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Wyoming's Carbon County has it all. Nowhere else will you find such a diversity of landscapes and wide open spaces. Come explore pristine mountains, beautiful deserts, rivers teeming with "blue ribbon" trout, mineral hot springs pools, and trails that straddle the Continental Divide. With 10 museums and numerous historic sites, three golf courses, abundant wildlife, dazzling sunsets, and every authentic Western adventure you can imagine, Carbon County is the perfect place to "Get Your West On."



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Begin Your Adventure

CARBON COUNTY WYOMING



Carbon County is 7,897 square miles from the mountains to the deserts. It is known for its rich natural resources, gorgeous mountains, scenic vistas and pristine rivers and streams. There is a lot of ground to cover to take advantage of all the exciting and authentic experiences here. Plan to spend at least five days in Wyoming's Carbon County, even longer if you can! To help make the most of your time, we have included multi-day itineraries that will allow you to soak in mineral hot springs, visit museums and historic sites, fish, golf, hike, take scenic drives, see wildlife and more. Come to Carbon County and leave the crowds behind.

Historically, Carbon County has been traversed by the Overland Trail, Oregon Trail, Mormon Trail, and both the original route of the Union Pacific Railroad and the Lincoln Highway. Interstate 80 is now the trail of choice for most travelers through the county, although several scenic back roads and byways offer pleasant alternatives.

MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES

- 1 Baggs Outlaw Stop**
221 N. Penland St. • Baggs • 307-383-2166
- 2 Carbon County Museum**
904 W Walnut St. • Rawlins • 307-328-274
- 3 Elk Mountain Museum**
105 Bridge St. • Elk Mountain • 307-348-7037
- 4 Fort Fred Steele State Historic Site**
Exit 228 on I-80 • Sinclair • 307-320-3013
- 5 Grand Encampment Museum**
807 Barnett Ave. • Encampment • 307-327-5308
- 6 Hanna Basin Museum**
502 Front St. • Hanna • 307-325-6465
- 7 Little Snake River Museum**
13 County Rd 561 N • Savery • 307-383-7262
- 8 Medicine Bow Museum**
405 Lincoln Hwy. • Medicine Bow • 307-379-2383
- 9 Parco/Sinclair Museum**
300 Lincoln Ave. • Sinclair • 307-324-3058
- 10 Saratoga Museum**
104 E Constitution Ave.
Saratoga • 307-326-5511
- 11 Wyoming Frontier Prison**
500 W. Walnut St. • Rawlins
307-324-4422

MAPS & INFORMATION

Bureau of Land Management
Rawlins, WY • 307-328-4200

Medicine Bow National Forest
Saratoga, WY • 307-326-5250

Wyoming Game and Fish Dept.
Cheyenne, WY • 307-777-3600

Wyoming Road and Travel
(888) 996-7623

GOLF COURSES

- 1 Rochelle Ranch Golf Course**
2808 E Rochelle Dr. • Rawlins • 307-324-7121
- 2 Saratoga Resort Golf Course**
601 E Pic Pike Rd. • Saratoga • 800-594-0178
- 3 Sinclair Golf Course**
510 A CR 324 • NE of Sinclair • 307-324-6320

CARBON COUNTY ACTIVITIES MAP



POOLS & STATE PARKS

- 1 Hanna Recreation Center**
8000 Hwy 72 • Hanna • 307-325-9402
- 2 Rawlins Aquatic Center**
1401 Colorado St. • Rawlins • 307-328-9272
- 3 Saratoga Municipal Pool**
300 E. Walnut Ave. • Saratoga • 307-326-8338
- 4 Saratoga Hobo Hot Pools**
300 E. Walnut Ave. • Saratoga
307-326-8335
- 5 Seminoe State Park**
County Rd 351 • 307-320-3013

Get Your *West on*

Rawlins

POPULATION: 9,075 | ELEVATION: 6,755 FEET

Rawlins is located on Interstate 80 and bordered by the Great Divide Basin (west), Sierra Madre Mountain Range (south), Seminoe Mountains and Shirley Mountains (east) and Ferris Mountains (north).

Rawlins captures the spirit of the Old West with two fantastic museums and a historic downtown. It's diverse population, multicultural heritage, and variety of lodging and dining options, unique stores and beautiful parks provide a welcome atmosphere for residents and weary travelers alike.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Summer High (July)	84°F
Winter Low (Jan)	12°F

MILEAGE TO RAWLINS

Denver, CO	230 miles
Salt Lake City, UT	290 miles
Yellowstone Nat'l Park	
South Entrance	280 miles
Steamboat, CO	160 miles
Cheyenne, WY	150 miles
Casper, WY	116 miles



RAWLINS HISTORY

The city of Rawlins garners its name from General John A. Rawlins, chief of staff of the US Army. In 1867, General Rawlins traveled to Wyoming to survey land with Grenville M. Dodge, chief engineer of the **Union Pacific Railroad**. Upon arriving to this area, General Rawlins sent out a team of scouts who found a fresh spring. He declared it “the sweetest water ever tasted” and indicated that the highest honor he could receive would be to have the spring named for him. **Rawlins Spring**, later shortened to Rawlins, was founded as a division point on the railroad. Rawlins became known as a last stop for water before the long dusty ride across the Great Divide Basin.

The Railroad arrived in Rawlins in 1868, and along with it, gamblers, thieves and gunmen. Tough, rowdy and lawless--saloon brawls were frequent. Sometimes vigilantes took over when the townsfolk felt justice should be immediate. Such was the case for infamous outlaw, George Parrott, also known as **Big Nose George**. Stop by the **Carbon County Museum** to see what became of George.

Rawlins' remote location made it a desirable place for the first state penitentiary. Inmates arriving here by train would find escape difficult in the desert. For 80 years, the “Old Pen” housed some of Wyoming's most notorious criminals. The **Wyoming Frontier Prison**, now a museum, shares their stories.

Rawlins is a nationally recognized, award-winning Main Street Community. As you wander the streets of downtown Rawlins, admire the architecture from 150 years ago and reflect on the serene beauty of this western city.

RAWLINS LODGING

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

Rawlins KOA 205 E. Highway 71 • 307-328-2021 koa.com/campgrounds/rawlins
Red Desert Rose Campground 3101 Wagon Circle Rd. • 307-328-1091 reddesertrose.com
Western Hills Campground 2500 Wagon Circle Rd. • 307-324-2592 westernhillscampground.com

HOTELS / MOTELS

America's Best Value Inn Rawlins 1392 S. Higley Blvd. 307-328-1732 redlion.com/rawlins
Baymont Inn & Suites Rawlins 2005 E. Daley St. • 307-324-4700 wyndhamhotels.com/baymont
Best Western Cottontree Inn 2221 W. Spruce St. • 307-324-2737 bestwestern.com
Brickyard Inn 415 W. Spruce St. • 307-461-2199 brickyardinn.com
Comfort Inn & Suites 2366 E. Cedar St. • 307-324-3663 choicehotels.com
Days Inn 2222 E. Cedar St. • 307-621-9100 wyndhamhotels.com
Econo Lodge 1801 E. Cedar St. • 307-324-2783 choicehotels.com
Fairfield by Marriott 2370 E. Cedar St. • 307-328-5991 marriott.com
First Choice Inn 1904 E. Cedar St. • 307-328-1401 1stchoicerawlins.com
Hampton Inn 406 Airport Rd. • 307-324-2320 hamptoninn3.hilton.com
Holiday Inn Express 201 Airport Rd. 307-324-3760 hiexpress.com
Labella Motel 1819 W Spruce St. • 307-324-2583
Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham 812 Locust St. • 307-324-5588 wyndhamhotels.com
Motel 7 1915 W. Spruce St. • 307-324-2263
Quality Inn 1617 W. Spruce St. • 307-328-1600 choicehotels.com
Rawlins Western Lodge 1806 E. Cedar St. • 307-328-5621
Rodeway Inn 1500 W Spruce St. • 307-324-2905 choicehotels.com
Super 8 Motel 2338 Wagon Circle Road • 307-328-0630 wyndhamhotels.com

RAWLINS DINING

AMERICAN

Annalope' Café at Econo Lodge 1801 E. Cedar St. • 307-324-2783
Buck's Sports Grill 401 W. Cedar St. • 307-328-5581
Cappy's Restaurant 2351 Spruce St. • 307-324-4847
Country Pride 1400 S. Higley Blvd. • 307-324-8722
Denny's I-80 & Johnson Road • 307-324-0078
I-80 Travel Plaza & Restaurant I-80 & Exit 221 • 307-324-7623
Michael's "Big City" Steakhouse 1711 W. Spruce St. • 307-324-4868
Penny's Diner 2005 E. Daley • 307-324-4700
Peppermill Bar & Cactus Jack's 1602 Inverness Blvd. • 307-324-7427
Rochelle Ranch Bar & Grill 2808 E. Rochelle Rd. • 307-324-7121
Turnbuckle Lounge at Best Western 2221 W. Spruce St. • 307-324-2737

ASIAN & THAI

Anong's Thai Cuisine 210 5th St. • 307-324-6262
Aspen House 318 5th St. • 307-324-4787
Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse 1307 W. Spruce St. • 307-328-5210

