





This pre-trip planner & itinerary guide is your go-to resource for questions about your trip from now until you return home safely. It is loaded with information about travel, lodge policy, sample itinerary, and of course lots of clothing, gear, and recommendations. Feel free to contact us anytime with questions or concerns, but know this is a great reference to keep handy.

# LOCATION

» The Redstone Ranch is located approximately 60 miles South-Southwest of San Antonio down I-35 in Dilley, TX.

# **AIRPORTS**

- » If you are planning on flying commercial, San Antonio International Airport is one hour from the ranch gate.
- » If you are flying private, there is an airport in Cotulla, TX approximately seventeen miles from the ranch gate that large jets are capable of landing on.
- » IMPORTANT: We can help you with transportation to the ranch

# FLIGHT SCHEDULES

» When booking your commercial flights to/from San Antonio, keep in mind on the arrival date the first of two hunts begins around 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM.









# **GRATUITIES**

All tips are accepted in Cash, Checks, Credit Cards, or Venmo.

# EXTRA EXPENSES & CHECKING OUT OF THE REDSTONE RANCH

Any extra charges including shirts and hats, yeti cups, wine, shotgun shells. Credit / Debit or check is the preferred method of payment, but the Ranch can process Venmo or Zelle. You are encouraged to settle up for any extra expenses the night before your departure day.

# **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

The Redstone Ranch provides complimentary beer, liquor, and margaritas every day. We provide wine but is not included in the original package. The wine will be served at dinner but can be bought at any time of the day by the glass or the bottle. Guests are encouraged to bring their own unique beers and liquors as our stockpile of alcoholic beverages consists of the following:

Coors Light, Dos Equis, Miller Lite, Titos, Crown Royal, an assortment of Rums, Bourbons, and Tequila's, etc.

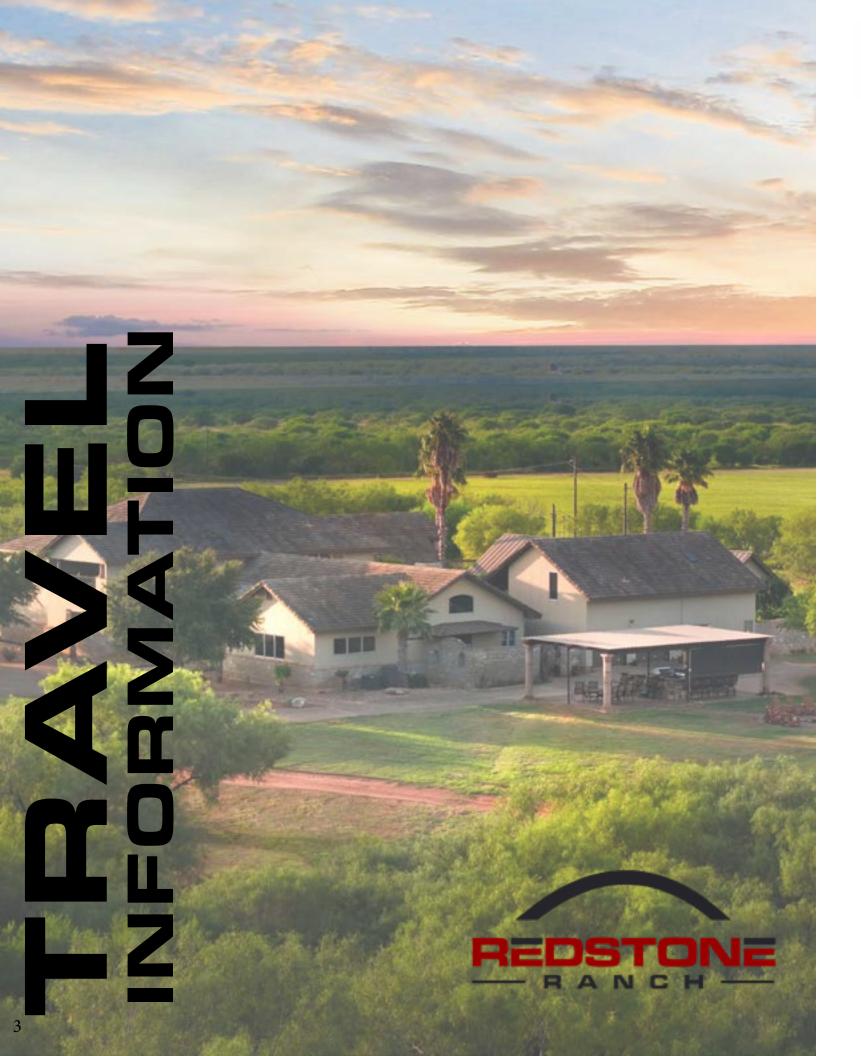
Alcohol is NOT provided in the field during hunting activities.

