



# *Old Alazan Ranch*

Presidio County, Texas



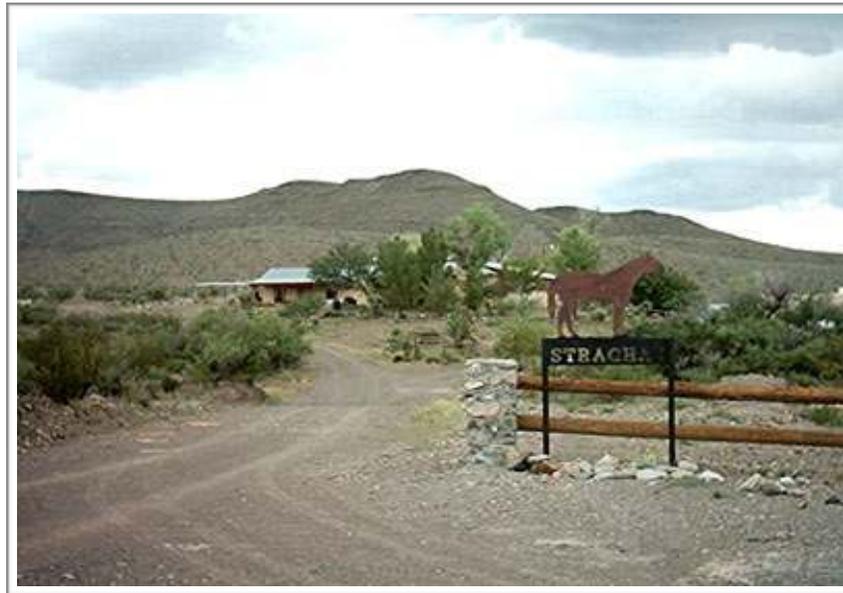
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# *About the Ranch*



Established in the 1800's by Thomas "Papa Tom" Rawls and wife Dollie. "Papa Tom" was a classic Texas "character" and well known for his confrontations with Pancho Villa. He was a cattle rancher and also ran a stage line from Marfa to Lajitas. "Red" and Waynelle Strachan bought the ranch in 1980 and enjoyed getting to know Jack Rawls, Jr. (grandson of "Papa Tom") and Jack's wife, Joy. Old Alazan offers a unique opportunity for folks to escape the city and experience a real ranch visit. Join us for some real Texas hospitality at a leisurely pace. Located deep in the Texas Big Bend, Old Alazan is a family-owned ranch, but we welcome hunters, adventurers, small retreats, corporate meetings, and seminars. At Old Alazan, we encourage you to leave your wristwatch behind, because here we measure time by the length of the shadows.



Waynelle Strachan



J.H. "Red" Strachan

# *Hunting at Old Alazan*

The Old Alazan Ranch (“The Ranch”) offers some of the best free range deer, aoudad sheep, quail and javelina hunting in the world. The Ranch is located in Southwest Texas and borders the Big Bend Ranch State Park. The area boasts a wide variety of terrain; deep, rocky canyons carve their way through majestic mesas, plateaus and valleys to create a rich ecosystem abundant with flora and fauna. The Ranch also has a complex system of water distribution lines and feeders to further enhance the habitat for game. Critters that roam The Ranch include mule deer, aoudad (barbary) sheep, mountain lion, bobcat, javelina, coyote, fox, rabbit, badger, eagle, raven, road runner, quail, dove and more. Sunrise and sunset at The Ranch can be breathtaking, so bring a camera.

Primary hunting months at the Ranch are the winter months of November through February. Temperatures during those months range from the mid to high 20’s in the early morning to the 60’s and 70’s in the afternoon. Hunters are urged to dress in layers to best adapt to the wide variety of temperatures throughout the day. Hunting days at the The Ranch start before daylight. Breakfast is typically served an hour before daylight (6:00 am) and departure from the Ranch at first light is typical (7:00 a.m.). Hunters will be transported throughout the Ranch via off-road vehicle on a matrix of scenic, backcountry roads. Following a “buggy” ride, pursuit of game will typically be on foot and can be arduous. Glassing is an important element of hunting at The Ranch, so be prepared to glass for extended periods of time. Bring a pair of binoculars and a spotting scope if you have one.

Hunters will either return to the Ranch House for lunch or carry lunch with them for the day. Return time in the evening will typically be shortly after last light or later depending on where the day’s hunt leads. If an animal is harvested, extraction of the trophy and meat in a timely fashion is an absolute priority. Depending on the location of the kill, animals will either be dragged out whole to a location where an off road vehicle can take over, or quartered and packed out on foot. Extraction, documentation and storage of the animal will be completed prior to any additional hunting. A ranch style dinner will meet the hunters upon their return in the evening.