FAST FOOD

Burger King 2510 E. Cedar St. • 307-324-3866
Taco Bell 2421 Plaza St. • 307-328-5890
McDonald's 2225 Plaza St. • 307-324-7377
Subway 2014 E. Cedar St. • 307-324-6130
Subway 1400 S. Higley Blvd. • 307-328-2103
Taco John's 1821 E. Cedar St. • 307-324-4932

MEXICAN

La Abuelita Mexican Restaurant • 304 E. Cedar St.
Michael's "Big City" Steakhouse • 1711 W. Spruce St. • 307-324-4868
Rose's Lariat 410 E. Cedar St. • 307-324-5261
Su Casa Cafe in Sinclair 705 E. Lincoln Ave. • 307-328-1745

PIZZA & ITALIAN

Domino's 312 W. Cedar St. • 307-328-1400
Pizza Hut 506 Higley Blvd. • 307-324-7706
Shogunz Pizzeria 309 W. Cedar St. • 307-328-5550

SPECIALTY

Deb B's Family Espresso 1902 E. Cedar St. • 307-324-2919
Mukwano Coffee 1410 West Pine St. • 307-328-5021
West End Café 2300 W. Spruce St. Suite B • 307-710-2233

Best Three Day Itinerary

RAWLINS & SINCLAIR

DAY 1 - TOUR MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC DOWNTOWN RAWLINS

Take an all-day tour that spans 150 years. From the moment explorers and settlers sprawled West to claim lands once inhabited by Native American tribes, Carbon County has been a stronghold of some of Wyoming’s most colorful characters. Experience Rawlins’ rich history through its diverse and interesting collection of museums.

Learn the history of western expansion at the **Carbon County Museum**. Your “Wild West” adventure begins with fascinating exhibits including a new Union Pacific exhibit, Women’s exhibit, Native American exhibit, Art exhibit, and an “Outlaws” exhibit featuring Big Nose George Parrot. The staff still ring the old Fire Truck bell on request. Open April 1 - Oct. 31: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am to 6pm; Winter hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

Looking for an authentic experience that’s a tad creepy, yet educational? Tour the **Wyoming Frontier Prison**, Wyoming’s first state penitentiary. Currently operated as a museum, this impressive stone fortress once housed Wyoming’s most infamous outlaws. Excellent tour guides tell interesting stories of the inmates, prison life and punishment—from hangings to the gas chamber. Daily one hour tours available, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Please call first off-season.

Take a break for lunch and explore **Historic Downtown Rawlins**. Rich in 19th century architecture, downtown Rawlins has several unique shops and stores. Rawlins boasts a great selection of restaurants with good eats: steaks, burgers, seafood, Thai, pasta, pizza and authentic Mexican. Then take a walk though history with Rawlins’ downtown mural tour. 14 murals created by local artists highlight the history and natural beauty of Carbon County.



DAY 2 - GOLF AND TOUR THE PARCO/SINCLAIR MUSEUM & FORT FRED STEELE HISTORIC SITE

SEASON: APRIL - SEPTEMBER

The golf experience in Wyoming is about so much more than great golf. The public courses in Rawlins and Sinclair are certain to challenge your abilities in Wyoming’s weather and terrain.

The **Rochelle Ranch Golf Course** in Rawlins has quickly become one of the most-talked about golf destinations! This is partly due to the 18-hole, open links-style course that weaves through sagebrush for nearly 8,000 yards. Challenge your skills on well-groomed greens and fairways where you have a good chance of seeing pronghorn antelope right on the course. Excellent views and reasonably priced with on-site restaurant, bar and pro shop.

Not far from Sinclair, the **Sinclair Golf Course** offers uncrowded, affordable golf for every skill level. Play 9 holes amid a few trees and natural beauty. The course is located roughly 13 miles northeast of Sinclair on the Sinclair Golf Course Road.

After time on the course, swing by **Su Casa** in Sinclair for an authentic Mexican meal. This local favorite is known for their shrimp fajitas, green chili and sopapillas!

The **Parco/Sinclair Museum** is located inside the Sinclair Town Hall, in a room that was originally the First National Bank of Parco. Collections date back to the 1930’s and feature the founding of the town of Parco (Producers And Refiners Company) and the building of the oil refinery. This company town was purchased by Sinclair Oil in 1935, so there is plenty of Sinclair’s history here as well. Open Monday through Friday, 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm.

For an off-the-beaten-path piece of history, visit the **Fort Steele State Historic Site**. The Fort was built in 1868, on the North Platte River, to protect the men building the Union Pacific Railroad from attacks by Native Americans. There are still many foundations, a few original structures and occasionally trains pass by over the bridge, giving you a sense of life in the past. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day from 9am to 7pm. Directions: From the 1-80 Rest Area, exit 228, follow the paved road 1.5 miles north to the Fort.

DAY 3 - SEMINOE-ALCOVA BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY SCENIC DRIVE

SEASON: MAY - OCTOBER

There’s just something about the wide open spaces of Carbon County. Take your time, explore the stops and absorb the natural scenery of this backcountry drive.

The **Seminoe-Alcova Back Country Byway** begins just a couple of miles off of I-80, north of Sinclair. It follows County Road 351/ Seminole Road, a paved road, for 64 miles. Highlights of the trip include passing through the remote, red rocky terrain of Carbon County to **Seminole Reservoir**, **Seminole State Park**, **Seminole Mountains** and **Miracle Mile** (a seven-mile-long blue-ribbon trout fishery on the North Platte River). See **SCENIC DRIVES** on page 24 for more details.

TIP: The Byway segment beyond Seminole State Park and through the Seminole Mountains to the Miracle Mile is very steep, and not recommended for motor homes or vehicles pulling trailers. There are no services along the Byway.



Get Your *West on*

Saratoga

POPULATION: 1,690 | ELEVATION: 6,791 FEET

Located 20 miles south of Interstate 80, Saratoga is nestled in a scenic river valley between the Snowy Range and Sierra Madre Mountain Range. This easy-going town also sits atop one of the most active mineral hot springs in Wyoming.

Saratoga is treasured by those that love the outdoors. It offers miles of “blue ribbon” trout fishing in the North Platte River and close proximity to mountains for hiking, camping, big game hunting, skiing, snowmobiling, and wildlife viewing.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Summer High (July)	82°F
Winter Low (Jan)	11°F

MILEAGE TO SARATOGA

Denver, CO	228 miles
Salt Lake City, UT	333 miles
Steamboat, CO	126 miles
Cheyenne, WY	148 miles
Casper, WY	148 miles



SARATOGA HISTORY

Native American tribes were the first to discover the healing and relaxation benefits of the natural mineral hot springs, naming them the “**Place of Magic Water**”. Early explorers, trappers and traders were the next to arrive. Emigrants soon followed in stagecoaches and wagon trains along the established trails. Wagon ruts from the **Overland Trail**, are still visible where the trail crosses Highway 130, north of Saratoga.

Saratoga, originally known as Warm Springs, traces its origins to 1877. It was then that homesteader, William H. Cadwell built a bath house for travelers passing through the area. As word spread, visitors came to soak, eat and stay the night. Hotels were built, including the two-and-one-half story **Hotel Wolf**. A gathering place for the past 125 years, this landmark in downtown Saratoga offers visitors and locals casual dining in historic ambiance.

The **North Platte River** has long been prized for it’s excellent trout fishing, solitude and scenic views. More than 65 miles have been designated as a “Blue Ribbon” trout fishery. As one of the few rivers that flow north, it was used during the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. “**Tie hacks**” were employed to cut logs/ railroad ties from lodgepole pine in the Medicine Bow mountains. During spring runoff, the logs were floated down creeks to the North Platte River, where they drifted in mass to Fort Steele.

Visitors are still drawn to Saratoga as a destination for healing, relaxation and thrilling outdoor adventures. Enjoy the small town atmosphere and endless beauty in a place away from the crowds.