# **UTV's**

The Ranch has UTVs that are assigned to specific Redstone Crew members. Only Redstone members are allowed to drive the UTVs but are there for our guests to be chauffeured around the Ranch.

# COMMUNICATIONS

Cell phones will work from San Antonio all the way to the gate and inside the entire perimeter at the Redstone Ranch in Dilley, TX. The lodge is equipped with wireless Internet access with a satellite-based system. Please feel free to bring your laptop if you intend on using a computer to check email or the web. In the case of an emergency, we have provided you with ample contact numbers your family may use to reach you. Family and friends are also encouraged to contact us at the Redstone Ranch if you need assistance tracking down a guest at the lodge.





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#### **PAGE AVIATION**

550 Airport Rd., Cotulla, TX, 78014 (830)879-3858



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# **BOOKING AIRFARE TO SAN ANTONIO**

Now is the time to secure your commercial airline reservations to/from San Antonio or Cotulla Texas. You will need to make these arrangements on your own, however of course feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns about your specific itinerary before you make any purchases.

San Antonio is serviced daily by nearly every airline with multiple flights daily in the U.S.A. There are multiple non-stop flights from Dallas / Ft. Worth (American Airlines), Houston (United), Atlanta (Delta), New York, and many more.

# **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SCHEDULES**

The Redstone Ranch operates on a standard three-day schedule throughout the season. When booking your flights to/from Cotulla there is a schedule that you must adhere to in order to guarantee a safe and timely ground transfer to the lodge and back to Cotulla in time for your commercial connection home: From Cotulla, you will be driven approximately fifteen minutes north en route to Dilley, TX a few miles east of the Ranch gate. From Dilley, you will be driven approximately five miles to the west where you will see the ranch gate on the north side of 85, upon arrival the gate code will be communicated and there will be an escort to the lodge.

# **BEFORE YOU BOOK YOUR COMMERCIAL AIRFARE**

Before you solidify any non-refundable airline reservations, please verify with us that your perspective flight schedule is suitable for your specific itinerary and ground connections onward to the lodge. Once you have made your airlines reservations, we will need a copy of your itinerary in order to coordinate meeting your driver at the Cotulla/San Antonio airport.





# **NEED TO MAKE A STOP?**

There are a handful of convience stores and grovery stores in Dilley, Tx for special preferences of beer, food, and tobacco products. But if you are driving down to the ranch and looking for your own special liquor or medications pickup you will need to stop in Pearsall, TX just fifteen miles north on I-35 of Dilley, TX. In Pearsall, there is an HEB with a pharmacy as well as a liquor store by the name of WB Liquors and Wine. The contact numbers for each can be seen below.

HEB Pharmacy: (830) 334 - 3237

WB Liquors and Wine: (830) 334 - 9191





There is a guided dove hunt on your arrival day. Upon arrival, you will be greeted with a tray of margaritas or mixed drinks of your choice, your luggage will be taken to your room while you check in, and your first of many chef-prepared meals will be waiting for you when you get here. After lunch, lodge managers will introduce the lodge staff and give a brief orientation/safety meeting explaining daily schedules, hunting programs, lodge policies, and itineraries. If you are unsure about any aspect of the trip... PLEASE ASK ANY STAFF MEMBER DURING YOUR TRIP!

# **WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**

# ITINERARY

# DAY 1

#### 1:00-2:00PM

Arrive at Redstone Ranch Lodge, Check into your room and grab a bite to eat as lunch will be served.

#### 2:30 - 3:00PM

Hunters are given a saftey meeting and begin gathering their belongings to set out to field to dove hunt.

#### 3:30 - 8:00PM

Hunters will be escorted to the field to hunt sun down. After the sun sets, at your request we will hangout in the field for a bit and then head back to the lodge for dinner.

#### Dinner

A wonderful dinner will be prepared by the chef.

