



YE Mesa at Chalk Draw Ranch

Sample 4-Day Itinerary

Itinerary is just an example of activities that are offered at YE Mesa Camp at Chalk Draw Ranch. Some activities are available only during certain times of the year and at an additional cost. Please inquire when booking. Meals and non-alcoholic beverages included. Customer provides own transportation and alcohol.

Day 1

3 pm - On arrival at Big Bend National Park, you will be met by Hospitality Manager Atticus Freeland at the Persimmon Gap Entrance and escorted the rest of the way to your accommodations at Chalk Draw Ranch.

4 pm - After settling in to your rooms, staff will provide you with a tour of the grounds, provide a history of the ranch and orient you with a ranch map. The YE Mesa Camp at Chalk Draw Ranch is about as remote as you can get in the Big Bend and enjoy comfortable accommodations and a private chef and guide. The camp sits in the shadow of YE Mesa and in clear view of historic Santiago Peak. At the camp you'll find a main lodge with a living room, kitchen and a room and bathroom for the chef and guide, Each of the three cabins has two twin beds and a full bathroom.

4:30 pm - Accompanied by ranch staff, set out on a quick hike or bike surrounded by mountains and high desert.

7 pm - Chef-prepared dinner. Watch the sunset on the porch or by the campfire and come out later for the stars. Big Bend National Park region is designated as an International Dark Sky Park – one of just 10 in the world. It offers the darkest skies in the lower 48 states, so the star viewing is unparalleled.

Day 2

8 am - Chef-prepared breakfast.

9 am - Depart for a guided hike of Bee Cave Canyon, the largest rock shelter in the Big Bend region.

12 pm - Chef-prepared lunch.

1:30 pm - Enjoy a guided hike or drive to the top of YE mesa (5,200 feet) or for those looking for a more casual adventure, a guided hike around the base of the mesa. Get a close-up view of Santiago Peak, which at 6,500 feet, was used as a lookout by the Apache.

8 pm - Chef-prepared dinner at the guesthouse.

Day 3

8 am - Chef-prepared breakfast.



9 am - Depart for a guided hike of the Red Mountains.

12 pm - Chef-prepared lunch.

1 pm - Depart for an afternoon wildlife viewing drive, arrange for mountain bike rentals and ride through the Chihuahuan Desert landscape or head into Big Bend National Park.

7 pm - chef-prepared dinner under the stars.

Day 4

8 am - breakfast

11 am - departure