SARATOGA LODGING

BED AND BREAKFASTS

Copperline Lodge
417 W. Rochester Ave. • 402-885-5611 | copperlinelodge.com

CABINS & COTTAGES

Jack Creek Guard Station 20 miles W. on County Road 500,
5 miles on NFSR 452 • 307-326-5258 | recreation.gov

Platte River Cottages 304 S. River St. • 307-321-1658

Platte Valley Cabins
6495 WY-130 • 307-329-8246 | plattevalleycabins.com

The Rendezvous Lodge
#9 Ryan Park Road • 307-326-8998 | rendezvouslodge.org

River Cottages 216 E. Walnut Ave. • 307-326-3053

Ten Mile Inn & RV Park
5651 Highway 130 • 307-326-5928 | tenmileinn.com

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

Deer Haven RV 706 N. First St. • 307-326-8746 | deerhavenrv.com

Saratoga Lake Campground & RV Park
2 miles N. of Saratoga • 307-326-8335 | saratoga.govoffice2.com

Ten Mile Inn & RV Park
5651 Highway 130 • 307-326-5928 | tenmileinn.com

HOTELS / MOTELS

Hacienda Motel 1500 S. First St. • 307-326-5751

Historic Wolf Hotel & Restaurant
101 E. Bridge Ave. • 307-326-5525 | wolfhotel.com

Riviera Motor Lodge on the River
104 E. Saratoga Ave. • 307-326-5651

Sage and Sand Motel 311 S. First St. • 307-326-8339

Silver Moon Motel
412 E. Bridge Ave. • 307-326-5974 | silvermoonmotel.com

LODGES, GUEST RANCHES & RESORTS

Brush Creek Luxury Ranch Collection
66 Brush Creek Road • 307-327-5284 | brushcreekranch.com

Medicine Bow Lodge and Adventure Guest Ranch
5556 Highway 130 • 307-326-5439 | medicinebowlodge.net

Roan Hill Guesthouse
N. 11th St. • 307-710-5299 | roanhillguesthouse.com

Saratoga Hot Springs Resort
601 E. Pic Pike Rd. • 307-326-5261 | saratogahotspringsresort.com

SARATOGA DINING

AMERICAN

Firewater Public House 110 E. Main Ave. • 307-326-3473

Hotel Wolf Restaurant 101 E. Bridge Ave. • 307-326-5525

J.W. Hugus & Company 405 N. First St. • 307-326-5046

Lazy River Cantina 110 E. Bridge Ave. • 307-326-8472

Saratoga Sandwich Company 104 W. Bridge Ave.
307-326-5555 | saratogasandwichcompany.com

Snowy Mountain Pub & Brewery
601 E. Pic Pike Road • 307-326-5261

PIZZA & ITALIAN

Bella’s Bistro 218 N. First St. • 307-326-8033

The Grumpy Italian Eatery and Deli
113 W. Bridge St. • 307-326-3210 | thegrumpyitalian.com

SPECIALTY

Lollypops 107 E. Bridge Ave. • 307-326-5020



Best Three Day Itinerary

SARATOGA

DAY 1 - SOAK IN SARATOGA'S MINERAL HOT SPRINGS POOLS

Arrive in Saratoga and drop off your bags at your place of accommodation. If arriving between April and September, sign up for a **guided fishing trip** or **scenic river float** on either the North Platte River or the Encampment River. These tours are very popular and we recommend that you book at least 48 hours in advance.

Afterward, take a leisurely soak in the **Hobo Hot Springs Pools**. Free and open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, these mineral hot spring pools are the ultimate for healthy relaxation. Water temperatures range from 101 to 110 degrees; the Lobster Pot is a steamy 120 degrees. The “Not-So-Hot” Pool offers cooler temperatures. Restrooms, changing, and shower facilities are available on-site.

Next tour the **Saratoga Museum** which is housed in the 1915 Saratoga-Encampment Railroad Depot. Learn the history of Saratoga and the Upper North Platte River Valley through exhibits that include: minerals and gems ranging from India to Antarctica, hands-on dinosaur poop, a Columbian mammoth tooth, vintage toys, a buffalo kill site and a one-bedroom cabin. The Saratoga Museum is open seasonally from Memorial Day weekend through September, Wednesday through Saturday 10am-4pm and on Sunday's noon to 4pm.

Then head to **downtown Saratoga** for it's unique shops, western stores, art galleries, a personalized fashion experience at **Laura M Gallery**, ice cream at **Lollypop's** and some of the best restaurants in Carbon County. There are so many dining options in Saratoga, you'll have no trouble finding a great place to eat.



DAY 2 - GUIDED FISHING TRIP OR SCENIC RIVER FLOAT AND GOLF

SEASON: APRIL - SEPTEMBER

One of the best experiences in Carbon County is floating and fishing the **Upper North Platte River** (a Blue Ribbon Wild Trout Stream with about 3,200 fish per mile) and the **Encampment River** (for unique trophy trout). Professional area guides offer full-day and half-day float fishing trips. Wade fishing trips are available year round.

If fishing is not your thing, then take a nice relaxing half-day boat ride instead. Enjoy beautiful scenery with views of wildlife and bald eagles.

Afterwards, stretch your legs with a round of golf on the **Saratoga Hot Springs Resort Golf Course**. This scenic 9-hole public course offers over-river shots in a lush wooded area. Cart rentals are available. Then stop by the **Snowy Mountain Brewery**, located at the Resort, and sample some locally brewed beer.

Finish your day by watching the sunset at **Saratoga Lake**. Just 5 minutes north of town, Saratoga Lake is a favorite spot for fishing, boating and birdwatching at the nearby wetlands.

DAY 3 - SNOWY RANGE SCENIC DRIVE

SEASON: JUNE - MID-OCTOBER

Have a relaxed breakfast at the **Saratoga Sandwich Company** or **JW Hugus & Company** - both are hot spots for locals and visitors alike. After breakfast, pick up some fresh items for a picnic lunch at **Valley Foods and Liquors**. Then head south to the **Snowy Range Scenic Byway** turnoff, the Highway 130/230 junction.

The **Snowy Range Scenic Byway** follows Highway 130 for twenty-nine miles through the center of the **Snowy Range** in the **Medicine Bow National Forest**. Typically open Memorial Day through October, weather permitting, this high altitude pass offers easy access to many picnic areas, campgrounds, observation and interpretive sites and a large network of roads and trails. It also showcases some of the most breathtaking and easily accessible peaks in the Rocky Mountains, including famed **Medicine Bow Peak** at 12,013 feet. See **SCENIC DRIVES** on page 24-25 for more details.

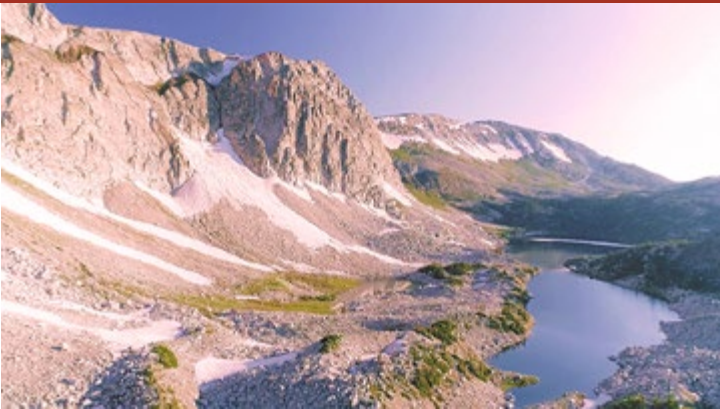
TIP: There are several convenient places to stay and eat along Highway 130. See LODGING & DINING GUIDES on page 11.

ADDITIONAL DAY OPTION - HIKE MEDICINE BOW PEAK

SEASON: LATE-JUNE - MID-SEPTEMBER

Medicine Bow Peak is a popular attraction, so start your day early to avoid the crowds. This high elevation trail is strenuous and roughly 5.5 miles one-way. Be prepared for a long and warm hike. Take plenty of drinking water, snacks, good hiking shoes and a hat or a cap to protect you from the sun. It's best to finish your hike by 3:00 pm as afternoon storms are common and often include lightning strikes.

The **Medicine Bow Peak Trail** is accessible from the Lake Marie parking lot and the Sugarloaf Recreation Area. If you begin from the Lake Marie parking lot, we recommend capturing some early-morning photos of Lake Marie prior to your hike.



Lake Marie lies below majestic Medicine Bow Peak and is named after Mrs. Mary (Marie) Bellamy. Marie led a successful suffrage drive that resulted in the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. She was also the first woman elected to the Wyoming Legislature in 1910.

The Medicine Bow Peak Trail follows switchbacks and several rock crossings above tree line to the highest point in the Snowy Range at 12,013 feet. Serene and simply breathtaking views are everywhere.

TIP: Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest Maps are available from the Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District in Saratoga.

Get Your *West on*

Encampment & Riverside

POPULATION: 502 | ELEVATION: 7,277 FEET

These unhurried small towns share a huge backyard. Located in the beautiful foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range, Encampment and Riverside offer easy access to big outdoor adventures.

Relax and unwind. This lightly visited paradise is the perfect place to fish the trout-filled Encampment River, backpack the Continental Divide, hike pristine wilderness, and hunt for plentiful elk, mule deer and pronghorn antelope.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Summer High (July)	78°F
Winter Low (Jan)	10°F

MILEAGE TO ENCAMPMENT/RIVERSIDE

Denver, CO	217 miles
Steamboat, CO	108 miles
Cheyenne, WY	136 miles
Casper, WY	165 miles
Saratoga, WY	18 miles



ENCAMPMENT HISTORY

Camp le Grande—The Grand Encampment was named in 1838 by fur trappers for their mountain trading fair, or Rendezvous, beside the river. The annual Rendezvous attracted mountain men, traders and Native American tribes who passed through and hunted the Sierra Madre Mountain Range. Grand Encampment was later shortened to Encampment.

Copper was discovered in 1897 in the Sierra Madre Mountain Range, just above this quiet settlement. The area boomed with approximately 2,000 residents by 1908. A 16-mile tramway was built to transport copper ore from the **Ferris-Haggarty mine**, over the Continental Divide (10,690 feet) to a smelter in Riverside. The mine produced more than two million dollars of copper over its ten years of production. A segment of this tramway is on display at the **Grand Encampment Museum**.

