



Tom & Cheri Van Soelen  
Weminuche Wilderness Outfitters, LLC est. 2018

## **2021 ITINERARY**

Join us for a western cowboy cruise!

While this is WWO's fourth year, we are NOT new to the outfitting business. We started out as a guide & cook in 1985. Then in 1989 we purchased an outfit, growing into a highly successful and reputable outfit. We then sold that outfit in 2008 to finish raising our four boys. During that time we discovered that we missed the mountains, outfitting and in particular the great people who joined us over the years. We are now proud to introduce you to our newest adventure WWO!

When you arrive at our ranch, you leave behind the worries, time constraints and concerns of the world as you cruise into "horse time." All of our trips incorporate horseback riding with spectacular scenery, friendly, knowledgeable guides, mountain-wise horses and good hot grub.

WWO specializes in quality horse pack trips for small groups. We believe in offering a high quality experience to those who join us for a truly enjoyable and unforgettable adventure.

Group sizes are limited to four to six folks depending upon the type of trip. Don't worry if you are a group of one or two, give us a call and we may make a group around you or just take you. Also, do not worry about your level of riding experience.

Summer trips, archery, muzzleload and rifle hunts are all done in the "Weminuche Wilderness". Our camp, which is located at an elevation of 9,600', is reached by a 14 mile horseback ride. Camp is well equipped with a Large canvas kitchen/dining tent. Our nylon summer "cabins" are large enough to sleep two to three people comfortably, with cots and foam pads. With the changing of the colors and weather the nylon gives way to canvas wall tents and wood stoves.

### **SUMMER PACK TRIPS**

Summer pack trips will explore and enjoy the Weminuche Wilderness. The fishing in nearby streams & lakes is excellent. Enjoy opportunities for incredible scenic & wildlife photography. During the course of a trip we can travel to some high country lakes, fish or relax in camp. The amount of horseback riding will be tailored to fit you!

#### **Summer Dates & Rates**

##### **Base Camp Trips**

June 14 - 18, 21 - 25, 28 - July 2

July 5- 9, 12 - 16, 19 - 23, 26 - 30

August 2 - 6, 9 - 13, 16 - 20 & 23 - 27

\$300/person/day - \$1500.00/person for a five day trip

### **HUNTING PACK TRIPS**

Archery and Muzzleload Season - Shot success in past years have been as high as 100% or higher! Most of the hunters have had several shots or shot opportunities. In past years hunters have taken several really nice bulls. Camp is limited to four hunters per camp for the archery/muzzleload seasons. Six hunters for the rifle. Two hunters per guide.

#### **Archery Hunts**

We have had excellent success bugling bulls. One of the biggest thrills in hunting is watching an irate bull shred a tree, 20 yards from you. Our camp is reached by a 14 mile horseback ride into the heart of the Weminuche Wilderness. It is, without a doubt, some of the finest elk hunting Colorado has to offer.

#### **Muzzleload Hunts**

This has always been our most successful hunt for taking trophy bulls. As in the archery hunt, we are extremely confident in our ability to show you trophy animals. It is truly a hunt you will not soon forget. Licenses available only through drawing.

#### **Rifle Hunt**

In the past we have had some excellent success at calling bulls in for our hunters. Several times hunters have shot their bulls at less than 20 yards!

### **Fall Hunting Dates**

#### **All Hunts are Seven Days with Five Days of hunting**

Archery • September 1 - 7. • Muzzleload • Sept. 10 - 16 • Archery • Sept. 18 - 24 & 25 - Oct. 1

### **Rifle Season Hunt Dates**

First Rifle Season 10/15 - 10/21 • Second Rifle Season 10/29 - Nov. 5

### **Rates**

Guided Hunt - \$4750.00

Guided Hunts - Guided hunters are afforded all the luxury of a fully equipped camp as well as a knowledgeable guide to hunt with you. With a guide you get the option of riding a horse during the hunt. The majority of the bulls we harvested this past year were called in!

Fees cover - all the horseback riding you can stand, guides, food and lodging during the excursion. We require a fifty percent deposit to confirm your reservation, which is non-refundable.. The balance is due upon arrival in cash or certified funds. Rates do not include tips. Guests are encouraged to tip their cook, guides and packer.

We encourage those interested in booking trips to investigate our references, which we furnish upon request. Any individual who has utilized the services provided by Tom & Cheri Van Soelen in the past can attest to the professionalism of our services. Outfitting is our business and it is reflected in the quality of our equipment, horses and the meals served in our camps. Standard equipment for each trip includes a saddle in top condition, saddlebags and rain slicker. Tents are equipped with cots and foam pads. During the rifle seasons a wood stove and a lantern are provided in each tent. Hunters are provided with either a bow or rifle scabbard. With each reservation, we send a recommended equipment and clothing list for each type of trip to ensure your comfort.

It is our philosophy to entertain small groups of individuals seeking a high quality experience. We would enjoy showing you our western hospitality and God's awesome creation. Our full-service camp has the reputation of being one of the most comfortable and best equipped in the San Juans. Sleeping tents are equipped with cots, foam pads, floors and wood stoves. The cook tent is center of activity and our meals are exceptional!

Archery, Muzzle & 1st rifle elk tags are available only through the drawing process. 2nd season elk tags are unlimited over the counter. All Deer, Muzzleload, cow, 1st & 4th Rifle licenses are issued through a drawing process. Inquire for specific hunt codes.

For Hunting and Fishing License information and applications you can contact either the Colorado Division of Wildlife @ 970-247-0855. Web Site is [www.wildlife.state.co.us](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us) or Weminuche Wilderness Outfitters. A reminder, **anyone born after January 1, 1949 MUST** have a NRA approved Hunter Safety Card. Also limited license application **DEADLINE is April 6, 2021.**

#### **FOR RESERVATIONS:**

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“but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” Joshua 24:15



Happy Trails

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