Hunting trips at the Old Alazan are for the purpose of hunting. Once an animal has been harvested, clients can add-on additional hunts or the hunt will be complete. We value this beautiful natural resource and strive to both enhance all our hunters experiences and the longevity of The Ranch itself by not needlessly pressuring, scaring or unnecessarily disturbing the wild animals. Hunters are asked to bring coolers for transportation of meat and trophies. The Ranch does not ship nor deliver meat or trophies. Shipping of meat and taxidermy are the responsibility of the client.

# *Accommodations*

**The Ranch** features a main residence occupied by the Strachan's as well as a bunk house for hunters and explorers. The bunk house includes sleeping accommodations for up to twelve and provides individual sleeping rooms in addition to a dorm-style sleeping area, den, sitting area, in-house kitchen and plenty of atmosphere. Hunters will be situated comfortably in the bunk house for the duration of the hunt.

Additional facilities include a cool room, ice maker and meat cutting room for proper care and storage of meat. A spacious outdoor patio complete with a fire pit and ample seating lie adjacent to horse corrals, a feed shed, and tack room. Meals can be cooked over the fire and served on the outside patio weather permitting.



**Cook.** The Alazan will have an in-house cook whom produces the best ranch-style meals in the Southwest. Sit back and enjoy these meals prepared with fresh meats and produce. The Ranch is BYOB, so please feel free to bring your favorite adult beverages along with you.

## *Desert Mule Deer Hunts*



The Old Alazan Ranch offers fully guided desert mule deer hunts. These hunts are offered as a rifle or archery hunt. Hunts run November through January. The Ranch boasts a flourishing mule deer population rich with bucks. Tags are issued through the Managed Lands Deer Permits (MLDP) and are limited on a season by season basis. Season dates can also change on an annual basis. The Ranch runs a strict management program targeting specific classifications of animals. Clients will be guided daily by the best guides in the business. Guides will spend as much time as necessary locating a target buck which will be pursued on foot. Quality bucks are typically not found at the feeders during the daylight hours and will not be shot off of feeders at any time. We pride ourselves on ‘fair chase’ tactics and our ability to harvest quality bucks in their natural habitat. There is an additional \$2,500 trophy fee for bucks harvested 180” or larger. It is the responsibility of the guide to call a buck a trophy in the field. Trophy fees will not be charged in arrears if a buck is shot without identified as a trophy.

The Ranch provides exceptional opportunity and success rates on our deer hunts, but we cannot guarantee opportunity nor success. We are hunting free range animals and as such, we do guarantee a great time, with great guides, hosts, accommodations and scenery. If an animal is wounded, but not recovered, and the guide deems that a fatal shot has been made, the hunter will be considered tagged out. The remainder of the hunt, within reason, will be used looking for that specific wounded animal.

Clients are expected to purchase and have available a valid Texas hunting license (\$315 non resident) as well as applicable gear, coolers and game bags listed on the gear checklist. Additional details on licenses can be found at <http://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/licenses/hunting-licenses-and-permits>. Please coordinate meat and trophy transport prior to arriving at the Ranch.

## *Aoudad (Barbary) Sheep Hunts*



The Old Alazan offers free range aoudad (barbary) sheep hunts from November through February. These hunts are offered as a rifle or archery hunt. The Ranch supports some of the best free range aoudad hunts in the world. Experienced guides will lead clients on a true “sheep hunt”. These animals are free range and are hunted in a manner consistent with hunting Rocky Mountain or Desert Bighorn Sheep. We pride ourselves on our approach to hunting these sheep and our ability to harvest large mature rams outside the confines of a high fence. Guides will spend as much time as necessary locating a mature ram. Typically this is accomplished by glassing at longer distances. The final stalk will be on foot and can be arduous.

Guides will assist clients in search of rams 26” or larger, with a preference on rams 28” or longer. Multiple 30”+ rams are harvested off of the property every year.

The Ranch maintains an exceptional opportunity and success rates on our aoudad hunts, but we cannot guarantee opportunity nor success. We are hunting free range animals and as such, we do guarantee a great time, with great guides, hosts, accommodations and scenery. If an animal is wounded, but not recovered, and the guide deems that a fatal shot has been made, the hunter will be considered tagged out. The remainder of the hunt, within reason, will be used looking for that specific wounded animal.