#### **AFTER HOURS**

If you are up for it, there is usually a crowd that retires outside at the outdoor kitchen or by the pool for after-dinner drinks, cigars, and stories.

# **DEPARTURE DAY**

At the finish of trip, your birds will be in freezer packed and placed in a cooler on the porch with your name on them. After a leisurely breakfast, you will load up your belongings, check out, get squared away on any potential expenses and head on home.

Depart Ranch Gate mid-afternoon no later than 11:00AM.

# DAY 2

#### 6:00AM

Coffee is available in the kitchen for early risers.

#### 9:00AM

Breakfast. A wholesome breakfast is served. Lodge managers will announce the guide rotation and assist with any special needs or requests.

#### 10:00AM

Guides gather at the lodge to collect guests. As soon as you are ready, you and your guides are free to load up in the UTVS and head off onto the Ranch. Your guide will determine your destinations for the day based on the activities your group has decided on. These activities consist of skeet shooting, box bird shooting, fishing, or simply a safari and cocktail ride.

#### Lunch

A delicious lunch following the chef's choice (while also fitting your needs) will be served accompanied by delicious beverages.

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#### DINNER

A wonderful dinner will be prepared once again by the chef (second night steak night).

#### **AFTER HOURS**

On the second night, the after hours is similar to the first night









# **GRATUITIES**

The Redstone Ranch staff pools tips from guests and then disperses them evenly amongst the team. Tipping is a personal decision based on good service and is completely at your discretion. The following recommendations are simply for your understanding of what the expected tip is for a satisfied guest. Feel free to tip a bit more if you are very impressed with the program and work ethic. Many clients will happily offer a larger gratuity to specific guides or staff members.

Tips are accepted in all forms of payment including Cash, Venmo, Check, and Credit Card

# **GRATUITY RECOMMENDATIONS**

\$300-\$600 per person / trip

# WHEN & HOW TO DISTRIBUTE GRATUITIES

On the night before your scheduled departure, whenever you feel appropriate, please give you gratuity directly to the lodge manager on duty.

# **EXTRA TIPS FOR A SPECIFIC GUIDE(S)**

If you are particularly impressed with one individual guides or staff members, and would like to see that he receive a larger gratuity, we recommend you give this tip directly to your guide or staff member. Many guests give additional gratuities to specific team members. Ask the lodge manager on duty for recommendations.







#### WATER

We must recognize that drinking tap water is completely safe. The tap water is produced from the Carrizo sands well and is filtered and softened before it reaches each tap.

#### **UTVs**

UTVs used by the lodge are equipped with have seat belts and we encourage you to use them on excursions. The UTVs have coolers for beverages and an open bed for whatever you feel the need to bring. The UTVs are only to be driven by Redstone staff members. Helmets are provided upon request.

#### **GUIDES**

The Redstone Ranch only uses the best guides around! – We are working hard to piece together only the best fields to provide accurate scouting reports for this upcoming season. Our guides are scouting thousands of acres 3-5 days prior to your rrival. Hunters at Redstone Ranch are accompanied by two/three guides in the field during the hunt to maintain the needs of all hunters.

#### **BIRDS**

On departure day, your processed birds will be located on the front porch with individual names on each cooler! We ask that you please take your coolers or donate them to a friend. Texas Parks and Wildlife laws prohibit us from keeping your game. If you would like to donate your birds to a friend, please see the staff for appropriate TPWD resource documents that your friend while in possession of your game.

#### **DRESS ATTIRE AT THE LODGE**

The atmosphere is very laid back at The Redstone Ranch. You're on vacation! Please feel free to wear whatever is comfortable during the day.

# **MASSAGES AND IVS**

The Redstone Ranch can arrange for massages in a private room by certified massage therapists. The cost of these massages is \$100 per hour not including gratuity. CASH ONLY! IVs with multiple different concoctions will be available on the second day sometime in the mid-morning upon request. Credit Card is acceptable for IVs – 6 person - \$250 minimum .

# **ELECTRICAL CURRENT & AIR-CONDITIONING**

There is electrical power supplied to each room. Each room is equipped with individually controlled air conditioning and we ask that you turn your AC up during the day to 75 degrees on COOL if you aren't using it for a while. At night, you are more than welcome to control your thermostat to whatever suits you, but we do ask that you go no lower than 70 degrees. This ensures that the AC Unit will not freeze up.