RIVERSIDE HISTORY

Formerly a ranching headquarters on the Encampment River, the **town of Doggett** was established in 1897 by the Doggett Brothers. As co-owners of a grocery store in Saratoga, the Doggetts expanded their business to the newly platted 13-acre, six block town. Within a year, the town of Doggett included a livery stable, blacksmith shop, grocery store, saloon, restaurant and served as a shipping center for the mines. In 1900, the Riverside Addition was added to the town of Doggett and the town was later renamed Riverside.

Encampment and Riverside host exciting annual events to celebrate their rich history through family activities, old-fashioned melodramas, jamborees and rodeos.

ENCAMPMENT/RIVERSIDE LODGING

BED AND BREAKFASTS

Platts Rustic Mountain Lodge Bed and Breakfast
11202 Highway 230 • Encampment • 307-327-5539 | plattoutfitting.com

Spirit West River Lodge Bed and Breakfast
Hwy. 230, 1/8 mi. E. of Riverside • 307-327-5753 | spiritwestriverlodge.com

CABINS & COTTAGES

Cabin at Riverside
205 W. Riverside Ave. • 307-760-0017 | thecabinatriverside.com

Cottonwood Cabins
411 First St. • Riverside • 307-327-5151 | cottonwoodcabinswy.com

Platts Rustic Mountain Lodge Cabin
11202 Highway 230 • Encampment • 307-327-5539 | plattoutfitting.com

River Ridge Lodge & Cabins
3640 Highway 230 • Encampment • 307-327-5345 | wyriverridge.com

Riverside Garage and Cabins
107 Riverside Ave. • 307-327-5361 | riversidegarageandcabins.com

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

Lazy Acres Campground & Motel
110 Fields Ave. • Riverside • 307-327-5968 | lazyacreswy.com

HOTELS / MOTELS

The Pine Lodge
508 McCaffrey Ave. • Encampment • 307-327-5110

LODGES, GUEST RANCHES & RESORTS

A Bar A Ranch
820 A-Bar-A Ranch Rd. • Encampment • 307-327-5454 | abararanch.com

Brush Creek Luxury Ranch Collection
66 Brush Creek Ranch Road • Encampment • brushcreekranch.com

River Ridge Lodge & Cabins
3640 Highway 230 • Encampment • 307-327-5345 | wyriverridge.com

Spur Outfitters Elk Hollow and Hanging Bull Lodges
3224 Unit B Hwy 230 • Encampment • 307-327-6505 | spuroutfitters.com

VACATION RENTALS

620 Vacation Rental
620 MacFarlane Ave. • Encampment • 303-919-9378 • vrbo.com/781174

Riverside Lodge
313 Shoshone Ave. • Riverside • 307-710-5660 | montevistavacationhomes.com/riverside-lodge

ENCAMPMENT/RIVERSIDE DINING

AMERICAN

Bear Trap Café & Bar
120 Riverside Ave. • Riverside • 307-327-5277

Dee's Bar and Grill
6th St and MacFarlane • Encampment • 307-327-5025

Mangy Moose • 108 Riverside Ave. • Riverside • 307-327-5005

The DiVide
520 McCaffrey Ave. • Encampment • 307-327-5064

PIZZA & ITALIAN

The DiVide
520 McCaffrey Ave. • Encampment • 307-327-5064

SPECIALTY

How You Bean?
614 McCaffrey Ave. • Encampment • 307-327-5058



Best Two Day Itinerary

ENCAMPMENT & RIVERSIDE

DAY 1 - GRAND ENCAMPMENT MUSEUM AND SHORT HIKE: INDIAN BATHTUBS TRAIL OR ENCAMPMENT RIVER TRAIL

Get acquainted with southern Carbon County by touring the **Grand Encampment Museum**, the “GEM” of Southern Wyoming. Here you can walk among 15 historic buildings dating back to the early-1890’s to 1920. Museum highlights include a two-story outhouse, a segment of the aerial mining tramway used to transport copper ore 16 miles, and one of the largest photography collections in the West: the Lora Webb Nichols Collection. The GEM is open seasonally from Memorial Day weekend through early-October, Tuesday through Saturday 9am-5pm and Sundays noon to 4pm.

Next grab some water, snacks and sunscreen for a short hike. **Option 1: Indian Bathtubs Trail.** The Indian Bathtubs are deep holes in a granite outcrop, formed naturally by snow melt and rainwater. They are said to have been used by Native American tribes-the Ute, Arapaho and Cheyenne-as bathing holes. Access to this natural rock formation is located 5 minutes southeast of Riverside via County Road 211. From the county road, it is approximately 0.75 miles, one-way, on a well-marked dirt trail. A map is available at the **Riverside Visitors Center**.

Option 2: Encampment River Trail. Named for the river it parallels, this scenic trail is great for out and back hikes and for fishing the shallow riffles and deep pools of the Encampment River. Fishing licenses and supplies are available at the **Trading Post** at the Hwy 230 Junction. Access to this trail is located 0.5 miles southwest of Encampment via Highway 70 and County Road 353. Follow the county road south to the Odd Fellows/Encampment River Campground, where you’ll find a sturdy footbridge that leads to the trailhead.



DAY 2 - BATTLE HIGHWAY SCENIC DRIVE OR SIERRA MADRE SCENIC LOOP TOUR

SEASON: LATE-MAY - MID-OCTOBER

Enjoy a leisurely drive and take in the natural scenic beauty of southern Carbon County. These “off-the-beaten-path” routes are dotted with several attractions and places to wander about.

The **Battle Highway**, Highway 70, stretches west between the Encampment River Valley and the Little Snake River Valley. Typically open Memorial Day through October, weather permitting, this 28-mile paved route is simply beautiful. It passes over the crest of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range at 9,955 feet and crosses the Continental Divide. Along the way, there are several recommended stops of historic and natural interest. See **SCENIC DRIVES** on pages 24 for more details.

The **Sierra Madre Scenic Loop Tour** is one of the best backroads in Carbon County. Beginning and ending in Encampment, this route highlights historic sights and some of the best places to stop for hikes and fishing in southern Carbon County. See **SCENIC DRIVES** on pages 25 for more details.

ADDITIONAL DAY OPTION - HIKE THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL OR THE GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS TRAIL

SEASON: JUNE - MID-OCTOBER

Get up early for an all-day hike in the Sierra Madre Mountain Range. Start with hearty breakfast at the **Beartrap Cafe** in Riverside or **The DiVide** in Encampment--both are local favorites.

Approximately 45 miles of the **Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST)** straddle the backbone of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range. Entering through Colorado, the CDNST climbs to it’s highest elevation at Bridger Peak (11,004 ft.) and descends to 8,441 ft. before leaving the forest. There are five points of access to the CDNST in southern Carbon County.

The **CDNST - Red Mountain trailhead** is located 12 miles west of Encampment, on the south side of Highway 70. This 12-mile segment of the CDNST leads into the **Huston Park Wilderness**. The trail descends through red granite, wet mountain meadows, mixed conifer and aspen forests before it ends at the Pipeline Trailhead. Other trails tie into the CDNST, offering additional route options. *As this trail is one-way, consider leaving a vehicle at the Pipeline Trailhead and driving to the Red Mountain Trailhead for all-day hike down the Continental Divide.*

The **Green Mountain Falls trail** parallels the furious rush of the North Fork of the Encampment River and gently climbs to a spectacular descent of water crashing over large boulders. The hike is approximately 4 miles, one-way, through a mix of conifer and aspen trees. The first two miles of the hike follow a rough 4WD road to the trailhead. The path then becomes a well-marked hiking trail that leads to the **Huston Park Wilderness** boundary and finally, the Green Mountain Falls. Directions: Drive west of Encampment for 6 miles on Highway 70. Turn left onto NFSR 550. Continue driving for another 2 miles until you reach NFSR 550.2H. There is a small parking area there.

TIP: Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest Maps are available from the Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District Office in Saratoga.



Get Your *West on*

Medicine Bow, Hanna, & Elk Mountain

ELK MOUNTAIN POP.: 196 | ELEVATION: 7,264 FEET
HANNA POPULATION: 812 | ELEVATION: 6,818 FEET
MEDICINE BOW POP.: 270 | ELEVATION: 6,565 FEET

There is no shortage of pronghorn antelope in the spacious sagebrush flats surrounding Medicine Bow and Hanna. Stop and smell the sagebrush.

Elk Mountain, a northern gateway to the Snowy Range, is located along Interstate 80. Peaceful and picturesque, it is ideal for outdoor getaways and adventures.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Summer High (July)	82°F
Winter Low (Jan)	13°F

MILEAGE TO MEDICINE BOW

Denver, CO	188 miles
Rawlins, WY	58 miles
Hanna, WY	20 miles

MILEAGE TO ELK MOUNTAIN

Denver, CO	190 miles
Rawlins, WY	46 miles
Hanna, WY	18 miles



Early explorers established the routes followed by stage coaches and wagons, opening the West for settlement. The Overland Trail, the transcontinental railroad, the Lincoln Highway and the discovery of coal contributed to the growth of these small towns.

