TALES & TRAILS
A GUIDE TO THE ICONS AND OUTLAWS OF SHERIDAN, WY
EXPLORE BIGHORN MOUNTAIN COUNTRY
EXPERIENCE WYOMING LIKE NEVER BEFORE
STREAM ALL 12 EPISODES OF SEASON 1 NOW ON YOUTUBE
The world comes out west expecting to see cowboys driving horses through the streets of downtown; pronghorn butting heads on windswept bluffs; clouds encircling the towering granite pinnacles of the Bighorn Mountains; and endless expanses of wild, open country. These are some of the fibers that have been stitched together over time to create the patchwork quilt of Sheridan’s identity, each part and parcel to the Wyoming experience. What you may not have been expecting when you came way out West was a thriving, historic downtown district, with western allure, hospitality and good graces to spare; a vibrant art scene; bombastic craft culture; a robust festival and events calendar; and living history on every corner.

Welcome to Sheridan, the Cultural Capital of Wyoming.

Wyoming is a testament to what people are capable of if you give them enough space.

- Sam Morton

44°47’48"N 106°57’32"W

Sheridan has a total area of 10.95 square miles

10.93/sq miles of land | 0.02/sq miles of water

ELEVATION 3,743 feet above sea level

CITY POPULATION 17,954 | COUNTY POPULATION 30,210

AVERAGE SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR: 208

July is the warmest | January is the coldest

Record High 107°F in 2002

Record Low -41°F in 1989

SheridanWyoming.org

#Visitsheridan
SHERIDAN, WY

Blessed by Bighorn Mountain topography and evenly spaced between Yellowstone National Park and Mount Rushmore, Sheridan is Wyoming’s Emerald City.

Sheridan is a short drive from national battle sites, parks, recreation areas and monuments; home to two National Historic Sites (Medicine Wheel and the Sheridan Inn); and on the doorstep of one of the nation’s finest wilderness areas.

Sheridan is where frontier history, mountain recreation and Old West charm conspire to deliver the travel experience of a lifetime. Sheridan features a thriving, historic downtown district, with western allure, hospitality and good graces to spare; a vibrant arts scene; bombastic craft culture; a robust festival and events calendar; and living history from one corner of the county to the next.
LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

1 - HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SHERIDAN
2 - KENDRICK PARK
3 - SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
4 - THE HISTORIC SHERIDAN INN
5 - TRAIL END STATE HISTORIC SITE
6 - SOUTH PARK NATURAL AREA
7 - MALCOLM WALLOP PARK
8 - BLACK TOOTH PARK
9 - SOLDIER RIDGE TRAIL
10 - EATON’S RANCH
11 - THE TOWN OF RANCHESTER
12 - THE TOWN OF DAYTON
13 - BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST
14 - SHERIDAN COUNTY AIRPORT
15 - THE BRINTON MUSEUM
16 - BIG HORN EQUESTRIAN CENTER
17 - THE POWDER HORN
18 - UCROSS FOUNDATION + ART GALLERY
19 - SHERIDAN INFORMATION CENTER
20 - MOUNT HOPE/MUNICIPAL CEMETERY
21 - THE MILL INN
22 - BLACK TOOTH BREWING CO.
23 - BISON AND ELK PADDOCK
24 - FORT MACKENZIE (VA MEDICAL CENTER)
25 - MUSEUM AT THE BIGHORNS
26 - THE MINT BAR
27 - KING’S SADDLERY AND DON KING MUSEUM
28 - THE WYO THEATER
29 - FORT PHIL KEARNY
30 - DA VINCI’S HORSE
31 - COMMUNITY OF BIG HORN
32 - COMMUNITY OF STORY
33 - STEAMBOAT POINT
34 - WHITNEY COMMONS + MANDEL CABIN
35 - KENDRICK GOLF COURSE
36 - TOWN OF CLEARMONT
37 - BORN IN A BARN
38 - BIG GOOSE CREEK
39 - SOLDIER CREEK
40 - LITTLE GOOSE CREEK

DISTANCES FROM SHERIDAN

CASPER, WY  149 MILES
CODY, WY  148 MILES
YELLOWSTONE NP 204 MILES
GRAND TETON NP 275 MILES
BILLINGS, MT  130 MILES
RAPID CITY, SD  250 MILES
MOUNT RUSHMORE 270 MILES
DENVER, CO  430 MILES
SALT LAKE CITY, UT  553 MILES
## CITY OF SHERIDAN HOTEL DIRECTORY

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# SHERIDAN COUNTY HOTEL DIRECTORY

## HOTELS, MOTELS and LODGES

| Property Name                  | Address                        | Website                                      | Front Desk # | WIFI | Pet Friendly | Non Smoking | Free Breakfast | Bar/Restaurant | Pool | Fitness Center | Camping | Average Online Rating (5.0) | Average Summer $ |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Arrowhead Lodge                | 6002 US-14, Dayton             | arrowheadlodgewyoming.com                   | 307.683.0111 | •    | •            | •            | •              | •              | •              | •                          | 4.3              | $99                         |
| Bear Lodge Resort              | 5600 US-14A, Dayton            | bearlodgeresort.com                         | 307.752.2444 | •    | •            | •            | •              | •              | •              | •                          | 4.0              | $119                        |
| Elk View Inn                   | 4622 US-14, Dayton             | elkviewinn.com                               | 307.461.4168 | •    | •            | •            | •              | •              | •              | •                          | 4.0              | $119                        |
| Foothills Motel and Campground | 101 Main St., Dayton           | foothillscampground.com                     | 307.655.2547 | •    | •            | •            | •              | •              | •              | •                          | 3.7              | $70                         |
| Ranchester Western Motel       | 350 US-14, Ranchester          | ranchesterwesternmotel.net                 | 307.655.2511 | •    | •            | •            | •              | •              | •              | •                          | 3.5              | $88                         |
| Story Pines Inn                | 46 N. Piney Rd., Story         | storypinesinn.com                           | 307.683.2120 | •    | •            | •            | •              | •              | •              | •                          | 4.6              | $89                         |
| Wagon Box Inn                  | 103 N. Piney Rd., Story        | wagonboxinn.com                              | 307.683.2444 | •    | •            | •            | •              | •              | •              | •                          | 4.2              | $95                         |

