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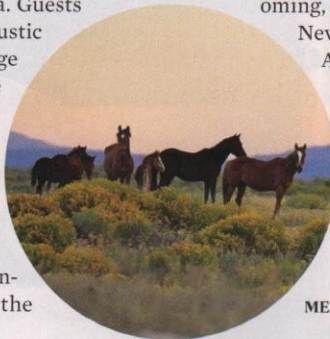


The 21st-century dude ranch

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SPARTAN CABINS, communal dining and set schedules are a thing of the past at the modern dude ranch. Sprouting up all over the American West are super-cossetting lodges where roughing it is not necessary and where fishing, wrangling and even massages are on call. **The Ranch at Rock Creek** (theranchatrockcreek.com) is set on 6,600 acres in a remote southwestern corner of Montana. Guests stay in log cabins and canvas tents, but behind the rustic façades are lavish linens, antiques and art. The lodge has an impressive wine cellar, and the all-inclusive rates cover meals and activities ranging from horseback riding to snowmobiling. Nightfall brings barn dancing, barbecues and campfires. **Mustang Monument** (mustangmonument.com), philanthropist Madeleine Pickens's new Nevada retreat, has eco-friendly yet sumptuous tepees and cottages on land shared with 650 wild horses. When the state considered euthanizing wild herds, Pickens rescued the

mustangs and opened a camp for guests who come to observe (and, in some cases, ride) these beautiful creatures. There are wagon rides, hiking, roping lessons and more. **Brush Creek Ranch** (brushcreekranch.com), in Wyoming, is where cowboy chic meets New West contemporary design.



At this four-year-old lodge and spa, you'll find fly fishing, bison hunting, horseback riding, rock climbing, zip lining and yoga. **Dunton Hot Springs** (duntonhotsprings.com), near Telluride in Colorado, offers high-end camping but also comes with access to a restored ghost town. The best part of a visit to these ranches: getting the chance to revel in glorious wilderness and the spirit of the American West. ©

THE BATHHOUSE at Dunton Hot Springs brings "glamping" (glamorous camping) to a new level of comfort and joy. Just a few of the magnificent wild horses (left) given free rein at Mustang Monument's sanctuary.

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