MEDICINE BOW HISTORY

Medicine Bow was founded in 1868 as a Union Pacific watering station along the **Medicine Bow River**. Watering stations were important in a time when steam locomotives used thousands of gallons of water to go relatively short distances. These stations often became local supply depots and trading posts.

“When you call me that, smile!” Built in 1911, the three-story **Virginian Hotel** takes its name from Owen Wister’s famous novel. At the time, it was the largest hotel between Denver and Salt Lake City and a regular gathering place for travelers, local ranchers and railroad men. This historic hotel, built nearly a century ago, still operates as hotel and restaurant, with one of the finest old-time western bars in Wyoming.

HANNA HISTORY

Hanna was founded in 1890 as a company town for the **Union Pacific Coal Company**. The mines operated in one of Wyoming’s largest and richest coalfields through 1954. Hanna’s mining boom ended much as other mining camps of the era; up and down for decades, until only a few hundred residents remained. The disastrous explosions in 1903 and 1908 took the lives of 228 local miners. There are three monuments in Hanna dedicated to

those who lost their lives in the Carbon and Hanna coalmines. A rare **snowplow locomotive** is also on display at the Hanna Recreation Center.

ELK MOUNTAIN HISTORY

Elk Mountain is located at the base of its 11,156-foot namesake. It was founded as a stage stop on the Overland Trail, where immigrants and stage travelers could safely cross the **Medicine Bow River**. In 1862, **Fort Halleck** was built a few miles west of Elk Mountain. It served to protect travelers passing through this region for four years.

In 1905, the **Elk Mountain Hotel** was built on the property previously used by the Overland Stage Station. The building’s architecture is Folk Victorian style, reminiscent of what was found on the frontier during that time. Next to the Hotel stood the **Garden Spot Pavilion**, which was host to such notable entertainers as Louis Armstrong, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, and Lawrence Welk. These entertainers inspired hundreds to “jump on and ride” the Garden Spot’s magical dance floor. The historic hotel remains a perfect venue for weddings and social gatherings, lodging and dining.



MEDICINE BOW, HANNA & ELK MOUNTAIN LODGING

CABINS & COTTAGES

Elk Mountain Cabins
107 Main St. • Elk Mountain • 307-348-7778
elkmountaincabins.com

Tyler Sims Outfitting LLC
958 State Highway 13 • McFadden • 307-760-5596 | tylersims.com

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

BS RV Park, LLC
103 E Main St. • Elk Mountain • 307-321-1178 or 307-760-5719

The Historic Virginian Hotel RV Park
404 Lincoln Highway/Highway 30 • Medicine Bow
307-379-2377 | historicvirginianhotel.vpweb.com

HOTELS / MOTELS

The Historic Elk Mountain Hotel
102 E. Main St. • Elk Mountain • 307-348-7774
elkmountainhotel.com

The Historic Virginian Hotel
404 Lincoln Highway/Highway 30 • Medicine Bow
307-379-2377 | historicvirginianhotel.vpweb.com

MEDICINE BOW, HANNA & ELK MOUNTAIN DINING

AMERICAN

C Spear Bar & Grill
202 Lincoln Hwy. Medicine Bow • 307-520-3030

Corner Cafe 1007 Jade Dr. Suite A • Hanna • 307-325-6129

The Crossing Café at the Elk Mountain Trading Co.
205 E. Bridge St. • Elk Mountain • 307-348-7478

The New Dingy Dan's 204 Adams St. • Hanna • 307-325-9829

J B's Stop & Shop
604 Lincoln Hwy. • Medicine Bow • 307-379-2547

Old West Bar
612 Lincoln Hwy. • Medicine Bow • 307-379-2240

Poulos' Nugget Bar
2200 1st St. • Elmo Addition, Hanna • 307-325-6872

Skinny's Beer Garden 605 2nd St. • Hanna • 307-797-1827

The Historic Virginian Eating House
404 Lincoln Highway/Highway 30 • Medicine Bow • 307-379-2377

Best One Day Itinerary

HANNA & MEDICINE BOW

DAY 1 - HANNA BASIN MUSEUM, MEDICINE BOW MUSEUM & THE VIRGINIAN HOTEL

Experience quaint towns along the old Lincoln Highway (Highway 30) with must-see museums and a historic hotel.

The **Hanna Basin Museum** represents more than 134 years of underground coal mining in the Carbon and Hanna Basins. Learn the origins of this company mining town and that of the **ghost town of Carbon**—an early mining community on the original line of the Union Pacific Railway whose population was once 1,140 people. Impressive collections and artifacts include an original Union Pacific Coal Company house, the oldest church bell in Wyoming (1870), artwork depicting ranch and homestead life, a tribute to residents, and many historic photographs. Open Friday - Sunday, 1pm to 5pm.

The **Medicine Bow Museum** is housed in the 1913 Union Pacific Railroad depot. Get a sense of the Old West through the ranching and homesteading antiques and railroad memorabilia that inspired the classic western, “The Virginian”, by Owen Wister. The museum grounds also house the **Owen Wister Cabin and Monument**, an original Union Pacific caboose—that you can actually walk inside, a shepherd’s wagon, and a collection of local cattle and sheep brands. Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm; weekends and holidays 9am to 3pm.

The **Historic Virginian Hotel**, built in 1911, derives its name from the classic western novel by Owen Wister. For wild west fans, this 3-story hotel (with saloon, cafe, and pool table) will have you feeling like you stepped back in time. Hotel rooms are adorned in old-fashioned wallpaper, with beautiful antique furniture and vintage curtains; the meals are hearty, western saloon fare. Located across from the railroad on the Old Lincoln Highway 30, the Virginian Hotel offers a full menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner.



ADDITIONAL DAY 2 - FISH THE WORLD FAMOUS MIRACLE MILE OR THE MEDICINE BOW RIVER

The **Miracle Mile** is a 7-mile stretch of the North Platte River between the Kortez Dam and Pathfinder Reservoir. Trophy-sized rainbow and brown trout caught here weigh 5 to 10 pounds. See driving directions from Hanna and more details on page 25.

The **Medicine Bow River** flows north from it’s source in the Medicine Bow National Forest, through the town of Elk Mountain and the Medicine Bow valley, before it merges northwest of Hanna into the **Medicine Bow Arm of Seminoe Reservoir**. Fish for good-sized brookies higher up on the forest. Large brown and rainbow trout are more common downstream.

Medicine Bow Arm access: From Hanna, travel north on Jefferson Street/Hanna Draw Road (County Road 291) for 13 miles. At the Hanna-Leo Draw Road, turn left and follow for 9.7 miles to Shiners Point Road. From here the boat launch is 2.2 miles.

Snowy Range access: From Elk Mountain, travel east on Highway 72. This road becomes County Road 101; continue south for 14.5 miles. Drive past the Bow River campground to NFSR 105. Turn south to access on the East Fork of the Medicine Bow.

Best One Day Itinerary

ELK MOUNTAIN

DAY 1 - ELK MOUNTAIN MUSEUM, HISTORIC ELK MOUNTAIN HOTEL & PASS CREEK

The **Historic Elk Mountain Hotel** has been restored to Victorian era styling, with individually decorated bedrooms appointed with period antiques. Built in 1905, this historic property is more spacious than a bed and breakfast and more relaxing than a large hotel. The **Crossing Café at the Elk Mountain Trading Company** serves up delicious meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The **Elk Mountain Museum**, located at 105 Bridge Street, features artifacts from the Garden Spot Pavilion and the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel and memorabilia dating back to the early 1900’s from local ranches. Open seasonally Memorial Day through Labor Day, Wednesday from 1pm to 7pm, Friday and Saturday 10am - 5pm and by appointment at 307-348-7037.

Take a beautiful drive and see stunning vistas teeming with wildlife along the **Pass Creek Road**. Approximately 40 miles to Saratoga, it follows Pass Creek, winding between Elk Mountain and Coad Mountain, through willow bottoms and open sagebrush.

ADDITIONAL DAY 2 - FISH TURPIN RESERVOIR

Turpin Reservoir is located 20 miles south of Elk Mountain in the Medicine Bow National Forest. It is stocked with brook trout and splake (a hybrid between a brook trout and lake trout) and is surrounded in beautiful mountain scenery.

A short distance below the reservoir, the road drops down along Turpin Creek and passes by remnant **tie hack cabins**. Stop and explore the meadow, you may even hear chorus frogs in the creek.

Directions: Travel County Road 101 for 13.5 miles. At NFSR 100, turn right and follow past the Bow River Campground for 6 miles. Turpin Reservoir and the boat ramp is on the left side of the road.



Baggs, Dixon & Savery

BAGGS POPULATION: 430 | ELEVATION: 6,247 FEET
DIXON POPULATION: 79 | ELEVATION: 6,355 FEET
SAVERY POPULATION: 66 | ELEVATION: 6,473 FEET

The wild west is alive and well in Baggs, Dixon and Savery. Located in the Little Snake River Valley on Highway 70, these towns are filled with western charm and rugged frontier history.