## GUEST RANCHES

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## RESTAURANTS, BARS, PUBS, BREWERIES, FOOD TRUCKS

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Spanning over 1.1 million acres and encompassing 1,200 miles of trails, 30 campgrounds, 10 picnic areas, 6 mountain lodges, and hundreds of miles of waterways, the Bighorn National Forest offers near limitless outdoor recreation activities - from hiking and hunting to camping and snowmobiling. The Cloud Peak Wilderness, with peaks reaching over 13,000-ft in elevation, features some of the most pristine forest in the United States, and ample opportunities to hike, climb, fish and much more. Tackle legendary excursions like the 60-mile Solitude Loop Trail, or go Tooth-to-Tooth as you race from downtown Sheridan to one of the tallest peaks in the Bighorns. Wildlife photography opportunities abound, and many trails are easily accessed from scenic Highway 14 or 14A. Popular trails, including Hidden Hoot, Tongue River Canyon, and Soldier Ridge, are a short drive from downtown Sheridan. Trail and ATV maps are available at the Information Center and the Forest Service Office.
MORNING ☀️

The Bighorn Mountains have been at the center of the essential Sheridan experience for generations. The mountains boast secluded canyons, miles of hiking, biking and riding trails, secret fishing holes, epic climbing lines, and so much more.

Consider renting a bike, stocking up on backpacking or climbing gear, tying a few flies, or purchasing other outdoor essentials from one of our outstanding outfitters. These include Sheridan Bicycle Co., The Sport Stop, Rocky Mountain Discount Sports, the Fly Shop of the Bighorns, and more.

Jump start your day of outdoor adventure with a breakfast at Uptown Shabby (the peaches and cream French toast are a local favorite), or Andi’s Coffee, then drive out to Highway 14 toward Dayton; the beautiful Town of Dayton is the gateway to the Tongue River Canyon (pictured). The canyon features a long in-and-out multi-purpose adventure trail, swimming and fishing holes, and some of the finest views in all of Wyoming. Here you’ll experience a little of what racers endure during the annual Bighorn Trail Run.

Further along scenic Highway 14, up and into the mountains, you’ll come to Steamboat Point, one of Sheridan County’s most recognizable natural icons. If you’re fortunate enough to be in Sheridan late in the spring, the wildflowers at Steamboat are stunning. The strenuous hike to the top of Steamboat is short – less than a mile – but climbs nearly 600 feet, offering sweeping panoramic views of the valley below.

AFTERNOON ☀️

Stop for lunch at one of Sheridan County’s fine mountain lodges - you’ll pass Arrowhead Lodge first; their burgers are the perfect fuel for an adventurous appetite. Bear Lodge and Elk View Inn feature fine pies for those with a sweet tooth. All three lodges sit in scenic surroundings, and offer ample opportunity for wildlife viewing - keep your eyes peeled for elk, deer, moose, and even a bobcat or two.

Continue along Highway 14 to Burgess Junction, and take Highway 14A to the trail for Porcupine Falls; one of the Bighorn’s most beautiful destinations, the falls pour out of a granite wall and tumble hundreds of feet to a pool below. This is your own private swimming hole for the afternoon.

If you have the legs for it, continue on the dirt road for a few more miles; you’ll end at the trailhead for Bucking Mule Falls. The hike to the canyon and the falls overlook weaves through forests, crosses shallow streams, and reveals a side of the Bighorns often unseen.

Finally, end your afternoon of exploration at over 10,000 feet with a visit to the historic Medicine Wheel – this ancient ceremonial Indian site is still used today for cultural and ritualistic events by the Crow and Northern Cheyenne. A sunset visit is a surreal experience.

EVENING 🌕

By now you’ve earned your appetite and your dinner; head back to Sheridan to dine in Wyoming’s culinary and craft capital. You could try wild game at the cozy Cowboy Cafe, hand-tossed pies at Powder River Pizza, or fresh Bighorn catch at Wyoming Cattle & Creek.

And since there is no rest for the wild at heart, don your warm and woolies and prepare for an evening out under the stars; the new Skylab at Fort Phil Kearny is an inspiring way to experience Rocky Mountain cosmology, the history of the frontier, and the unforgettable stories of this important Indian Wars Battle Site.

EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF THE ICONIC BIGHORN MOUNTAINS

When you return to Sheridan, bursting at the seams with a hundred years’ worth of frontier history, outdoor grit and local insight, you’ll be in a fine position to share Wyoming’s tall tales, historic gossip and spectacular stories with your friends and family.

More comfortable with a guide? Looking for a specialty activity, like rock climbing, paddle boarding, or kayaking? Contact Sheridan County Travel & Tourism for information on local guides and outfitters, multi-day itineraries, and more. sheridanwyoming.org
**Sheridan County** offers sportsmen and women some of the best hunting and fishing in the nation. Stalk mule deer and pronghorn antelope across the high plains, track elk or mountain lion through alpine terrain, or drop a line in a cool mountain stream as you angle for a beautiful brown or epic rainbow trout - the Bighorns belong at the top of any outdoor enthusiast's list.

In addition to the wild game noted above, the Bighorns are also home to black bear, moose, white-tailed deer, and a variety of bird and fish species.

