350-\$475 guided

Skill-Level: Beginner - Advanced

Age: all ages

Attire: Comfortable layered attire and walking shoes.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat, and a boxed lunch ordered at dinner the previous night if you plan to make a day of it.

With 19 fishable lakes and over 30 miles of pristine stream, Vermejo is a world-class fishing destination and Orvis-endorsed fly fishing lodge, where anglers have flocked for over a century.

To fish on your own, just grab a map and gear directly from our fish house and you're ready for a day on the water. If moving water is your game, walk the river banks and sight cast to our rare, native Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout, which were almost extinct prior to our restoration project. Our streams provide a casting adventure across varying terrain, from the meandering waters in

the High Country, to the iconic setting of the Vermejo River. Guests will often notice wildlife such as bison, bears, and bald eagles while fishing and enjoying the incredible views of Vermejo mountain peaks.

If the serenity of a glassy lake is calling, you can cast from one of our many boats in lakes stocked with rainbow trout, browns and brookies. You may also schedule a private guide help you find the best water and teach you the finer points of fly selection and casting. The fishing options at Vermejo are endless.





VERMEJO

— HIKING —

“Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.” – John Muir



ADAMS LAKE SELF-GUIDED HIKE

Distance: 2.6 miles

Ascent/Descent: 200 ft.

Drive Time: 30 minutes

Hiking Time: 60-90 minutes

Skill-Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Price: Included, self-guided

Season: all-seasons, providing roads are passable

Attire: Layered clothing, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.

Meander around Adams lake with or without a guide while taking in spectacular views of sweeping vistas and the lake itself. This gentle hike is the perfect addition to a few hours of fishing or boating, and a picnic lunch at the Adams Lake gazebo.





FITNESS TRAIL SELF-GUIDED HIKE

A beautiful trail for a leisurely stroll, a heart-pounding strength and cardiovascular workout, or anything in between. The fitness trail is a perfect place to spend an hour or two in nature without venturing far from Headquarters. There are 5 obstacles along the way to test your skills, as well as a bench overlooking the river for a break or snack. The trailhead is just north of the lawn in front of Turner House.

Duration: 1.5 hours

Price: Included

Skill-Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Attire: Clothes you can move in, layers you can shed or add depending on weather, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick.





GAZEBO TRAIL – SELF GUIDED HIKE

A quick hike up to the gazebo is an invigorating way to spend a spare hour while getting your heart pumping and taking in a gorgeous view.

Built in the early 1900s, William Bartlett used to have musicians perform for guests from this vantage point with great acoustics. This short, but steep hike is a perfect way to start the day, reinvigorate after a nap, or watch the sunset.

Distance: 1.75 miles

Ascent/Descent: 300 ft.

High Point Elevation: 7840 ft.

Hiking Time: 40-60 minutes

Skill-Level: Intermediate

Price: Included, self-guided

Season: all-seasons

Attire: Layered clothing, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.




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NATURE TRAIL SELF-GUIDED HIKE

Hiking Distance: .5 to 3.75 miles or more

Ascent/Descent: not significant

Hiking Time: 30 - 90 minutes or more

Skill-Level: Beginner

Price: included, self-guided

Season: All seasons

Attire: Layered weather-appropriate clothing, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.

The nature trail is a perfect place to create your own hike, wandering through nature without a big climb. You can make the hike as long or as short as you please, just turn around when you decide you've gone half-way. Be sure to look for wildflowers, notice the variety of pine trees and listen for some of over 300 species of birds on Vermejo.



SECRET RAIN CANYON LOOP GUIDED HIKE

Hiking Distance: 3.5 miles round trip

Ascent/Descent: 300 ft.

