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Welcome to the Laramie Area

Welcome to Albany County and the Laramie area. Explore Wyoming's spirited offbeat college town, with an abundance of outdoor recreation, deep western roots, and a vibrant cultural scene at 7,220 feet. Discover the proud home of the University of Wyoming, tucked between two mountain ranges with so many things to do that the hardest part is going to be finding the time to do them all. Whether you spend the day shopping in the historic downtown district, visiting one of many renowned museums, or grabbing a taste of local culture and recreation, Laramie promises a plethora of activities and sights for a memorable getaway.

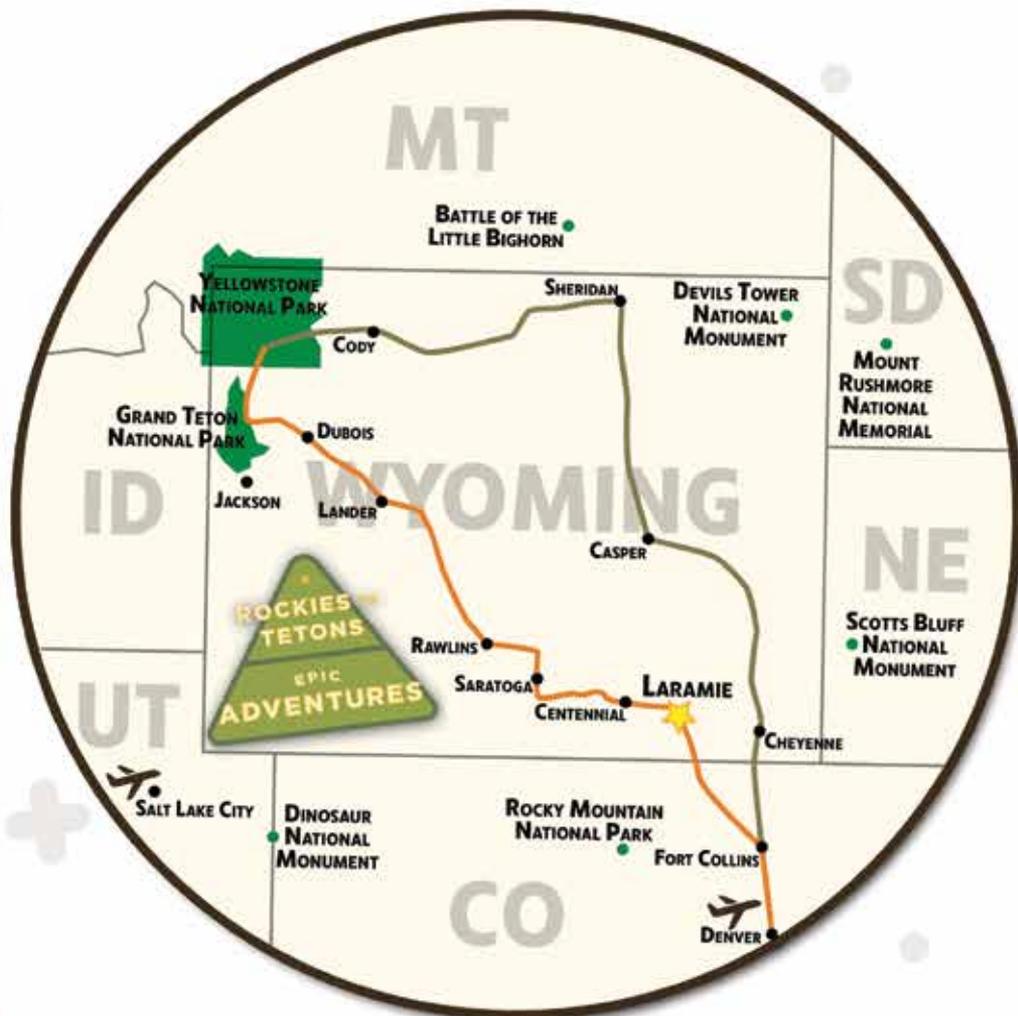
In this guide, we look forward to sharing and showcasing with you many of the amazing things you'll find during your time in the Laramie area. Whether we are your final destination, a weekend getaway, a stop on the way to national parks and monuments, or a starting point for reasons to relocate to Wyoming, our Visitor Guide offers the best information available for discovering hidden gems in the Gem City of the Plains. With this guide in hand, we guarantee you won't miss a beat in our vibrant community. Our team at the Laramie Area Visitor Center and the Albany County Tourism Board look forward to welcoming you to this small slice of paradise that so many of us are so lucky to call home. Ready to plan your trip? We look forward to seeing you here soon.

- Scott Larson, Executive Director
& Visit Laramie Team



Laramie is...

- 313 mi. (503 km) from Devils Tower National Monument
- 405 mi. (652 km) from Yellowstone National Park
- 350 mi. (563 km) from Grand Teton National Park
- 119 mi. (191 km) from Rocky Mountain National Park
- 135 mi. (217 km) from Denver, CO
- 389 mi. (626 km) from Salt Lake City, UT
- 281 mi. (452 km) from Mount Rushmore National Memorial



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History of the Laramie Area



1600-1878

Plains Indian tribes, most predominantly Arapaho and Cheyenne Tribes, often traveled and hunted together in the central Great Plains. The Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 left the Northern Arapaho without a land base, and by 1878, they were placed with the Eastern Shoshone on the Wind River Reservation.



1815

French Canadian fur trader and mountain man Jacques La Ramée trekked the great High Plains. He returned in 1820 for a season of trapping along what is now the Laramie River and was never seen or heard from again. The details of his disappearance are still a mystery, but the town of Laramie, two rivers, a fort, a county, and a mountain peak bear his name today.



1820-1869

The Overland Trail (also known as the Overland Stage Line or the Cherokee Trail) was a stagecoach and wagon trail in the American West during the 19th century. While portions of the route had been used by explorers and trappers since the 1820s, the Overland Trail was most heavily used in the 1860s as an alternative route to the Oregon, California, and Mormon trails through central Wyoming.

The first Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wyoming votes to allow women the right to vote - Dec. 10th, 1869



1868

Union Pacific Railroad track construction crews connected Laramie to the east coast on May 4, 1868. Passengers began arriving the same day and a regular train schedule was established less than a week later. The railroad brought in civilization, inspiring residents and newcomers to build a town out of the "hell-on-wheels" style tent city.

Wyoming became a Territory & Laramie City was founded - 1868

The Treaty of Fort Laramie was signed - 1868



Survivors of the Sand Creek Massacre escaped to the Wind River Reservation - 1864

1866

Fort Sanders, originally named Fort John Buford, was a frontier military post built on July 19th, 1866. It was later renamed in honor of Civil War General William P. Sanders. Erected to protect Overland Trail travelers and Union Pacific Railway workers from hostile Indian attacks, the remnants of the old fort can still be seen south of Laramie on Highway 287.



1862

The oldest ranch in Albany County was established along the Overland Trail around 1862 by Philip Mandel. Other ranches in the Laramie Valley included the Bath Brothers Ranch, which began in the spring of 1868, when Herman Bath and his family immigrated from Germany. Today the Bath Brothers Ranch is over 150 years old and remains in the Bath family.



1870

Laramie's own Louisa Swain was the first woman in America to vote in a general election under laws giving women and men equal voting rights. The state of Wyoming has dedicated September 6th as Louisa Swain Day, the day in 1870 that she cast the first female ballot right in downtown Laramie. While men were breaking laws, Wyoming women were making history.

Six Laramie women served as the first femail jurors in the world - 1870

Martha Symons Boies was the first woman in the world to be appointed a court bailiff - 1870

1870



In 1870, Edward Ivinson bought a city block for the spot of his future home. By 1892, this \$40,000 mansion was complete with central heating, electric lights and running water. Quite the marvel of Laramie. Ivinson and his family made their fortune in Laramie and, all the while, gave millions back to Albany County and the city. The mansion is now home to the Laramie Plains Museum and can be toured.

The Legislative Assembly tried to take women's voting rights away. The vote remained in favor of women - 1871



1872

Housing more than 1,000 outlaws including the notorious Butch Cassidy, the Wyoming Territorial Prison served as a federal and state prison until 1903. The University of Wyoming used the prison grounds for the College of Agriculture for over 60 years following. The historic site was fully restored and opened to the public in 1992 as one of Albany County's iconic historic museums.



Downtown Laramie
Postcard, 1908



1877

Como Bluff, a famous geologic formation today, contained fossil remains from the Late Jurassic of the Mesozoic Era. Fossils from this area were collected on this ridge from as early as 1877 to as late as 1970, and the bluff is considered to be a major site for the early discovery of dinosaur remains. The University of Wyoming Geology Museum houses a large collection of Wyoming fossils.



1881

Ames Monument, highest point on the U.P. Railroad was built - 1882

Bill Nye (Edgar Wilson Nye) was the founder and editor of the Laramie Boomerang. He named the newspaper for his mule because of what he described as the "eccentricity of his orbit." Nye's son Frank said, something about the word "boomerang" piqued Nye's imagination. "His mule, his mine, his newspaper, his (first) book (Bill Nye and Boomerang), all bore the trademark."



1886

Laramie gets electricity, earning the name, the Gem City of the Plains - 1886

Wyoming joins the Union - July 10th, 1890

Butch Cassidy was incarcerated at the WY Territorial Prison - 1894

Construction on the first stage of St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral was completed - 1896

The University of Wyoming was established as a land grant university in 1886, when Wyoming was still a territory. The new campus was located on 10 acres of land that had served as Laramie's City Park, deeded to the town by the Union Pacific Railroad. The University's first building, now called Old Main, was erected in the center of the former park. There were five faculty members and 42 students.

Laramie's U.P. train depot burned down - 1917



1913

Mary Godat Bellamy became the first woman to be elected to the WY Legislature - 1910

The 19th Amendment was ratified - 1920

1st Laramie Jubilee Days - July 10th, 1940

The Old Lincoln Highway (Hwy. 30), the first transcontinental highway across the US, began in 1912. It was completed in 1913 and later used as a footprint for Interstate 80. Today, much of its route in the Laramie Valley remains virtually unchanged and the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Monument (sculpted in 1959) stands at its highest point just east of Laramie.

Ludwig Photography, the oldest ongoing photographic business in the country was founded - 1905

1902



Medicine Bow National Forest was originally created as a forest reserve in 1902. The Northern Arapaho, Oglala Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, Eastern Shoshone, and the White River Ute Tribes all frequented the area long before. The tribes would gather ash for bows and held ceremonial dances in the mountains to cure diseases. The use of ash for bows were said to be "good medicine" and this phrase gave the mountains, and later the national forest, their name.

Laramie's oldest standing bar, The Buckhorn Bar & Parlor was established - 1900

1898



As word spread around the world about the invention of the "horseless carriage", Laramie's own inventor, Elmer Lovejoy, set out to build his own. On May 7th, 1898, Wyoming's first gasoline powered automobile was built. Lovejoy went on to invent other modern devices such as an automatic garage door, the steering knuckle (still used today), and more. Lovejoy's Garage is located in Downtown Laramie.

The Holliday Fire ravaged downtown Laramie - 1948

Laramie's 2nd Street Brothels were forced to close forever - 1954

United Flight 409 crashes into the Snowy Range - 1955

1959-1963

Laramie was an American Western television series that aired on NBC from 1959-63. A Revue Studios production, the program originally starred John Smith as Slim Sherman and Robert Fuller as Jess Harper. The Laramie area was and continues to be a topic in Western TV shows and movies.



WyoTech was founded. The first class had 22 students - 1966



1988

The Snowy Range Scenic Byway was originally a wagon road built in the 1870s and in the 1920s was widened and smoothed using horse-drawn equipment. The road was paved in the 1930s and designated as the nation's second Scenic Byway in 1988. After six years of working on the road, it was completed and became known as the "Great Skyroad."

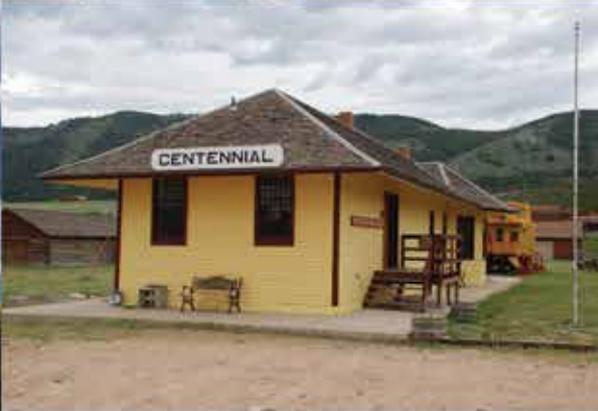
Downtown Laramie was placed on the National Register of Historic Places - 1988



1998

For many in the LGBTQ+ community, Laramie holds a different meaning. It is "The Laramie Project," a place where the hate of two men shook the nation in 1998 with the murder of Matthew Shepard outside Laramie city limits. Mourners can visit the "Hidden Figures of Social Justice" murals as well as the University of Wyoming's memorial bench dedicated to Matthew outside the Arts & Sciences building.

TO BE CONTINUED...



Activities Around Albany County

ALBANY, WYOMING

Nestled into a canyon at the base of the Snowy Range, this quaint resort town attracts thousands of visitors each year. Travelers can find rest, relaxation, and local lore at the Albany Lodge. Located a few miles from Rob Roy Reservoir, Albany and the small community of Keystone are a gateway point for anyone fishing, boating, ATViing, or snowmobiling through the Medicine Bow National Forest.

BOSLER, WYOMING

Bosler is located north of Laramie. It was originally part of the railroad community and now offers the chance to view buildings from a simpler time. The Old Lincoln Highway also ran through the town and several historic markers can still be seen along the main street. In recent years, Bosler has been the site for the three-day ranch-style rodeo,

Tom Horn Days Cowboy Rendezvous.

BUFORD, WYOMING

Buford is located along Interstate 80 between Cheyenne and Laramie and adjacent the eastern portion of the Medicine Bow National Forest. Originally located along the railroad lines on the approach to Sherman Hill Summit and now the Ames Monument, the area is now a ghost town after its lone resident for nearly two decades left the area in 2012.

CENTENNIAL, WYOMING

Located on the eastern gateway of the Snowy Range Scenic Byway (Hwy. 130) today, discovery of gold was what first lured miners, prospectors, and merchants to Centennial to seek their fortune. Historic mines still dot the Snowy Range, though gold never panned out. Butted up to the Medicine Bow National Forest, the area provided

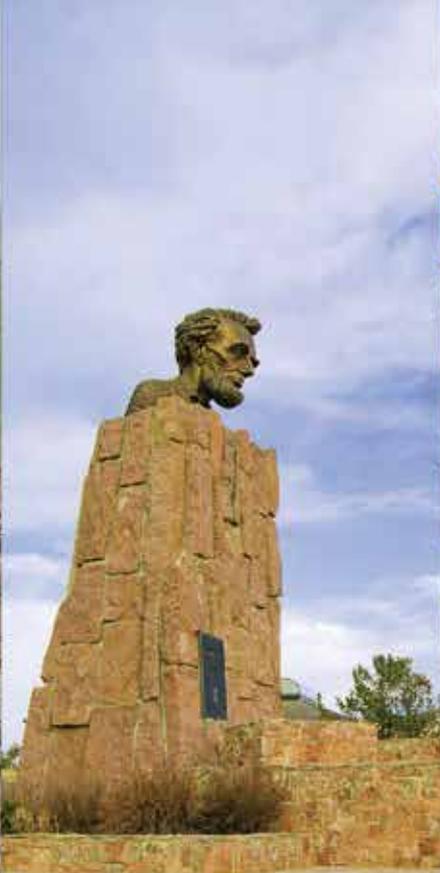
wood for the railroad ties connecting the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines.

ROCK RIVER, WYOMING

Another town born from the ashes of "Hell on Wheels", Rock River was founded after the Union Pacific Railroad moved the railroad line west of the Rock Creek Station in 1898. Located 40 miles northwest of Laramie, about 250 people call the agricultural hamlet home. Explore Rock River's late 19th and early 20th century architecture in a friendly small-town atmosphere hard to come by in today's fast-paced world.

TIE SIDING, WYOMING

Tie Siding is located in the southern part of Albany County, south of Laramie. Like many towns in the area, Tie Siding was connected to the booming railroad industry in the 1860s. History has it that Edward Iverson originally stopped here before deciding to continue on to Laramie, going on to build the historic Iverson Mansion now known as the Laramie Plains Museum today. It's safe to say that Albany County would have been vastly different if he had settled in Tie Siding instead.



WOODS LANDING-JELM, WYOMING

Set alongside the soothing waters of the Big Laramie River, Woods Landing-Jelm offers a rustic peek at small-town life in Wyoming. A 25-mile drive southwest of Laramie (Hwy. 230), this mountain village is a chance to step back in time and enjoy old-fashioned hospitality and family values while enjoying the spectacular scenery. The Woods Landing Dance Hall was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 13, 1985. Beneath the oak inset patterned floor are 24 boxcar springs that give the floor bounce and flexibility for dancers. Now a resort, the dance hall offers a full service restaurant, general store, cabin rentals, and more.

The WIRO (Wyoming Infrared Observatory), an astronomical observatory owned and operated by the University of Wyoming, resides on top of Jelm Mountain. Although the observatory is usually only available for student teaching and professional research, the university hosts a free-day once a year in October. Contact the Physics Department at physics@uwyo.edu.