Experience the untamed spirit of this remote area, from the dry and sparse Red Desert to the lush wilderness west of the Continental Divide.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Summer High (July)	86°F
Winter Low (Jan)	5°F

MILEAGE TO BAGGS

Rawlins, WY	76 miles
Savery, WY	11 miles
Dixon, WY	7 miles
Encampment, WY	56 miles



The Little Snake River Valley was a good place to settle for it's access to water, abundance of wild game, impressive scenery and agricultural opportunities. This remote area offered some of the best-known hideouts for outlaws too.

BAGGS HISTORY

Located three miles north of the Colorado state line and east of the **Red Desert**, Baggs was a perfect hideout for bandits outrunning the law. Butch Cassidy and his infamous Wild Bunch, "holed-up" in this rough and tumble outpost. The **Gaddis Mathews House** was a known hang-out for Butch and the gang.

DIXON HISTORY

Wyoming was only a territory when the town of Dixon was incorporated in July 1887. Dixon is named for Bob Dixon who was one of the regions first fur trappers, along with Jim Baker. Built in 1911, the **Dixon Club** has been a longtime watering hole for weary travelers passing through the valley. Its walls are covered with antiques and mementos of the area. Dixon is also home to the annual **Little Snake River Rodeo**. This small town rodeo and Saturday night dance offer plenty of action and family fun.

SAVERY HISTORY

Originally the Savery School, **Little Snake River Museum** houses several exhibits from the Valley's past, as well as buildings that reflect the history of the community.

Best One Day Itinerary

BAGGS, DIXON & SAVERY

DAY 1 - LITTLE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM AND THE OUTLAW STOP

The **Little Snake River Museum** in Savery features over 15 historic buildings, including Jim Baker's cabin, built in 1873. Spend some time touring original cabins and homes, an interactive Homesteader House, a mountain man tent and several replicated businesses. The LSRV Museum is open seasonally from Memorial Day weekend through mid-September, Tuesday-Sunday from 10:00am-4:30pm.

The **Outlaw Stop**, located in the center of Baggs, features buildings frequented by Butch Cassidy and his infamous Wild Bunch during the heydays of the Old West. Tour the **Mathews-Gaddis House** - a roadhouse that doubled as a Saturday night dance hall for Butch and the gang, and the **Baggs Town Hall-Fire Station-Jail** - a building that saw many notorious characters.

Stop by the **Visitor Center at the old Episcopal Church** (open June - August) for more area information.

ADDITIONAL DAY OPTION - EXPLORE THE RED DESERT AND SEE WILD HORSES

Southern Wyoming's Red Desert is one of the most spectacular, yet often missed, attractions in Carbon County. Located west of Baggs, between the Wyoming/Colorado border and Interstate 80, the Red Desert is a labyrinth of canyons, hoodoos, mesas, and dunes. And it is home to the largest remaining wild horse herd in Wyoming.

TIP: The Red Desert is best explored by an ATV or a sturdy, high-clearance, off-road 4WD vehicle and on foot. There are lots of roads, but they are confusing, unmarked and rough. You will definitely want to bring BLM maps, a GPS unit, and lots of water.

BAGGS, DIXON & SAVERY LODGING

CABINS & COTTAGES

Ladder Ranch
489 Carbon Co. Rd. #710 • Savery • 307-383-2413
ladderranch.com

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

Cowboy Inn RV Park
210 Penland St. • Baggs • 307-383-2200 | thecowboyinn.com
Happy Camper
Highway 789, Mile Marker 49 • Baggs • 307-383-7120
facebook.com/Happy-Camper-RV-Park-1079120565612113

HOTELS / MOTELS

Cowboy Inn Motel
210 Penland St. • Baggs • 307-383-2200 | thecowboyinn.com
Dixon Motel
217 Cottonwood • Dixon • 307-383-2300 | dixonmotel.com

LODGES, GUEST RANCHES & RESORTS

Antelope Ranch
763 Carbon Co Rd. 561 N. • Savery • 307-383-2625
Boyer YL Ranch
34 County Rd 754 • Savery • 307-383-7778 | boyeryl ranch.com
The Lodge and Spa at Three Forks Ranch
1445 Carbon County Rd. #710 • Savery • 970-583-7396 | threeforksranch.com

BAGGS, DIXON & SAVERY DINING

AMERICAN

Brenda's Home Cookin
1445 N. Penland • Baggs • 307-383-6369
The Cowboy Inn 210 S. Penland St. • Baggs • 307-383-2200
The Dixon Club 216 Cottonwood St. • Dixon • 307-383-7722



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BEAUTIFUL Scenic Drives

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Free Recreation Map



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BATTLE HIGHWAY SCENIC BYWAY

Length: 28 miles via Highway 70

Open Memorial Day through October, weather permitting

Named for a famous battle between Native Americans and fur trappers in 1841, the Battle Highway stretches over the crest of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range, between Encampment and Baggs. While there are many scenic highlights along the route, it also features two spectacular museums, ghost towns from the mining era, historic sites, and crosses the Continental Divide.

- **Grand Encampment Museum in Encampment:** features aerial mining tramway segment and 15 historic buildings from the copper boom era. *See page 16 for more information.*
- **Battle:** located on the Continental Divide, it is one of many mining ghost towns in the Sierra Madre Mountain Range.
- **Battle Pass Summit, 9,955 ft:** on the Continental Divide, provides a sweeping view of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range.
- **Battle Lake and Thomas A. Edison monument:** While vacationing here in 1878, Edison threw a broken bamboo fishing pole in the fire and was intrigued by the way the frayed pieces glowed. This observation led Edison to the discovery of filament for the incandescent electric lamp.
- **Aspen Alley:** a natural canopy of aspen trees, just north of the Highway on NFSR 801. Particularly beautiful in the fall.
- **Little Snake River Valley Museum in Savery:** features over 15 historic buildings, including Jim Baker’s cabin, built in 1873. *See page 23 for more information.*

SNOWY RANGE SCENIC BYWAY

Length: 29 miles via Highway 130

Open Memorial Day through October, weather permitting

This high altitude drive showcases some of the most spectacular and easily accessible peaks in Medicine Bow National Forest. Highway 130 runs between the Highway 130/230 junction (8 miles south of Saratoga) and Centennial. After crossing the North Platte River, it ascends to its highest point at 10,847 feet before meandering toward Centennial. Picnic areas, campgrounds, alpine lakes, a network of hiking trails and several scenic overlooks are accessible from the Highway—plus unforgettable views and plenty of wildlife sightings. Highlights include:

- **Medicine Bow Peak, 12,013 ft:** the highest peak in southern Wyoming. A 5.5-mile hike to the top features switch-backs, rock crossings and amazing views. *See page 13 for more details.*
- **Lake Marie:** popular lake named after Mary (Marie) Bellamy who led a suffrage drive for the adoption of 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote.
- **Libby Flats Observation Point:** the highest point on the Highway.
- **P. O. W. Camp at the Ryan Park Campground:** originally a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, it later served as a P.O.W. Camp for German and Italian soldiers during WWII.

SEMINOE-ALCOVA BACK COUNTRY BYWAY

Length: 64 miles via County Road 351

Located between Sinclair and Alcovia, this remote drive climbs over the rugged Seminoe Mountains before passing into antelope-grazed prairie and stark desert. The amazing transformations in the landscape are worth the backcountry journey. On your trip, you might see a variety of wildlife such as mule deer, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, golden and bald eagles, and ferruginous hawks. Attractions along the way include:

- **Seminoe Reservoir:** popular for trout and walleye fishing, boating, water skiing, and wildlife viewing. *See more on page 25.*
- **Miracle Mile:** a 7-mile stretch of the North Platte River, famous for huge trout and great fly fishing. *See page 25 for more details.*
- **Seminoe State Park:** popular for access to Seminoe Reservoir, with camping and picnicking among giant white sand dunes.

SIERRA MADRE SCENIC LOOP

Length: 58 miles via Highway 70, and Forest Service Roads 550, 496 & 409

Open Memorial Day through October, weather permitting

Set in a quiet corner of southern Carbon County, this drive makes a loop through the Sierra Madre Mountain Range on well-maintained gravel roads. Beginning in Encampment, follow Highway 70 west for 6 miles to NFSR 550. Turn left and travel south for 16 miles. At Hog Park Reservoir, merge left, the road becomes NFSR 496. Continue 10 miles south and turn left to follow NFSR 496 north for 12.5 miles to NFSR 409 (the Blackhall Road). Turn left and travel north 11 miles and turn left onto Highway 230. The loop ends in 2 miles at Riverside. Along the way, enjoy several stops of historical and natural interest.

- **Halfway House:** built in 1902, as a stopping point between Encampment and the mining camps in the Hog Park area.
- **Hog Park Reservoir:** formed in the 1960’s when an earthen dam was constructed to store water for municipal use in Cheyenne. It is a favorite spot for fishing and boating.
- **East Fork Trail Access:** follows East Fork of the Encampment River, with several remnant mining cabins.
- **Billie Creek Junction (NFSR 496 & 409):** road forks left back to Riverside; right provides access to the **Blackhall Mountain Fire Lookout Tower**, 4WD recommended.
- **Indian Bathtubs:** a natural rock formation believed to be used by Native Americans for bathing. *See page 16 for details.*



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EXCITING Outdoor Adventures

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FISHING

Come cast your line in Carbon County! It's the **only area in Wyoming** that offers such variety in fishing opportunities. From beautiful rivers and large reservoirs to alpine lakes and streams, the clear, cold water here is the perfect habitat for trout. Area waters contain "blue ribbon" wild brown and rainbow trout, walleye, tiger, brook, brown, rainbow, splake, golden and cutthroat trout, and kokanee salmon. Fish to your heart's content in spectacular scenery without the crowds.

