



FISHING TOUR



All fishing within the State of Wyoming is regulated by the Wyoming Game & Fish Department. Please pick up regulations at the Game & Fish Visitor Center east of town at I-90 and 5th Street. You must have a valid Wyoming license to fish all of the areas listed.

Sheridan is blessed to have many quality fisheries in the area. The ponds closest to town are stocked with trout.

For a days outing, you can select one or two of the fisheries listed dependent on your needs. Select one a day, two a day or make a week of it, Sheridan is a great place to fish 'til your heart's content and your mind is rested.

(1) FAIRGROUNDS POND - A great spot for a family outing. Bring a picnic and your poles. This site was developed by the local Rotary Club and is a great spot for a few hours of fishing or a good location to teach the kids how to fish. Or bring your fly pole and get in some practice.



(2) MAVRAKIS POND - A wild area named after our favorite fisherman, Sam Mavrakis, a man who has taught most of the community about fishing. Mavrakis pond is located close to the city center. There's plenty of room for you to spread out and fish for trout. A great family spot for fishing, too.

(3) RANCHESTER CITY RESERVOIR - Northwest of town and by the Town of Ranchester is the city reservoir. Big enough to enjoy the quiet of the outdoors, small enough to bring the family and close enough to Sheridan to give you another opportunity to fish the waters of the Big Horn Mountains.

(5) SIBLEY LAKE - About 45 minutes from town, you will find Sibley Lake. It is in the mountains surrounded by pine forests. Watch for moose who love this lake for grazing. Great trout can be caught here too! No motorized water craft are allowed. You will find brook, cutthroat, and rainbow trout.

(4) FLY FISHING TONGUE RIVER CANYON AND TONGUE RIVER - Miles of quality fishing can be yours in the canyon. Fast, cold, mountain water rushes down the canyon from high above in the Big Horns. The hike is great. The fishing is always good.

The Tongue River has several access points besides the canyon. Please pick up information from the Game & Fish about this fishery. The Tongue River (North & South) has black bullhead, brook and rainbow trout depending on which drainage you fish.



(6) LITTLE GOOSE AND BIG GOOSE CREEKS - The waters of the Big Horns provide a the habitat for a quality fishing experience. Bring your waders or sit on shore. The waters are fast so plan your strategy to catch the “big one.” You will find brook, brown, grayling, and rainbow trout in these waters.

(7) BIG HORN MOUNTAIN ALPINE LAKES - The alpine lakes are pristine and fly fishing is a must, although not a requirement, on these waters. Clean, fresh water and the surroundings are exquisite. You won't be disappointed fishing any alpine lake in the Big Horn Mountains.

(8) PARK RESERVOIR - The reservoir is located in the Big Horns with the shortest access up Red Grade Road (State 26) just outside Big Horn, Wyoming. The water levels are dependent on the annual rainfall and irrigation usage. At Park Reservoir you will catch brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout.

(9) PINEY CREEK - This creek flows out of the mountains near Story. Hike up Piney Creek Trail and make a day of fly fishing.

(10) LAKE DESMET - Years ago, Indians believed this lake had no bottom and it became the basis for many legends and superstitions. This lake is named after a Belgium priest, Father DeSmet who came to Wyoming in 1840 as a missionary to the Flathead Indians. It is located on the east end of the Big Horns and is the largest Wyoming lake near Sheridan. You will have excellent fishing opportunities at Lake DeSmet and it can be fished year-round. If you decide to ice fish, be certain the lake is frozen solid. At DeSmet you will find brown and rainbow trout, rock bass and yellow perch.