WYCOLO, WYOMING

Located at nearly 9,000 feet, the community of WyColo and WyColo Lodge are located in the southern part of Albany County and close to the state line shared with Colorado. This area is situated in the heart of the Medicine Bow National Forest, making it a great place for those looking for all kinds of recreation opportunities in any direction.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

Other points of interest in the area include the Overland Trail markers on Highways 230 and 130 and Old Fort Sanders, located south of Laramie on Highway 287, now home to the Cavalryman Steakhouse. The Overland Trail and Stagecoach Line was an alternate wagon route off the famous Oregon Trail. Passengers crossed this area as they headed westward to California, Oregon, and Utah in the late 1800's. Fort Sanders was originally intended to protect travelers on the Overland Trail from hostile native tribes.

For self-guided tours on Laramie and Albany County, visit page 32.

Did You Know?

- Laramie is the **fourth largest city** in Wyoming.
- **Albany County** was named after Albany, New York, the hometown of a member of the legislature of the Dakota Territory who named the county.
- **Albany County's population** is approximately 36,000, with 33,000 of that population living in Laramie.
- Laramie gets an **average of 65 inches of snowfall** each year with 300+ inches on the surrounding mountains.
- Albany County is home to the second largest wind eroded deflation basin in the world, **the Big Hollow**.
- **Average wind speed** in the county is 22 mph.



Westerns &

Hollywood Magic

Native Americans, fur trappers, frontier forts, the Union Pacific Railroad, and famous outlaws are just some aspects of Laramie's rich western heritage — a heritage Hollywood was keen to build upon. Western movies and TV shows peaked in the 1950s and 1960s. From TV shows such as **"Lawman"** (1958-62) starring John Russell, **"Laramie"** (1959-63) starring John Smith and Robert Fuller to films like **"The Man from Laramie"** (1955) starring James Stewart, **"Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"** (1969) starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford, Albany County has fascinated writers and directors alike. But America's infatuation with Wyoming's wide-open spaces and roughneck culture didn't disappear after westerns fell from the limelight. **"Hell on Wheels"** (2011) starring Anson Mount focused heavily on the area and dedicated an entire episode to Laramie. While Laramie

secured several A-list titles, the area was used in a slew of "B" movies as well. With a western on every major network and hundreds of popular western books, Laramie's abundant history has inspired storytellers for more than a century.

Wyoming in general has always been a popular subject in the film industry. "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976), "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977), "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (1979), "Rocky IV" (1985), "Dances With Wolves" (1990), "Flicka" (2006), "Django Unchained" (2012), "Longmire" (2012), "The Good Dinosaur" (2015), "The Hateful Eight" (2015), and "Wind River" (2017) were either partially filmed, completely filmed, or based in Wyoming.

LEARN ABOUT THE 22+ TV SHOWS AND MOVIES THAT WERE SET IN THE LARAMIE AREA



Robert Fuller
2017 Laramie Jubilee Days



Robert Fuller, Bobby Crawford, & Dennis Holmes
2019 - 60th Anniversary of the Laramie TV Show

Legends of Laramie

Come experience Laramie's interactive historical adventure tour, The Legends of Laramie.

We encourage you to explore Laramie's downtown area, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy the shops, restaurants, and historic remnants of this former hell-on-wheels town. Learn about the places where Laramie's first citizens lived, worked, and made their mark on this historic town. If you're lucky enough to be close by when a train comes into town today, close your eyes for a minute when you hear its whistle and imagine you have just arrived in the "Gem City of the Plains" more than 150 Years ago.

1. Laramie TV Show

- 800 S. 3rd St.

Laramie was an American Western television series that aired on NBC from 1959-63. A Revue Studios production, the program originally starred John Smith as Slim Sherman; Robert Fuller as Jess Harper; Hoagy Carmichael as Jonesy; and Robert L. Crawford, Jr. as Andy Sherman. Actress Spring Byington was later added to the cast.

2. Railroad Romance

- 718 S. 1st St.

The love story of General Jack Casement and his wife Francis. While tracks were laid coast to coast, a love story flourished across the miles. General Casement and his wife Francis, corresponded for 4 years as he oversaw the Union Pacific's construction.

3. 2nd Street Brothels

- 111 E. Ivinson Ave.

Gentleman get in line and hear from Laramie's ladies of the night. In the late 1800s, the saloons, dance halls and alleys of Laramie were packed with a cast of colorful women who entertained men for a living. Meet 5 of these women and hear about their lives.

4. Bucket of Blood Saloon

- 213 E. Ivinson Ave.

When Lawlessness was the only

law in town. 150 years ago, justice in Laramie was served up by 3 violent lawmen: Asa Moyer, Con Waggoner and "Big" Steve Long. Ruling the town with an iron fist, "justice" often got bloody.

5. St. Matthew's Cathedral

- 325 E. Ivinson Ave.

Before 1896, Laramie was in need of reform as it had 23 saloons, and not one church. Constructed from local limestone, St. Matthew's Cathedral was built to tame the unruly masses. And today, it sits as the highest Cathedral in the nation at 7,276 feet above sea level.

6. Wyoming Women

- 317 S. 2nd St.

In 1869, the Wyoming territorial legislature became the first government to grant women the right to vote. Hear the notable firsts that set Wyoming apart in the suffragette movement.

7. Bill Nye Humorist

- 320 E. Grand Ave.

Meet Laramie's postmaster, Justice of the Peace and founder of the Boomerang newspaper.

8. The Original Courthouse

- 525 E. Grand Ave.

In the 1870s, the town of Laramie boasted more lawlessness than law. The existing Courthouse was constructed in 1933, after the original was demolished. Pan the 1872 Courthouse as it once stood.

9. Ivinson Mansion

- 658 E. Ivinson Ave.

The Crown Jewel of Laramie. In 1870, Edward Ivinson bought this city block for the spot of his future home. By 1892, this \$40,000 mansion was complete with central heating, electric lights and running water. Quite the marvel of Laramie.

10. Wyoming Territorial Prison

- 975 Snowy Range Rd.

Originally built in 1872, the Prison ran on the Auburn Prison System. This required silence at all times, black and white striped uniforms and numbers replaced names for some of the most infamous criminals.

11. Jacques La Ramée

- 535 W. Garfield St.

Almost 200 years ago, a respected

trapper disappeared without a trace. His mysterious disappearance has generated a dozen theories, but no answers. Decide what is fact, and what is folklore.

12. Overland Trail

- 3100 Snowy Range Rd.

The Overland Trail and Stagecoach Line was an alternate wagon route off the famous Oregon Trail. Pioneers crossed this area as they headed westward in the late 1800s.

13. Fires & Fighters

- 2368 W. Jefferson St.

After the Railroad Fires of 1871 and the Territorial Prison fire of 1872, the fire department was organized in 1875. Travel back to when fire trucks were powered by steam. Fires, destruction, and bravery — meet firefighters of Laramie's Fire Department.

14. Rodeo's Roots

- 2934 S. 3rd St.

Modern-day rodeo has its roots on the plains. These traditions live on today during the Laramie Jubilee Days Rodeo each July. While modern racing lives on in Laramie, see some of the Wild West's bravest ropers, riders, and racers from days gone by in our tour video.

15. War Memorial Stadium

- 222 N. 22nd St.

The current stadium, War Memorial, was built in 1960 and replaced Corbett Field. Commonly referred to as "The War," it is at the highest elevation of any NCAA Division 1 football stadium.

16. The Ames Monument

- 209 Monument Rd.

The Ames Monument stands before you today. But the town of Sherman, once a bustling stop along the railroad, is only a memory. Hear about the settlement before it vanished.

**FOLLOW THE
TOUR ONLINE
FOR NARRATED
VIDEOS ON EACH
LOCATION**





Discover the Snowy Range

An Epic Summer Weekend Itinerary

Story by Dani and Brian Harrington

The Snowy Range Mountains, located 35 miles west of Laramie, offer a wide range of alpine recreation experiences. How should you explore this beautiful mountain range? The options are plentiful, though they are of course impacted by the time of year. The following is an itinerary my husband and I drew up for a summer weekend (Friday – Sunday) in the locally-named and loved “Snowies.”

OVERNIGHT AT SUGARLOAF CAMPGROUND

To get a jump start on our weekend in the Snowies, we packed everything on Thursday night so that by the time Friday arrived, we were ready to roll out of town immediately after work. A stop at the Laramie Farmers Market, held Fridays from July to September, was a no-brainer for us.

EVENING TROUT FISHING AT LEWIS AND LIBBY LAKES

After arriving at Sugarloaf, we set up the tent, assembled our fly rods, and eagerly set off to Lewis and Libby Lakes, conveniently located just a



High Altitude Fishing
Medicine Bow Natl. Forest

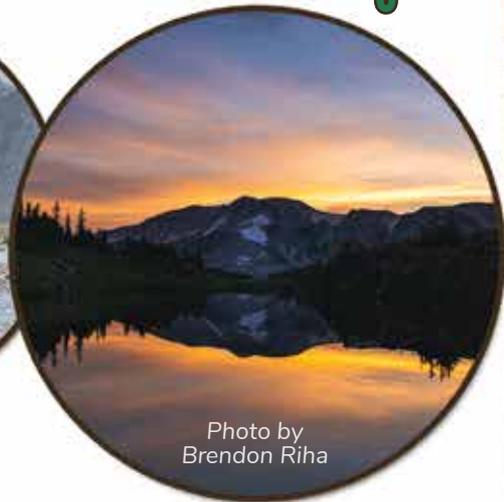


Photo by
Brendon Riha

short walk from our site. As the sun set above Medicine Bow Peak, we fished for cutthroat and brook trout, reflected on the busy week, and felt gratitude for the place we live.

HIKE MEDICINE BOW PEAK

On Saturday we woke with a purpose: to climb the highest point in southern Wyoming, otherwise known as Medicine Bow Peak. The peak looms just above 12,000 feet and gifts those who reach its top with stunning, unobstructed views of the entire range and surrounding valleys.

RENT UTVS FROM ALBANY LODGE

We packed up camp and headed down the mountain to the small

town of Albany, home to Albany Lodge. To get there, pass through Centennial and turn south onto Highway 11. Albany Lodge is tucked into a canyon at the base of the Snowy Range and rents UTVs, kayaks, and snowmobiles, and also offers guided tours of the area. You can rent UTVs (also known as side-by-sides) by half or full days. We opted for a half-day, and from our UTVs, we saw parts of the Snowy Range that we have never seen before, faster than we had ever seen before.

TAKE THE SNOWY RANGE SCENIC BYWAY TOUR ONLINE



Great American Roadtrip

Roadside Curiosities Itinerary

Traveling across Wyoming on I-80, you will find some unique roadside curiosities and attractions. Make sure you stop to explore these gems of Wyoming history.

TREE IN THE ROCK

On Interstate 80 at Exit 333, this small tree has fascinated travelers since the first train rolled past on the Union Pacific Railroad. It is said that the builders of the original railroad diverted the tracks slightly to pass by the tree as they laid rails across the Sherman Mountains in 1867-69. The train used to stop here while the locomotive firemen "gave the tree a drink" from their water buckets.

AMES MONUMENT

On Interstate 80 at Vedaуwoо (Exit 329), turn south and take a short drive to the Ames Monument. An unusual 60-foot pyramid-shaped monument, this haunting granite mass stands alone on the prairie and towers over the remains of the one-time railroad ghost town of Sherman. This monument was built in 1881 to honor the Ames brothers, Oliver and Oakes, who were influential leaders in the construction of the transcontinental railroad.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL MONUMENT

The imposing Abraham Lincoln Memorial Monument (Exit 323) was sculpted by University of Wyoming art professor Robert Russin in 1959 to commemorate

the highest point on the Lincoln Highway. Also look for the Henry Joy monument surrounded by a fence with four Lincoln Highway concrete markers. There are several displays inside the Summit Information Center and great views outside.

Did You Know?

- The Ames Monument marked the highest point on the U.P. Railroad at 8,247 ft (2,514 m).
- Vedaуwoо (pronounced VEE-da-voо) is derived from the Arapaho word "bito'o'wu" meaning "earth-born".
- The Gangplank, a geological feature, provided an easy crossing for the U.P. Railroad. It is only visible from above.
- At its peak, Sherman, Wyoming had several hundred residents. Now it is a ghost town.
- The Old Lincoln Highway was the first trans-continental highway across the United States.





Recreate Responsibly



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

When exploring the mountains and wilderness areas, it's imperative to have a plan before you go in case a trailhead is full or a fire ban is in place. Stay updated and educated on the areas you are planning to visit.

PRACTICE LEAVE NO TRACE

Keep Wyoming's beautiful places beautiful. In order for others to enjoy the same stunning rivers, forests, and mountains, please leave the area better than you found it. Pack out what you packed in.

RESPECT THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Albany County is excited to welcome you with its western hospitality, and folks ask that while you are visiting the Laramie area, you treat it as you would ask others to treat the community where you live.

WATCH FOR WILDLIFE

Southeastern Wyoming provides incredible wildlife viewing opportunities in every direction. Many who visit Wyoming are new to seeing wildlife, and it can be exciting when you see your first bear or moose. They share their outdoor spaces with tourists, and it's important to know how to view them safely while respecting their space so that they stay wild and free.

Laramie Greenbelt
Big Laramie River



Remember to:

- Keep a Safe Distance
- Never Feed Wildlife
- Be 'Bear Aware'
- Don't Bother Baby Animals, Mama is Nearby
- Avoid the Selfie

COWBOY CHARACTER CHALLENGE

Discover why all trails lead to Laramie while learning more about the Cowboy Character ethics of responsible recreation with our new Cowboy Character Challenge. As people increasingly seek solitude in Wyoming's wild, wonderful, and beautiful wide-open spaces, we encourage you to seek out new places to escape the crowds.

To help get you started, we've created the Cowboy Character Challenge as a way to help you discover new places and to help provide you with alternative plans when the parking lot or campground

you chose might already be full. When you download the challenge and participate in each activity, you'll be entered to win a number of prizes. You can enter to win when you check in at different campsites, hike or bike trails less traveled, take only pictures, and leave areas better than you found them, and more.

Complete the steps listed online and you'll get one free Visit Laramie-Range Leather hat and be entered to win our end-of-season prize package including free rentals from Albany Lodge, gear from Laramie's Basecamp and Atmosphere Mountainworks, a YETI cooler from Ace Hardware, and more.

PARTICIPATE IN THE COWBOY CHARACTER CHALLENGE



Cowboy Character



1. LIVE EACH DAY WITH COURAGE

Have the courage and integrity to recreate responsibly all the time, not just when someone is watching.

2. ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU START

Never leave a campfire unattended and always extinguish it completely. Fires should be cold to the touch. Always use established fire rings and check ahead with the local forest service office for restrictions.

In 2020, the Mullen Fire burned through 176,000 acres of the Medicine Bow National Forest affecting the native wildlife and several communities. Please follow any restrictions when you visit.

3. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK

Take pride in leaving the area better than you found it. Pick up after yourself or others, stay on the trails, obey all posted signs, and park in designated areas only. Plan ahead with a backup plan in case your preferred trailhead parking is full. When camping, it's important to

know where you can camp, plan ahead if reservations are required, and leave campsites better than you found them.

4. DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE

Pay the day use fees, as they fund toilet facilities. Using provided facilities and cleaning up after pets protects water sources from contamination. When facilities are not available, plan to pack out waste, or dig a 6-8" deep cathole at least 200 feet away from water.

5. BE TOUGH, BUT FAIR

Downhill users yield to uphill users, always. Yield to others on all multi-use trails. Mountain bikers yield to hikers, hikers and mountain bikers yield to equestrians. Always leash pets in crowded areas and near wildlife.

6. RIDE FOR THE BRAND

When riding, always stay on designated trails and roads to protect vegetation. Treat the land with respect by seeking dry areas, as riding through mud and water damages trails and streams.

Conversely, if trails are unavoidably wet, do not create new trails and stick with the mud.

7. TALK LESS & SAY MORE

Respectfully engage with others when there is conflict. Have the courage to speak up and educate others on responsible recreation.

8. REMEMBER THAT SOME THINGS AREN'T FOR SALE (OR TO PET)

Take only pictures, keep only memories, and give someone else the joy of discovery by leaving nature as it is found. Keep animals wild by giving them plenty of space, and never feed a wild animal.

9. KNOW WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE

Preserve search and rescue resources by knowing your limits, equipment, and the area, and being wise about how you engage in your activity.

10. WHEN YOU MAKE A PROMISE, KEEP IT

Pledge to take care of Albany County's public lands when recreating. A Cowboy always keeps their word.

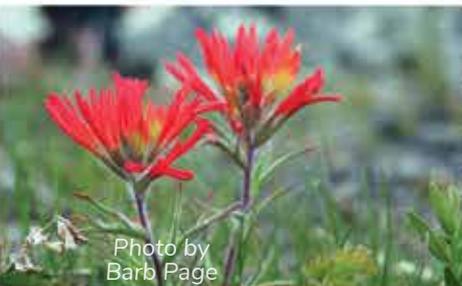


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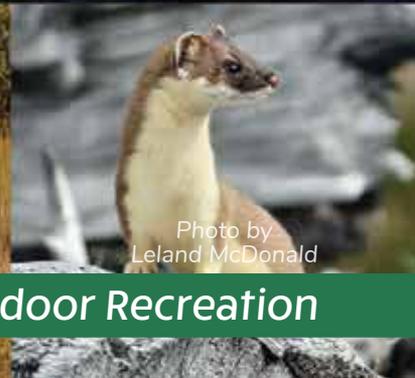


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Spring into
Adventure

Flora & Fauna

Southeastern Wyoming provides incredible nature viewing opportunities in every direction. The diverse terrain harbors moose, elk, whitetail deer, bears, beavers, and wolverines, while the sky is filled with the trilling melodies of songbirds and raucous cries of geese. The Deerwood Wild Horse EcoSanctuary to the west offers viewing opportunities for wild horses, and the Hutton Lake National Wildlife Refuge to the southwest offers more opportunities to view rare migrating birds. And while the opportunities for viewing may be plentiful, please be respectful and follow the area's recreate responsibly rules (pg. 12) to help keep wildlife wild and allow others to enjoy the natural scenery.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

While out for a hike remember you are only visiting, as many critters call the national forest and the Laramie valley home. If you walk quietly and observe your surroundings carefully, you may spot a red fox stalking its next meal or a cottontail bounding through the brush. Chipmunks, badgers, coyotes, and snowshoe hares are all common here, and elusive wolverines have even been spotted.