Wildlife licensing, regulations, harvest limits, and seasons are set by the **Wyoming Game and Fish Department**. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased at Game and Fish offices, or via participating local outfitting shops. Local guide and outfitter services are available and offered for a variety of services such as hunting, fishing, and horseback riding. If you use the services of an outfitter, make sure they are licensed with the state and permitted to operate in the **Bighorn National Forest**.

Sheridan County is home to some terrific public walk-in areas. These hunting and fishing areas are identified with signs, and can be located by using maps found in an atlas, which is available at the Wyoming Game & Fish regional office and license agents.

Hunting or fishing on private land requires landowner permission. For questions, contact the **WGF Regional Office** at 307-672-7418 or 1-800-331-9834.

Sheridan County's outdoor industry is robust; lodges and ranches offer seasonal hunting and fishing programs, while a number of guiding and outfitting services are available.

**The Sports Stop, Rocky Mountain Discount Sports, Sportsman’s Warehouse, the Fly Shop of the Bighorns** and a number of other local retail outlets sell sporting goods and gear. In 2019, Sheridan was fortunate to become the new home of **Weatherby**, the maker of the finest sporting firearms in the world. Weatherby’s facility includes a showroom and museum that is open to the public.

**The Nation’s Finest Hunting & Fishing**

**Top Tips for Hunting and Fishing Success**

- **FOLLOW ALL WY GAME AND FISH REGULATIONS**
- **DOWNLOAD AN OFFLINE MAP APP LIKE onX HUNT**
- **VISIT A FOREST SERVICE OFFICE FOR CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS**
- **BOOK A FISHING EXPEDITION WITH THE FLY SHOP OF THE BIGHORNS**
- **ENROLL FIRST-TIME HUNTERS IN AN EDUCATION AND SAFETY COURSE**
- **CONSIDER HUNTING WITH A LOCAL GUIDE OR OUTFITTER**

**Don’t Miss:** The North Fork of the Tongue River is considered one of the finest fly fishing destinations in the western United States.

**MUST SEE:** The Story Fish Hatchery offers a look at local conservation and management practices in WY.
LOCAL NUGGETS

IT’S AN EASY DAY TRIP TO ANY OF FIVE SPECTACULAR WATERFALLS IN THE BIGHORNS.

PORCUPINE, BUCKING MULE, PARADISE, LITTLE GOOSE, & BIG GOOSE

WHEN FLY FISHING THE BIGHORNS, YOU CAN’T GO WRONG USING A PURPLE PARAWULFF.

STEAMBOAT ROCK is a formidable hike.
At 1.7 miles round trip, you can do it in less than an hour! BUT, IF YOU HAVE 10-14 DAYS, THE ICONIC 62-MILE SOLITUDE TRAIL LOOP IS A MUST.

MOUNTAIN BIKING IS A BIG DEAL IN THE BIGHORNS. THE DEAD SWEDE HUNDO IS AN EPIC ANNUAL EVENT THAT ATTRACTS COMPETITORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THE MOOSE IS THE LARGEST MEMBER OF THE DEER FAMILY. A FULLY GROWN MALE MOOSE IS TALLER THAN A HORSE AND CAN WEIGH OVER 1300 LBS.

90% of the time Local Nuggets & Tall Tales are correct all of the time.
TALES & TRAILS | SHERIDAN

Just 30 minutes south of Sheridan you’ll find the Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site and Interpretive Center, with the Fetterman Massacre and the Wagon Box Fight in close proximity. Driving north into Montana you’ll discover the Rosebud Battlefield and the Little Bighorn National Monument, both within an hour of Sheridan.

Consider booking a custom tour with a local outfitter to truly immerse yourself in the history of these formative battles. Annual reenactments and events are presented by WYO State Parks; Fort Phil Kearny hosts a series of annual reenactments that bring the history of these engagements to life.

ThunderMountainTours.com
Crazy Horse Tours (Facebook)

HISTORIC FRONTIER SITES

Sheridan County’s frontier attractions are legion. Across the region you’ll find legendary battlefields that shaped the history of the American West, as well as little-known sites nestled into the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains. At an elevation of over 10,000-ft, you’ll find the Medicine Wheel, while south of Sheridan, in Johnson County, you’ll find the Hole in the Wall Gang and Butch Cassidy’s Wild Bunch. These outlaws ran with the likes of the Logan Brothers, Jesse James, Kid Curry, and Black Jack Ketchum. Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and other desperados met at a log cabin in the Hole-in-the-Wall country which has been preserved at the Old Trail Town museum in Cody.

Years before the City of Sheridan was established, a trapper named George Mandel built a cabin and post office near the forks of Goose Creek; that cabin still stands today, and can be viewed at Whitney Commons in downtown Sheridan.

The arrival of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad in 1892 transformed Sheridan into the region’s industrial and commercial center; both of Sheridan’s train depots still stand today.

Buffalo Bill Cody famously held auditions for his Wild West Show on the lawn at the Sheridan Inn; many icons and outlaws of the Old West wandered through Sheridan in his time, and they continue to explore today.

HISTORIC INDIAN BATTLEFIELD DAY TRIP FROM SHERIDAN

1. CONNOR BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC SITE
2. LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD
3. ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD
4. FORT PHIL KEARNY HISTORIC SITE
5. WAGON BOX MONUMENT

MUST SEE: American Indian Art at the Brinton Museum. The First Peoples’ Pow Wow and Dance, held on the lawn of the Sheridan Inn every July during Sheridan WYO Rodeo Week.