Hiking Time: 80-120 minutes

Skill-Level: Beginner - Intermediate

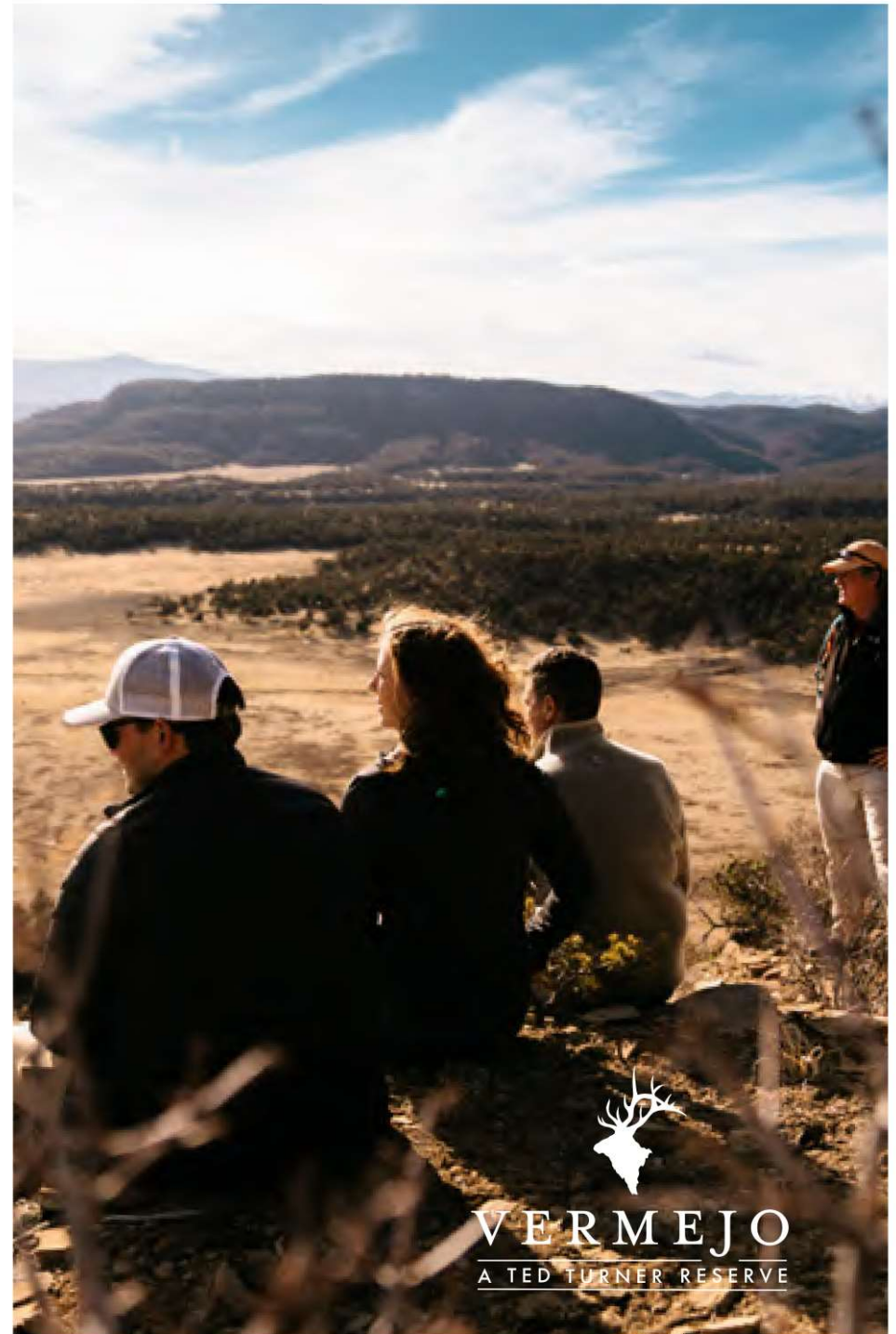
Price: \$350 for up to 4 people

Season: All seasons

Attire: Layered weather-appropriate clothing, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.

The Rain Canyon Loop begins on the Nature Trail and then takes you back into a hidden canyon that sometimes holds a trickle of water and leads to a dazzling viewpoint overlooking Butler Flats. Towering rock walls and abundant flora and fossils make you feel like you are truly in the "backcountry" when you are really just a short walk from headquarters. Don't miss this chance to visit a beautiful and secluded place on Vermejo.



RADIO TOWER GUIDED HIKE VIA REED CANYON OR FOSSIL CANYON

Hiking Distance: up to 8.6 miles
Ascent/Descent: up to 1076 ft.
Hiking Time: Half or Full-day
Skill-Level: Beginner - Advanced
Price: \$350-\$475 for up to 4 people
Season: All seasons
Attire: Layered weather-appropriate clothing, hiking boots or tennis shoes.
Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.

