



SHERIDAN TOUR



This loop tour will can several days or a week dependent on the time spent at each facility. There are many books written on the area and can be viewed or purchased at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library or any of the local bookstores. The library also houses the Wyoming Room which is an amazing and extremely valuable resource for the history of the area and the families who lived here.

(1) THE HISTORIC SHERIDAN INN

The Historic Sheridan Inn was built across from the train depot and was advertised as "the finest hotel between Chicago and San Francisco." Colonel William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody frequented the Inn and was once part owner. He would sit on the grand porch of this gracious building and would audition acts for his "Wild West Show." The Inn is widely known as the "House of 69 Gables" as listed in Ripley's Believe It or Not and it has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(2) TRAIL END HISTORIC SITE

Visit the seat of a cattle ranching empire of Texas cowboy turned U. S. Senator & Wyoming Governor John B. Kendrick. Trail End Historic Site features a view of early 20th century lifestyle.



Designed by Montana architect Glenn Charles McAlister, the mansion remains one of the few western examples of Flemish Revival architecture. "Trail End" as it was named by Kendrick is operated by the State of Wyoming Parks & Cultural Resources. This historic house museum features many of the original furnishings and personal items of the family.

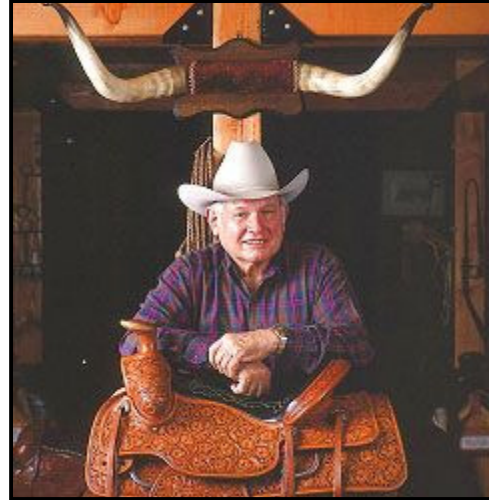
Kendrick was an orphan who trailed cattle to Wyoming from Texas. He was self-educated and through cattle and business ventures became one of the county's wealthiest men. The land for Kendrick Park which sits below the mansion was donated by Kendrick to the City of Sheridan.

(3) CROOK'S CAMPSITE

Located near the YMCA, the area where the Goose creeks unite is the location of General George Crook's camp after having lodged near the Tongue River finding little grass for his horses. At the confluence of these two creeks, he found an abundance of "good grass, fine water and an ample supply of wood." On June 14, 1876, the Crow and Shoshone's joined his troops as allies. They moved north, as he had information that Crazy Horse has large villages camped along the Rosebud.

(4) KING'S MUSEUM

Developed from the artistry and hard work of master leather craftsman Don King who developed his own style, "the Sheridan Style" saddle. As a boy, King followed his father, a working cowboy throughout the west. He sought out master leather craftsman and opened his own business in 1961. Over the years, demand for his work exceeded output and Don quickly became known as one of our country's premier saddle makers. King's collection of memorabilia now makes up King's Museum. These collections are impressive, as are its presentation. Among the many items exhibited are:



a Pre-Civil War Conestoga saddle and a Japanese saddle tree found in a tomb on the island of Okinawa during World War III. It is believed the saddle dates back to the 17th century. The museum provides a picture of the Old West through the artwork, silverwork, saddles and Native American collections presented. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM.

(5) FIRST CABIN IN SHERIDAN

Marker which indicates the location of the First Cabin Built in Sheridan The site of the first cabin built in Sheridan County is marked by a stone monument located at Brooks and Smith Streets. The sod-roofed cabin can be seen in its simple splendor at the Trail End Historic Museum.

(6) KENDRICK PARK

The park offers facilities for family or solitary activities. The band shell is the location of Concerts in the Park, the summer musical series held every Tuesday. Picnic areas, fishing, horseshoes, a large children's playground, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a wildlife refuge and wide open space make Kendrick Park a place to enjoy while you are in the Sheridan area



(7) CIVIL WAR CANONS AT THE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

In the spring of 2000, the canons located in the municipal cemetery were found to be authentic Civil War canons. Following their restoration, they will on exhibit daily during daylight hours.

(8) FOUCAULT PENDULUM

Sheridan College is home to a Foucault pendulum which illustrates the rotation of the earth. It is housed in the Mohn's Center.

(9) V.A. MEDICAL CENTER

Sheridan's Veterans Hospital is located on the site of historic Fort Mackenzie. Established in 1898, by order of President McKinley, the Fort serviced, first as a calvary post, and then an infantry garrison until the outbreak of World War I. At that time, the troops were sent to the Mexican border and the Fort was closed. It was reopened in 1922, as a Veterans Hospital.

Today, this facility is a state-of-the-art hospital offering both inpatient and outpatient care. However, the stately architecture and lovely grounds from his historic past remain.

(10) SHERIDAN COUNTY MUSEUM

Immerse yourself in the colorful cultures, commerce, and characters of the area at the Sheridan County Museum. The museum features interactive exhibits, dioramas, and a gift shop that captivates locals and visitors of all ages. Located just off the Fifth Street exit, the museum serves as the gateway for exploring historic downtown Sheridan and heritage sites around the region.

In 2006 the museum was moved to a new building that provided 4 times the space for exhibits, artifacts storage and work space.



