



SCENIC MESA

Sometimes one great business idea leads to another. Just ask Julie Littlefield, whose work as the founder of Scenic Mesa Ranch in Hotchkiss, Colorado, inspired the creation of The Buffalo Collection, a line of handcrafted furniture made from buffalo leather. Guests can experience the best of both companies in one of the ranch's sustainable, green-built eco-cabins—all are adorned with The Buffalo Collection furniture. "I was just going to build one for me to retire at, but after the architect drew up the plans I knew our guests would enjoy them as well," Littlefield says of eco-cabins. The 1,200-square-foot

cabins offer a bedroom, study, and great room with kitchen.



But as pleasing as the accommodations are, the real joy of Scenic Mesa Ranch is in time spent outdoors. Off the beaten path and on the road to nowhere in particular, this scenic area of western Colorado has attracted artisans, independents, and visionaries for decades. Ranch guests can ride, fish, and participate

in waterfowl hunting. "The chance to live in a rural setting for awhile is just an awesome thing," Littlefield says. "To see people rising with the sun, finding joy in working outside, and spending time with their family and the animals—it's a great antidote to the business of the city."

That same call back to the classic Western lifestyle is also evident in The Buffalo Collection. Built by Hancock & Moore in Hickory, North Carolina, the furniture bridges the timeline from a simpler way of life to today's sophisticated lifestyles, and it can blend into a stylish home in Sedona or Syracuse. The Ranch's commitment to environmental awareness has not been forgotten in the furniture manufacturing process. The Buffalo Collection tannery uses a "wet-white" non-chromium tanning process that is earth-friendly and environmentally responsible.

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