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From: Cowley's Rafter Six Ranch <cowleys@raftersix.com>
Sent: January 27, 2026 11:52
To: rvirtue@virtech.org
Subject: RE: Summer 2026 Travel Planning

Hi Richard,

You are both confirmed for the 1:30pm easy ride, but if you decide to change to the 1 hour at 1pm, please just let me know by the day before.

Thank you for coming back to Rafter Six Ranch to ride the beautiful Canadian Rockies!
All the best,

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From: rvirtue@virtech.org [mailto:rvirtue@virtech.org]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 5:08 PM
To: 'Cowley's Rafter Six Ranch'
Cc: John.mccoll2323@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Summer 2026 Travel Planning

Hi Gloria,

For me, at my age, mounting and dismounting have become a bit of a struggle. But I recall that there were some mounting blocks available in the yard and one of the young trail guides kindly lowered the stirrups for me. Once "on board" I should probably be okay for **the 1.5 hour easy ride** and it will give young John a bit more time to enjoy the scenery during his first horseback experience.

So we'll go for that ride at 1:30 PM on Friday, July 17th, if that's okay with you. See you then. Thanks very much for your understanding and your prompt reply.

Happy trails to you too,
Richard

From: Cowley's Rafter Six Ranch <cowleys@raftersix.com>
Sent: January 26, 2026 16:18
To: rvirtue@virtech.org
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Subject: RE: Summer 2026 Travel Planning

Hi Richard,

We will be pleased to welcome you back to Rafter Six Ranch for a guided trail ride with young John on Friday, July 17th!

The **1 hour trail ride** is a good way for beginner and young riders (minimum 6 years old) to experience the trails on their own horse and in a fairly controlled environment. The ride includes a safety talk along with basic instruction and a full hour on the trail. It generally includes meadow and forest trails - with a little hill or two for mild adventure! It is generally a walk, but may also include a light trot at the guide's discretion. The cost for this ride is \$99 per person (plus tax) and usually departs at 11am, 1:30pm, 3pm or 4:30pm.

The **1.5 hour easy ride** is for those wanting a bit more riding time and scenic trails at an easy pace. This ride combines the meadow, forest and ridge trail and is adventurous for most beginner horse enthusiasts. The ride is a walk, but may include a light trot at the discretion of the guide. The cost for this ride is \$150 per person (plus tax) and may depart at 10:30am, 1:30pm or 3:30pm.

Please just let me know which ride and time you prefer and your email confirmation will be enough to reserve the spot!

Happy Trails in 2026!

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From: rvirtue@virtech.org [<mailto:rvirtue@virtech.org>]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 1:11 AM
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Subject: Summer 2026 Travel Planning

Hello again,

We very much enjoyed our visit and a 2-hour ride at your ranch during our Rocky Mountains trip last summer. I am now planning a week-long visit in July this year with another young (15-year-old) travel companion. If interested, our 2026 travel plan details to date can be seen on [this web page](#).

I'm an 84-year-old with plenty of horse handling and riding experience in my younger days. However, I found last summer's 2-hour ride to be almost too much for my current level of "old geezer" endurance. And, for the young lad, it will be his first horseback ride. So I think we'd probably want just a one full hour of riding this year, or maybe an hour and ½ at most. In any case, I'd like to reserve a ride with you for the two of us during the afternoon of Friday, July 17th, 2026, if you are accepting bookings that far in advance. Please let me know what you require for a confirmed reservation.

Kind regards,
Richard Virtue