For a glimpse of the sublime, a visitor to the Laramie area need only look up. The coniferous forests of Curt Gowdy State Park host nutcrackers, nuthatches, and chickadees, while reservoirs attract a spring migration of waterfowl. Community gardens at Green Hill Cemetery bring sparrows and warblers on their fall migration, and Jelm Mountain has a summer population of hummingbirds, sapsuckers, and magpies. The sweet song of Wyoming's state bird, the Meadowlark, rings out on calm days and a patient visitor may even spot a

Golden Eagle perched atop a tree or fenceline.

When driving around Laramie, keep an eye out for pronghorn, also called antelope by local residents because of their similar appearance. The fastest land mammal in the Western Hemisphere, pronghorn are able to reach speeds of up to 55 miles per hour (88.5 kph) over short distances and can even outrun a cheetah over long distances. True antelopes never inhabited North America, but 14 species of pronghorn once roamed the vast high plains of the American West. Only the modern pronghorn remains.

PRIME WILDFLOWER OPPORTUNITIES

Spring and early summer months are ideal for catching the wild flowers in bloom and watching the wildlife awaken from the long winter. In late spring, life along the Snowy Range Scenic Byway awakens. The Scenic Byway over the Snowy Range Mountains is one of the shortest of Wyoming's scenic byways, both in length and in the number of months it can be driven. The Byway is the second highest mountain pass in Wyoming at just under 11,000 feet above sea level. Snow usually closes the highest section of the road about early to mid-November and snowplows traditionally open the road in May right around Memorial Day weekend. Locals ceremoniously make a trip over the byway and back every spring in celebration of winter's end.

If you plan your visit anytime throughout the year, keep in mind that animals can be spotted most often at dawn or dusk, when waking up or before hunkering down for the night. Also, be sure to check ahead for any road closures or advisories before traveling any back roads. For updated road information, check with the Wyoming Department of Transportation at wyoroad.info.

Did You Know?

- The Indian Paintbrush is Wyoming's state flower.
- Wyoming's state Dinosaur is the Triceratops.
- Black Bear, not Grizzly Bear, are common in the Medicine Bow National Forest.
- Black-Footed Ferrets, currently on the endangered species list, were reintroduced to Albany County in the 1990s.
- The Moose found in Wyoming are a subspecies called Shiras Moose.



Alpine Flowers
Medicine Bow
Natl. Forest



Snowy Range Scenic Byway
Medicine Bow Natl. Forest



Summertime *Dreaming*

Hiking, Biking, & Climbing

MEDICINE BOW PEAK

Topping out at 12,014 feet, Medicine Bow Peak is the highest point in southern Wyoming. The most common hiking route starts from Lewis Lake, with a steep trek up 1,200 feet in elevation over only 1.6 miles to the boulder-strewn summit. This climb offers world-class views of the Laramie Plains and the glacial lakes below. Before heading out on a hike, be sure to read up on how to handle altitude.

The Medicine Bow National Forest provides year-round recreation opportunities. The months of July and August bring a gorgeous array of wildflowers, and wildlife sightings are not uncommon and may include critters such as pica, marmots, foxes, moose, and, less frequently but still prevalent, black bears, mountain lions, and wolverines.

VEDAUWOO

Vedauwoo Recreation Area is considered a rock climbing mecca. Here you will find some of the best climbing in the state, ranging from 5.0 to 5.14 difficulty with many places to practice crack climbing. Rock climbing at Vedauwoo can take on many forms: climbing, belaying, or repelling. Vedauwoo is derived from the Arapaho word “bito’o’wu” meaning “earth-born.” The characteristic Sherman Granite hoodoos and outcrops of this region are over 1.4 billion years old, some of the oldest rock in Wyoming. The fabulous formations are due to an uplift of the Laramie Mountains that began about 70 million years ago, along with the erosion of younger layers of rock and sediment, which continues to this day.

Bike or hike the easy 3.2-mile loop that circles Turtle Rock in the



Crack Climbing Vedauwoo Recreation Area

Medicine Bow National Forest. From the gravel parking strip just above the main trailhead area, walk downhill to the paved area at the base of the weathered formation. Head northwest on the easy trail as it winds beneath aspen and squeezes between Turtle Rock’s boulder-strewn base and a marshy wetland to the south. This first section of trail affords close-up views of the piled, cracked rock and climbers making their way up the face, before gaining some distance from the formation as it turns east. Scattered fir and pine trees line the trail as it rolls over several small hills past the rock’s sloped backside.

PILOT HILL & THE SCHOOLYARD TRAILS

The Pilot Hill Project was a land swap completed in 2020 to connect the City of Laramie’s foothills directly to the 65,000 acres of national forest to the east. This connection covering nine square miles makes it possible to reach Pole Mountain and Happy Jack Recreation Area without use of the interstate, making it an ideal cycling, hiking, and equestrian public access route to the forest. It also protects open space, wildlife habitat, and Laramie’s aquifer recharge zone, providing the city with pristine drinking water.

The Schoolyard Trails can be accessed at several points near the edge of Laramie’s city limits. The trails here are established, well marked, and the gradual incline provides a fantastic view of the city and the Laramie Valley below.

As the Pilot Hill project has just

Medicine Bow Peak Trail Medicine Bow Natl. Forest

launched, trail creation, signage, and amenities will be an ongoing undertaking over the next several years. A limited opening will allow new routes to be unveiled as they are created. See pilothonline.org for volunteer opportunities, yearly events, and trail maps.

DISPERSED CAMPING INFORMATION

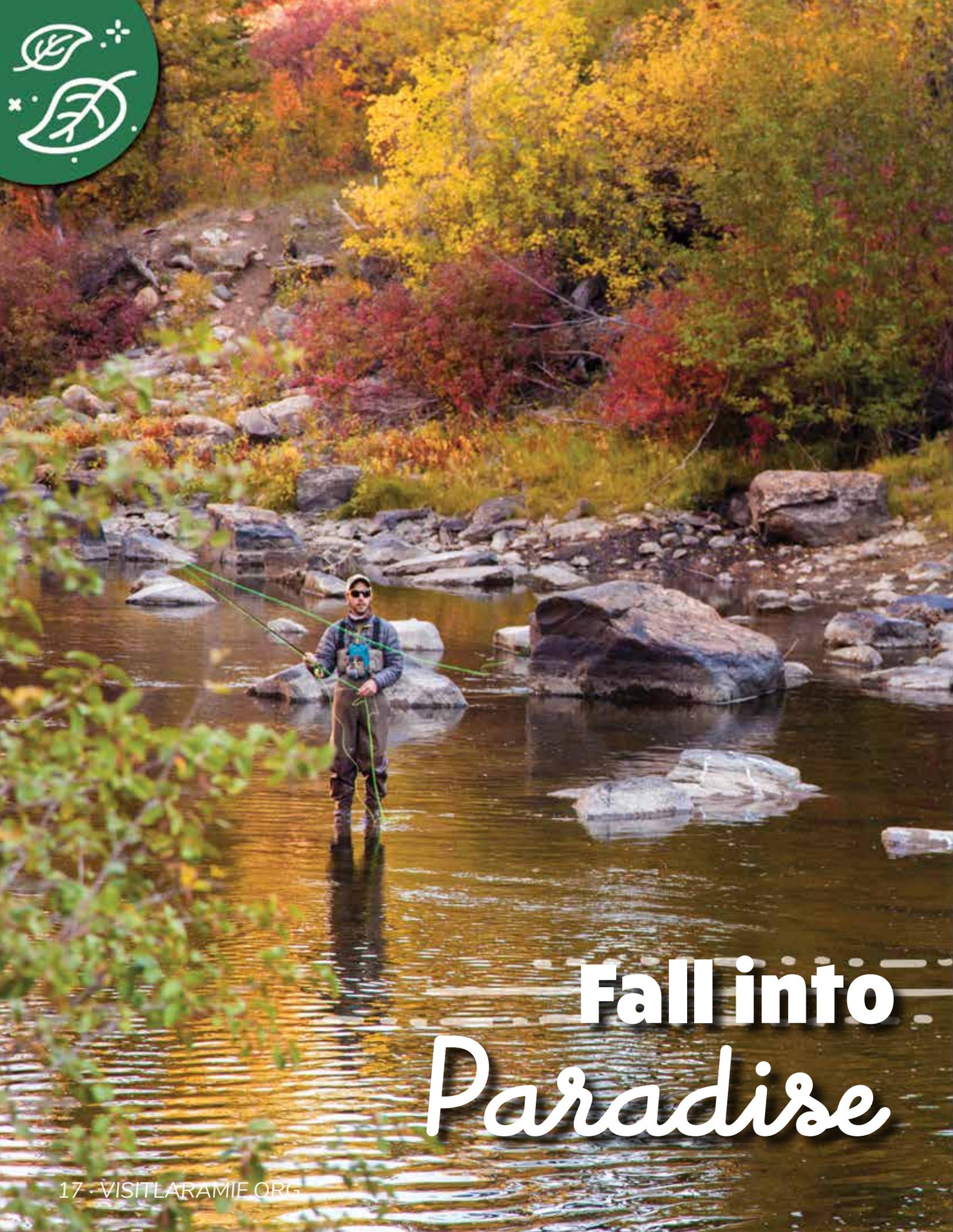
Have you planned a weekend camping, but there were no vacancies at the campground? Would you rather camp further away from other groups and families? Try your hand at dispersed camping to really experience camping in the national forest. Setting up your own campsite away from developed fee sites, also known as dispersed camping, is allowed throughout most of the national forest. Not every national forest has the same rules for dispersed camping so be sure to check regulations in advance.

Dispersed campsites aren't necessarily harder to get to, opportunities range from sites miles into wilderness or right off a forest service road. For this form of camping you must bring everything with you as water, restrooms, and fire rings may not be available nearby. This also means that you have to pack out what you pack in and Leave No Trace.

SCAN FOR ALL
RECREATION
OPTIONS



Outdoor Recreation



Fall into *Paradise*

Colors of Laradise

As the days of summer begin to fade, autumn arrives in Laramie. The temperatures cool down, the fall foliage pops with brilliant colors of yellow and orange, and wildlife viewing opportunities abound. So whether you're looking for a scenic drive to view moose and elk in the Snowy Range Mountains or you're looking to hike or bike through fall colors at Vedauwoo, come escape the crowds in the wide-open wonders of Wyoming in the fall.

RECOMMENDED HIKES

Turtle Rock Trail

- Easy, 3.2 mile Loop
- Vedauwoo Recreation Area

Headquarters Trail

- Easy, 4.5 miles One-Way
- Happy Jack Recreation Area

Corner Mountain Trail

- Medium, 7 mile Loop
- Snowy Range Scenic Byway

Lake Marie Falls

- Easy, .24 mile One-Way
- Snowy Range Scenic Byway

Barber Lake Trail

- Medium, 3 miles One-Way
- Snowy Range Scenic Byway

RECOMMENDED DRIVES

Nothing beats the wide-open highways and winding mountain roads in Wyoming. Skip the interstate and stay a while with some of the most scenic drives in America right here in Albany County. Take a detour to the many sights around the county and enjoy the mountain and high plains terrain.

There is no shortage of scenic drives outside Laramie. You might even pick a country road and take it until it ends for an adventure all your own. Stop into the Laramie Area Visitor

Center for county and state maps as well as personal recommendations for scenic detours.

Highway 210 - Happy Jack Rd.

- I-80 Exit 323, east from Laramie to Cheyenne

Highway 130 - Snowy Range Scenic Byway

- I-80 Exit 311, west from Laramie to Saratoga

Highway 230

- I-80 Exit 311, southwest from Laramie to Riverside & Encampment

Highway 34 - Sybille Canyon Rd.

- I-80 Exit 313, northeast from Laramie to Wheatland

Highway 287

- I-80 Exit 313, south from Laramie to Fort Collins

HUNTING SEASON

Centered between the Snowy and the Laramie Ranges, Albany County boasts many of the premier hunting opportunities in the state of Wyoming. With incredible bighorn sheep, elk, and mule deer in the Laramie Range, Shirley Basin pronghorn antelope, and some of the best elk, black bear, and Shiras moose hunting in the Snowy Range, Albany County is a hunting gem of the Rocky Mountains and friendly and accessible to out-of-state hunters. Start planning now and contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for details on drawing hunting licenses and accruing preference points.

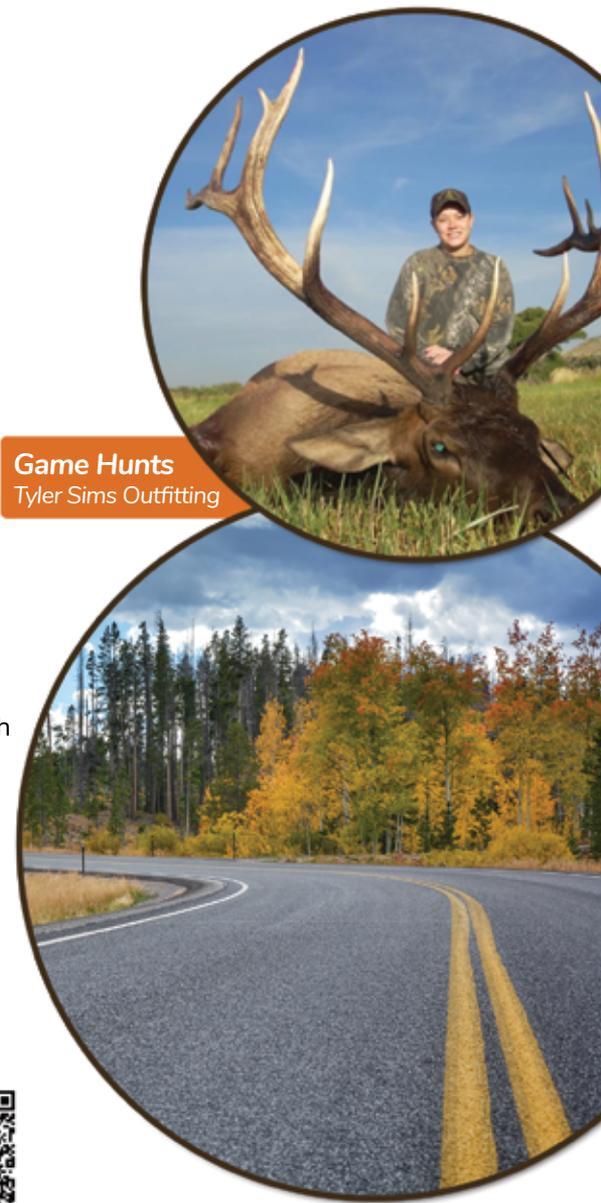
Albany County has several local guides to offer you the best possible experience while you try to fill your tags. For supplies, local outfitters, and practice ranges, scan the qr code below.

**SCAN FOR ALL
HUNTING RESOURCES**



Did You Know?

- The average elevation in Albany County is 6,500 ft. (1,981 m).
- Peak fall colors start around late September and pass by mid-October.
- There are over 20 species of sagebrush shrubs and herbs that grow in Wyoming.
- Pronghorn males can be identified, not only by their horns, but by the black coloration on their jawline.



Game Hunts
Tyler Sims Outfitting



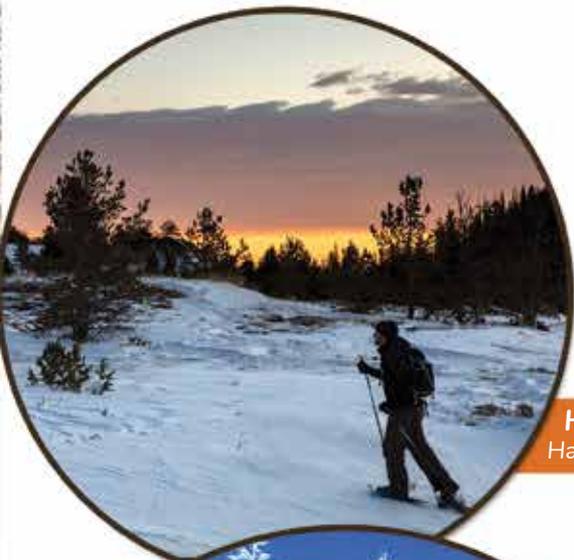
Winter Playground

Winter in Wyoming

SNOWMOBILING IN THE SNOWY RANGE

The Snowy Range earns its namesake with some of the most consistent and fluffy powder in the American West. Explore Albany County's winter trails and play areas via motorized sled for the snowmobiling experience of a lifetime.

The Snowies boast over 200 miles of groomed trails and 120 miles of marked ungroomed trails, with 300+ inches of snow per year.