FIRST PEOPLES' POW WOW

HISTORIC SHERIDAN INN

EXPERIENCE WY'S FRONTIER HISTORY

HISTORIC SHERIDAN INN
ONE DAY IN HISTORY

MORNING ☕️
Sheridan's historic heart beats with the stories of cowboys, Indians, battle sites, ranching legends, and western outlaws. Prepare for a day of historic immersion with breakfast at PO News & Flagstaff Cafe, a local haunt with over 100 years of history, or grab something to go from the much-loved Java Moon.

Less than an hour from downtown, near Crow Agency, Montana, is the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. The site memorializes the US Army's 7th Cavalry and the Lakotas and Cheyennes in one of the Indian's last armed efforts to preserve their way of life.

Back in Sheridan County, tour other important Indian Wars battle sites, including Fort Phil Kearny, the Wagon Box Fight, and the Connor Battlefield. The Connor Battlefield, otherwise known as the site of the Battle of the Tongue River, is located at the City Park in the Town of Ranchester.

Your next stop is The Brinton Museum, located on the 620-acre Quarter Circle A Ranch in the community of Big Horn. The museum offers an authentic view into the life of Bradford Brinton, a Western gentleman and art collector who was a patron of many of the most celebrated 19th and 20th-century Western artists.

The Brinton Ranch House, originally built in 1892, was expanded in 1927-28 to accommodate the Brinton's extensive collections of Indian artifacts, art, historic documents, books and over 600 oils, watercolors and sketches by American artists including Audubon, Borein, Gollings, Kleiber, Remington and Russell. Lunch at the Brinton Bistro comes with sublime mountain views and an opportunity to wax poetic about the museum's immense collection.

Passing back through Big Horn, take some time to visit the community's main street, home to a number of historic properties, including the beautiful Big Horn Mercantile and Bozeman Stable.

Stop at the Bozeman Trail Museum; Built in 1879 by the Rock Creek Stage Line, the blacksmith shop, now home to the museum, originally satisfied the needs of travelers on the nearby Bozeman Trail.

AFTERNOON ☀️
The Trail End State Historic Site is a 14,000 sq.-ft. historic Flemish-revival style mansion built and inhabited by former Wyoming Governor and U.S. Senator John B. Kendrick. Kendrick was a successful cattleman when he commissioned the house, and he was only beginning his political career; when he became governor in 1914 and a senator three years later, Trail End became his summer home. The house was added to the National Register of Historic Places on February 26, 1970. Set aside a few hours for a thorough tour of the property and adjacent Kendrick Park.

The Historic Sheridan Inn, constructed in 1892, was one of the first hotels in Sheridan. Conceptualized and developed by William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Cody directed hotel management, and even auditioned new members for his legendary "Wild West Show" from the front porch. In 2013, Bob and Dana Townsend became the newest owners of the Inn, bringing 21st-century luxury to the 19th-century building. The Inn is now open as a hotel for overnight stays, banquet events, weddings, and tours. Each of the twenty-two rooms have been revitalized to reflect on Buffalo Bill and twenty-one other key characters in his life.

Sheridan's VA Medical Center is located on the site of historic Fort Mackenzie. In 1899, Congress appropriated funds for a permanent garrison on this site, and by June 18 of that year a detachment of the First Cavalry had arrived. In November of 1901, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 18th Infantry were garrisoned at Fort Mackenzie. By August of 1902, companies G and H of the Tenth Cavalry, known as the Buffalo Soldiers, arrived. These soldiers, returning from fighting in Cuba and the Philippines, were reassigned here for recuperation and retraining. The campus is open for tours during daylight hours. Please respect the privacy of patients, residents, and staff. Buildings are closed to the public.

EVENING 🌕
Dine on classic western fare at a steakhouse, enjoy inventive cuisine at an atmospheric bistro, experience local food truck culture, and embrace Sheridan's outstanding culinary scene.

For more on historic attractions and activities, visit sheridanwyoming.org
TALES & TRAILS

LOCAL NUGGETS [02]

Fantastic displays of bulldogging, rope tricks and marksmanship were a regular occurrence at The Sheridan Inn at the turn of the 19th century... just another day in the life of frontier legend Buffalo Bill Cody and the Wild West Show.

DURING PROHIBITION, THE MINT OPERATED AS A CIGAR COMPANY AND SODA SHOP, BUT ALSO RAN A POPULAR SPEAKEASY AT THE BACK OF THE HOUSE.

ORDERING A "SARSA PARILLA, NEAT" GOT YOU INTO THE REAL ACTION.

MEDICINE WHEEL
• LOCATED AT 9,642 FT. ELEVATION
• ESTIMATED AT 1,500 YEARS OLD
• 28 SPOKES IN THE WHEEL (alluding to the 28 day lunar cycle)
• 7 STONE FORMATIONS (7 sacred directions: East, South, West, North, Mother Earth, Father Sky, and the Sacred Center)
• NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK
• SACRED CEREMONIAL GROUND

IF ERECTED TODAY... KENDRICK MANSION WOULD COST 40X THAT OF AN AVERAGE HOUSE. IN SHERIDAN THAT COULD EASILY BE $10,000,000!

IF ERECTED TODAY... KENDRICK MANSION WOULD COST 40X THAT OF AN AVERAGE HOUSE. IN SHERIDAN THAT COULD EASILY BE $10,000,000!

TALL TALES

Miss Kate lived and worked at the Sheridan Inn for nearly six decades. She passed away in 1968; her final request was to be laid to rest at the Inn. Her ashes were buried in the wall of her third floor room. The self-appointed night watchman, Miss Kate’s spirit is considered the guardian of the Inn, and her appearance is considered a good omen for weary travelers.

