



CIBOLO CREEK RANCH

According to legend, in the mid-nineteenth century two men found themselves in a deadly duel in the American West. Shots were fired, and the victor left town forever, fearful that he'd killed his opponent and would be wanted by the law. The survivor, Milton Faver, fled to far West Texas, where he started his life anew in the majestic Big Bend and amassed a ranching empire now known as Cibolo Creek Ranch.

Today, for the discriminating guests of Cibolo Creek Ranch, the battles have changed, but the instinct to escape to Texas in search of rejuvenation and a peaceful getaway holds true. Since the nineteenth century, the Lone Star State has embodied the ultimate characteristics of determination, pride, progress and hospitality – intriguing the world with its bold personalities, tall tales and a confident swagger that is unmistakably Texan.

No destination better captures the quintessential Texas experience than Cibolo Creek Ranch. Here you'll find untouched natural beauty: an extraordinary mountain range with crimson plateaus surrounding the lush spring-fed orchards and thriving wildlife of the ranch. Guests instantly feel the spirit of the Native American tribes, Mexican culture and the frontier pioneers who embraced this land as their home.

Sprawling over more than 30,000 acres of the Chinati and Cienega Mountains in the Big Bend, Cibolo Creek Ranch offers discriminating travelers rich history, dramatic vistas, warm hospitality, residential comfort, savory cuisine and a magical blend of adventure and peacefulness. Earning three listings in the United States National Register of Historic Places, the working cattle ranch features three towering nineteenth century adobe forts originally constructed by visionary pioneer Milton Faver to fend off attacks by the Apaches, Comanches and trail bandits.



Now those forts have been meticulously restored to serve as a secluded hideaway for contemporary trailblazers looking to escape the rigors of civilization. At Cibolo Creek Ranch, the soothing scents of sage and chaparral put your soul at ease, along with the comforting sound of trickling stone-lined irrigation canals fed by natural springs adjacent to the forts. Whatever your need, be it quiet relaxation, daring exploration or an imaginary journey back in time, Cibolo Creek Ranch is uniquely suited to make you feel like an honored guest in a very exclusive private home.



During your stay at Cibolo Creek Ranch, you will settle into a meticulously appointed guest room or suite at one of the ranch's three historic fort sites – El Cibolo, La Cienega or La Morita. Rough-hewn cottonwood-beam ceilings span the handmade adobe walls and Saltillo tile floors – all carefully designed to conceal the modern conveniences that ensure your comfort. No detail in the guest rooms has been overlooked, including the absence of telephones and televisions, which are available in the public areas.



Each individually designed guest room captures a style and spirit inspired by the dramatic history of the ranch. Mexican and Spanish antiques are complemented by hand-stitched quilts, painted tin retablos and vintage lamps. Ultra-soft down pillows will cradle your head as you drift off to sleep reading one of the many books of Texas tales found in your room.

Most of the spacious guest rooms feature adobe fireplaces, and all boast bathrooms that invite you to indulge yourself with pampering amenities, a relaxing soak and a plush robe – comforting assurances that worldly responsibilities are far, far off your trail.



Throughout its history, Cibolo Creek Ranch has been renowned in Big Bend for ranching and agriculture, made possible by the natural springs that still serve as the life source of the property. The nineteenth century cattle baron who founded the ranch was famous for his peach brandy, made with fruit from orchards that continue to thrive on the ranch. Today, gardeners also cultivate other fresh produce, including plums, pears, apples, mulberries and figs.



Dining at Cibolo is a truly gratifying experience. Your dietary needs and preferences are noted upon your arrival. Using many locally sourced herbs and vegetables, chefs blend local flavors with culinary influences from around the world. These savory creations are presented with the help of sweeping sunsets, star-filled skies and the sounds of nature.

Some guests of Cibolo Creek Ranch relish the rare opportunity for serenity and solitude. Let your mind glide on the wings of a golden eagle soaring overhead. Treat yourself to a well-deserved massage. Take a long overdue nap in a shaded hammock. Or enjoy a moonlit swim under a sparkling sea of stars that will take your breath away.



Other guests thirst for adventure, and the options are abundant. Hike through canyons. Ride horseback. Explore Indian caves. Scale cliffs. Visit a ghost town of ruins. Photograph bison, longhorn cattle, elk and the other bountiful wildlife. Paddle a boat across the spring-fed lake. Take a Hummer or mountain biking tour of the mountain ranges. Join a bird-watching expedition in search of rare species. Don a ten-gallon chef's hat for a cooking workshop. Discover Cibolo's extraordinary private museum of Native American and pioneer artifacts. View the work of the late Donald Judd and other renowned artists at the Chinati Foundation in Marfa. Tour the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis, home of one of the world's largest telescopes or gaze at the stars through our own. Take a day or two to raft the Rio Grande, visit Big Bend's national and state parks and experience the culture of Northern Mexico. Return to Cibolo to share your discoveries and enjoy all the comforts of home.



The classic movie *Giant* was filmed near the ranch and gave much of the world a first glimpse of this rugged, yet stunningly beautiful region of Texas. Since the earliest *entradas* by Spanish explorers, visitors have been captivated by what remains one of the last expanses of true wilderness in the United States.

The mild temperatures and dry climate of the mountains provide Cibolo Creek Ranch with an enjoyable environment year-round. Beginning with a glorious sunrise, each day offers a vast backdrop for your imagination. Interwoven with unpretentious luxury, authentic surroundings and true Texas hospitality, the Cibolo experience brings guests back time and time again.

In your lifetime, there are special journeys that leave an indelible impression upon your spirit. Follow your curiosity on a colorful trail ride to Cibolo Creek Ranch, a rare destination that graciously awaits your arrival.



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