Upper North Platte River features "blue ribbon" wild trout fishing and is popular for floating and kayaking. Beginning in Colorado, this pristine freestone river flows north through mountain wilderness, the Saratoga valley hay meadows, and finally through majestic desert before leaving Carbon County. As the "Premier Blue Ribbon Wild Trout Stream in Wyoming, the North Platte claims 4,000 catchable fish per mile. There are several public river access points between Colorado and the Miracle Mile.

The Miracle Mile is the famed 7-mile stretch of the North Platte River between the Kortess Dam below Seminoe Reservoir and the headwaters of Pathfinder Reservoir. In this ideal, big trout habitat, trophy-size rainbows and browns can weigh between 5 and 10 pounds. Directions: From Sinclair, follow County Road 351/Seminoe Road for 37 miles to the North Platte bridge. From Hanna, follow County Road 291/Hanna-Leo Draw Road for 46 miles to Kortess Road. Turn left and follow 6 miles to the bridge.

Encampment River flows north into Wyoming through the rugged Encampment River Wilderness in the Sierra Madre Mountain Range. It winds northwest through the town of Riverside before merging with the North Platte River. Also a "blue ribbon" trout stream, the river has three public river access points.

These prominent **reservoirs and lakes** in Carbon County offer miles of great shoreline fishing and are excellent boating spots.

- **Seminoe Reservoir:** of all the places in Wyoming where walleye are found, they are most abundant here. Seminoe also offers great fishing for rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout, with 180 miles of shoreline. **Seminoe State Park**, located 30 miles north of Sinclair on County Road 351, has several campsites, potable water, restrooms, boat ramps, picnic shelters and access to the largest sandy beach in Wyoming.
- **High Savary Reservoir:** located 38 miles south of Rawlins on County Road 401, it is the only place in Wyoming to catch tiger trout (brown trout/brook trout cross). Brook and rainbow trout, Colorado River cutthroat and Kokanee salmon are also plentiful here. Not much shoreline, but there is a boat ramp.
- **Hog Park Reservoir:** excellent fishing for brook, rainbow and cutthroat trout. There is a 50-site campground and two picnic areas, drinking water and plenty of shoreline fishing. From Encampment, travel west on Highway 70 for 6 miles. Turn left on NFSR 550 and travel south about 16 miles. The campground and boat dock is 3 miles ahead on NFSR 496.
- **Saratoga Lake:** located a few miles north of Saratoga, it offers good fishing for rainbow and brown trout. There is a 50-site campground, boat dock and restrooms. Nearby wetlands are home to hundreds of species of birds.

HIKING

Carbon County has thousands of acres of public land spanning diverse ecosystems. These lands offer a lifetime of exploring and adventure.

There are over 50 designated hiking trails in the Snowy Range and Sierra Madre Mountain Range of the **Medicine Bow National Forest**. Trails range from 7,400 ft. to 11,200 ft. in elevation and offer a variety of hiking experiences. Our favorite day hikes are outlined in the itinerary pages of this guide. However, there is one epic hike featured on the next page: The Continental Divide Trail.



HIKING AND MOUNTAIN BIKING THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL

Approximately 125 miles of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) pass through Carbon County. For those who relish the experience of traveling along the spine of the Rocky Mountains and through the Great Divide Basin, this is the place. The terrain is wonderfully diverse and scenic views are breathtaking and endless. Hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and motor vehicle use are allowed on the majority of the trail. However there are a few segments that are unavailable to motorists.

From south to north, the trail enters Wyoming through the Sierra Madre Mountain Range and the tranquil Huston Park Wilderness. *Please note that motorized vehicles and mountain bikes are not allowed in wilderness areas. An alternate route is available utilizing forest roads.* The trail then crosses the **Battle Pass Scenic Highway** (Highway 70) and climbs to 11,004 feet in elevation at Bridger Peak and 9,091 feet at Divide Peak before leaving the forest. It then descends 3,500 feet through sagebrush prairie as it reaches the city of Rawlins.

Rawlins, a Continental Divide Gateway Community, is located at the southeastern edge of the Great Divide Basin. Rawlins is a great place to refresh and refuel before continuing your journey. The CDNST passes directly through Rawlins, offering opportunities to shop, dine and stroll through Historic Downtown Rawlins. Public restrooms are available downtown and at the Memorial Sports Complex.

From Rawlins, the trail follows Highway 287 north and continues northwest across sagebrush prairie into the Great Divide Basin. This trail segment is best explored with 4WD vehicles and mountain bikes. Highlights include expansive desert vistas, wildlife sightings, and wild horses. Bring plenty of water for this segment as it is exposed with little cover and services are unavailable.

The best time of year to experience the CDNST in Carbon County is late-June through mid-September. Snow at high elevations can remain through much of June and



make passage difficult. Even in July and August, afternoon storms can bring plenty of rain, lightening, sleet and hail. Be prepared for weather to change rapidly. Travelers should expect summer daytime temperatures to be around 80F and nighttime temperatures in the mountains to be around 30F.

It's a good idea to let someone know which segment of the trail you will be traveling. Cell phone service ranges from limited to non-existent in remote areas. And there are no taxi or Uber services available if you get tired of hiking. Plan ahead and download the **Carbon County Interactive Map** at <https://www.avenzamaps.com/maps/817356/carbon-county-trails> prior to your trip. A handheld GPS navigation system is handy.

GREAT DIVIDE BASIN

In North America, river systems west of the Continental Divide flow into the Pacific Ocean and river systems east of the Continental Divide flow into the Atlantic Ocean. That is, except in the Great Divide Basin which lies just west of Rawlins. Water that flows into this vast high desert either evaporates or soaks into the earth, but does not drain to either ocean.

The Great Divide Basin encompasses 778,792 acres of public, private, and state land. Closer inspection of this seemingly barren landscape reveals a variety of mountains, badlands, and sand dunes. Wild horses, over 50,000 pronghorn antelope, a rare desert elk herd and the greater sage grouse are among the wild animals that call this rich high desert landscape their home.

SNOWMOBILING

SEASON: DECEMBER - APRIL

Carbon County has some of the best snowmobiling in Wyoming. Explore over 500 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails with terrain to excite users of all skill levels.

The Snowy Range is the largest and most developed snowmobile area in Carbon County, with 306 miles of groomed trails and 170 miles of ungroomed trails. It's also the home of the "Widow Maker" (11,330 feet), one of Wyoming's most extreme snowmobile trails. The terrain is varied with plenty of play areas, hills and deep champagne powder. Snow depths reach up to 12 feet.

The Sierra Madre Mountain Range is relatively uncrowded and offers a series of trail loops with outstanding views. There are 110 miles of groomed and 50 miles of ungroomed trails and two trailheads/parking lots. The Bottle Creek trailhead/parking area is located on Highway 70, six miles west of Encampment. The Stemp Springs trailhead/parking area is located 16 miles east of Savery. Snow depths reach up to 8 feet.

CROSS-COUNTY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

SEASON: DECEMBER - APRIL

Whether novice or expert, the beautiful, groomed trails in the Snowy Range and Sierra Madre Mountain Range provide plenty of solitude in diverse terrain.

The Bottle Creek Trails are located 6 miles west of Encampment on Highway 70 in the Sierra Madre Mountain Range. Several loop trails wind through aspen, lodgepole pine stands, and regenerating tree harvest areas.

The Brush Creek Trails are accessed from Highway 130 in the Snowy Range, behind the Brush Creek Visitor Center. The trail system winds through aspen, lodgepole pine stands, and by a remnant tie hack cabin. Restroom facilities are available.

For the more adventurous skiers or snowshoers, there's a lot of backcountry to explore in both mountain ranges.



Get Your *West on*

MADE EASY

Adventure Vacations

Experience genuine western hospitality, ride horses, and enjoy family-style dining and sporting opportunities at ranch getaways in Carbon County.

From luxury to laid-back, the guest ranches featured here are the perfect place to host corporate retreats, enjoy family reunions, celebrate weddings, or simply unwind.



A BAR A RANCH

Located along the banks of the Upper North Platte River, on the southwestern edge of the Snowy Range, the A Bar A is one of the oldest guest ranches in the country. It has operated as a guest and cattle ranch since the early 1920s. With nearly 100,000 acres for guests to explore, the A Bar A features unforgettable horseback riding, fly fishing, hiking, archery/shooting ranges and children's programs.