90% of the time, Local Nuggets & Tall Tales are correct all of the time.
Sheridan County’s museums, galleries, public art and community art centers present an intimate glimpse at the life of western artists. A playground for art enthusiasts for over a century, you’re never far from an inspiring piece of local color - downtown Sheridan itself has been transformed into a sculpture garden, with amazing pieces on every block. While you’re here, you can follow the gold rush on an expedition to the Bozeman Trail Museum. Enjoy world-class art and exhibits at the Brinton Museum, Hans Kleiber Studio, and the Museum at the Bighorns, and get lost in Wild West paraphernalia at the Don King Museum. Located in the historic Big Red Barn, the Ucross Foundation Art Gallery is an integral public component of the Foundation’s creative environment, while SAGE Community Arts displays modern marvels by local artists.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Bozeman Trail Museum
The Brinton Museum
Edward A. Whitney Gallery
Gallery on Main
Bozeman Trail Gallery
Expressions Art Gallery
Hans Kleiber Studio Museum
Don King Museum
Jentel Artist Residency
SAGE Community Arts
Museum at the Bighorns
Fulmer Public Library
Trail End State Historic Site
Ucross Art Gallery
The WYO Theater
Public Art Collection
ONE DAY AS AN ARTIST

MORNING ☕️

Sheridan is the Cultural Capital of Wyoming, and features numerous galleries, exhibits, exhibitions, and art collections open to the public. Craft culture and makerspaces abound - there's plenty of opportunity to have a hand's-on experience in shaping your own artistic vision (and vacation).

Arrive early at Jackalope Ranch Cafe in the heart of downtown and experience scratch baking at its finest, or get down with some old-fashioned American cooking at the Silver Spur Cafe. This should give you ample time to check the Community Calendar for art exhibits, classes, or upcoming shows.

Take Sheridan's self-guided Historic Walking Tour and enjoy more than 40 public art pieces and numerous buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Maps are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Travel & Tourism Office, or Downtown Sheridan Association, as well as the DSA website.

Stop by the WYO Theater to pick up tickets for tonight's show (whatever's on the marquee is sure to please - trust us). When the WYO Theater opened in 1923 as the Lotus, newspaper headlines proclaimed it "Wyoming's Wonder Picture Palace!" The theater remains one of Sheridan's hallmark attractions.

Main Street is home to a number of art outposts, including The Bozeman Trail Gallery, Main Frame, the Don King Museum, and SAGE Community Arts.

Be one of the first to experience the new exhibits at the new Museum at the Bighorns, then take the short drive to the Town of Dayton; this picturesque mountain town features the Hans Kleiber Studio Museum, Sonja Caywood Studio (by appointment only), and Gallery On Main, featuring a fabulous collection of local art (and an excellent cafe). Just down the street is the Dayton Mercantile, known for delicious sandwiches, shakes, and Wyoming curios.

We've mentioned the Brinton before, but it bears repeating - the Brinton Museum is one of the finest art institutions in all of the American West. You should set aside half a day to experience everything the Brinton has to offer. Work up an appetite while you explore the new walking trails, or head out to Ranchester to grab a bite to eat at the Wyoming Buckshot Saloon (yes, you want to try the elk and bison brats, and you know you deserve the onion rings).

AFTERNOON ☀️

The afternoon is all about getting your hands dirty. Book a class to throw some clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels, or exercise your inner clay on one of Red Bison Studio's pottery wheels.

Don't let your hands get dirty just yet; steady yourself for an evening on the town at Frack's features more beautiful local art, and excellent modern fare - the tuna poke is legendary. Or fill your boots with something substantial at Wyoming's Rib & Chop House. Dressed to impress, head out for a night of pomp and pageantry. The Edward A. Whitney Gallery at the new Whitney Center for the Arts at Sheridan College is small, but exhibits pack a punch - visit the WCA's website for information on performances in Kinnison Hall, the exclamation point on your day of experiential art.

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Immersing yourself in art this good can be exhausting, but you're not through yet; steady yourself for an evening on the town at Frackelton's Fine Food & Spirits. Frack's features more beautiful local art, and excellent modern fare - the tuna poke is legendary. Or fill your boots with something substantial at Wyoming's Rib & Chop House. Dressed to impress, head out for a night of pomp and pageantry. The Edward A. Whitney Gallery at the new Whitney Center for the Arts at Sheridan College is small, but exhibits pack a punch - visit the WCA's website for information on performances in Kinnison Hall, the exclamation point on your day of experiential art.
Local Nuggets

2 Feet Thick
209 Feet Long
51 Feet Tall

The Brinton Museum’s rammed earth wall is the largest in North America. Like its rammed earth cousin, the Great Wall of China, it is expected to last at least two millennia.

The Ucross Foundation, like a midwife, helped these writers give birth to their masterpieces:

- Annie Proulx’s The Shipping News
- Elizabeth Gilbert’s Eat, Pray, Love
- Adam Guettel’s The Light in the Piazza
- Ricky Ian Gordon’s The Grapes of Wrath

Just a few of the acclaimed works that have been created in part during Ucross residencies.

Tall Tales

In 1923, Ernest Hemingway visited Big Horn, the Folly Ranch, and Spear-O-Wigwam on a trout-fishing expedition he called “squalation.” It was at the famed Spear-O where he finished writing his classic novel “A Farewell to Arms.”

Hemingway claimed his favorite two places were Wyoming and Africa. “This is a cockeyed wonderful country, looks like Spain, swell people,” he wrote to a friend.


Sheridan’s public art is as epic as it is iconic. Can you find Da Vinci’s horse, Bozeman Scout, Breaking Trail, Flower Dancing in the Wind, Standing Proud, and The Boss?