Radio Tower is one of the most spectacular viewpoints near Headquarters. You'll get a birdseye view of the Lodge and surrounding area as well as purple mountains in the distance that mark the boundaries of Vermejo. You have a choice of two routes, one via Reed Canyon which is slightly shorter, (6.10 miles round-trip, 1004 ft. elevation gain) or Fossil Canyon for an alternate route that's just a little longer (8.6 miles, 1076 ft. elevation change). A shorter option is to just enjoy the many treasures in the canyons, choosing your own turn-around point. Keep an eye out for fossils of ancient sea creatures and plants, as well as wildlife or shed antlers along the way.

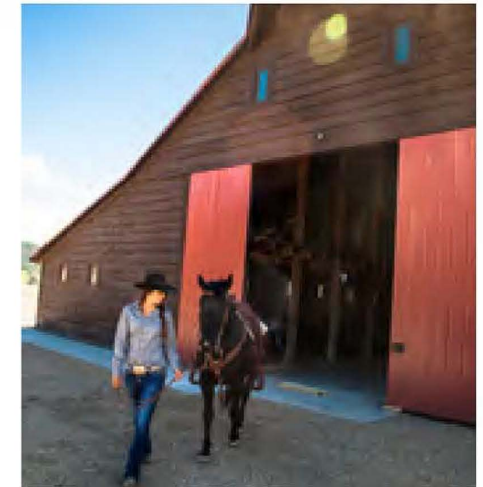




— HORSEBACK RIDING —

“No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.” – Winston Churchill





HEADQUARTERS HORSEBACK RIDES

Duration: 1-2 hours

Time on Horseback: 45-90 min.

Price: Included

Skill Level: Beginner (8+ years old)

Attire: Weather-appropriate layers you can move in, boots if you have them.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.

Take a stroll down to our recently remodeled activity barn and meet one of our wranglers and a horse chosen to suit your horseback riding style and skill level.

Spend an hour exploring some of the beautiful paths close to headquarters with a view from between the ears of one of our quality trail horses.





VERMEJO

— SHOOTING SPORTS —

“Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see” – Arthur Schopenhauer.



ARCHERY

Duration: 60 - 90 minutes

Price: Included

Skill-Level: Beginner - Advanced

Age: all ages

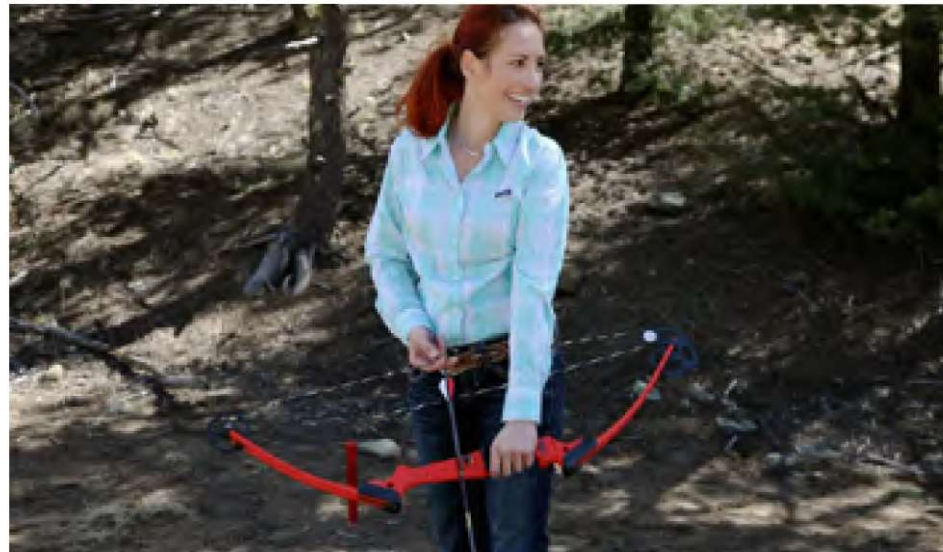
Attire: Comfortable weather appropriate layers, closed-toed walking or hiking shoes.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses.

Everyone should experience Vermejo's 3D archery course. This unique course is different than most that simply offer target shooting from one fixed location. Our course has eight well-placed stations of 3D targets depicting different types of animals along a trail. Guests hike through a forested hillside from one station to the next, and test their shooting ability from varying distances and angles and through obstacles such as trees and bushes.

