



# VISIT CHEYENNE FACT SHEET

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## ABOUT CHEYENNE

Cheyenne, Wyoming's capitol city, embodies the spirit of the old west, rich in railroad history, rodeos, and western hospitality. Travelers here can expect a unique blend of western culture, modern amenities, heart-racing entertainment and experiences visitors won't soon forget.

## HISTORY

On July 4, 1867, the first tents were pitched on the site now known as Cheyenne. The site was chosen by General Grenville Dodge who was plotting the course of the Transcontinental Railroad, which reached Cheyenne in late 1867. Dodge's associates named it Cheyenne after the Cheyenne Tribe of the Great Plains. By 1869, Cheyenne had grown into a thriving western town and one of the richest cities in the world. It was also home to a wide variety of characters including soldiers from Fort D.A. Russell, cowboys, cattle barons, and railroad workers. This unique mix paired with a red-light district and the territorial capital gave Cheyenne its nickname Hell on Wheels.

8417. Union Depot, Cheyenne, Wyo.



## LODGING

Kick off your boots after a long day of exploration in one of our numerous hotels, motels, campsites and Airbnbs, providing for every level of comfort and budget. Top lodging options include:

### Little America Hotel & Resort

An oasis in the middle of Cheyenne's prairie, Little America Hotel and Resort and boasts 80 acres of gorgeously curated grounds, a 9-hole executive golf course and a heated outdoor pool.

### Nagle Warren Mansion

Coming in 2022. An upscale, adults-only respite just steps from the heart of downtown. The Victorian bed and breakfast transports you back to cattle baron days with the modern comforts of today.

### Vacation Rentals

The variety of vacation rentals offer a more personal exposure to the city. Downtown lofts or neighborhood cottages lend a home away from home feel while on the road.



## WESTERN EXPERIENCES

Cheyenne's western heritage is alive and kickin', rich with history and tradition. Travelers come back again and again for Cheyenne Frontier Days, the Hell on Wheels Chuck Wagon Dinner & Rodeo and other rodeo events happening around town. The expansive ranches across the region allow guests to get up-close and personal to the western way of life.

Top western attractions include:

### **Terry Bison Ranch**

Over 2,500 bison call this 30,000 acre ranch home. Guests can enjoy trail rides, ATV tours, fishing, and the fan-favorite bison train.

### **The Cheyenne Depot Museum**

This museum inside the historic Union Pacific depot building tells the story of Cheyenne's beginnings alongside the Transcontinental Railroad.

### **Nelson Museum of the West**

Home to a collection of nearly 6,000 artifacts encompassing Western history, including cowboy and Native American relics.

### **Big Boy Steam Engine**

Cheyenne is home to two of the remaining eight Big Boy Steam engines; No. 4004 lives on display at Holliday Park. Big Boy No. 4014, restored in 2019, tucks away in the steam shop between nation-wide tours.

### **Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum**

Housing one of the largest collections of horse-drawn carriages in the nation, this museum tells the story of the west, specifically the history of our own Cheyenne Frontier Days.

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

Visitors to Cheyenne can find a wide variety of dining experiences that provide the atmosphere and mouth-watering flavors for the carnivore and more. Guests can enjoy various cuisine, from bison short ribs to ethnic cuisine. A few top favorites include:

### **The Metropolitan**

Featuring a menu of chef-inspired dishes, the Metropolitan's mouthwatering brussels sprouts and bison pasta are nothing to balk at. New American cuisine awaits in one of the classiest spots in town.

### **Bunkhouse Bar & Grill**

Finish off a long day at Curt Gowdy with comfort food in a character-steeped roadhouse with live music and dancing on the weekends.

### **Wyoming's Rib and Chop House**

Steaks and fresh seafood are served in a casual yet refined environment in the only official steakhouse downtown. You can also enjoy locally-brewed Accomplice beers alongside your dinner.

## Craft Beverages:

### **Black Tooth Brewing**

Live music, pilot series, and Black Tooth Standards enjoyed in a beautiful rustic space.