90% of the time, Local Nuggets & Tall Tales are correct all of the time.
1. The Sheridan WYO Rodeo was not held in 1942 or 1943 due to WWII
2. The WYO was once known as the ‘Bots Sots Stampede’
3. The first Crow Indian Rodeo Queen was elected by popular applause
4. The first shares of SWR stock were purchased in 1931 by Doctor A. E. Adkins
5. A pilot once crashed his plane into a building to entertain the WYO crowd
6. The Sheridan WYO Rodeo is a week-long celebration of local culture
7. The WYO is part of the Pro Rodeo Tour of the PRCA Circuit
8. The Kiwanis pancake breakfast began in 1975
9. The WYO was almost known as the Old West Rodeo and Frontier Jamboree
10. Sankey Pro Rodeo has been the official stock contractor since 1994
DAY 1

You’ve booked a stay at one of Sheridan County’s legendary ranches or mountain lodges, and you wake up to the sound of elk bugling or roosters crowing. Your day as a cowboy is just beginning. Spend an hour tossing a fly line into a stream, cover a bit of ground on horseback, or photograph moose, elk, deer, or dozens of beautiful migratory birds as you take in the majesty of the mountains.

If you’re staying somewhere closer to town, it’s time for breakfast; swing by Bagels & Beyond and ask for whatever the cool kids are having.

Travel south to friendly Johnson County, and the Hole-in-the-Wall Outlaw Hideout (2.5 hour drive). The Hole-in-the-Wall is a colorful and scenic red sandstone escarpment that is rich in legends of outlaw activity from the late 1800s, most notably Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch Gang. The “hole” is a gap in the Red Wall that, legend has it, was used secretly by outlaws to move horses and cattle from the area. Even Jesse James is reported to have spent time here. Contact Sheridan County Travel & Tourism for directions and trail conditions.

Stop in the hamlet of Story on your way back; the Wagon Box Inn maintains beautiful cabins and a spectacular outdoor restaurant that specializes in prime rib and steak. Hungry yet?

Day 2

Plan on getting your boots dirty today. You’re going to cowboy up for breakfast at Midtown Cafe on Main Street before heading out for another day of action.

If it’s late May, you’re in luck; the Eaton’s Horse Drive is an annual tradition that captures the imagination of the community. Cowboys from Eaton’s Ranch drive their herd in from winter grazing areas straight through town - down 5th Street in front of the Sheridan Inn, across Main, and out toward the ranch. If you’re a guest at one of the ranches, it’s time to saddle up for the pack trip of a lifetime. There’s nothing like riding into the Bighorns with the sun at your back and the mountains towering above you.

If you’re not a guest at a ranch, you can book a pack trip with Range Land Enterprises or Nelson Outfitters. Expeditions range from two to five days.

Belly up to the bar at The Mint, the famed former speakeasy on Main. Tip one back and take the trophy tour, explore history through photographs, and check out the thousands of brands on the wall panels.

Day 3

Head on to King’s Saddlery to witness the masters of rope making and leather crafting at work, and try tossing a rope yourself in the Don King Museum. Really, what’s a visit to Sheridan if you haven’t bought a new hat from King’s?

You could spend your afternoon enjoying polo in Big Horn, or at a picnic at Kendrick Park; the horseshoe competitions at Kendrick can get fierce. When you’re ready to let it fly, unleash the lumberjack you’ve always wanted to be at Bighorn Mountain Axe for an outing you’ll never forget. Or book an archery class at Rocky Mountain Discount Sports, and let your inner Robin Hood loose - naturally, these are all tricks of the cowboy trade here in Wyoming.

Grab lunch at one of our fantastic Mexican eateries, which include Las Delicias, La Herradura, El Tapatio Dos, and El Rodeo.

For a seminal cowboy experience, consider booking an evening horseback ride with a local ranch or outfitter to see the sun go down like you’ve never seen before.

Keep your eye on the community calendar for live country music performances at the WYO Theater, Trails End Concert Park, Black Tooth Brewery, and Luminous Brewhouse.
Ernest Hemingway’s Wyoming \ High in Wyoming’s Bighorn Mountains at the end of a 30-mile road stands a small log cabin by a rushing stream. There is nothing extraordinary about the building or the simple furnishings inside: a bed, a desk, and a stone fireplace. But for a few weeks in 1928, this humble cabin at the Spear-O-Wigwam ranch served as the writing workshop for Ernest Hemingway, one of the giants of American literature.

What was it about Spear-O-Wigwam and the Bighorns that attracted the 29-year-old Hemingway? Earlier in the summer he’d been a guest at the nearby Folly Ranch with a friend from Kansas City, and then spent time at the Sheridan Inn. Neither place afforded the privacy or the solitude he needed to work on the manuscript that was slowly taking shape in his mind. In the cabin at Spear-O-Wigwam he found the combination of cool mountain air and the quiet he needed to put his thoughts to paper. Many of Hemingway’s writings feature fishing and the outdoors as central joys in his life. At Spear-O-Wigwam he could wake up in the morning, walk over to the council lodge and have a big breakfast of steak and four eggs. Those who shared the table with him said he reached for what he wanted without asking, and that he swore unapologetically. He then retreated to his cabin to concentrate on his writing until afternoon. After lunch he would venture out with his wife Pauline to fish for trout in the many mountain lakes, a pastime that afforded plenty of time for inspiration to surface (copy by Gregory Nickerson, with assistance from Judy Slack).

The Artists of the American West \ Modern mavericks walk in the footsteps of giants out here, and some have made their own transcendent marks. Literary cowboys like CJ Box and Craig Johnson frequently host book signings at local shops - if you’re not familiar with iconic lawmen Joe Pickett and Walt Longmire, you should be. Buck Brannaman, the real Horse Whisperer, calls Sheridan County home, and frequently hosts clinics in his own backyard (when he’s not teaching his art around the world). To prime you for your first visit, check out a couple of the fantastic podcasts produced by local icons, including Be The Bison, from former Green Beret Bert Kuntz, and Blazing Trails, from cowboy, hunter, and rodeo star Devan Reilly.
Bruce Burns’ Fireworks Extravaganza has been lighting up starry, sparkling skies over the Bighorns for more than 20 years. This July 4th spectacle is the largest of its kind in northeast Wyoming.

