



THE COLE FAMILY

.....*Had A Blast At*.....

CHANDLER RANCH

travel tales

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Over Spring Break, David, Tricia, Reese and Carter Cole spent two nights at Chandler Ranch, which sits at the junction of Independence Creek and the Pecos River. This getaway was a blast for this family of four. At Chandler Ranch, families enjoy time with one another without the demand of their digital devices. The goal of Chandler Ranch, established in 1912, is simple, “Drop the electronics. Enjoy the outdoors. Disconnect from the world. Reconnect with your family.” The Cole family did just that.

Tricia shares, “You are in the middle of nowhere so it’s literally all about the family time.” They enjoyed a number of activities as a family. They were provided a mule (a four-wheel drive utility vehicle) to ride around the ranch while they were there. The Coles even played in the creek, relaxed and enjoyed the beautiful scenery, and discovered arrowheads and fossils on old Indian ceremonial grounds.

Chandler Ranch has something for everyone, even a game room with pool, foosball, and ping pong. That’s one way to have good old fashioned family fun. Others like to hike, see animals, and go birdwatching. People also enjoy fishing on the four ponds and the Pecos River. These ponds are stocked with catfish and bait. Some fish in the Pecos River are around 25 pounds! Others like to

kayak and canoe while taking in the scenery on the Pecos River. Two-person kayaks and three-person canoes are available. And don’t forget about stargazing. With zero light pollution, stars dazzle and delight against the backdrop of the night sky. The sunsets are spectacular too.

The favorite part for Reese and Carter was riding the mule. What fun! For David and Tricia, they just liked escaping from the hustle and bustle of life and getting to have fun with the kids, making memories all the while.

Another highlight of staying at Chandler Ranch was the food, which pleased everyone’s palates. Ranch food (Philly cheese steaks, Amish hamburgers, pancakes, and fresh toast) was delicious. Tricia says, “Richard, their resident chef, was amazing. He was very accommodating and an excellent cook!”

They decided on Chandler Ranch because their friends had visited and they wanted to go too. The only disappointing part of the trip was that they couldn’t stay longer. Tricia comments, “It’s like owning your own ranch but without the hassle. It was a super relaxing vacation.”

We want to thank David, Tricia, Reese and Carter Cole for sharing their Travel Tales with us. We wish them safe travels wherever they decide to go next!

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