Three guest houses and sixteen historic cabins are surrounded by the natural beauty of the North Platte River Valley. Anglers have access to 32 miles of blue-ribbon private water and exceptional fly-fishing conditions.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner cookouts are highlights of the week, for children and adults alike. Creative menus are prepared with healthy, quality ingredients, including organic produce and natural meats. Evening entertainment includes cowboy singing and folk music. For reservations, visit abararanch.com

BRUSH CREEK LUXURY RANCH COLLECTION

Reconnect, relax, and rejoice in unbridled luxury at the Travel + Leisure #1 Resort in the US and #2 Hotel in the World. Vacationing at the Brush Creek Ranch means all-inclusive access to a host of lodging, amenities, food and beverage, and lots of activities, all unfolding over 30,000 acres of a working cattle ranch. Three, all-inclusive, luxury ranch resorts, surrounded by prairies, mountains, creeks and rivers, are located southeast of Saratoga.

Accommodations at the Brush Creek Ranch provide a seamless semblance of the "old west" while maintaining luxury. With 33 individual units, lodging options include 11 elegant two and three-bedroom log cabin residences, 13 spacious rooms in the Trailhead Lodge, and nine fully-refurbished cabin suites. Groups of up to 150 guests are achievable.

At the Brush Creek, guests can explore a vast array of activities: fly fishing, archery, ATV adventures, horseback riding, rock climbing, guided ranger tours, spa, hiking and trail running, yoga, glamping, mountain biking, golf, shooting sports, ziplining, farm tour, culinary classes, wine cellar tour, skiing, snowboarding, sleigh rides, ice skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and activities tailored specifically to families and youngsters.

At **The Farm at Brush Creek**, guests can enjoy ranch-sourced seed-to-table experiences featuring a luxury restaurant, greenhouse, brewery, distillery, creamery, bakery, spirit vault, a 94-yard wine cellar and unique event spaces for up to 250 people. For reservations, visit brushcreekranch.com.

MEDICINE BOW LODGE & ADVENTURE GUEST RANCH

The Medicine Bow Lodge is an ideal retreat for folks looking to get away from it all. This guest dude ranch has been in operation since 1917. They offer guests an extraordinary opportunity to unplug, unwind, to truly enjoy and reconnect with their families.

Located in the Medicine Bow National Forest along the Snowy Range Scenic Byway, the Medicine Bow Lodge is easily accessible and close to many horseback riding trails. Well-trained wranglers specifically tailor trips for riders of all levels. Guests can take advantage of all day rides, overnight pack trips, fishing excursions, scenic hikes, and the archery range.

Recently refurbished, the Lodge features comfortable furnishings, a huge stone fireplace and space for games, entertainment and dancing as well as Internet access. Guests stay in rustic cabins that are comfortable, cozy and welcoming. As many as thirty guests can enjoy all amenities and three delicious home cooked meals that are served daily. Carefully selected fresh produce, meats and seafood are complemented by breads and desserts prepared from treasured family recipes. For reservations, visit medicinebowlodge.net.

THE LODGE AND SPA AT THREE FORKS RANCH

Located just 40 miles north of Steamboat Springs on the Colorado-Wyoming border, the expansive 200,000-acre Three Forks Ranch is a luxury getaway. Since the 1800s, this working cattle ranch has attracted and impressed anglers, outdoorsmen, vacationers, and explorers from far and wide.

Every aspect of this all-inclusive stay is personalized for each and every guest. Lodging options include 11 decadent deluxe rooms and 4 sumptuous suites equipped with Italian linens, marble-covered bathrooms, premium amenities, and spa-quality robes. Rooms are fully stocked with snacks and drinks to satisfy mid-day (or midnight!) cravings. Each meal is customized — from morning coffee and tea service to end-of-day dessert.

An adventure is always in season at Three Forks Ranch. Guests can take advantage of a variety of activities: wellness classes, 3D archery range, cooking classes, fly fishing, hiking, horseback riding, relaxing massage, wildlife tours, game hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding and downhill skiing. For reservations, visit threeforksranch.com.



Get Your *West on*

2020-2021

Carbon County Events

From live musical performances and art festivals to skijoring competitions and brewfests, there is something for everyone in Carbon County. For more details about annual and upcoming events, visit wyomingcarboncounty.com

Due to uncertain times, all events and/or dates are subject to change. Confirmation of event happenings is a necessity. Please be sure to follow all travel guidelines and restrictions of your state and Wyoming.

For event dates and details, visit
www.wyomingcarboncounty.com



APRIL 2022

7-10 Wyoming Open Pool Tournament - Saratoga
29-30 Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga

MAY 2022

1 Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Range Opens
13 Riverside Visitor Center Opening Day-Riverside
27-28 Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga
27 Grand Encampment Museum (GEM) Opening
28 C. J. Box Book Signing @ GEM - Encampment
28 Wyoming Frontier Prison Opening
28 Museums Summer Season Begins
28 Fort Fred Steele Historic Site Opens

JUNE 2022

4 Marion Baker Memorial Shoot - Encampment
10-11 Tale of Two Cities Disc Golf - Riverside
11 Mark Miller Lecture and Book Signing @ GEM
11 C. J. Box Book Signing @ Saratoga Museum - Saratoga
11 Brews & BBQ - Rawlins
17-19 Woodchopper's Jamboree & Rodeo - Encampment
23 Music in the Park "Michael Charles" - Rawlins
24-25 King Coal Days - Hanna
30 Music in the Park "TBA" - Rawlins

JULY 2022

2 Ned Ledoux @ Saratoga Days - Saratoga
2 Platte Valley Kiwanis Cornhole Tournament - Saratoga
2-3 Platte Valley Festival of the Arts - Saratoga
2-3 Little Snake River Rodeo - Baggs
7 Music in the Park "Jacob Christopher Band" - Rawlins
7-10 76th Wyoming Ranchers Family Camp - Encampment
8 Splash Pad Dedication - Rawlins
8-9 Blown Away at SummerFest - Rawlins
8-9 Platte River Rodeo - Saratoga
14 Music in the Park "Arron Davis and the Mystery Machine" - Rawlins
15-17 20th Annual Grand Encampment Cowboy Gathering -

Encampment
21 Music in the Park "Marc Berger and The Ride" - Rawlins
22-24 Mountain Man Rendezvous - Encampment
23 Living History Day @ the GEM- Encampment
23 Open Class Horse Show - Rawlins
28 Music in the Park "TBA" - Rawlins
31 Carbon County Fair Opening Day - Rawlins

AUGUST 2022

1-6 Carbon County Fair and Rodeo - Rawlins
3 Chancey Williams @ CC Fair & Rodeo - Rawlins
4 Hell On Wheels Rodeo @ CC Fair & Rodeo - Rawlins
6 Community Barbecue & Music in the Park - Encampment
6 Rawtown Riot Demo Derby - Rawlins
11 Music in the Park "Studebaker John and the Hawks" - Rawlins
12 Cow Plop Festibull - Rawlins
19-20 8th Annual Quilt Retreat - Encampment
19-20 "Buffalo Bill" History Symposium @ GEM
19-27 Tramway Days @ GEM - Encampment
20 Steinley Cup Microbrew Festival - Saratoga
20 Riverside Party Day - Riverside
26 "Sleuthing with Joe Pickett" Trivia Contest - Saratoga
27 Saratoga Bullfest - Saratoga
27 Annual Historic Trek @ GEM - Encampment
28 Battle of the Gravel - Savery

SEPTEMBER 2022

5 End of Summer Season at Museums
5 Fort Fred Steele Historic Site Closes
9 Party on the Platte - Saratoga
10-11 Chug n' Tug Copper Days Festival & Antique Tractor Pull & Engine Show - Encampment
18 Brewfest - Rawlins
TBA Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga

OCTOBER 2022

1-31 Pumpkin Patch - Rawlins
7 ArtBeat - Rawlins
15 Harvest Festival - Rawlins
28-29 Haunted Tours @ WY Frontier Prison - Rawlins
31 Haunted Tours @ WY Frontier Prison - Rawlins
31 Safe Trick or Treat in Towns
31 Safe Trick or Treat at Rawlins Recreation Center
TBA Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga

NOVEMBER 2022

1 Indoor Shooting Range Opens
12 Blue Jean Ball - Rawlins

25 Blue Plaid Friday - Rawlins
25-30 Rawlins WinterFest
26 Small Business Saturday - Rawlins & Saratoga
TBA Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga

DECEMBER 2022

1 Starlight Christmas Parade - Rawlins
1-4 Rawlins WinterFest
3 Christmas out of the Big House - Rawlins
3-10 Festival of Wreaths & Trees - Rawlins
9 Festival of Trees Gala & Auction - Saratoga
10 Winter Wonderland & Lighted Christmas Parade - Saratoga
TBA Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga

JANUARY 2023

21-22 Saratoga Lake Ice Fishing Derby
27-28 Sierra Madre Winter Carnival - Encampment
TBA Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga

FEBRUARY 2023

4-5 Saratoga Skijoring Races - Saratoga
18 Frozen Fore Ice Golf Tournament - Saratoga
19 Upper Platte Valley Search & Rescue Ben Romios Memorial Poker Run
TBA Rawlins DDA/Main Street Fundraiser- Rawlins
TBA Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga
TBA Pepsi Premier Racquetball Tournament - Rawlins
TBA Silver Bullet NRA Pistol Tournament - Rawlins

MARCH 2023

TBA Nubbins Pool Tournament - Saratoga