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Legend holds that the Bighorn Mountain Wild and Scenic Trail Run’s 100-mile endurance race got its start when a runner was chased by an ornery moose across treacherous terrain. Today, runners (in a variety of distances) run through fields of wildflowers, over streams, through Tongue River Canyon, and down into Dayton - all in search of glory.

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The culture of craft is as quintessentially Wyoming as long days on the ranch, bucking broncs, and snow-capped peaks. Sheridan is home to a vast spectrum of craftsfolk, including world-renowned leather crafters, brewers, metalsmiths, carpenters, chefs, sculptors, painters and writers – maverick artisans that are often celebrated for their steadfast belief in the relevance of craft in a world where design and aesthetic are increasingly influenced by technology, media, and instant distribution.

CRAFT IS KING

When most folk think craft, they think of beer, wine, and spirits - and so it follows that Sheridan is home to three breweries, a distillery, a winery, and a namesake brew that was recently reintroduced to the world (thank you, Sheridan Beer Co.). But Sheridan County is more than an ale tale – we’re home to culinary hotspots like Cottonwood Kitchen + Home, The Tasting Library and Verdello; each host engaging cooking classes and regular tastings.

Fashion designer Jesse Smith’s Western Grace has become the most revered outpost for bespoke women and men’s clothing in all of Wyoming. Weatherby crafts the finest hunting rifles in the world right in our own backyard. Brady McLean and his speed demons at Go Fast Don’t Die embody the ideals of the modern west. Arin Waddell, daughter of artist Theodore Waddell, is herself a prolific creator, humanitarian, philanthropist, and local leader who is involved in programs combating hunger, poverty, and more.

The local food truck scene is booming, with outfits like Bonafide, WYO Thai, Wicked Smoke, Sunshine Smoothie Co., Hetty’s Pizza, the Burger Wagon, Big Horn Catering, and El Rodeo conjuring culinary wizardry daily.

See what we’re saying? Sheridan County is one seriously crafty place. There’s a good chance that when you walk around downtown, the hat on that guy’s head, the beautiful dress that lady is wearing, and the beer those friendly folk are drinking were all hand-crafted right here in Sheridan, Wyoming, USA.
WHERE CRAFT IS KING

The Tooth Will Prevail \ Black Tooth Brewing has garnered critical acclaim since it opened in 2010. Banners from national competitions hang throughout the tap room, and you would be hard pressed to find a bar or restaurant within a hundred miles that isn’t serving at least one BTB brew. Black Tooth has become one of the largest breweries in Wyoming, growth spurred by a fundamental dedication to producing top-quality beer with the finest possible ingredients.

The Kings of the West \ For a full appreciation of the American Cowboy and his craft, visit King’s Saddlery. Master leather crafters are frequently sighted in the workshop; watch them put the finishing touches on a one-of-a-kind saddle, or a hand-crafted piece of custom cowboy kit.

Tom Balding’s Bits and Spurs are considered staple pieces of the western experience - he’s known for design innovation, precision and flawless finish work. A visit to his showroom is an opportunity to glimpse beautiful pendants, buckles, and local art.

Big Horn Design’s flagship Surf Wyoming brand is known across the nation for its bold, singular Wyoming aesthetic.

Since 1909, Sheridan Tent & Awning has been designing and manufacturing canvas tents, wall tents, outfitter tents, hunting tents and cowboy range tents. For hunting enthusiasts, glamping or family camping, it’s hard to beat a sturdy canvas tent made in the USA.

The Spirit of the West \ The original Kolts Fine Spirits, established in 2001, released the hand-crafted Koltska Original Liqueur, followed by KO 90, each an embodiment of the spirit of the American West. In early 2016 Kolts Fine Spirits became the Koltska Distillery, and the company opened a production facility and tasting room that offers old favorites, new products, and craft cocktails inspired by more than 100 years of local family lore.

USA Grown, WYO Cellared \ Check out the vibe at the LeDoux Saloon & Steak Out, the official tasting room for 1890 Wines & Spirits. Have you stopped in to sample a little bit of western flavor and hospitality? 1890 celebrates the life and times of legendary horse trainer Buck Brannaman, “Longmire” author Craig Johnson, bronc rider and recording artist Chris LeDoux, as well as the icons of Wyoming itself, including the Grand Tetons, Devils Tower, and the Flaming Gorge.

CRAFT CULTURE IS AT THE CORE OF SHERIDAN’S IDENTITY

True Brew Enlightenment \ One of the finest brewery secrets in the American West, Luminous Brewhouse is a purveyor of malty gold that has carved out a niche as a bespoke brewer of unique beers. The Luminous taproom is always rocking with live music and is frequently charged by special event energy, and features a dazzling array of brews, sure to please suds-o-philes and craft newbs alike.

One For the Public \ Smith Alley Brewing’s public house opened to great fanfare in January 2019. Family-friendly and focused on hand-crafted ales and clever pub grub, Smith Alley’s historic bones and beautiful outdoor seating spaces are poised to please crowds all year long.

A Spin on the Classics \ Chef Travis Sorenson has created a restaurant that fuses West Coast sensibilities with Wyoming culinary traditions. Birch is a dynamic contemporary American eatery with a focus on local, seasonal ingredients. For instance, you couldn’t possibly know that you can’t live without a Reuben spring roll until you try one, and the road to gastro bliss is paved with braised short ribs (milk-braised, bone in bison ribs, that is). Clever cocktails and scratch-made desserts round out the experience.