Our archery guides will size and fit each guest with a proper bow, either compound or recurve, right or left-handed and the correct size and weight, and educate guests on proper safety handling.

This course is a perfect way to spend a few hours with friends or family of all ages out in nature, testing your skills.



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5-STAND SHOTGUN SHOOTING

Duration: 60 - 90 minutes

Price: Included

Skill-Level: Beginner - Advanced

Age: 16 and up, unless accompanied by a parent/guardian

Attire: Comfortable attire, closed-toed shoes, layers for weather.

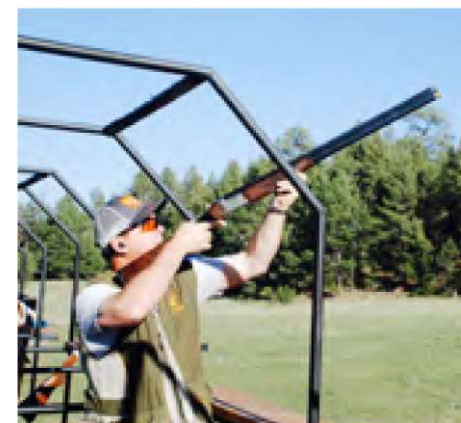
Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses.

Rooted in local history, the tradition of shooting in the American West comes to life in a variety of shooting sports offered at Vermejo.

The 5-stand is a great place for a first-time shooter to learn firearm safety and take a crack at hitting a flying target. It also gives experienced marksmen a place to test their skills with shots of varying difficulty levels including a "running-rabbit."

Just a short drive from headquarters, our expert guides meet guests at the Front Desk and bring them to the range where 12, 20, and 28-gauge shotguns as well and safety glasses and hearing protection are provided.

After shooting and safety instruction, guests enjoy practicing a variety of shots with the different targets and then play a competitive game of Annie Oakley.





WOBBLE DECK

SHOOTING

Duration: 60 - 90 minutes

Price: Included

Skill-Level: Beginner - Advanced

Age: 16 and over unless accompanied by a parent /guardian

Attire: Comfortable attire, closed-toed walking or hiking shoes, layers for weather.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses.

Channel your inner Wyatt Earp in this fun clay-shooting activity that takes your 5-stand skills to the next level.

During the game, the trap “wobbles” or oscillates widely creating random clay flight paths.”

While it can be a challenge even for advanced marksmen, the wobble deck is fun for shooters of all experience levels, with 12, 20 or 28-gauge shotguns. This is a great way to spend an hour or two while also learning proper techniques on how to safely handle different types of firearms.





VERMEJO

— SPORTING & FITNESS —

“A little recreation never hurt anyone.” –Professor Horace Slughorn



DISC GOLF

Duration: 1-2 hours

Price: Included, self-guided

Skill-Level: Beginner - Advanced

Age: all ages

Attire: Comfortable athletic attire, walking or hiking shoes, layers for weather.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses.

Located near our fitness trail within our Headquarters complex, is a sprawling 18-hole disc golf course. Disc golf is played much like traditional golf; however, instead of a traditional golf ball and clubs, players use a flying disc. The object of the game is to complete each hole in the fewest number of throws. (Ours are all par-3s.)

Our course is set up among rolling hills and forest, providing a great opportunity for guests to enjoy a walk in the woods and across the hills for an afternoon. Our front desk team can provide you with everything you need to play on your own or with a group. It's a great game for all ages!



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SELF-GUIDED FITNESS TRAIL

Duration: 1.5 hours

Price: Included

Skill-Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Attire: Clothes you can move in, layers you can shed or add depending on weather, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick.

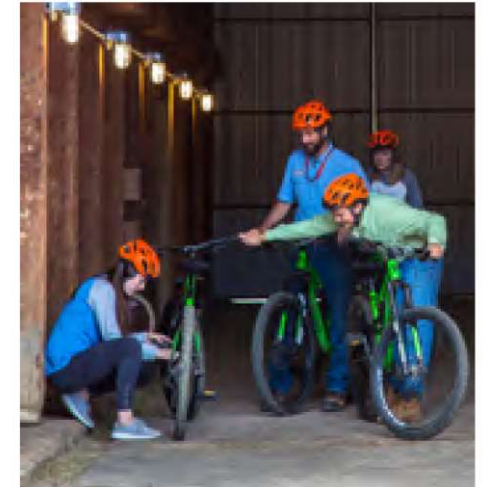
A beautiful trail for a leisurely stroll, a heart-pounding strength and cardiovascular workout, or anything in between. The fitness trail is a perfect place to spend an hour or two in nature without venturing far from Headquarters. There are 5 obstacles along the way to test your skills, as well as a bench overlooking the river for a break or snack. The trailhead is just north of the lawn in front of Turner House.