Happy Jack Ski Trails
Happy Jack Recreation Area



Fat Tire Biking Trails
Medicine Bow Natl. Forest

SNOWMOBILING INFORMATION

3C Guiding

- 2053 Snowy Range Rd. - (307) 690-9953

Albany Lodge

- 1148 Hwy. 11 - (307) 745-5782

Frontier Cycles

- 2434 Grand Ave. - (307) 742-2606

TNT Motorsports

- 2061 Snowy Range Rd. - (307) 755-5050

West Laramie Fly Store

- 1657 Snowy Range Rd. - (307) 745-5425

WyColo Lodge

- 4039 Hwy. 230 - (307) 745-3098

NORDIC SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

One of the best ways to enjoy the solitude of a wild Wyoming winter is stepping into a pair of cross-country skis or snowshoes. With miles of groomed trails and scenic rolling terrain, the Laramie area is home to boundless winter adventures.

FAT TIRE BIKING

Fat tire bike popularity is booming, and around Laramie you will find many scenic trails. Miles of groomed single track trails and forest service roads provide ample opportunity for exploration and entertainment. Laramie's cycle shops are home to a growing community of bike enthusiasts and can provide information, rentals, and advice on where and how to best enjoy your ride.



Snowy Range Ski Area
Centennial, WY

DOWNHILL SKIING

Thirty-five miles west of Laramie, the Snowy Range Ski and Recreation Area provides world-class skiing in the stunning alpine splendor of the Medicine Bow National Forest. Boasting 245 inches of snow each year, the 250-acre ski area includes two terrain parks and over two dozen trails catering to beginners and experts alike. As the resorts become crowded to the south of the Wyoming border, in the Snowy Range you'll find yourself spending more time on the slopes and less time waiting in line for the next run.

For more information about the Snowy Range Ski and Recreation Area, call (307) 745-5750.

MAPS & PERMITS

Wyoming law requires every resident and non-resident to have a snowmobile permit. Decals, which accompany each permit, must be displayed on the snowmobile and are available at local snowmobile clubs.

Maps for all winter activities in Albany County are available at the Laramie Area Visitor Center and the local forest service office, the Laramie Ranger District. You can call or request information online. Scan the code below to view a list of all winter activity options for your trip to the Laramie area.

SCAN FOR ALL WINTER ACTIVITIES





Pet Friendly



LOCAL BUSINESSES & RESTAURANTS

As a community of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts, Laramie is full of dog lovers. We know your furry pals love to follow along wherever they can, especially when traveling to exciting new places. Luckily we have a handful of businesses and several fantastic restaurants that have pet-friendly patio dining available for your fuzzy companion.

Keep in mind that space is limited at some restaurants and patio spaces are usually closed in the winter, so please call restaurants ahead of time to ensure you have a place for your canine friend.

17th St. Cafe

- 310 S. 17th St. - (307) 742-1600

Ace Hardware

- 611 Grand Ave. - (307) 755-0781

Alibi - Wood Fired Pizzeria

- 404 S. 4th St. - (307) 745-9738

Altitude Chophouse & Brewery

- 302 S. 2nd St. - (307) 721-4031

Big Dipper Ice Cream Shop

- 111 E. Iverson Ave. - (307) 460-3358

The BK Shop

- 369 N. 4th St.

Bud's Bar

- 354 W. University Ave. - (307) 745-5236

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C&A Pet & Livestock Supply

- 581 W. Garfield St. - (307) 742-0599

Coal Creek Coffee

- 110 Grand Ave. & 2317 Grand Ave. - (307) 745-7737 & (307) 742-9316

Coal Creek TAP

- 110 Grand Ave. - (307) 460-9556

Feed Store Inc.

- 2262 Snowy Range Rd. - (307) 745-7775

The Library Sports Grille & Brewery

- 201 E. Custer St. - (307) 742-0500

McAlister's Deli

- 2317 Grand Ave. - (307) 745-3760

Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

- 3322 Grand Ave. - (307) 721-1733

Night Heron Books & Coffeehouse

- 107 E. Iverson St. - (307) 742-9028

O'Dwyers Public House

- 1622 Grand Ave. - (307) 742-3900

Roxie's on Grand

- 221 Grand Ave. - (307) 745-4577

Turtle Rock Coffee & Cafe

- 2510 Grand Ave. - (307) 742-9395

Sweet Melissa

- 213 S. 1st St. - (307) 742-9607

Windy City Pet Store

- 702 S. 3rd St. - (307) 742-7387

Wyoming's Rib & Chop House

- 2415 Grand Ave. - (307) 460-9090

OFF-LEASH PARKS

Laramie also offers two off-leash parks as well as six city parks and a Greenbelt walking path along the Laramie River for your pet to get exercise. Be sure to check visitlaramie.org/events for any activity you may bring your pets to.

Optimist Park

- 560 W. Garfield St.

Sandy Aragon Dog Park

- 2177 E. Harney St.



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
PET-FRIENDLY LODGING**

Horseback Riding



HORSE BOARDING

Here in Wyoming we understand that your pets are a part of the family and that you'll be bringing them along on your adventures. Not only do we have lodging available for your dogs and cats, we are also a welcoming destination for horses.

Various boarding facilities and veterinarians are scattered around Albany County and in Laramie making it convenient for you to find

a place to house your equine. A few trailheads in Medicine Bow National Forest have corrals available for horseback riding, as well. See page 32 for lodging options.

GUIDE SERVICES

Listed below are guest ranches and guides in Albany County that offer horseback riding to visitors. Check in advance online or call ahead to see what is available.

E&H Guide Service

- ehguideservice.com - (307) 399-0236

J4Brehm's Ranch

- j4brehmsguest ranch.com - (307) 742-2807

Two Bars Seven Ranch

- 2bars7.com - (307) 742-6072

Vee Bar Guest Ranch

- veebar.com - (307) 745-7036

DEERWOOD RANCH WILD HORSE ECOSANCTUARY

The Deerwood Ranch is approximately 4,700 acres of Wyoming beauty. Three hundred fifty wild Wyoming mustangs call Deerwood home, not to mention the native deer, elk, coyote, and all

manner of wildlife. With the Middle Fork of the Little Laramie River running through the property, there is year-round access to open running water. Abundant trees and willows provide refuge and great protection from the realities of Wyoming weather. The ranch is conveniently located approximately 35 miles west of Laramie and south of Centennial.

Though the ranch does not offer horseback riding, guided tours of the ranch are available. Call 48 hours in advance to schedule an appointment, (307) 399-9956.



Guided Horseback Riding
Vee Bar Guest Ranch

Did You Know?

- **The first dude ranch** was founded in Wyoming, near Sheridan.
- **When riding on trails**, bicyclists yield to hikers and horses, hikers yield to horses, and those traveling downhill yield to uphill travelers.
- **Cowboy traditions** can be traced back as far as medieval Spain.
- Another name for a Cowboy is a **Cow Poke**.



Fly Fishing



COLD WATER TROPHIES

Worm, lure, or fly — Albany County’s rivers, lakes, and ponds are brimming with excitement for anglers of all abilities. Trout are a local favorite, and the Big and Little Laramie Rivers are abundant with Cutthroat, Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout. From guided float trips down the North Platte River, to trophy lunkers in the Laramie Plains Lakes, the Laramie area provides abundant premier fishing destinations.

THE BIG LARAMIE RIVER

The Big Laramie parallels Highway 230 from the Colorado border into Laramie and continues north of town. There are several public access points that are marked along the its route, including: **Monolith Ranch Access**, **Pioneer Canal Access**, and two scenic **Jelm Accesses** that wind through a canyon. Some of the best fishing in the area is even a short walk from downtown Laramie. Anglers report catching wild brown trout up to 20 inches long along the Laramie River Greenbelt in the heart of the city.

MEDICINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST

With two portions of the national forest on either side of the Laramie Valley, you can bet that there are hidden fishing holes waiting to be
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discovered. West of Laramie, the Snowy Range Scenic Byway (Hwy. 130) travels through the Medicine Bow National Forest for 30 miles, leading you to over 100 apline lakes and remote babbling streams as it crosses the 10,847-foot Snowy Range Pass. Twin Lakes, North and South Gap, Bear Lake, the Shelf Lakes, Libby Lake, and Lewis Lake are all popular destinations for the serious angler.

LARAMIE PLAINS LAKES

The alkaline Laramie Plains Lakes are known for abundant fish food and abundant wind. These fertile waters support scud, caddis, damselflies, dragonflies, callibaetis, and chironomids, which in turn support enormous healthy trout. Fish are most abundant from early spring, right after ice-out, through mid-summer, and again in the fall.

COUNTY RESERVOIRS

Four reservoirs round out Laramie’s fishing options. Part of Curt Gowdy State Park to the east, North Crow Reservoir is a scenic fishery surrounded by Sherman Granite and beautiful wildlife. In northern Albany County’s Laramie Range, Wheatland Reservoir #3 aka “Wheatland 3” offers some warm water fishing, with walleye and tiger trout stocked for bonus species. Rob Roy Reservoir

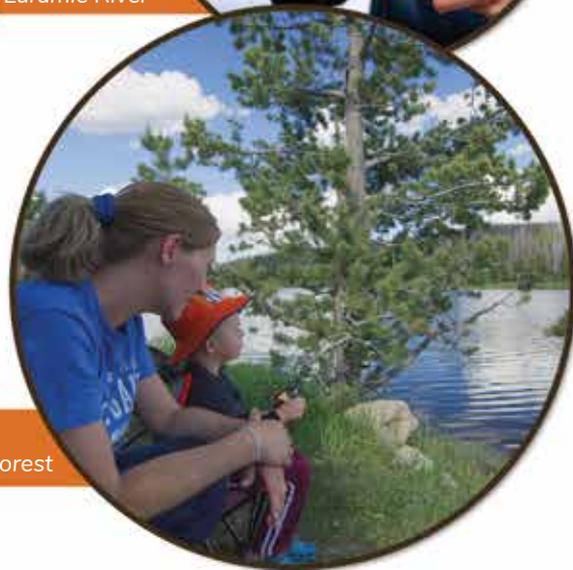
offers trout fishing by motor boat as well as camping in fantastic forested terrain. The arms of this lake make you feel like you have the space all to yourself, surrounded by fantastic ATV trails. Rounding out the county’s reservoirs is Lake Owen, a remote and prized fishery that may become your next secret spot.



REQUEST THE LARAMIE AREA FISHING BROCHURE



Brook Trout
Laramie River



Lake Owen
Medicine Bow Natl. Forest

Water Sports

Summer in Albany County means crystal-clear blue skies, gorgeous sunshine, and amazing summer water activities for the whole family. There are plenty of great ways to beat the heat and have fun in the Laramie area.

LARAMIE CITY RECREATION

What says summer more than a dip in a nice cool pool or waterslide? The Laramie Parks and Recreation

Department maintains three terrific places to splash, swim, and cool off. The Laramie Recreation Center, the Washington Park Wading Pool, and the Undine Park Splash Pad. For details about each facility as well as hours of operation and closures please visit the Laramie Parks and Recreation website.

PADDLING

Paddle sports in Laramie are a fan favorite, with over 100 natural alpine lakes in the Snowy Range, miles of rushing water on the Big Laramie River, and scenic reservoirs including Curt Gowdy State Park.

Hiking into a remote lake with a kayak or paddleboard is its own magical experience. Envision yourself paddling in solitude beneath Medicine Bow Peak, fishing by canoe, or dipping your toes in crystal clear alpine waters.

The Big Laramie River runs highest in May and spring for a rush of adrenaline, but offers a leisurely paddle the rest of the season.

Laramie's Basecamp and The Paddle House offer raft, paddleboard, and kayak rentals along with safety equipment, paddles, pumps, and everything you'll need for a day on the water.

Laramie's Basecamp

• 1404 Skyline Rd. - (307) 703-0172

The Paddle House

• 222 S. 2nd St. - (307) 460-3836

BOATING

There is nothing quite like zipping over the waves in a motorboat. Rob Roy Reservoir, Lake Owen, and Lake Hattie Reservoir have cement boat ramps and allow boats with combustion motors. Pay attention for restriction signage wherever you are trying to drop in.

SAFETY

Always wear your personal flotation device and watch the forecast for surprise changes in the weather. Share your plan and location with others before you go. Luckily storms in Wyoming pass quickly in summer, and you can get back out on the water in no time.

INSPECTIONS & LICENSES

Boats must be inspected at the state line due to invasive mussels. Be sure to wash your waders and equipment if you are coming from out-of-state, as well. Always remember to snag your fishing license at any of Laramie's sporting goods stores, and plan to pay for parking areas and campsites in the national forest or state parks.



North Crow Reservoir
Curt Gowdy State Park



Lake Marie
Medicine Bow Natl. Forest

Colleges & Universities

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

The heart and pride of Laramie is the University of Wyoming. Whether you are here as a prospective student, a proud alumnus, a Wyoming sports fan, or just a casual visitor, we hope you take a little time to tour the beautiful University campus during your visit.

The University of Wyoming was founded in 1886, and is Wyoming's only four-year institution of higher education. Each year it welcomes over 14,000 students from all 50 states and 90 countries, making Laramie the melting pot of culture and bustling activity we love.

Affectionately called "UW" (You-Dubb), the University boasts over 80 undergraduate programs, small student-to-faculty ratios, and is one of the most affordable education experiences in the nation. Add to that the plethora of outdoor recreation here in Laramie, and you have a recipe for an unforgettable college experience.

Each weekend during the school year, Laramie is bustling with fans who come from far-flung communities statewide to watch Division I sports here on campus as part of the Mountain West Conference.

With the vibrant student population, you can be sure to find something entertaining on campus any day. Check the events calendar during your visit for symphony performances, live concerts, modern dance recitals, art exhibitions, and more.

Whether or not you catch an event, touring campus is a must for any visit. Spend a little time lounging in Simpson plaza, catch a bite to eat
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in the Wyoming Union, and spend a little time exploring one of the University's seven museums to dive into Wyoming history, art, education, and more.

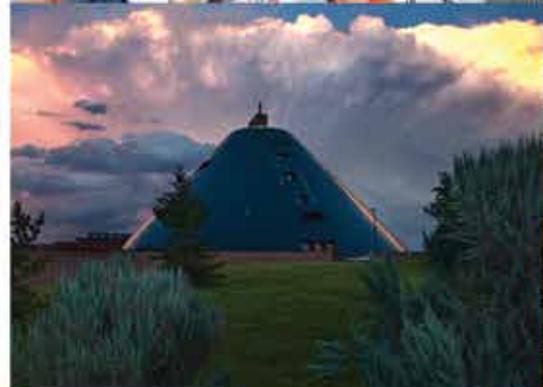
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SPORTS & ATHLETICS

The electricity in the air at a University of Wyoming sporting event is an experience all its own. As the singular four-year institution of higher education in the state, the University of Wyoming is college athletics for the state of Wyoming. That means that when you watch sports in Laramie, the fans are not just Cowboys and Cowgirls fans — they are Wyoming fans. They wear the Steamboat logo with the pride of the entire state, from the Tetons to the Big Horns to Devils Tower. The spirit of Wyoming pride is unlike anywhere else. Our fans live and breathe Wyoming.

The University is home to 17 Division I NCAA sports teams, including football, basketball, soccer, wrestling, volleyball, swimming, diving, tennis, track, cross country, and golf. Tickets may be purchased at gowyo.com/tickets, or at the Athletics Ticket Office by calling (307) 766-7220.

If you are attending classes at UW and want to stay involved in friendly competitions, check out the campus recreation options available to students online. From club to intramural sports to the outdoor program, UW provides a wide variety of sports activities for all incoming students.

**LEARN MORE
ABOUT WHAT TO
DO IN LARAMIE
ON GAME DAYS**





WYOTECH

As the educational hub of Wyoming, Laramie has paths for all types of students. If your future is in a mechanical vocation, look no further than the world-class automotive programs available at WyoTech.

With 9-month degree programs giving students hands-on immersive learning experiences, WyoTech is a fantastic choice for a technician career right out of the starting gate. During this time at WyoTech, students spend 60% of their time in the shop, gaining experience and knowledge in automotive repairs and maintenance. They are also trained in engine repair and management, drivability, drivetrain systems, chassis, and a specialty program of their choosing. The mechanic program also offers seven industry certifications to advance your knowledge and career as an automotive service technician.

Formerly known as Wyoming Technical Institute, WyoTech was founded in Laramie in 1966 and has provided automotive repair programs ever since, as well as a corp of passionate community volunteers. The first class in Laramie had 22 students housed in a 9,000 square foot building.

If you are interested in the automotive, collision, and diesel technology programs at WyoTech, visit their application at wyotech.edu.

ALBANY COUNTY CAMPUS OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Established in 1968, Laramie County Community College is a full-service, comprehensive community college with a main campus in Cheyenne and a satellite campus in Laramie. LCCC - Albany County Campus offers the vibrant college town experience of Laramie as students complete one of many available associate degree programs.

University of Wyoming students benefit from the nearby community college as well, with a lower price

tag and flexible online courses offered. Most courses transfer between the two schools' programs, so general education courses will transfer to the University of Wyoming as students finish their community college accreditation.

LCCC's Albany County Campus is located just across the road from the Laramie High School, making it a perfect way for high school students to get ahead with concurrent college coursework and take advantage of the state-of-the-art facilities. The hub in Laramie is a fully outfitted campus, including advising, counseling, financial aid, tutoring, clubs, and more.

To find out more about the Albany County Campus visit lccc.wy.edu.



Did You Know?

- **The University of Wyoming** is Wyoming's only four-year university.
- **The Wyoming logo** is named *Steamboat*, after a real bucking bronco born in 1896 near Chugwater, Wyoming. UW adopted the symbol in the early 1900s. The state adopted it in the 1930s.
- **WyoTech** once had seven sites. Now, Laramie is home to the only operating campus.
- **The UW Student Union** once contained a full-sized bowling alley.
- Quarterback for the Buffalo Bills, **Josh Allen**, got his big break as a UW Cowboy.
- Students who successfully land a pinecone in the T-Rex statue's mouth on the UW campus will **ace their finals**.