Clients are expected to purchase and have available a valid Texas type 157 5-day exotic hunting license as well as applicable gear, coolers and game bags listed on the gear checklist. Additional details on licenses can be found at <http://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/licenses/hunting-licenses-and-permits>. Please coordinate meat and trophy transport prior to arriving at the Ranch.

## *Additional Hunts*

The Ranch offers a variety of alternative hunts either as a stand-alone hunt or as an add-on to a mule deer or aoudad hunt. Following a successful harvest, aoudad and deer hunters can choose to add-on a quail, dove, predator and/or javelina hunt to complete their Texas adventure (as long as the season is open). Quail hunts are also offered on a stand alone basis. It is important to note that there can be multiple hunters in camp. As such; quail/javelina/predator hunting will only be available during times and at locations where such activity will not adversely affect an ongoing or future hunt.

### *Quail Hunts*



Both Scaled (“Blue”) Quail and Gambel Quail are abundant on The Ranch. The Ranch offers fully guided quail hunts for groups of 2 or more. Hunts are 2 days in length and include accommodations for 1 or 2 nights complete with a wonderful ranch dinner. Lunches and breakfast are also included with the package.

Clients are expected to purchase and have available a valid Texas hunting license as well as applicable gear, coolers and game bags listed on the gear checklist. Additional details on licenses can be found at <http://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/licenses/hunting-licenses-and-permits>.

## *Javelina Hunts*



Javelina roam the canyons, plateaus and mesas of the Alazan. The Ranch can provide one day javelina hunts as an add-on to mule deer, aoudad and/or quail hunt. Please be aware that javelina are considered a game animal in the state of Texas. Hunters will be required to take their javelina with them when they depart and keep the meat “edible” until the javelina reaches its final destination.

Clients are expected to purchase and have available a valid Texas hunting license as well as applicable gear, coolers and game bags listed on the gear checklist. Additional details on licenses can be found at <http://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/licenses/hunting-licenses-and-permits>.

# *Transportation*

Transportation to The Ranch is available via airplane and/or personal or rental vehicle. The closest viable commercial airport to the Ranch is located in El Paso, Texas. There are several car rental agencies with offices located at the airport. From El Paso, The Ranch is approximately a 5 hour drive. We ask our hunters to arrive on the afternoon/evening prior to the first day of the hunt. Exact time will be dictated on the contract. Please rent a 4WD vehicle with good tires, since the last 32 miles are not paved.

The Ranch also has a 4,000 foot hard dirt airstrip available for private aircraft. Please contact The Ranch @ 432-358-4428 for additional details.

## Directions From El Paso, Texas To Marfa

1. Follow Interstate Highway 10 East to Van Horn Texas.
2. Exit I-10 to Highway 90 to Marfa
3. Follow Highway 90/67 into Marfa.

Please call from Marfa, (432-358-4428) get gas, a cold drink and if you haven't arrived at the ranch within two hours – we'll send out a posse to find you!

## Directions from Marfa, Texas to The Ranch

1. Follow US Highway 67 south towards Presidio for 7 miles.
2. Turn Left on Ranch Road 169 and follow for 25 miles to the end of the pavement.
3. Don't Panic – You're Not Lost
4. At the end of the pavement, check your mileage, then proceed for 32 miles to the ranch. Stay straight and at each "Y" there will be signs for the Alazan Ranch.

Please contact the respective airline and/or your state authority for information regarding legal transportation of firearms, ammunition and game.

# *Gear List*

Clients are expected to bring all personal gear. The Ranch will provide food, sleeping accommodations, and transportation while at The Ranch. Clients are also expected to have their respective rifle/bow sighted in **prior** to arriving at the Ranch. We do have a range and will check weapon accuracy at the Ranch. A recommended list of personal gear follows.

- VALID HUNTING LICENSE
- COOLERS
- rifle and/or bow
- sufficient ammunition (at least 20 rounds) and/or arrows with field tips and broad heads (6-8).
- soft case for travel in the buggy
- day pack (not fanny pack) large enough to carry lunch, water, tools and potentially meat.
- binoculars (10 power or greater recommended)
- shooting sticks
- range finder (optional)
- headlamp
- water bottle
- game bags
- sunglasses
- sunscreen
- pocket knife/skinning knife
- multitool
- ear protection
- wool socks (3-4 pair)
- (1-2) pair long johns
- hunting boots (worn in - not new)
- camp shoes
- small pair of gators
- multiple light and medium wight upper body layers (wool recommended)
- hunting coat (no gore-tex...soft finish)
- rain coat & rain pants (light is fine)
- 1-2 pairs hunting pants (no gore-tex)
- 1 pair of hunting gloves
- 1 beanie cap
- 1 ball cap
- personal toiletries