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HEADQUARTERS MOUNTAIN BIKING

Duration: 1-3 hours or whatever you choose.

Price: Included, self-guided

Skill-Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Attire: Clothes you can move in, layers you can shed or add depending on weather, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick, camera.

Your guide will meet you at the Front Desk and get you fitted with a properly sized bike and helmet. A short drive will bring you to either the Butler Flats Loop, Nature Trail, or Spring Canyon Trail for a ride suited to your skills and desires, or you can just ride around the roads near Headquarters.

Bikes may also be checked out to keep at your accommodation and ride at your leisure during your visit to Vermejo.






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YOGA

Duration: 45 min. - 1 hour

Price: Included or \$150 private pp

Skill-Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Attire: Stretchy clothes you can move in, athletic shoes for power yoga

Don't forget: Ponytail holders are great for long hair. We'll bring you a water bottle.

Join our group yoga classes at 8 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to start your day with a strengthening and stretching workout catered to your yoga abilities. On Mondays we kick it up a notch and with high-energy music and heart-pumping cardio. At Vermejo, we prefer fitness in the outdoors, close to mother nature, but we'll go inside during inclement weather. If you'd like private yoga or a different time or day, a Reserve Ambassador will be happy to help you.





VERMEJO

— TOURING —

“When we spend time in nature, we heal ourselves. When we protect nature, we heal the planet.” – Ted Turner



GUIDED BISON EXPEDITION

Duration: Privately guided, half-day, with boxed lunch included.

Price: \$350 up to 4 people.

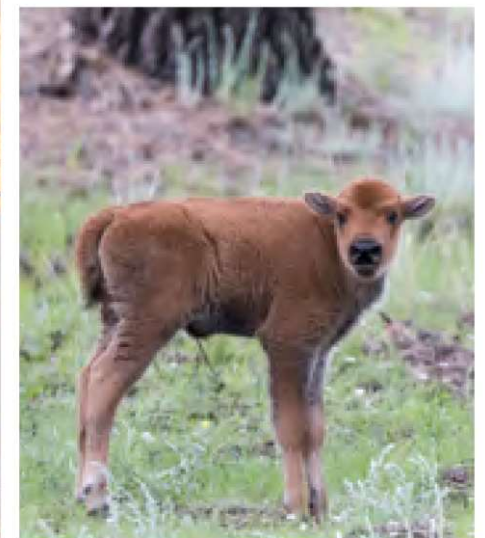
Ages: All Ages

Attire: Comfortable attire, weather appropriate layers, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick.

Hear the story of how Ted Turner brought back the American Bison from the verge of extinction, intertwined with fun facts about these unique animals. See the genetically unique Castle Rock Herd we have here at Vermejo and learn about the low-stress methods we use to manage them.

Witnessing these iconic creatures in a rewilded setting much like they inhabited before the "West was won" is an inspiring way to spend a half-day at Vermejo.



CATSKILL KILNS HIKING & HISTORY GUIDED TOUR

Tour Time: 4-5 hours

Drive Time: 30-60 minutes each way

Hiking Distance: 0.5 miles

Hiking Time: 45 minutes round trip

Ascent/Descent: not significant

Skill-Level: Beginner

Price: \$350-\$475 for up to four guests

Ages: All ages

Season: all-seasons, providing roads are passable

Attire: Layered clothing, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.

This tour and guided hike takes you to the stunning Canadian River valley via Spring Canyon, where you will pass the Dead Easy mine and the homes of tons of wildlife from black bears to elk, mountain lions, deer and more!

Touch the famous Catskill Kilns that were used to turn over 3000 logs a day into charcoal and learn about bustling community of homesteaders who settled here over a hundred years ago and why they left. A short hike will take you through a beautiful valley to a rarely-seen cemetery and remnants of the town of Catskill.

Vermejo's wild horses frequent this area, so keep your eyes peeled.