Festivals & Annual Events

LARAMIE JUBILEE DAYS

Laramie Jubilee Days started in 1940 as a celebration surrounding Wyoming's Statehood Day. Known as Wyoming's Hometown Celebration, it has been a yearly event around July 10th ever since.

Starting with a Kid's Horse Show and ending with PRCA Rodeo, Laramie Jubilee Days is now a week-long celebration with a variety of events almost daily. After catching a rodeo, head downtown for street dances, live performances, and a carnival for the young at heart.

Check the schedule for updates at laramiejubileedays.org.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET

The farmers' market breathes new life into the Historic Railroad Depot Park every Friday afternoon from July through September. Live music, fresh food, and cold drinks provide a friendly atmosphere as you shop local produce and crafts. Vendors sell a variety of locally-grown fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked pastries, handmade jewelry, artisanal cheeses as well as a variety of local arts and crafts.

For more information visit laramiemainstreet.org/farmersmarket.

THURSDAY LOCAL MARKET

The Thursday Local Market at Undine Park happens on cool grass under the shade of park cottonwoods. Visit this market weekly through the summer for a unique low-key shopping experience. Many of the same vendors from the Friday market are present, with some bonus gems and smaller vendors as well.

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For more information visit thursdaylocalmarket.com.

LARAMIE BREWFEST

Enjoy the summer season in Laramie by relaxing in the heart of downtown while tasting and discovering the area's craft brews. For the past 15 years, Downtown Laramie's Brewfest has been an annual summertime event that has hosted over 2,000 participants sampling beers, listening to live music, and connecting with local vendors. Join the Laramie community in celebrating the awards and accomplishments of the seven local brewing companies southeastern Wyoming and northern Colorado have come to cherish.

Learn more about the festival at laramiemainstreet.org/brewfest.

FREEDOM HAS A BIRTHDAY

For decades, Freedom Has A Birthday has been Laramie's premier 4th of July celebration. Festivities include plenty of free entertainment including music, giant slides, inflatables, ice cream giveaways, a pie eating contest, and so many more they can't even be listed. Over 13,000 people attend this annual celebration that is sure to make lasting memories for every member of your family.

FERMENTATION FESTIVAL

The Fermentation Festival is a relatively new event in the Laramie community, but sure is a blast. The three-day event takes place during the Laramie Pop-up Art Walk in the fall and features live music, fermenting artisans, and, of course, free samples. Located in a downtown Laramie art gallery, you'll be able to mingle with the creators who will explain their processes on site.

Learn more at sciencelovesart.org/calendar.

TOM HORN DAYS COWBOY RENDEZVOUS

Tom Horn Days made its debut in 2020 to celebrate the rich heritage of the Laramie Plains. Get ready for three days of action-packed events featuring concerts, bronc riding, team roping, mule roping, stray gathering, historic presentations, vendors, and more out on the open Wyoming plains. That's right, this



Laramie Brewfest



Laramie Farmers Markets



Laramie Jubilee Days Rodeo



Downtown Carnival

ranch rodeo can't be contained in an arena.

Visit tomhorndays.com for more information about the events.

WYOTECH CAR SHOW

For over 20 years, WyoTech has hosted their annual summer car show on campus. With multiple categories to enter, students and car enthusiasts alike gather for a day filled with classic cars, hot rods, food trucks, and great company. Don't forget to vote for your favorite entry.

Check the visitlaramie.org calendar of events for this event.

SHOP SMALL WEEK

Every year, starting on Shop Small Saturday after Thanksgiving, Laramie's local businesses offer deep discounts, giveaways, extended hours, and fun activities for enthusiastic holiday shoppers. Historic downtown Laramie is full

of one-of-a-kind gifts,

handmade treasures, and plenty of western flair. Support the local community with a shopping experience found nowhere else.

Learn more at shopsmalllaramie.com.

LARAMIE POP-UP ART WALK

Join in the fun as downtown Laramie transforms into a dynamic gallery filled with live music and local art from emerging to seasoned artists. The Art Walk usually takes place in September and is open to artists and performers of all levels and mediums. Support your friends, neighbors, or complete strangers during this week-long event.

Find the map and more information online at laramiemainstreet.org/popup.

HIGHER GROUND FAIR

The Higher Ground Fair came to life to promote the values of sustainable Rocky Mountain rural living. Events include speakers, live music, dances, wellness classes, and local vendors. Educational gardening, composting, recycling, farming, and ranching workshops draw from age-old traditions and modern innovations for rural sustainable living.

Learn more about this year's fair at highergroundfair.org.

FISHING DERBIES

Laramie is home to two long-standing fishing derbies. In the warm July heat, the Huck Finn Fishing Derby brings families to LaPrele Park to try their luck catching trout in the youth stock pond. Kids age 13 and

under fish in 4 different age groups, with prizes for first fish, smallest fish, largest, and first to reach their limit. This long-standing Laramie tradition has been going on every summer for over 50 years.

For the hardy fisherman, the Laramie Plains Lions Club Lake Hattie Ice Fishing Derby is the event of the winter season. It usually takes place the first weekend of January, with a small registration fee. Awards are given for the top 5 largest fish as well as the winning smallest fish, with trophies and cash prizes.

Check the calendar of events at visitlaramie.org.

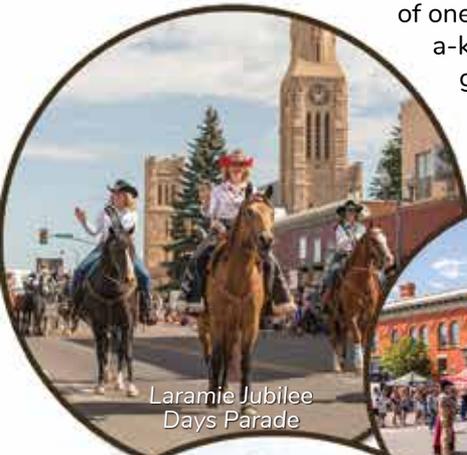
ELEVATION CELEBRATION

Going into its eighth year, Elevation Celebration is an all day live country music festival with food trucks, vendors, and great company. In previous years, this event was held in various locations around Albany County. Keep an eye out on the visitlaramie.org events calendar for the next epic venue.

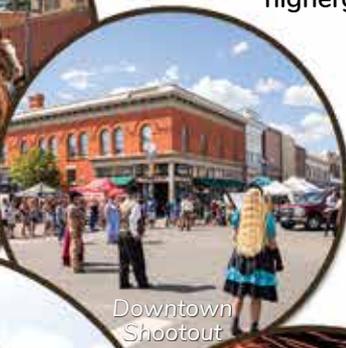
BIKING & RUNNING EVENTS

One of the most well known races in the area is the Laramie Range Epic. The race, originally called the Laramie Range Enduro, started in 1998 with the course starting in downtown Laramie and ending 1,300 feet higher in elevation in the Medicine Bow National Forest. Over 20 years later, this race has transformed to maintain a traditional approach to a cross country mountain bike race, while adapting with the evolution of cross country culture.

Laramie and Albany County is full of biking and running enthusiasts. Be sure to check with the High Plains Harriers, the largest running club in southeastern Wyoming, as they have several races planned every year.



Laramie Jubilee Days Parade



Downtown Shootout



Laramie TV Show 60th Anniversary



July Fourth Celebration



Live Music & Performances

Experience the diverse music scene in Wyoming's spirited college town. As the cultural capital of the state, Laramie has everything from intimate music venues for up-and-coming artists of any genre, to the big names that know Laramie is the place to be for large concert venues. No matter your taste, hitting the live music scene in Laramie is a must.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Thanks to the buzzing University, the production season is always packed in Laramie. Experience the finest in music with the **University of Wyoming Symphony Orchestra**, catch a theatre production, opera, or a modern jazz dance recital. Visit our events webpage as you plan your upcoming trip to see which events match up with your arrival dates.

The **UW Symphony Orchestra** tours throughout the Rocky Mountain region as well as hosting performances right here in Laramie. Concerts may feature collaborations with world-class soloists and University students along with a few community members. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Griffith since 1989, the symphony draws large crowds for regular concerts for each season.

The **University's music program** is expansive, including jazz ensembles, a wind symphony, chamber orchestra, percussion ensemble and pan band, and three choir ensembles. The Balinese gamelan band is a special treat, as well as the well-known **Western Thunder Marching Band**.

The **Department of Theatre & Dance** stages a wide range of performances, conferences, and events featuring students' performing artistry. Recent

renovations in the **Buchanan Center for the Performing Arts** have brought updates to the dance studios and theatres. We highly recommend catching an event at the Buchanan Center during your time in Laramie. Performances happen regularly, so be sure to check the box office for tickets.

For more information, visit uwyo.edu/finearts.

COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS

Locals also enjoy producing their own creative shows throughout the year. During the summer months, catch the **Laramie Municipal Band** performing at the Washington Park Bandshell or the **Laramie Dance & Arts Center** students participating in the Laramie Jubilee Days events. You can't miss a night at the **Gryphon Theatre** in the historic Laramie Plains Civic Center either. The 850-capacity venue hosts numerous events, ranging from local community productions to unmatched national and international touring productions and concerts.

Laramie might even surprise you with entertainment as you shop downtown. Live music and street dances are common during the summer and fall in the historic district where the downtown streets are closed off to daily traffic. While

enjoying the weekly farmers' markets, you can expect musicians or an improv troupe to make an appearance, too.

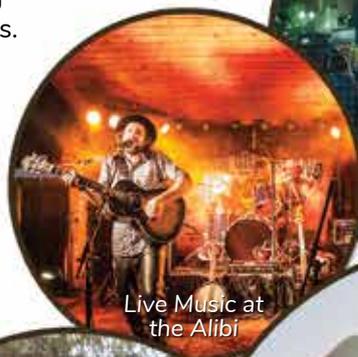
Several fantastic venues in the county offer outdoor live music through the summer. **The Alibi Pizzeria** in Laramie and **Bear Bottom Bar & Grill** in Centennial both have fantastic outdoor music stages with performances every weekend through the summer. For country music enthusiasts, **The Cowboy Saloon & Dance Hall** is a must-visit and hosts big names year-round.

Be sure to check online for other community events like bingo night at **Bond's Brewing Company** or group square dancing with the **Quadra Dangle Square Dance Club**. Laramie has a wide variety of activities to choose from.

Check visitlaramie.org/events for upcoming shows and venues.



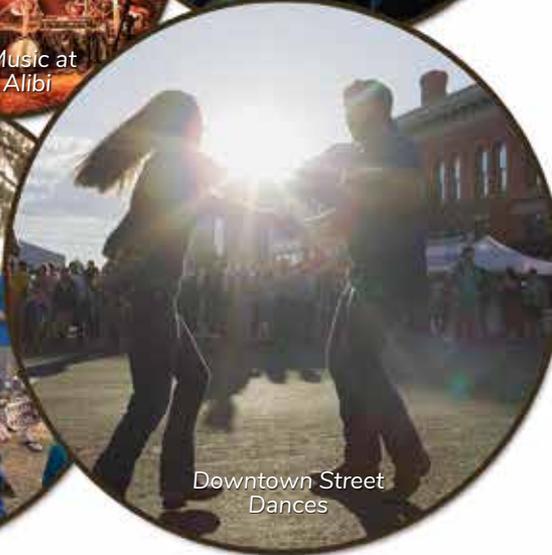
Downtown Concerts



Live Music at the Alibi



Community Performances



Downtown Street Dances

Galleries

When you imagine Wyoming culture, do you picture Laramie? Those who call this region home consider Laramie to be Wyoming's cultural capital. Many creatives call Albany County home and Laramie uniquely shows off its local artists. Take the Downtown Mural Walking Tour (pg. 32) after checking out the many fantastic galleries around town.

Laramie has seven galleries which showcase Wyoming culture. Be sure to check online for weekly hours and exhibitions that each gallery may have planned.

4TH STREET STUDIOS

• 315 S. 4th St.
Located in historic downtown Laramie, 4th Street Studios is a working artist studio, vintage greenhouse, a public studio, and home to Science Loves Art, a non-profit program created to bring science and art together. Stop in for handmade jewelry,

sculptures, lotions, greenhouse plants, Science Loves Art diy kits, and more. Workshops are offered periodically and can be found online.

ARTISANS' GALLERY

• 315 S. 4th St. - (307) 745-3983
Wyoming-made art, gifts, pottery, soaps, and more! This downtown gallery also features complete custom framing for all your needs.

EARTH WIND & FIRE GALLERY

• 216 S. 2nd St. - (307) 745-0226
Earth Wind & Fire Gallery specializes in original art including paintings, blown glass, woodworking, pottery, and Native American and contemporary jewelry. The gallery works hard to represent over 400 national and regional artists. Come see what's new in the gallery on your next trip to Laramie.

GALLERY WEST & THE FRAME PLANT

• 121 E. Iverson Ave. - (307) 742-3245
Laramie's premier museum-quality framing company also offers limited-edition art prints, fine art photography, gifts and more. Visit the gallery located in downtown for expert advice on displaying your fine artwork.

GRABO' GALLERY OF FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY

• 305 S. 2nd St. - (307) 745-3682
Look for this gallery in the back of the Spectacle Emporium situated in the heart of downtown Laramie. Located in a historic building,

not only will you find historic pioneer photos, you'll also find scenic Laramie and Wyoming photography prints in this gallery.

UW ART MUSEUM

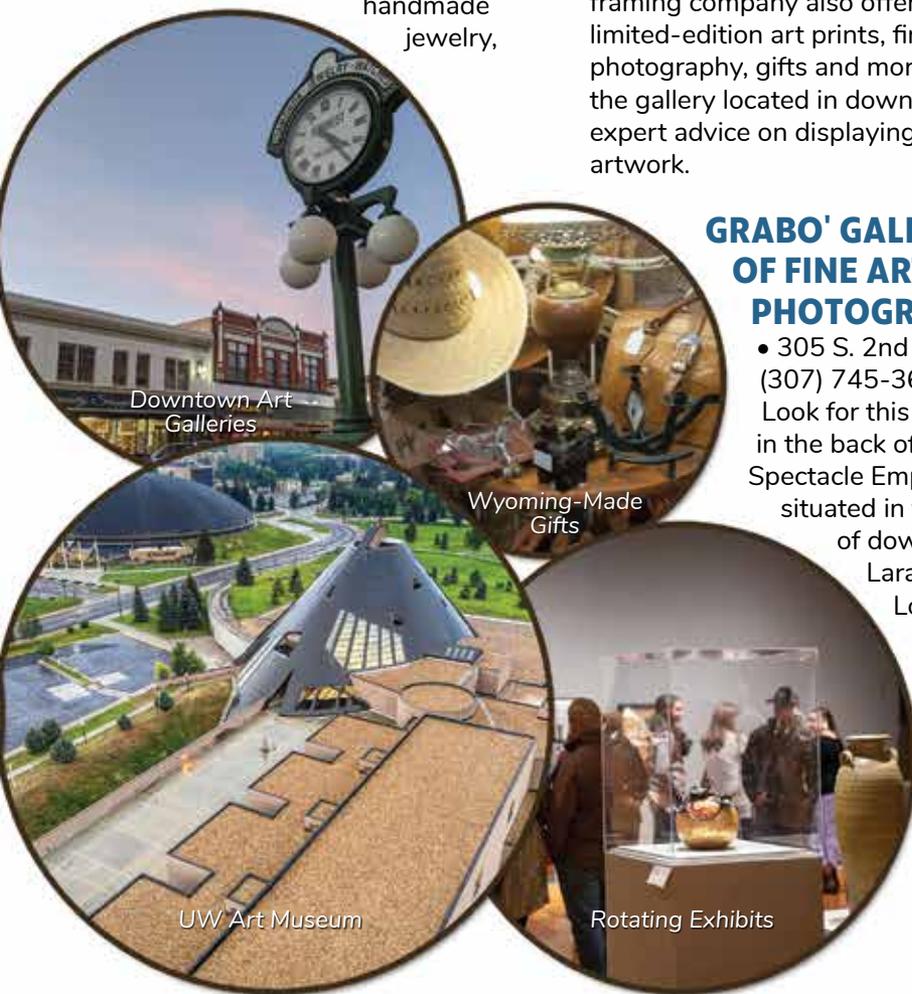
• 2111 E. Willett Dr. - (307) 766-6622
The University of Wyoming Art Museum presents and collects world-class art and objects by regional, national, and international artists, and art from the American West. The museum's gallery schedule can be found online.

WORKS OF WYOMING

• 300 S. 2nd St. - (307) 460-3304
Works of Wyoming (WOW) was created to encourage Wyoming artists with networking, training and workshops, art community building, and marketing opportunities. WOW offers Wyoming-produced products and one-of-a-kind works of art to purchasers and collectors. Discover fiber arts, jewelry, leatherwork, original paintings, photography, pottery, wood works, and more.

Did You Know?

- Southeastern Wyoming is home to several famous authors, including C.J. Box and Lee Child.
- The Laramie Mural Project has grown to include over 20 murals scattered across the city.
- Albany County has over 40 sites that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places that are consistently subjects for creative Wyoming-ites.





Museums & Monuments

WYOMING TERRITORIAL PRISON STATE HISTORIC SITE

In 1872, the Wyoming Territorial Prison housed more than 1,000 “evil doers of all classes and kinds,” including the notorious Butch Cassidy. In 1903, after the completion of a new prison in Rawlins, the University of Wyoming incorporated the buildings and grounds into the College of Agriculture. Now a museum, visitors can walk into the strap iron cells where convicts were locked up, worked, and lived. The iconic site offers restored historic buildings, museum exhibits, nature trail, special events, and gift shop.