# **EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AT THE RANCH**

All hunters should plan on bringing their own hunting gear and equipment. The Redstone does have shotgun shells for sale but we encourage you to bring your own. We also encourage you to bring your own shotguns and bird belts for the hunt.









#### DOGS

Here at the Redstone, our team and family are big dog fans, in fact the Redstone family consists of a multiple bird dogs. Specifically, bird dogs are welcome here at the ranch, but we ask that they do not come in the main lodge, or hang out by the pool for extended periods of time. Dogs must stay in their kennels in the back of the truck, or in a kennel inside of your room. We ask that all dogs remain on a leash at the lodge.

#### **DRIVING ON THE RANCH**

When arriving on the ranch and departing the ranch, we ask that you keep your vehicle under fifteen miles per hour, as we have many species of exotic wildlife, whitetail, and quite the heard of Beefmaster cattle and would hate for them to be harmed by a vehicle. "Redstone Ranch" signs mark your way from the front gate to the lodge.

# **GUIDES & HUNTING HOURS**

The Redstone Ranch is not a "hunting hotel" with super strict policy whatsoever. However, the 3:30pm leave time is fairly firm, while the night time after hours is more flexible. Depending on your location, water and weather conditions, and whether or not we are covered up with dove, your guides will begin heading to the field between 3:00-4:00PM. It is important to be safely out of the field and back at the lodge before 9:00PM to provide your guides and lodge staff adequate time to do everything they must do every evening. UNASSISTED RANCH RIDES ARE PROHIBITED.

# SECURITY AT THE REDSTONE RANCH

South Texas as you know does have some illegal immigrant activity, but there is no need to be concerned as the Redstone Ranch is out of the major path that immigrants travel on. However, the lodge does practice common sense security protocol, and we also advise you to keep your belongings in your room and lock your vehicles at night. Once the last guests have departed for the evening the gates to the facility are closed and the doors are locked.





# QUICK NOTES ABOUT GEAR & EQUIPMENT

#### **GUN CLEANING**

The Redstone Ranch provides a gun cleaning station for rifles, shotguns, and pistols. Feel free to bring your own cleaning equipment as well.

# **FOOTWEAR**

As mentioned above, this year both in the field and around the lodge are packed with sticker burs. Boots for both our guests and their dogs are recommended. South Texas is notorious country for rattlesnakes, cactus and thorn filled bushes. We strongly suggest you wear snake boots.



# **MANDATORY ITEMS / RELATED ITEMS**

- » Shotgun of your choice (12, 20, 28, 4-10 is recommended)
- » Bird belts or vests
- » Sunglasses and hearing protection while shooting
- » Swimsuits for our resort pool and Texas hot tub
- » Rain jacket just in case we run into some summer showers
- » Hunting license (you can download the Outdoor Annual app on your phone and download your license)

» Snake boots as this year is the year of the sticker burr in our fields

» Bug Spray while in the field to avoid mesquitoes

» Sunscreen







Guests are welcome to contact the lodge managers phones at any time, if we do not answer please leave us a voicemail as we are most likely on the phone with another guest. In the case of an emergency, we have provided you with ample contact numbers your family may use to reach us. Family and friends are also encouraged to contact our managers if you need assistance tracking down a guest at the lodge.

# **CELLULAR PHONES / INTERNET:**

Cell phone service is exceptional in Dilley and on the ranch as we have a fiber optic WIFI network at the main lodge and accessible phone service around the ranch. Verizon and AT&T provide good service on and around the ranch. The lodge is equipped with wireless Internet access with a fiber optic - based system.

Wifi Password: Redstone2020

# **EMERGENCY**

#### **REDSTONE RANCH MANAGER PHONE:**

**CODY DUMAS:** (830) 570-9277 | Cody@redstoneranchtexas.com **AUSTIN PRITCHETT:** (936) 900-8016 | Austin@redstoneranchtexas.com

#### **REDSTONE RANCH ADDRESS:**

6010 W HIGHWAY 85, DILLEY, TX 78017

# NEAREST HOSPITAL: FRIO REGIONAL HOSPITAL

830.334.3617 | 200 IH 35 South Pearsall, TX 78061
\*\*\*IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: CALL 911\*\*\*

# INTERESTED IN ANYTHING ELSE?

QUAIL | EXOTICS | WHITETAIL | BEEFMASTERS CONTACT: AUSTIN PRITCHETT