KOEHLER MINING CAMP GUIDED TOUR

Duration: Privately guided, half or full-day with boxed lunch included.

Price: \$350 or \$475 up to 4 guests.

Season: All seasons

Ages: All

Attire: Comfortable attire, weather appropriate layers, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

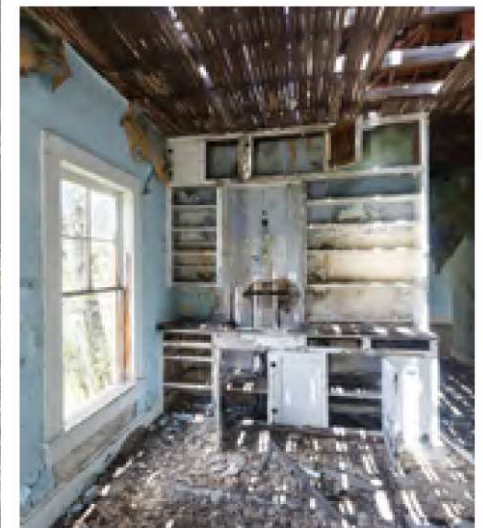
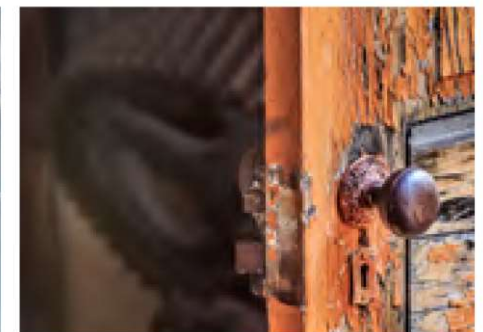
Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick.

Named for Harry Koehler chairman of the Maxwell Land Grant Co. Board of Directors, Koehler began as a success.

In 1906 the first coal mine was opened and the town soon claimed 1000 residents, a post office, company store, a two-story schoolhouse and more. It grew to employ close to 400 men and boys, most working underground. There were 219 beehive coking ovens and a coal washing plant.

Frequent strikes, the depression, and eventually a fire that burned down the schoolhouse caused the camp to close in 1924.

A visit to Koehler includes a beautiful scenic drive, with wildlife viewing en route, and time to wander through the remnants of the lives of the people who built their version of the American dream in Koehler, living in rows of company homes and toiling to produce fuel for the railroad and the burgeoning West.



RIVERBANK RESTORATION GUIDED TOUR

Tour Time: Half or Full-Day

Price: \$350 or \$475 for up to 4 guests

Ages: All ages

Season: all-seasons, providing roads are passable

Attire: Layered clothing, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.

When Ted Turner purchased Vermejo in 1996, his goal was to restore the land and habitats to a healthy rewilded state. The riverbanks had been overgrazed due to an overpopulation of elk and cattle.

To create healthy waterways for fish and other species like beaver, cattle were removed and riparian (riverbank) restoration projects were begun. Ten half-mile exclosures were built along the Vermejo River to keep elk from overgrazing and allow vegetation to grow. This new vegetation prevents erosion, allowing for deep, cool, narrow waterways that support cool water fisheries and food for riparian species.

Don't miss the chance to see these projects in action. Witness the new growth, beaver ponds, and catch a Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout, one of the species that is now thriving on Vermejo due to this work.



GUIDED SHED HUNTING

Duration: Privately guided, half or full-day with boxed lunch included.

Price: \$350 or \$475 up to 4 guests.

Season: March-April

Ages: All

Attire: Comfortable attire, weather appropriate layers, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick.

Each spring adult male elk and deer shed their old antlers and grow a new set. They are among the fastest-growing animal tissue on the planet.

With over 7000 Rocky Mountain Elk and 3000 Mule Deer on Vermejo, about half of them male, there are well over 7000 new shed antlers waiting to be found each year. We only find about half of them annually so there are still thousands left over from previous years.

While spring is the time when the animals are dropping new sheds, they can be found any time of year.

Let one of our private guides lead you to the prime shed-hunting areas of Vermejo and you might just find one of these natural treasures.

If you find a "matched set" or both antlers from the same animal you'll know you've hit the jackpot!




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TASTE OF VERMEJO GREENHOUSE TOUR

Duration: 60 minutes

Price: Included

Attire: Weather-appropriate layers and comfortable shoes.