LARAMIE PLAINS MUSEUM

The Laramie Plains Museum, housed in the historic Ivinson property, is a distinctive look back at Laramie’s unique history. Rescued from a decade of decay and near demolition by the early 1970s, the 1892 mansion of early Laramie pioneers Edward and Jane Ivinson is the perfect showcase for guided tours of Laramie area history. For information on the museum’s seasonal tour hours and special events, call ahead.

LARAMIE HISTORIC RAILROAD DEPOT

The Depot is the only remaining building left from the once large Union Pacific presence in Laramie and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. The railroad is the reason for the city’s original existence, making the Depot an important part of Laramie’s historic legacy.

UW GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

The University of Wyoming Geological Museum displays one of only five full Apatosaurus fossils in the world, along with “Big Al,”

the most complete Allosaurus fossil ever unearthed. The museum boasts several interactive exhibits for adults and children alike. Admission is free, making for an enjoyable and educational experience without worrying about your pocketbook. Located on the UW campus next to an enormous Tyrannosaurus Rex statue, this treasure trove is open every day except Sunday and holidays.

UW ART MUSEUM

On the northern edge of campus, the University of Wyoming Art Museum and American Heritage Center rises like a steel mountain from the surrounding plains. In addition to housing one of the state’s finest art collections, the building also serves as a repository for manuscripts, rare books, and official archives including works from the comic book legend, Stan Lee. Admission is free.

UW PLANETARIUM

Also called the Harry C. Vaughan Planetarium, the UW Planetarium first opened in 1969 and has served the community for many years with shows for the public, for K-12 students, and for college astronomy teaching. Tickets for shows can be found on the UW Department of Physics and Astronomy’s website.

WYOMING WOMEN'S HISTORY HOUSE

Located in downtown Laramie, the Wyoming Women’s History House celebrates the achievements of 13 famous Wyoming women. Learn about Wyoming’s changemakers, the first woman to vote, Louisa Swain, and why Wyoming is called the Equality State. Call ahead to ensure

there is a tour available during your trip, (307) 760-7771.

NICI SELF MUSEUM

Located in Centennial, Wyoming and partially housed in a 1907 Hahn’s Peak and Pacific Railroad depot, the Nici Self Museum exhibits depict the general history of the Centennial Valley. The museum is open Memorial Day through Labor Day and admission is free.

WILLIAMS CONSERVATORY

Located in the Aven Nelson building at the University of Wyoming, the greenhouse is home to over 600 tropical, neotropical, temperate, and arid species from around the world. Conservatory facilities are used by researchers, educators, students in both K-12 and post-secondary levels, artists, horticulture enthusiasts, and the general public. Admission is free.



SEE PAGES 41-42 FOR A MAP OF THE MUSEUMS



Broom Factory
WY Territorial Prison State Historic Site



#29 Laramie

The Laramie Mural Project

Founded in 2011, the Laramie Mural Project was a collaboration between the University of Wyoming Art Museum, local Laramie artists, and the Laramie Main Street Alliance. Since its founding, murals continue to pop-up around town. The tour below contains only the walkable, downtown murals.



#41 Katherine Fowler Billings



#34 Cowgirls



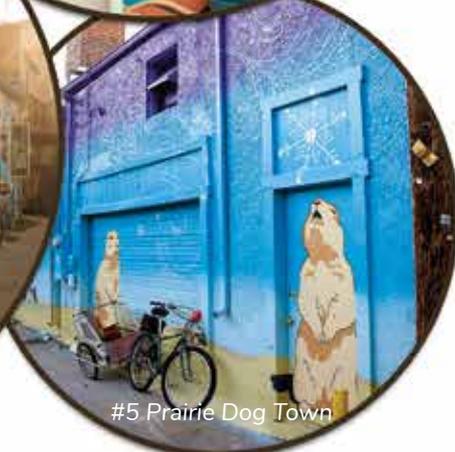
#35-40 Wild West Social Justice



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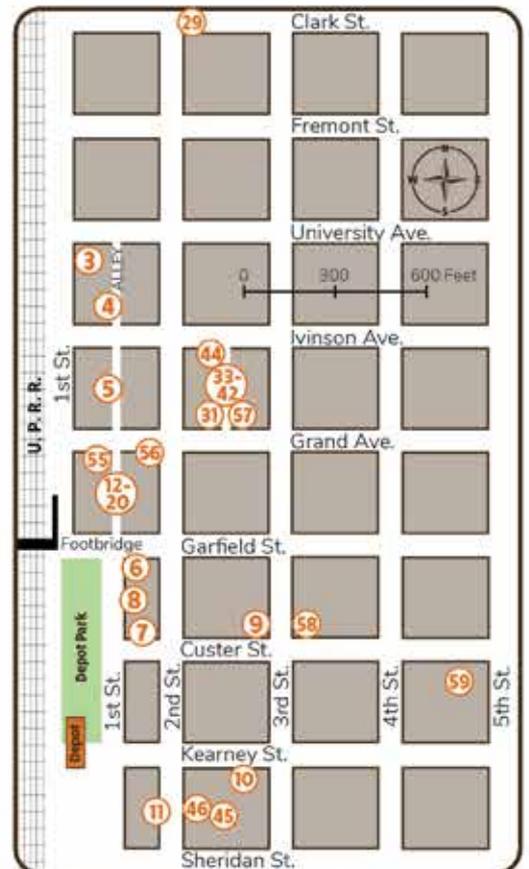


#55 Helping Hands



#5 Prairie Dog Town

Downtown Laramie Murals



[VIEW MORE MURALS ONLINE](#)



Self-Guided Tours



Historic Downtown Laramie

The city of Laramie was founded in 1868 as a major stop on the Union Pacific Railroad (U.P.) — a place where steam engines were fueled, repaired, and made ready to haul passengers and freight. Early arrivals on the first trains included a volatile mixture of respectable, hard-working citizens from the East and a mixed bag of thugs who rode the rails while trying to stay one step ahead of the law. Within a few months, some of the West's most notorious criminals threatened the town's very existence, their rowdy and often murderous behavior driving away law-abiding people. Out of desperation, a citizens' vigilante committee was formed to take control, capturing and hanging some of the worst offenders and causing others to flee to the next end-of-the-tracks town. With law and order established, good people like businessman and philanthropist Edward Iverson and trailblazing Louisa Swain — the first woman in history to cast a vote in a general election — began to build a prosperous community destined to grow into a progressive university town with a stable economic base.

Learn about the places where Laramie's first citizens lived, worked, and made their mark on this historic town.



**SCAN THIS CODE TO
READ ABOUT EACH
LOCATION'S HISTORY**

1. U.P. Railroad Footbridge & Depot

- Garfield St. & 1st St.

2. Lovejoy's Novelty Works

- 412 S. 2nd St.

3. Triple Hanging

- Between Custer St. & Garfield St.

4. Holliday Building

- East side of 2nd St. between Custer St. & Garfield St.

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5. WY House for Historic Women

- East Side of 2nd St.

6. Jensen Building

- 313 S. 2nd St.

7. Home Bakery

- 304 S. 2nd St.

8. 305 S. 2nd St.

9. Wagner Building

- 209 Grand Ave.

10. Connor Hotel

- NE corner of 3rd St. & Grand Ave.

11. Carnegie Library (City Offices)

- NE corner of 4th St. & Grand Ave.

12. City Hall & Fire Station

- SE corner of 4th St. & Iverson Ave.

13. Masonic Temple

- NE corner of 4th St. & Iverson Ave.

14. St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral

- SE corner of 4th St. & Iverson Ave.

15. First Interstate Bank

- NW corner of 3rd St. and Iverson Ave.

16. Ludwig Photography

- 313 S. 2nd St.

17. Melville C. Brown Building

- 204 Iverson Ave.

18. NW Corner of 2nd St. & Iverson Ave.

19. Empress/Fox Theater

- Center of block, west side

20. Elks Lodge

- SE corner of 2nd St. & University Ave.

21. Methodist Episcopal Church

- NW corner of 2nd St. & University Ave.

22. Buckhorn Bar

- 114 Iverson Ave.

23. Kuster Hotel

- 106-110 Iverson Ave.

24. Hesse Hall

- NE corner of 1st St. & Iverson Ave.

25. First State Bank Building

- SE corner of 2nd St. & Iverson Ave.

26. Simon Durlacher Building

- 203 S. 2nd St.

27. Midwest Block Building

- SW corner of 2nd St. & Iverson Ave.

28. 206 S. 2nd St.

29. Albany Mutual Building Association

- NE corner of 2nd St. & Grand Ave.

30. NW corner of 2nd St. & Grand Ave.

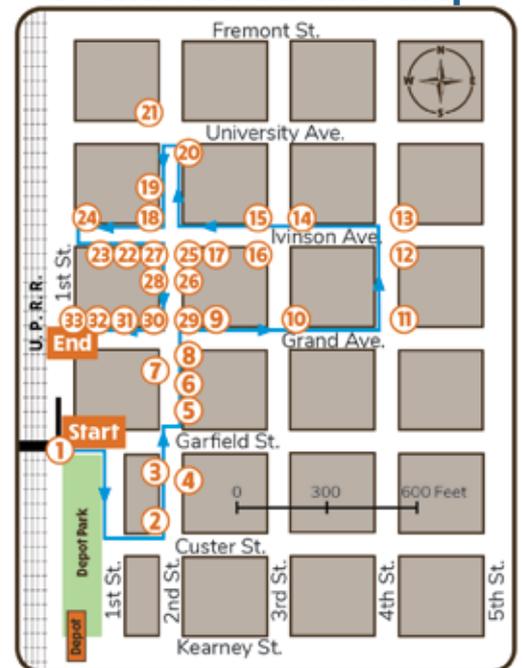
31. 111 Grand Ave.

32. 107 & 105 Grand Ave.

33. Johnson Hotel

- NE corner of 1st St. & Grand Ave.

Downtown Laramie Map



Historic Campus of the University of Wyoming



Parking can be found on the streets surrounding campus. This walking tour is about one mile long.

1. Prexy's Pasture

The name supposedly refers to a hard-to-find university regulation that, along with a salary, the university president, or "prexy," be given exclusive use of the pasture to tether his horse.

2. Ross Hall

Constructed in 1959 and opened as a women's dormitory in 1960, Ross Hall since 1976 has housed academic offices for a number of departments. The building is named for the nation's first woman governor, Nellie Tayloe Ross, elected governor of Wyoming in 1924.

3. Knight Hall

Officially named for Emma Howell Knight, who served as Dean of Women from 1911-1921. The structure served as a dormitory until 1971 and was converted into offices in 1972. When excavation began for the building, five bodies were unearthed, several with evidence of bullet wounds. Another body was found in 2004.

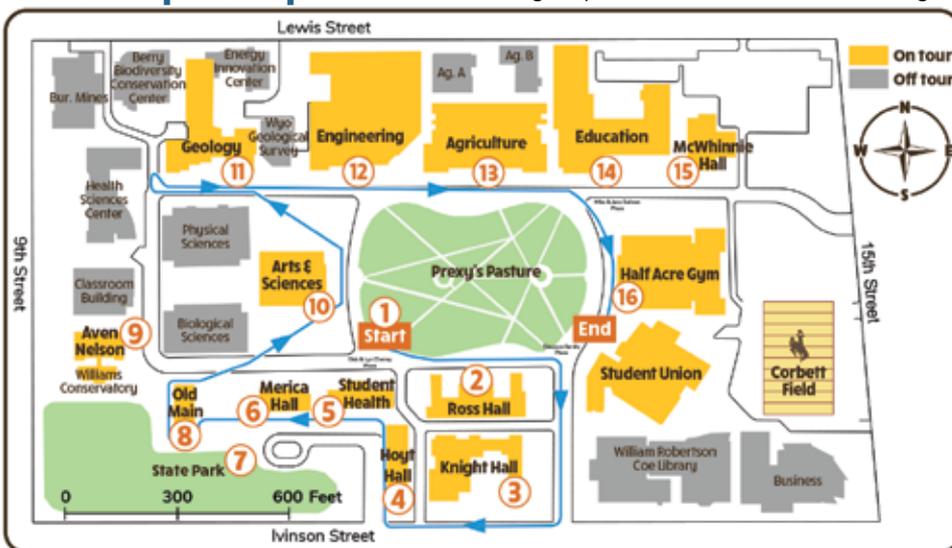
4. Hoyt Hall

Hoyt Hall was named for the university's first president, John Hoyt, who had also served as a Wyoming territorial governor. The structure now houses academic offices.

5. Cheney International Center & Student Health

This building housed the School of Nursing until 2005 when that program moved to the Health Sciences Building. Previously, the location had frequently been used for military drills.

UW Campus Map



6. Merica Hall

The first dormitory building for women constructed on campus, Merica Hall was completed in 1908. It is named after Charles Merica, UW president from 1908-1912. Originally, this building was built of red brick, but it "stuck out like a sore thumb" amidst all the other sandstone buildings. So someone decided to paint the brick pink to blend in and it has remained that way ever since.

7. State Park

When campus officials considered building the future Ross Hall, nearby residents were concerned that the area represented one of the last open spaces on campus. Consequently, the Wyoming Legislature passed a bill that set the land aside permanently as a Wyoming State Park. (Prexy's Pasture was set aside also in the 1960s.)

8. Old Main

This building comprised the University of Wyoming when it opened in 1887 – even before its construction was completed. As early as 1881, Gov. John Hoyt had requested that the State Legislature accept 65 sections of federal lands to establish a university. Action was not taken until 1885, however.

9. Aven Nelson Building

Built in 1924 to house the University Library, the building itself is named for one of the original five faculty at UW, a man who became nationally renowned in his field of botany, and spent several years as university president before stepping aside just as this building was completed.

10. Arts & Sciences Building

Originally known as the Liberal Arts Building,

the contract for its construction was let in January-February 1935. At the time, about 28 percent of the stone for the structure already had been quarried.

11. Geology Building

The original part was built in 1902 as "Science Hall." The rest was added in 1954 when the cornerstone was laid, including the distinctive Geological Museum, free and open to the public, containing Wyoming geological exhibits.

12. Engineering Building

The original portion of the building was constructed in 1927. In the early years of UW, engineering and agriculture were combined in one college. The Petroleum Aeronautics wing was added to the west in 1959. An even larger addition to the east and north was built in 1983.

13. Agriculture Building

Completed in 1949, the structure received a huge addition to the rear in 1981. Immediately behind the new addition was the annex housing the sales room for the College of Agriculture where one could purchase cheese, ice cream, and other products produced by the UW dairy farm. The sales room closed in the 1970s and was demolished in 2013.

14. Education Building & McWhinnie

Constructed in 1950, the building contains murals by well-known muralist Edward Grigware. At one time, it was possible for a student to start out in preschool, go through high school, then graduate with a bachelor's degree in education—all in this building. To the east of the Education Building is McWhinnie Hall, built in 1928. Campus planners joke that the architect, W.A. Hitchcock, must have been paid by the number of steps he put into the building.

15. Half Acre Gym

Built in 1925 with funds from oil royalties earned on university-owned land, the gym replaced the "Little Gym" that was located behind Old Main.

16. Student Union Building

The structure was authorized by the legislature in 1937 and built in 1939. Additions in 1979 and 2002 completely changed the internal layout of the building.

SCAN THIS CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAMPUS



Self-Guided Tours



The Old Lincoln Highway

When the Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway across the US, opened in 1913, no structured highway maintenance system existed. Motorists were mostly on their own to find their way along a route that could quickly vanish under heavy snow, thick mud, or spring floods. There was no Wyoming Highway Patrol, no speed limit, and not even a requirement for drivers to be licensed (circa. 1947). In spite of these challenges – or maybe because of them – the romance of the historic Lincoln Highway lives on.

This tour starts and ends in Laramie and will take roughly 3 hours (165 mi.) to complete.

Head east on I-80, towards Cheyenne. You will pass through Telephone Canyon, through which the LH passed starting in 1919.

1. Summit Rest Area

- I-80 Exit 323

The imposing Abraham Lincoln Memorial Monument as well as a few other historic markers sit on top of the Summit. Look for the Henry Joy monument surrounded by four Lincoln Highway concrete markers.

As you leave the rest area, cross the bridge over I-80 and continue straight up the hill onto old US 30.

2. Original Summit

- Old US 30

The "Lincoln Head" Lincoln Monument was originally here (8,835 ft. elevation) on US 30, but was moved in 1968 when I-80 was built.

Continue on old US 30 to the I-80 Exit 329.

3. Tree in the Rock

- I-80 Exit 333

This natural landmark is between the Interstate's east-west lanes. There is a pull-out where you can safely park, read interpretive signs, and reverse directions to return to Exit 329.

The next ten miles are on gravel roads not suitable for some vehicles. Take Monument Rd. south to its intersection with Hermosa Rd.

4. Ames Monument

- 210 Monument Rd.

Ames Monument stands alone, overlooking the surrounding prairie.

Years ago there was a station, roundhouse, and turntable, around which grew the town of Sherman. When the tracks were relocated around 1901, the little town dried up. The cemetery can still be seen.

Returning to Hermosa Rd. Most of the route to Tie Siding is on top of the original Lincoln Highway of 1913.

5. Tie Siding

- Hermosa Rd. & US Hwy. 287

Tie Siding, originally just east of the railroad tracks, was established in 1874 and became a railroad loading point. It had about 60 residents in 1901.

Two prehistoric buffalo kill sites have been found to the west, along with some of the oldest evidence of human occupation in the Laramie Basin (the Folsom Culture - 12,500 years old).

