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THE FEMALE FACTOR – WOMEN WEAR THE CHAPS AT GENE KILGORE'S DUDE RANCHES

On March 8, Gene Kilgore and Ranchweb members will join thousands worldwide to celebrate women's achievements and headship on [International Women's Day](#). Whether running ranches, teaching fly-fishing, or wrangling cattle, the female factor is strong within the [Ranchweb](#) family. Recognizing that women are blazing trails across North and South America, Kilgore encourages those in the ranching community to tip their cowboy hats to the personal and professional strides and successes of women ranchers.

"Whether it's keeping things running smoothly on the operations side, creating women-centric specials, or rounding up the herd for branding week, female leadership is strong on our ranches," said Gene Kilgore, dude ranch guru and author of the eighth [Ranch Vacations Travel Guide](#).

Here is what women ranchers are up to:

- Heidi Cole at [Marble Mountain Guest Ranch](#), CA, is a dynamo: ranch owner, executive chef, cookbook author, landscaper and "defender of the cause."
- [Zapata Ranch](#), CO, is "overflowing with lady power," from the horse trainer to the manager and everyone in between, Zapata is run by strong women. A working ranch with 1,500 head of bison, Zapata is big on conservation and eco-tourism.
- Wilderness warrior, Allyson Rogers owns and manages "off-the-grid" luxury boutique wilderness resort, [Siwash Lake Ranch](#), BC, where she stewards the land with passion.
- Tracy O'Connell designed and built [Tod Mountain Ranch](#), BC: chef, host, chief wrangler and manager, Tracy is an over-achiever in anyone's vocabulary.

These are some of the women's camps and retreats across North America and Mexico this year:

- Cowgirl Bootcamp at [Alisal Guest Ranch](#), CA - from high-octane barrel racing to more laid-back hat shaping, this women's retreat teaches riding, archery, fishing and line dancing in the relaxed atmosphere of the Old Adobe region.
- Yoga and horseback riding at [Rancho Las Cascadas](#), Mexico - new for this year, monthly yoga weeks where yoga classes get you limbered up for horseback riding, and in tune for cultural tours to sacred places.
- Reel Women's Retreat (fly fishing), at [Smith Fork Ranch](#), CO - fish for eager trout on willow-lined ponds or the waters of Smith Fork, with fly casting and fly tying clinics.

- Women's Week & Horsemanship Clinic at [Zapata Ranch](#), CO - ride through 1,500 head of bison and cattle; learn about astronomy and soak in the hot springs pools.

For more information or to reserve a ranch stay visit www.ranchweb.com, the comprehensive travel guide to the top guest ranches in North and South America.

Ranchweb, founded in 1995 by Gene Kilgore, has become the ultimate ranch finder for vacations in North America. More than a directory, Ranchweb is a resource for anyone considering a ranch vacation. Kilgore has travelled the world for 30 years to bring the top experiences to his readers. The guide features over 100 of the best, from dude ranches to working cattle ranches, horseback-riding vacations to fly fishing ranches, each offering a different experience. Kilgore also publishes Ranch Vacations, just out in its eighth edition, a full-color handy guide to all the ranches, including tips on how to select the perfect one for your family.

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