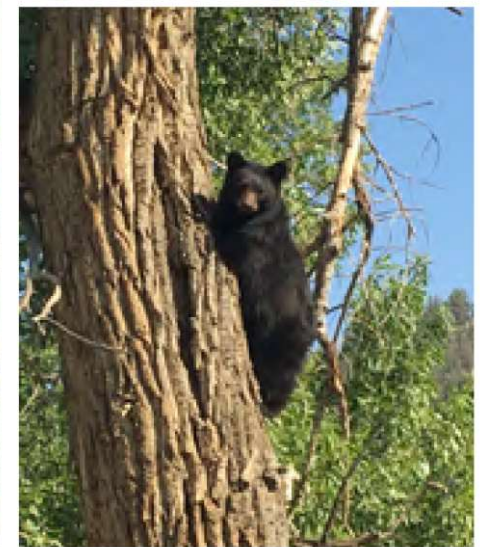
Don't forget: Hat, Sunglasses, sunscreen, chapstick.

Each Saturday at 11 am, our greenhouse specialist hosts a tour of this week's harvest, giving you a chance to see,

smell, touch and taste the fresh veggies and greens that will be in our greenhouse salad and other menu items this week.

Learn about our organic, chemical-free growing methods and greenhouse-to-table menu planning. If you can't make the Saturday group, check with the front desk to find another time. We are happy to give you a tour whenever we're working in the garden.





GUIDED WILDLIFE TOUR

Duration: Privately guided, half or full-day, with boxed lunch included.

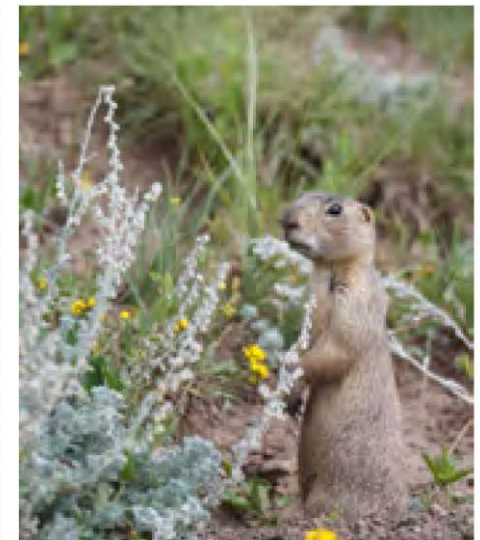
Price: \$350 /\$475 up to 4 guests.

Attire: Comfortable attire, weather appropriate layers, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick.

Let one of our expert private guides show you the bounty and variety of wildlife on Vermejo, while telling you their stories, how some have come back from the verge of extinction and others are managed to keep their populations from endangering the other plant and animal species on Vermejo.

Wildlife tours are best early in the morning or around dusk when the animals are most active.





VERMEJO

— GROUP ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS —

“It’s always better when we’re together.” – Jack Johnson



VERMEJO SHARPSHOOTER

Duration: 4-6 hours

Price: Included

Skill-Level: Beginner - Advanced

Age: 16 and up unless accompanied by a parent / guardian

Attire: Comfortable attire, closed-toed walking or hiking shoes, layers for weather.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, your boxed lunch ordered at dinner the previous night.

Practice your shooting skills on three of Vermejo's ranges in one day.

Begin with Vermejo's 3D archery course. Our unique course has eight well-placed stations of 3D targets depicting different types of animals along a trail. Guests hike through a forested hillside from one station to the next, and test their shooting ability from varying distances, angles and through obstacles such as trees and bushes.

Next it's off to the long-range where guests take aim at reactive targets up to 1000 yards out, with rifles.

After enjoying a boxed lunch in nature, it's time to head to the shotgun sports and take aim at clay pigeons flying through the air with our 12, 20 or 28-gauge shotguns.

Earn your Vermejo Sharpshooter award by completing all three courses.



VERMEJO SURVIVOR CHALLENGE

Duration: 2 - 4 hours.

Price: Included or \$350-\$475 guided

Skill-Level: Beginner - Advanced

Age: all ages

Attire: Comfortable attire and shoes, layers for weather.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and a boxed lunch ordered at dinner the previous night.

Victory is within your grasp if you channel your best survival skills in this fun competition.