### **Danielmark's Brewing Company**

A quaint Victorian house now serves pints of ale and lager brewed in the old carriage house.

### **Freedom's Edge Brewing Company**

Cheyenne's oldest operating brewery has a great environment with plenty of summer sunshine.

### **Accomplice Beer Company**

Housed inside the historic train depot, this brewery features good food and even better brews.

### **Chronicles Distillery**

At the edge of downtown, this distillery serves unique infused whiskeys and vodkas.

### **Pine Bluffs Distilling**

Hyper-locally sourced grains are malted on-site to craft whiskeys enjoyed in a beautiful tasting room.

### **Westby's Edge**

The Downtown's West Edge's second brewery, coming 2022.



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

A myriad of interactive activities and experiences await families seeking an unforgettable fun and educational vacation. Family-friendly activities include:

### Paul Smith Children's Village

A whimsical garden that weaves art and science together through hands-on displays.

### Pair of Pronghorn's Scavenger Hunt

Learn interesting history tidbits through a free digital adventure by foot through downtown.

### Wyoming State Museum

This free museum spans the entire history of the state! Fossils and dinosaur bones, Native American artifacts and cowboy history spark the imagination. Don't miss the interactive kids' exhibit too!

### Big Boots Tour

It's hard to miss the eight-foot-tall boots scattered around town! Each hand-painted by local artists, they make a fun afternoon of seeking. Can you find more than 30?

### Wild West Trolley Tour

For a fully narrated historical tour of Cheyenne, jump aboard the Cheyenne Street Railway Trolley. Tours are offered year round with specialty tours in October and December.

### Cheyenne Botanic Gardens

Take a look inside the gardens to find a beautiful tropical conservatory among nine different sprawling gardens.

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Outdoor adventure is waiting just 30 minutes west of Cheyenne. Gorgeous and distinct areas provide a rich playground for both the casual nature lover and the avid outdoor enthusiast.

### Curt Gowdy State Park

Sitting among the picturesque foothills of the Laramie Mountains, the area features granite towers, rocky soils and timbered slopes. Two small reservoirs form the heart of the park, with fishing boating and more! The park also features more than 35 miles of EPIC-rated single-track mountain biking and hiking trails.

### Vedauwoo Recreation Area

Visit the ancient rock formations at Vedauwoo, which allows for beautiful sightseeing, rock climbing, bouldering, hiking, camping and mountain biking.

### Pole Mountain

Previously administered by the War Department for military training, the area is now home to single-track hiking, running, fat biking and mountain biking trails along with Nordic skiing and snowshoeing in the winter.

### Pine Bluffs Recreation Area

A rustic system of trails in the eastern portion of the county, Pine Bluffs Recreation Area trails through sandstone bluffs and prairie grasses. There is also a golf course and disc golf course like you've never played before!

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

### Restaurant Week (April/October)

For seven days, we celebrate the culinary scene in Laramie County and Cheyenne. Restaurants offer special menus and pricing.

### Depot Days (May)

Depot Days takes place at the Cheyenne Depot, with exhibits and model trains covering the Depot grounds.

### Wyoming Brewers Festival (June)

Serving up two days of great beer, good music, and tasty food. More than 75 brews, 30 regional and national brewers offering specialty beers.

### Hell on Wheels Rodeo and Chuck Wagon Dinner (June-August)

Exciting local rodeo is paired with delicious fire-licked brisket. Guests are treated to an authentic chuck wagon dinner before the show begins.

### Cheyenne Frontier Days (July)

Cheyenne Frontier Days takes place the last full week of July. The world's largest outdoor rodeo and western celebration includes ten days of rodeos, pancake breakfasts, parades, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, and the hottest concert acts.

### Old West Holiday (December)

Santa has moved to Cheyenne to prepare for his yearly flight. Find Santa, his Pony Express, and "elfie" stations across the beautifully santa-fied downtown.



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