Head north on US 287 to return to Laramie. Turn left onto Howe Rd. which quickly turns north and becomes Ft. Sanders Rd.

6. Old Guardhouse

- Ft. Sanders Rd.

Historic Ft. Sanders (active 1866-1892) was established along this road. Now, the remnants of a guardhouse, here and at the Cavalryman Steakhouse (US 287), are the only components that remain.

Continue north on Ft. Sanders Rd. You'll be diverted back to US 287/3rd St., head north. (the original highway connected to 2nd St.) Head north on 3rd St. for 20 mi. to Bosler.

7. Bosler

- US Hwy. 30/287

You are now in Bosler, platted in 1909. Until 1919, the town was on the west side of the railroad tracks. The original highway crossed the tracks at this point and remained west of the tracks for the next nine or ten miles to the north; in 1924 it was relocated east of the tracks.

Bosler was a promoter's dream, with irrigation ditches planned and "fine cabbage farming" recommended. Unfortunately, the dream never materialized.

Head north on US 287 to Rock River.

8. Rock River

- US Hwy. 30/287

Rock River has preserved the remains of the Lincoln Highway well over the years. Off to the right when you enter town, look for the Hostler's General Store where there is a Lincoln Highway gas pump. A block north is a road marker.

Head north on US 287 to the Fossil Cabin turn off on the right-hand side of the road.

9. Como Bluff & Fossil Cabin

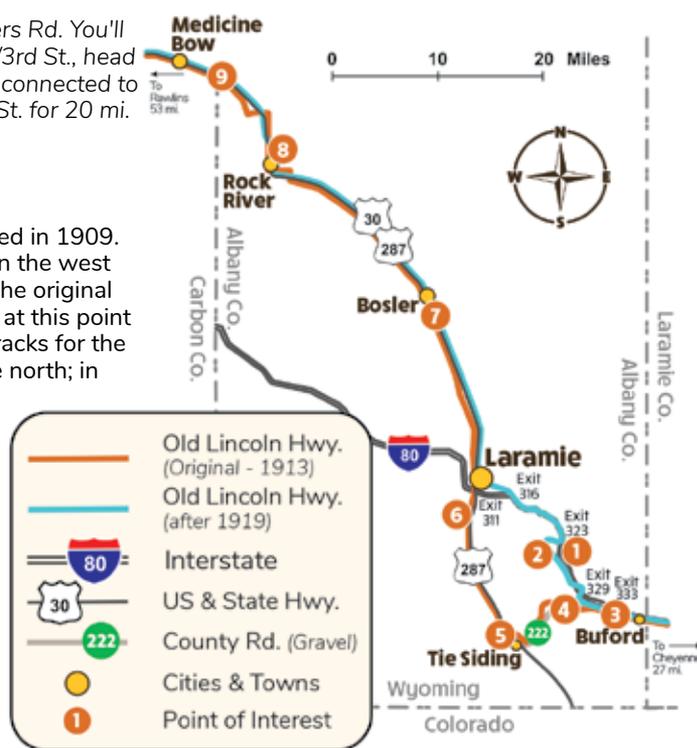
- US Hwy. 30/287

Constructed of masonry and dinosaur bones, the Fossil Cabin is touted as "the world's oldest building." Fossils representing many species of dinosaurs were found in 1877 at Como Bluff, the nearby ridge running east-west behind the cabin.

The fossil cabin is set to move to the museum in Medicine Bow and where more Lincoln Highway memorabilia is housed.

To end the tour, return back to Laramie. If you wish to continue on the Lincoln Highway, US 30/287 continues west to Rawlins.

SCAN THIS CODE
TO VIEW THE FULL
TOUR ONLINE



Railroads of Albany County



1. Laramie Depot & Railyard - 600 S. 1st St.

The depot was built in 1924 to replace a former station and hotel, which burned in 1917. It has been fully restored and serves as a museum and community events center. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of historic downtown Laramie.

Walk south of the depot to see the historic "snow train", steam engine, bunk car, and caboose. The wedge plow kept the tracks cleared during fierce winters.

Walk north to the footbridge. This bridge, built in 1929, provides an unparalleled vantage point for watching trains as they pass through Laramie. The original 1868 mainline is the seventh track from the east end of the bridge.

Below the footbridge, you can see the U.P. yard tracks and rail welding plant are still intact. Now, rarely used, this was once a far different place when the mighty steam engines of days gone by roared in and out of Laramie.

To view the Laramie, Hahns Peak, & Pacific (LHP&P) railway trestle bridge, take a slight detour and walk west to Optimist Park (2 blocks) where the Greenbelt walking path starts. The trestle is a part of the path, north of the park.

2. Sherman Hill & The Gangplank - I-80 Exits 345-329

Drive 35 miles east of Laramie, take Exit 345. At this rest stop sits a sign depicting The Gangplank formation, a bridge between the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains which allowed the U.P. to continue building the railway west. If it had not been discovered, Wyoming's history and geography would have been drastically altered and Cheyenne, Wyoming's capital, might not have existed at all.

Take the frontage road (Old US 30) west, notice the embankments of the original U.P. grade along the route until you return to I-80. Continue west and take Exit 335 to the town of Buford. Buford once had a population of 2,000 people. Looking south here, this vista was once a working quarry, providing "Sherman Granite" for much of the U.P.

Continuing west on I-80, stop at Exit 333 to view the Tree in the Rock and Exit 329 to view Ames Monument and the old town of Sherman.

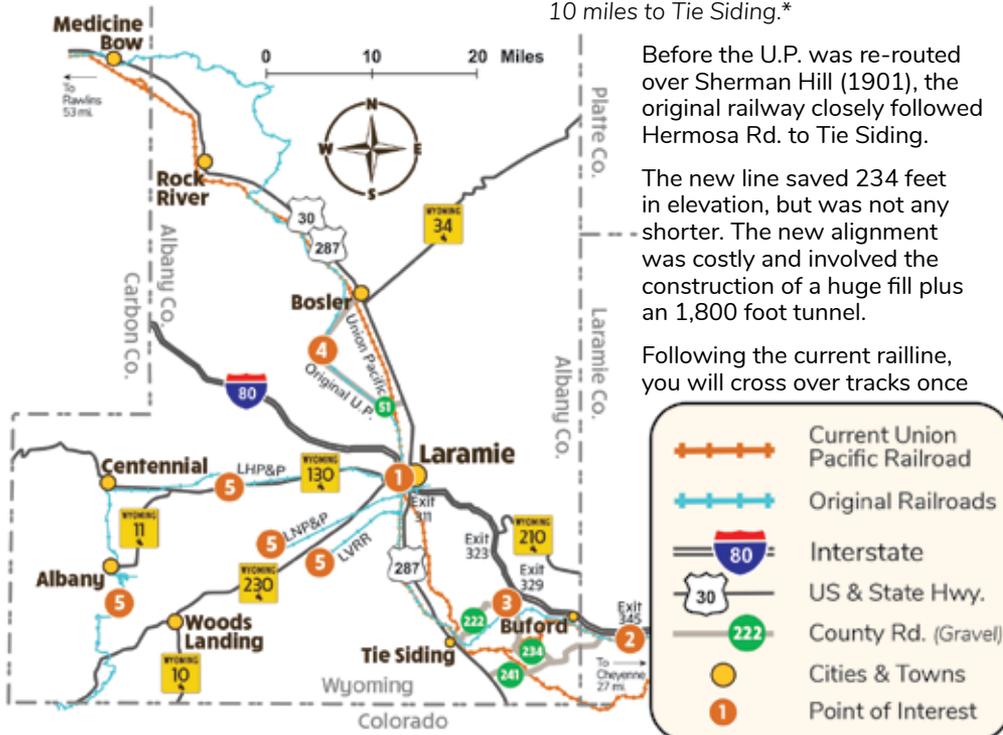
3. Route to Perkins - Monument Rd. & Pumpkin Vine Rd.

The next 28 miles are on gravel roads not suitable for some vehicles. *If you are short on time, take Hermosa Rd. (#222) 10 miles to Tie Siding.*

Before the U.P. was re-routed over Sherman Hill (1901), the original railway closely followed Hermosa Rd. to Tie Siding.

The new line saved 234 feet in elevation, but was not any shorter. The new alignment was costly and involved the construction of a huge fill plus an 1,800 foot tunnel.

Following the current railline, you will cross over tracks once



on Monument Rd. (#234) and once on Pumpkin Vine Rd. (#241). Perkins sat at the Pumpkin Vine crossing.

The famous Dale Creek gorge is nearby, but please do not trespass as it is on private land. Take Pumpkin Vine Rd. west until you reach US 287. Head north back to Laramie.

4. U.P. North - US Hwy. 30/287

The current railline parallels US 30/287 north through the small towns of Bosler and Rock River. The original line made a small detour before Bosler to the old site of "Wyoming, Wyoming".

Turn onto Howell Rd. (#51) at MM 321 on US 30/287. Where the Little Laramie and Big Laramie rivers join is where Wyoming Station was. Follow Howell Rd. into Bosler. Continue north on the highway.

The original line never passed through Rock River, but rather northeast of the town. Medicine Bow, on the other hand, has always been situated on a railline.

In Medicine Bow, the Virginian Hotel and the railroad station, now a museum, were built in 1912 and 1913, respectively. Medicine Bow was home to Owen Wister's novel, "The Virginian," which is often considered the world's first western novel.

Return to Laramie.

5. Other Railroads - Albany County

Other rail lines around Albany County weren't as long-lived as the U.P., but were just as important for the local economy. The roadbeds are still visible, but they are primarily on private land.

- Laramie North Park & Pacific (LNP&P) - 1901-1951
- Laramie Valley Railroad (LVRR) - 1927-1980s
- Denver Laramie & Northwestern (DL&NW) - 1906-1917
- Laramie Hahns Peak & Pacific (LHP&P) - 1901-1914

The LHP&P between Albany and the Colorado border, was converted to the Medicine Bow Rail Trail in 2007. A popular trail for hikers and bikers.

SCAN THIS CODE TO VIEW THE FULL TOUR ONLINE



Self-Guided Tours



If you're expecting country music and cowboy boots, that's what you'll get in Laramie, but you'll also get beloved cafes, more eclectic

bistros than you have ever imagined, craft beer, craft cheese, craft ice cream, and craft chocolate. Unexpected? That's Laramie, Wyoming. The Historic Downtown district is located next to an active railyard and periodically Laramie's old buildings rumble as a train goes by. A large foot and bicycle bridge join the east and west sections of the town making it easy for you to explore all Laramie has to offer.

LOCAL FAVORITES

Laramie, Wyoming is known for many things. Chief among them are great outdoor recreation opportunities, rich history, and high-quality education. While it may not be the first thing that comes to mind, Laramie also stands out for its delicious dining options. Offering everything from a mouth-watering steak at the Cavalryman, to raw fish at Mizu Sushi, to Wyoming's only fully vegetarian restaurant at Sweet Melissa Café, Laramie is a unique destination for those seeking a great local meal.

If you are looking for hearty American dishes characteristic of a quiet western town, you will find those here, too. But also be sure

to check out dozens of diverse restaurant offerings, including Thai, Japanese, Mexican, Italian, Indian, and more. After your meal, enjoy a pint of frothy locally-brewed beer from Coal Creek TAP or answer your morning cravings at Turtle Rock Coffee & Cafe or a quaint hometown diner like Prairie Rose Cafe.

SWEET TREATS

Searching for something to satisfy your sweet tooth? From locally-owned diamonds in the rough to familiar chains, there are delights for every palate. Laramie offers a variety of choices from a downtown chocolatier, The Chocolate Cellar, to off-the-beaten path bakeries to homemade ice cream parlors. Grab a sweet treat at Sugar Mouse Cupcake House while shopping downtown or a few pastries from Alibi Wood Fire Pizzeria & Bakery for a picnic out around the county.

WORTH THE DRIVE

When you find yourself exploring outside of Laramie, the smaller cities and communities around Albany County are also available to offer you outstanding service. Catch a live show in Centennial during the warmer months at the Bear Bottom Bar & Grill and grab a juicy, Wyoming-raised steak across the road at the Trading Post. Or warm up from a cold winter trek in the mountains with a burger from the Albany Lodge or the Woods

Local

Eateries

Landing Resort. It's safe to say you'll discover the perfect meal when you least expect it.

Only able to make a quick stop along the interstate? Discover authentic Indian cuisine from the new Buffalo Indian Restaurant at its convenient interstate location.

FOOD TRUCKS

Enjoy Laramie's finest at these traveling food trucks! Yes, you heard that right. Experience what Wyoming locals get to savor by catching the trucks around town, at Laramie's summer farmers' markets, or in other cities across the state. Quite a few of Laramie's food trucks have caught the nation's attention including Weitzels Wings AKA Double Dubs and On the Hook Fish & Chips. Check each vendor's website or social media for their updated schedules and locations so you too can enjoy some of Laramie's favorite eats.

**TAKE THE
FOODIE TOUR
ONLINE**



Local Breweries

Sometimes, the best way to enjoy your trip is to simply relax and have a beer. Slow down. Watch the world go by. This makes Laramie a splendid location for a brewery tour.

When it comes to small, local breweries housing some of the finest ales in the Mountain West, look no further than Laramie. The historic downtown is full of delicious craft beer and scores points for fewer crowds and walkable convenience, boasting a surprising five local breweries located within just a few blocks of one another. Proximity and quality have made Laramie a real beacon for the craft beer enthusiast and the craft beer curious alike.

ACCOMPLICE BEER COMPANY

• 301 Grand Ave. - (307) 460-3130

Accomplice Brewery has been a favorite of Cheyenne beer enthusiasts since 2016, and opened up a location in Laramie in January



**TAKE THE
BREWERY TOUR
ONLINE**

2020 right at the corner of 3rd Street and Grand Avenue. Accomplice offers pub-style food alongside its microbrews, including a wide array of snacks, salads, artisan pizzas, “san-which’s”, and delicious desserts.

ALTITUDE CHOPHOUSE & BREWERY

• 320 S. 2nd St. - (307) 721-4031

Altitude Chophouse & Brewery has long been the cornerstone of great craft beer and fine dining in Laramie, with an atmosphere that is at once elegant and casual. Altitude won two gold medals in recent years at one of the world’s most prestigious beer competitions—the World Beer Cup—for its Altitude Altbier (2014 and 2018). If that doesn’t impress you enough, Altitude also brought home more medals than any other brewery in the United States at the 2017 American Beer Awards, and over the years, they have received over 25 awards at regional brew fests.

BOND'S BREWING COMPANY

• 411 S. 2nd St. - (307) 460-3385

Downtown Laramie is dotted with beautiful murals; Bond’s brings one of them inside. A spectacular mural of a mountain range, created by local artist Dan Toro, looms over the industrial brewing equipment and contributes to a lovely atmosphere. The brewery also features a gas

log fireplace that is oh-so-welcome on a cold day, and for warmer days, its garage-style doors open up to let in an abundance of fresh air and sunshine. Bond’s currently has a diverse list of beers, from the deeply flavourful stout to the frankly-named, easy-drinking “Beer.” Bond’s is family-friendly and has several board games on hand.

COAL CREEK TAP

• 108 Grand Ave. - (307) 460-9556

Coal Creek TAP, Laramie’s only “nano-brewery,” opened its doors in March of 2014, right as the coffee house turned 21 (naturally). Known for their flavorful and high ABV beers, Coal Creek offers its brews in 5 oz, 10 oz, and 16 oz pours so that you can try what you want without fear of falling off your stool.

LIBRARY SPORTS GRILLE & BREWERY

• 201 E. Custer St. - (307) 742-0500

“Don’t lie to your mom, tell her you’re at the Library.” This has long been the alibi for the sports-loving crowd that frequents this Laramie brewery. The Library boasts a deep menu of staple and seasonal beers and a pub-style menu. Televisions are plentiful and make every seat in the house a “good seat” for watching your favorite sports team.



Self-Guided Tours

Centennial

Table in the Wilderness

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Snowy Hideout

Trading Post Cabin

Grace Cabin

Mountain Meadow Cabins

Centennial Trust Co.

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The Friendly Motel

Old Corral Hotel

Mountain View Hotel

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LOCATED NEAR CENTENNIAL

Albany Lodge 1

Aspen Creek Cabin 25

Brooklyn Lodge 26

Deerwood Station 28

Double Mule Shoe Ranch 30

J4Brehm's Ranch 33

Snowy Mountain Lodge 38

Vee Bar Guest Ranch 41

Medicine Bow Natl. Forest 51

LOCATED NEAR ROCK RIVER

Longhorn Lodge 16

Dodge Creek Ranch 29

Shirley's B&B 46

Medicine Bow Natl. Forest 51

LOCATED NEAR WOODS LANDING

Dodge Creek Ranch 29

El Rancho Pequeno 31

Woods Landing Resort 42

WyColo Lodge 43

Medicine Bow Natl. Forest 51

Historic Downtown

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Travel Inn

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The Mercantile Lofts

1ST ST.