Begin with a boat race back and forth across the lake to gather your firewood and water to put out your fire.

Next, build a fire that burns bright enough to sever a string tied tightly over the fire ring.

Now it's time to shoot an archery target to prove you can catch your "dinner".

Finally, roast a marshmallow to golden-brown perfection over your fire and then of course, extinguish the flames.





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— JUNIOR TRACKERS —

“At the end of the day, your feet should be dirty, your hair messy and your eyes sparkling.” – Shanti





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IT'S A BUG'S LIFE, KIDS FISHING TOUR

Duration: Privately guided, half-day, with boxed lunch included.

Price: \$350 up to 4 people.

Attire: Comfortable attire, weather appropriate layers, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick.

This tour for kids or families starts at the water's edge where you'll learn about the life cycles of aquatic and terrestrial insects and how important they are to fish. Scoop up a tankful of water and observe the critters you've caught, then learn about the different bugs fish eat throughout the year as various fly hatches occur. Finally, choose a fly to put on your line and see if you can catch a fish.






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GEOCACHING

Use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to hide and seek for containers or “geocaches” at specific locations around Vermejo.

Find old mines, hidden cemeteries, historic cabins, adobe ruins and more.

Each location contains a waterproof box with a log book where participants are encouraged to leave behind their signature, tales of their adventures and any small items they wish future “geocachers” to see.

The boxes also contain Geocoins to be kept as a souvenir or redeemed for store credit in the Vermejo Company Store.

See our activities crew for the GPS coordinates and a few extra clues.

You can borrow a GPS device from us, or use your own GPS if you prefer.

Tour Time: 4-5 hours

Price: Included, self-guided

Ages: All ages

Season: all-seasons, providing roads are passable

Attire: Layered clothing, hiking boots or tennis shoes.

Don't forget: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.




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JUNIOR TRACKERS ADVENTURE

Duration: Half-Day

Price: Self-guided is included, or \$350 for up to 3 guided junior trackers for a half-day.

Skill-Level: Beginner

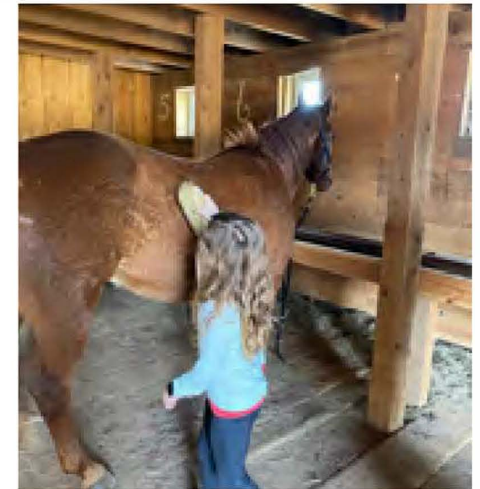
Attire: Sturdy weather-appropriate layers and hiking boots or tennis shoes

Don't forget: Hat, Sunglasses, sunscreen, chapstick.

Pick up a Junior Trackers Booklet from the Front Desk and create your own tracking adventure. Or hire one of our expert tracking guides to take your little ones on a half-day tracking tour. Ride in a UTV searching for animals, the signs they leave behind and other natural treasures.

Earn a Junior Tracker t-shirt by finding everything on the list.





JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP WORKSHOP

Duration: 1-2 hours

Time on Horseback: 0-45 min.

Price: Included

Skill Level: Beginner, Ages 2-8

Attire: Weather-appropriate layers you can move in, boots if you have them.

Don't forget: camera, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chapstick.

First, get comfortable with your horse while brushing him smooth and shiny.

Next, learn how to saddle-up and hop on for a loop around the arena while your wrangler walks beside you holding the rope.

Progress to a riding lesson and maybe even a trail ride depending on your comfort level.





BARN CRAFTS

Duration: 1-2 hours

Price: Included

Skill Level: Beginner, Ages 4 - 12

Attire: Weather-appropriate comfy layers and closed-toed shoes.

Don't forget: Your most creative ideas!

Come on down to the Activity Barn and get crafty with making DIY horse treats to feed the horses, or a horse you can take home, made from a pool noodle. Horseshoes combined with a little imagination become picture frames and wind chimes.

Kids can sign up for a craft session on their own or bring the whole family along for the fun.