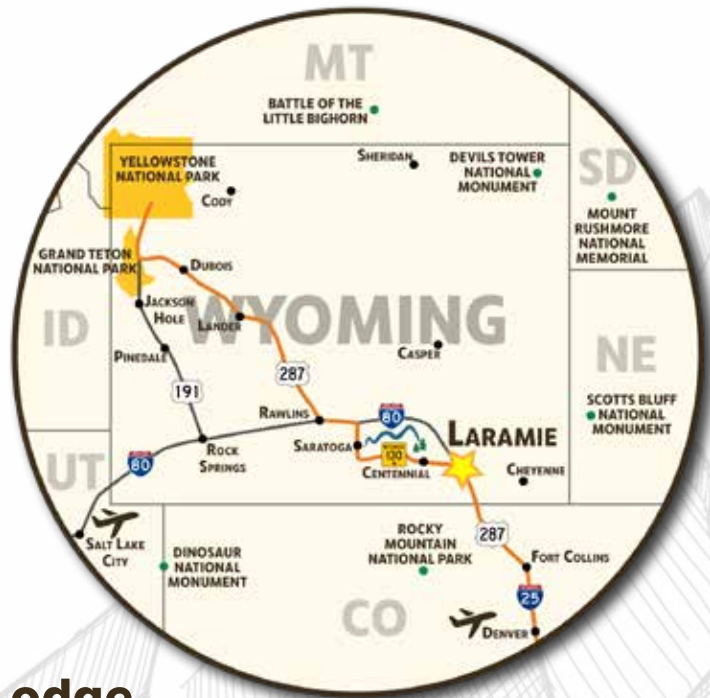



WHAT TO DO IN Albany County, Wyoming



 **BOOK DIRECT PROPERTIES**

- * ALBANY LODGE
- * HOLIDAY INN
- * VEE BAR GUEST RANCH



* Albany Lodge

Tucked into a canyon at the base of the Snowy Range Mountains, Albany Lodge's hotel and cabins offer incredible views, cozy interiors, and all the comforts of home. Explore the Medicine Bow National Forest from your doorstep. Whether riding a UTV, a snowmobile or traveling on foot, Albany Lodge provides easy access to hundreds of miles of gorgeous, remote trails. In the summer, hike up the Snowy Range for breathtaking views of southeast Wyoming, UTV through pine forests, or fly fish from the banks of a mountain stream. In the winter, cross-country ski Albany Lodge's trails, downhill ski at Snowy Range Ski Area, or take a guided snowmobile tour. Albany Lodge is located just 32 miles west of Laramie, is an easy two-and-a-half-hour drive north from Denver, and is open year-round.

Deerwood Wild Horse EcoSanctuary

The Deerwood Ranch Wild Horse Ecosanctuary is the first Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sponsored wild horse ecosanctuary in the United States. The ecosanctuary is located on a 4,000-acre, family-owned ranch approximately 30 miles west of Laramie in southeastern Wyoming. Summer tours to visit the horses are done via a wagon ride where visitors have the opportunity to see these beautiful wild horses up close. Tours are by appointment only due to Deerwood being a family-owned working ranch with each tour being individualized based on size with incredible stories told by the family members themselves.



* Vee Bar Guest Ranch

The Vee Bar guest and dude ranch located near Laramie Wyoming is a family-friendly vacation destination that is sure to please the horse-loving cowboy or cowgirl in you. This adventure emphasizes horseback riding through meadows or the mountains, but that is only the beginning of your Wyoming family vacation. The ranch activities you will experience at the Vee Bar Dude Ranch include hiking, fishing, river tubing, trap shooting, camping, herding cattle, hayrides, and more!



 **SCAN FOR ROAD TRIPS & ITINERARIES**

 **EXPLORE LARAMIE'S DOWNTOWN MURALS**



Snowy Range Scenic Byway

The Snowy Range Scenic Byway (Hwy. 130) is located in southeastern Wyoming and is a spectacular “cut-across” for travelers. This scenic alternative to I-80 takes you through the majestic Snowy Range Mountains, past deep glacial lakes, pastoral meadows, rushing mountain streams, and awe-inspiring mountain peaks. The Scenic Byway over the Snowy Range 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. 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.

University of Wyoming

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 that you will love. 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 in the Wyoming Union, and explore one of the University’s seven museums to dive into Wyoming history, art, education, and more.



Wyoming Territorial Prison State Historic Site

Listed on the National Register, the Wyoming Territorial Prison was a U.S. Penitentiary in 1872 and was later Wyoming’s first State Penitentiary. For 30 years it held over 1,000 violent and desperate outlaws, including the notorious Butch Cassidy of the Wild Bunch Gang. Now a museum, visitors can walk into the strap iron cells where convicts were locked up, worked, and lived all through the identity of a real prisoner from the past. The Prison Industries Building (broom factory) was used to raise revenue, manage the prison population, and used as a rehabilitative strategy. Located on 197 acres, this iconic site offers restored historic buildings, museum exhibits, a picnic area, a nature trail, and a visitor center with a gift shop.



Vedauwoo Recreation Area

Located 10 minutes east of Laramie, along I-80 are the towering rocks of Vedauwoo (pronounced VEE-da-voo). The name is derived from the Arapaho word “bito’o’wu” meaning “earth-born” and has been a popular rendezvous since the native tribes first discovered it. The area sits within the Medicine Bow National Forest and provides picturesque backdrops for picnics, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, hiking, mountain biking, camping, world-class rock climbing, fishing, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. The 1.4 billion-year-old Sherman Granite is ideal for climbers and has some of the best crack climbing in the world.



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