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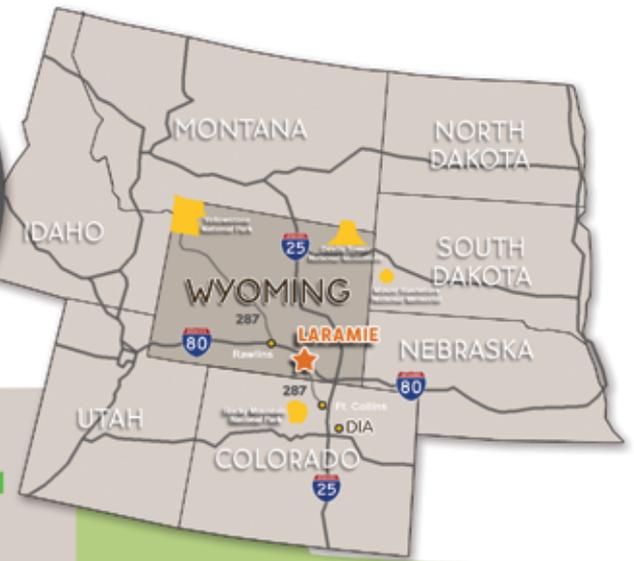
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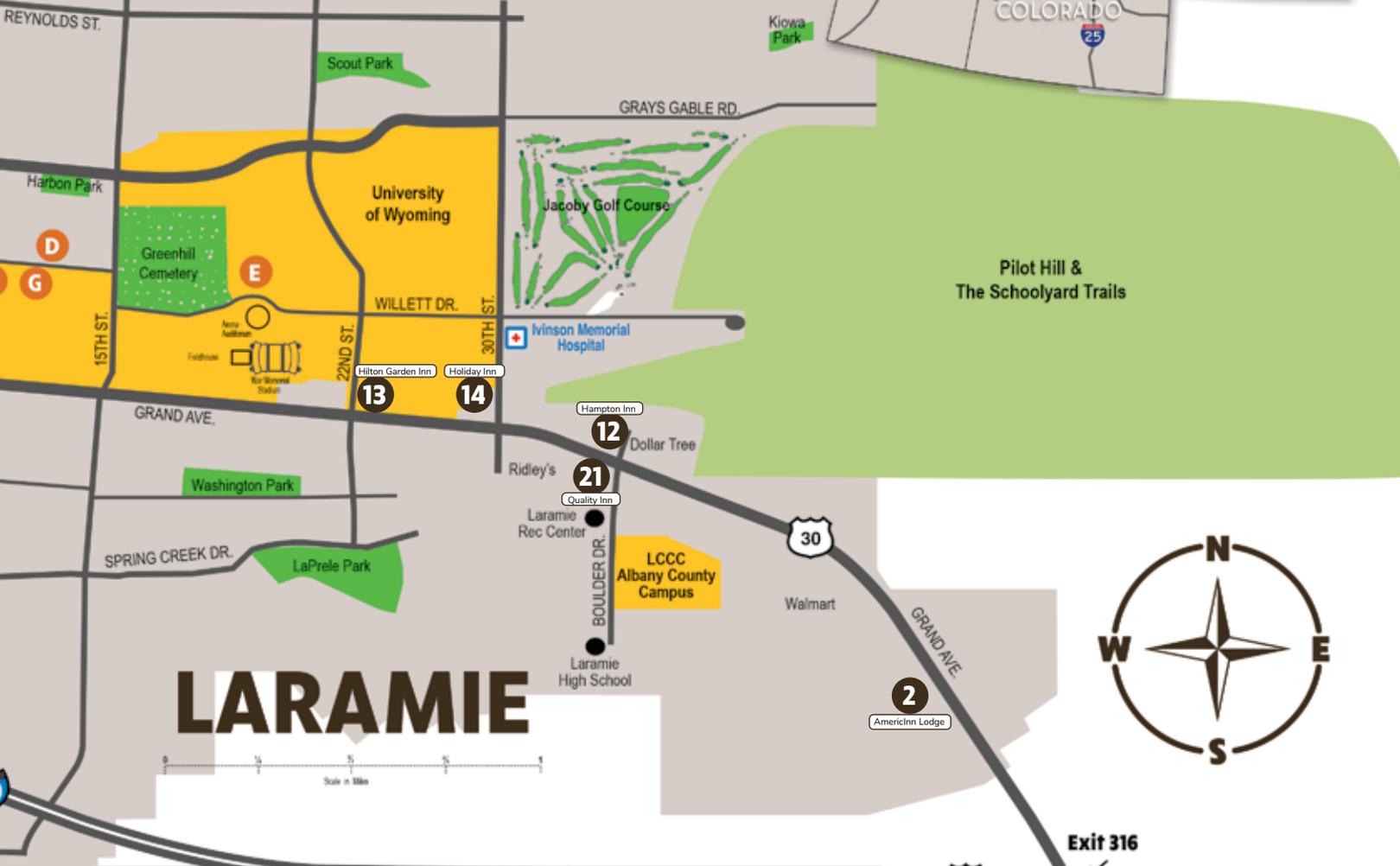
Footbridge

Depot Park

Visitor Center
800 S. 3rd St.



	Interstate Highway		Museum/Location
	Federal Highway		Lodging Locations Pages 11-18
	State Highway		Area of Interest
	Railroad		Cemetery
	Downtown Laramie		



LARAMIE

Laramie Museums

A	Historic Iverson Mansion	603 Iverson Ave.	(307) 742-4448
B	Nici Self Museum	2734 Hwy. 130	(307) 742-7763
C	Laramie Railroad Depot Museum	600 S. 1st St.	(307) 399-7345
D	UW Anthropology Museum	12th St. & Lewis St.	(307) 766-5136
E	UW Art Museum	2111 E. Willett Dr.	(307) 766-6622
F	UW Geological Museum	S.H. Knight Geology Bldg.	(307) 766-2646
G	UW Insect Gallery	Agriculture Bldg.	(307) 766-5338
H	UW Planetarium	Physical Sciences Bldg.	(307) 766-6150
I	Wyoming Women's History House	317 S. 2nd St.	(307) 760-7771
J	Wyoming Territorial Prison State Historic Site	975 Snowy Range Rd.	(307) 745-3733

LOCATED NEAR BUFORD

Cowgirls Horse Hotel	Vista de la Luna
Curt Gowdy State Park	Medicine Bow Natl. Forest



Laramie & Albany County

Lodging

Hotels & Motels	Address	Phone #	Website
1 Albany Lodge	1148 Hwy. 11, Laramie, WY	(307) 745-5782	albanylodge.com
2 AmericInn Lodge & Suites	4712 E. Grand Ave., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-0777	americinn.com
3 Americas Best Value Inn	523 S. Adams St., Laramie, WY	(307) 721-8860	redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn
4 Best Western	1767 N. Banner Rd., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-5700	bestwesternwyoming.com
5 Budget Inn	2313 Soldier Springs Rd., Laramie, WY	(307) 460-9999	hotels.com/ho107781
6 Comfort Inn	1655 Centennial Dr., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-6665	choicehotels.com
7 Days Inn	1368 McCue St., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-5678	daysinn.com
8 Econo Lodge	1370 McCue St., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-8900	econolodge.com
9 Fairfield Inn & Suites	1673 Centennial Dr., Laramie, WY	(307) 460-2100	marriott.com/larfi
10 The Friendly Store & Motel	2758 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 742-6033	friendlystorewy.com
11 Gas Lite Motel	960 N. 3rd St., Laramie, WY	(307) 399-6176	gas-lite-motel-laramie-wy.business.site
12 Hampton Inn	3715 E. Grand Ave., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-0125	hamptoninn3.hilton.com
13 Hilton Garden Inn	2229 Grand Ave., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-5500	laramie.stayhgi.com
14 Holiday Inn	204 S. 30th St., Laramie, WY	(307) 721-9000	ihg.com
15 Laramie Valley Inn	1104 S. 3rd St., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-4200	laramievalleyinn.com
16 Longhorn Lodge	362 N. 4th St., Rock River, WY	(307) 378-2555	longhornlodgerockriver.com
17 Motel 6	621 Plaza Ln., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-2307	motel6.com
18 Motel 8	501 Boswell Dr., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-4856	motel8laramie.com
19 Mountain View Historic Hotel	2747 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 742-3588	themountainviewhotel.com
20 Old Corral Hotel	2750 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 745-5918	oldcorral.com
21 Quality Inn	3420 E. Grand Ave., Laramie, WY	(307) 721-8856	choicehotels.com
22 Super 8	1987 Banner Rd., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-8901	super8.com
23 Travel Inn	262 N. 3rd St., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-4853	
24 Travelodge Laramie	421 Boswell Dr., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-3721	travelodge.com

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Lodging



	Wi-Fi	Pet Friendly	Breakfast	Bar/ Restaurant	Pool/Hot Tub	Fitness Center	RV/Truck Parking	Meeting Rooms	Laundry	Fridge/ Microwave	Airport Shuttle	Pricing (Peak Season)
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Cabins & Ranches	Address	Phone #	Website
25 Aspen Creek Cabin	1124 Hwy. 11, Albany, WY	(303) 437-0001	aspencreekcabin.com
26 Brooklyn Lodge	3540 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 742-6916	brooklynlodge.com
27 Centennial Trust Co. (Seasonal)	41 2nd St., Centennial, WY	(307) 721-4090	
28 Deerwood Station	599 Hwy. 11, Laramie, WY	(307) 742-3624	deerwoodstation.net
29 Dodge Creek Ranch	11 Dodge Creek Ranch Rd., Rock River, WY	(307) 322-2345	dodge-creekranch.com
30 Double Mule Shoe Ranch	14 Fox Creek Rd., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-5629	doublemuleshoeranch.com
31 El Rancho Pequeno	471 Hwy. 10, Woods Landing, WY	(720) 318-6272	vrbo.com/423139
32 Grace Cabin	14 Oak Ave., Centennial, WY	(720) 635-8839	airbnb.com/rooms/30795949
33 J4Brehm's Ranch	1218 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 742-2807	j4brehmsguestranch.com
34 Mason Loft Condos	611 University Ave., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-4448	laramiemuseum.org/mason_loft_condos
35 The Mercantile Lofts	308 S. 2nd St., Laramie, WY	(307) 760-4139	airbnb.com/rooms/19193313
36 Mountain Meadow Cabins	3519 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 760-6042	mtnmeadowcabins.com
37 Snowy Hideout	63 2nd St., Centennial, WY	(308) 870-2871	vrbo.com/422796
38 Snowy Mountain Lodge	3474 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 742-7669	snowymountainlodge.org
39 Table in the Wilderness	38 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 745-3055	tablecamp.org
40 The Trading Post Cabin	2753 Hwy. 130, Centennial, WY	(307) 222-6750	airbnb.com/rooms/41592968
41 Vee Bar Guest Ranch	38 Vee Bar Ranch Rd., Laramie, WY	(307) 745-7036	veebar.com
42 Woods Landing Resort	9 Hwy. 10, Woods Landing, WY	(307) 745-9638	woodslanding.com
43 WyColo Lodge	4039 Hwy. 230, Laramie, WY	(307) 745-3098	wycololodge.com

Bed & Breakfasts	Address	Phone #	Website
44 Cowgirls Horse Hotel	6822 Black Elk Tr., Laramie, WY	(307) 399-2502	cowgirlshorsehotel.com
45 Mad Carpenter Inn	353 N. 8th St., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-0870	madcarpenterinn.net

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Wi-Fi	Pet Friendly	Breakfast	Bar/ Restaurant	Pool/Hot Tub	RV/Truck Parking	Meeting Rooms	Laundry	Fridge/ Microwave	Pricing (Peak Season)	Notes
•								Full Kitch.	\$\$\$	Close to ski area. In total, 3 cabins sleeps 20.
•		•							\$\$\$\$	Close to ski area. B&B not open to public. Wedding & retreat venue.
									\$\$	Seasonal listing.
•					•		•	Full Kitch.	\$\$\$	Close to ski area. Sleeps 7.
									\$\$\$\$	Guided hunting service lodging. Groups of 2-4 preferred.
								Full Kitch.	\$\$	Close to ski area. Sleeps 7.
•	•						•	Full Kitch.	\$\$\$	Close to National Forest. Wedding & retreat venue. Sleeps 8.
•				•	•		•	Full Kitch.	\$\$\$	Close to ski area. Sauna & hot tub. Sleeps 14.
	•			•			•		\$\$	Close to ski area. Multiple cabins available.
•							•	Full Kitch.	\$\$	Close to Downtown Laramie & UW Campus. 2 units.
•	•						•	Full Kitch.	\$\$	Close to Downtown Laramie & UW Campus. Sleeps 8.
									\$\$	Close to ski area. Open to the public.
•					•		•		\$\$\$	Close to ski area. Sleeps 10.
						•		Full Kitch.	\$\$\$	Open to the public. Ministries retreats.
					•	•		Full Kitch.	\$\$\$\$	Close to national forest. Ministries camps & retreats.
•	•		•		•		•	Full Kitch.	\$\$	Close to ski area. Sleeps 6.
•		•	•	•					\$\$\$\$	Horseback riding, fishing, hiking. B&B open to public. Close to ski area.
•	•	•	•		•		•		\$\$	Close to National Forest. 10 RV hookup spaces. Historic dance hall.
•		•	•		•				\$\$\$	Close to National Forest.

Wi-Fi	Pet Friendly	Breakfast	RV/Truck Parking	Meeting Rooms	Laundry	Fridge/ Microwave	Pricing (Peak Season)	Notes
•	•	•	•			Full Kitch.	\$\$	Close to National Forest. Do-it-Yourself breakfast. Horse boarding.
•		•			•	•	\$\$	Close to UW Campus & Downtown Laramie. Game room.



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Bed & Breakfasts	Address	Phone #	Website
46 Shirley's Bed & Breakfast	1994 Hwy. 34, Wheatland, WY	(307) 322-4568	airbnb.com/rooms/19357330
47 Vista de la Luna	88 Monument Rd., Buford, WY	(307) 314-9511	vistadelaluna.com

Camping & RV Parks	Address	Phone #	Website
48 Albany County Fairgrounds	3510 S. 3rd St., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-3224	albanycountyfair.org
49 Curt Gowdy State Park	1264 Granite Springs Rd., Cheyenne, WY	(307) 632-7946	wyoparks.wyo.gov
50 KOA Campground	1271 Baker St., Laramie, WY	(307) 742-6553	koa.com
51 Medicine Bow National Forest	Rentals, Campgrounds, & Dispersed Camping listings in Albany County below.	(307) 745-2300 (877) 444-6777	recreation.gov
Brooklyn Lake Campground	Forest Service Rd. 317, Centennial, WY		
Curtis Gulch Campground	Forest Service Rd. 658, Douglas, WY		
Esterbrook Campground	Forest Service Rd. 633, Esterbrook, WY		
Friend Park Campground	Forest Service Rd. 661, Wheatland, WY		
Keystone Ranger Station	Forest Service Rd. 542, Albany, WY		
Lake Owen Campground	Forest Service Rd. 540, Albany, WY		
Libby Creek Willow Campground	Forest Service Rd. 351, Centennial, WY		
Libby Creek Pine Campground	Forest Service Rd. 351, Centennial, WY		
Little Brooklyn Guard Station	Forest Service Rd. 317, Centennial, WY		
Nash Fork Campground	Forest Service Rd. 317, Centennial, WY		
North Fork Campground	Forest Service Rd. 101, Centennial, WY		
Pelton Creek Campground	Forest Service Rd. 898, Centennial, WY		
Rob Roy Campground	Forest Service Rd. 557A, Albany, WY		
Spruce Mountain Fire Lookout	Forest Service Rd. 500, Albany, WY		
Sugarloaf Campground	Forest Service Rd. 346, Centennial, WY		
Tie City Campground	Forest Service Rd. 723, Laramie, WY		
Vedauwoo Campground	Forest Service Rd. 720, Laramie, WY		

*For more listings visit Visitlaramie.org or view AirBNB.com and VRBO.com.

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Wi-Fi	Pet Friendly	Breakfast	RV/Truck Parking	Meeting Rooms	Laundry	Fridge/Microwave	Pricing (Peak Season)	Notes
•						Full Kitch.	\$\$	Close to National Forest. Do-it-Yourself breakfast with full kitchen.
•	•	•		•			\$\$	Close to Vedauwoo Recreation Area. Event venue.

# of Sites	Pet Friendly	Accessible Sites	Max. Trailer Length	Hookups	Trailhead	Picnic Area	Drinking Water	Restrooms	Showers	Fee Area (Over-night)	Notes
	•		None	•						\$	FCFS.
337	•		80 ft	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$	Reservable. Event venue at Hynds Lodge.
	•	•	80 ft	•					•	\$\$	Reservable.

All listings are open seasonally, weather dependent. 14-day stay limit at each location. For additional Dispersed Camping information, see page 16.

19	•		22 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 7/15 to 10/1. FCFS or Reservable. Only hand-powered boating, no boat ramp.
6	•		22 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 11/1. FCFS.
12	•	•	30 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 11/1. FCFS.
11	•	•	30 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 11/1. FCFS. 3 sites are tent-use only.
						•	•	•	•	\$120	Open year-round. Reservable. Sleeps 8.
38	•	•	22 ft			•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 11/1. FCFS. Boat ramp available.
16	•	•	22 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 9/30. FCFS.
6	•	•	16 ft			•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 9/30. FCFS.
	•					•	•	•		\$40	Open 6/15 to 11/1. Reservable. Up to 7 people. No running water.
27	•		22 ft			•	•	•		\$10	Open 7/1 to 9/30. FCFS.
60	•	•	30 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 11/1. FCFS or Reservable. Limited potable water, seasonally.
9	•	•			•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 9/30. FCFS.
65	•	•	35 ft			•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 10/1. FCFS. Boat ramp available.
						•	•	•		\$40	Open 6/1 to 10/1. Reservable.
16	•		22 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 7/15 to 10/1. FCFS. No boat ramp.
18	•		32 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 11/1. FCFS. Horse corrals nearby.
28	•	•	32 ft		•	•	•	•		\$10	Open 6/1 to 11/1. FCFS. Rock climbing.

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