BANFF TRAIL RIDERS

PACKING LIST

Below is a list of items you **NEED** to bring with you. We have had many years of personal experience dealing with Mother Nature here, so please take our list to heart.



The Weather

Mountain weather is unpredictable and you might even experience all four seasons in one day. The air is crisp in the mornings and often takes till mid afternoon to reach daily highs.

There's a big difference between the shade and sun and if there is a slight breeze, it's chilled by alpine snow and glaciers.

To be comfortable, bring one more extra layer, just in case.

Luggage

All supplies are packed in by our hard working mules, so pack your gear in soft-sided, cloth or nylon bag. No hard edges, frames or wheels.

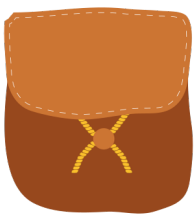


Your luggage is restricted to a total maximum weight of 30lbs. If you do not have a water-resistant bag, it is a good idea to line the inside with garbage bags in the event of rain.

Saddlebags, rain gear and other essentials that you will need during the day are not included in the 30lb weight restriction, but maybe limited at our discretion.

Saddlebags

These handy pouches attach behind the saddle and can be filled with essential items that you need during the day, such as lip balm, camera, sunscreen, etc. We do provide, but you are welcome to bring your own also.



Please no daypacks, backpacks or other bags — they are hard on your back and hard on the horse's back, and do not tie properly to the saddle.

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How to Pack Your Bag
Waterproof bags are the best option. Drysacks, favoured by canoers, or a gym bag lined with garbage bags work well.



Warm Coat & Warm Layered Clothing
Essential to ward off chilly nights or a windy day. Also bring a heavy sweater (wool is a great insulator) or fleece jacket. Clothing that is easily layered works the best. You can always remove what you don't need, but you still have it just in case. Also, bring your most comfortable gear – this is not the time to break-in new boots or a new hat.



Rain Gear
A rain coat and rain pants, and if possible, coverings for your boots and hat. Please DO NOT bring rain ponchos, they flap in the wind and can scare the horses. If you have one, we recommend a slicker. We have a limited supply of full-length waterproof slickers (traditional cowboy rain coat) available.
These are available for pick up upon check in based on a first come first served basis.

Hiking Gear
If you're joining us for any optional trips that have optional hikes, please bring: lightweight hiking pants, a breathable shirt (not cotton), a warm layer (like a fleece jacket), hiking shoes and a small backpack.



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Shirts
Long sleeve and t-shirts to your preference and length of trip.



Boots, Sneakers & Socks
A boot with a heel that can easily slip in and out of stirrups. Alternatives would be a narrow style of hiking boot or solid sneaker.

For safety reasons, clunky hiking boots are not recommended. Water (rain) resistant boots are recommended. An extra pair of shoes for wearing inside the lodge, an extra pair of DRY socks is also recommended.



Jeans, Loungewear & Thermals
Jeans of course are a cowboy classic. Bring along some comfy pants for curling up beside the fire. And maybe some thermals for the trail.



Gloves
Warm, weather resistant, (like leather) gloves provide protection from the elements and a sure grip on the reins (bring two pairs just in case one gets wet).

Scarf
Recommended for extra warmth.



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Hat & Sunglasses

A cowboy hat offers the most protection from the elements. Baseball caps or canvas type hats are also fine and a toque (winter hat) is great for around a campfire. Please ensure that your hat fits snug or ties on and will not blow off in the wind. Chin straps are recommended. If you prefer to wear a riding helmet, we have them available upon check in. Please note that riders that are 17 years and under are required to wear a helmet while on horseback on the backcountry trips.



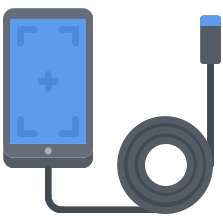
Toiletries

Sunscreen & Mosquito Repellent

Bring your own toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, lip balm, hand & body lotion etc. **We do supply at both lodges:** toilet paper, towels, face cloths, shampoo, conditioner and body wash made by Rocky Mountain Soap Company.

Please note that the lodges do not have any electricity.



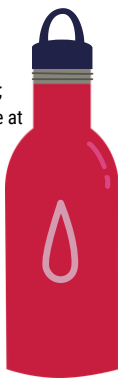


Phone, Camera and Chargers

Please bring portable charging unit for your phone or camera.

Large Water Bottle

Enough water to last you the day; additional drinks will be available at lunch.





Cash

Gratuities are greatly appreciated - suggested amount is $50 per day to be shared between staff. Pre-auth for credit card can also be arranged for any lodge purchases including alcoholic beverages.



Flashlight or Headlamp

Remember to check batteries!

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WHAT TO EXPECT WEATHER WISE

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And it's not unheard of to get snow even in the summer. So pack a few warmer layers for your comfort.



Allenby Pass Elevation:
2568m / 8100 feet



Halfway Lodge Elevation:
2000m / 6561 feet



Sundance Lodge Elevation:
1600m / 5249 feet



Banff Townsite Elevation:
1383m / 4538 feet

BANFF TOWN TEMPERATURES

(expect lower temperatures at higher elevations)

JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
HIGH 19C / 66F LOW 5C / 41F	HIGH 22C / 71F LOW 7C / 45F	HIGH 22C / 70F LOW 7C / 44F	HIGH 22C / 71F LOW 7C / 45F