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The cavalcade of women came from every direction. From the east, a cluster of New York City publishing and insurance executives possessing all the grit and humor that the east coast has to offer. From the south, a seasoned marketing executive. From the west and northwest came fiction writers, a documentary filmmaker, a special events facilitator, an illustrator, teacher, hypnotherapist, magazine editor and an author exposing the merits of chocolate.

We felt the sweet smell of the saddle against our thighs, and heard the hearty footfalls of our horse companions against the sometimes rocky plains. We heard meadowlarks and listened to the wise words of our wranglers. We saw remnants of early homesteading, and spotted skulls of fallen wildlife. We trod along abandoned railroad tracks, saw remnants of early homesteading, heard stories of gold strikes and tales of dogs turned into lumber. What we did not hear was the din of television, nor the cry of the cell phone. This was a welcome

VEE BAR RANCH

Nestled in the Centennial Valley below the Medicine Bow National Forest lays the Vee Bar Ranch. The Vee Bar is a world-renowned family guest and dude ranch with a relaxed atmosphere.

The Cole family owns and operates the Vee Bar as well as the Deerwood cattle ranch, ten miles north. Lefty Cole and his wife, children and grandchildren take part in every aspect of running the ranch from housekeeping, wrangling, cooking and management and more. The love of his family is evident as Lefty often gets a little misty when introducing his family to visitors.

Clearly this facility is geared toward the ultimate family experience. Activities range from horseback riding, fly fishing, hiking, river tubing, herding cattle, trap shooting and more. The cabins are warm and inviting. The menu of home-cooked food is not to be forgotten. I highly recommend the Vee Bar Ranch to any and all.

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