Fine Western Hospitality \ The Mint Bar opened in 1907; even Prohibition, enacted in 1919, couldn’t stem the flow of liquid courage, as a speakeasy was kept running out back until the end of the Congressional dry spell in 1933. The bar was remodeled shortly after its official reopening and has remained relatively unchanged since the 1940s.

The Artist in All of Us \ Local artists who have found a national audience include Sonja Caywood, Joel Ostlind, and David McDougall; David’s bison portraits are available at the Painted Skull Studio.

Splatter Matters \ Time to admit it - there’s a crafty version of you buried somewhere deep inside. Let that out with an evening at the Paint Post, where you’ll craft a one-of-a-kind masterpiece in a fun, supportive environment. Oh, and it’s BYOB! Red Bison Studio, Archetype, Expressions Art Gallery, Quilter Fix, the Fiber House, Gallery on Main, SAGE Community Arts, the Brinton, and many other local outposts offer classes, workshops, and opportunities to explore your craft core.
December 10, 2019 marked the 150th anniversary of women's suffrage in the Equality State, a date celebrating the sesquicentennial of the landmark territorial legislative decision.

In 1869, Wyoming passed the first law in United States' history granting women the right to vote and the right to hold public office, a historic milestone that came more than 50 years before the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. The Wyoming Office of Tourism marked the anniversary with activities, events, retreats and must-visit historic destinations that commemorate the spirit of Wyoming as the first frontier for American women; these programs continued throughout 2020, as the United States celebrates women's suffrage, and have garnered further attention as we transition to 2021.

Sheridan County Travel & Tourism will continue to pay tribute to the icons, outlaws, storytellers and mavericks who make Sheridan their home (including designer and metalsmith Stefanie Wilkerson, pictured). Each month we feature an artist, innovator, pioneer or personality with ties to Sheridan and roots in Wyoming. Our program includes a video series, essays, podcasts, stories and more. Join us in celebrating all the Women of Sheridan, Wyo.

We ask each of these exceptional women what it means to be a woman in Wyoming. Their answers are as remarkable as their achievements.

Shelley Kinnison, creator of the Born in a Barn creative trade show, says

“I think it says something about the progressive and daring nature of our state and the people who choose to reside here. Wyoming is definitely a choice. It’s not always easy, we are very remote compared to the rest of the United States, but it is a price we are willing to pay. I can get on a plane and be in a highly populated city in a matter of hours, but nothing compares to the peace and solitude of our vast state. I breathe better when I cross the Wyoming border, the air is cleaner, the traffic non-existent and the sky is brighter! I feel like women in our state are treated as equals – they had to be, since there weren’t enough men to get ’er done!”

Famed Dayton artist Sonja Caywood says “I grew up ranching, and was impressed as a child watching ranch women I knew drive tractors, semis, work cattle, train horses, warm baby calves in their homes, run power tools, feed bums, branding crews or hay crews, and after working beside a man all day, do the cooking, cleaning, and help the kids with their homework. Having been raised in a lifestyle where a woman could do anything a man could do, there’s less of a divide between the sexes. Because of our state’s history of equality, women here are inherently tough; we didn’t get the option to faint from weakness or tight corsets, nor to expect a man to defend our honor or provide for us while we did needlework at home.”

Please visit us online for these, and more incredible stories of the Women of Sheridan, Wyo.
Sheridan’s culinary scene is having a moment. Out here in northern Wyoming, in the heart of the great state’s cattle country, you will find restaurants serving up some of the finest cuts of steak you have had in your life. Staple establishments like the Rib & Chop House carve up cowboy-quality tenderloin files, while Wyoming Cattle & Creek dishes a hickory smoked prime rib melt so savory that it should be outlawed. These, and other kitchens, have begun working with a local startup called Truly Beef, owned and operated by Cathryn and Taylor Kerns, whose rangeland heritage is tethered to the Double Rafter Ranch, homesteaded in the 1880s.

Yet gastro bliss in Sheridan County goes beyond the beef. Rising culinary stars have moved into the mountains from the coasts, and their hitching posts have quickly become beloved by the outlaws and icons of the west. Uptown Shabby has brought a fresh, whimsical vibe downtown, and dishes absurdly inventive combinations that have no business being as delicious as they are, like the monkey burger (1/2 lb patty, mozzarella, bananas, spinach, onions, peanut butter, served on a cinnamon croissant), and the French BLT (bacon, lettuce, tomato, avocado, red onion, maple mayo on homemade French toast).

Down the block in the cozy hamlet of Big Horn, you’ll find the Bozeman Stable Grillroom & Saloon, formerly the Last Chance Saloon, so named as it sits at the base of one of the most notorious mountain roads in the Bighorns. The Last Chance was a beloved hideaway of author Ernest Hemingway (he called it a “clean, well-lighted place”), while today the Bozeman Stable dishes Papa-inspired cocktails, and classics like the Little Goose Canyon mussels. Yes, Wyoming remains landlocked (as far as we know), but it is fun to imagine a clear mountain stream overflowing with mischievous oceanic mollusks.

In days past, our trio of mountain lodges – Bear Lodge, Elk View Inn, and Arrowhead Lodge – were remote outposts where weary travelers would bed down on the long road between Yellowstone National Park and Mount Rushmore. Since COVID-19 exposed Wyoming’s legacy of generational social distancing, the lodges have become rustic retreats for folks from across the nation. Indeed, the ideal of Wyoming as a safe space during the madness of 2020 has served to showcase the rich culinary tradition of local cookeries.

Opened in the first quarter of 2020, the aptly named Welcome Market Hall transformed the historic bones of a 19th century rail depot into a gastronomic concourse that you’d expect to find in a city like Austin or Fort Collins. Also new to Sheridan is Mydland Market, reviving the concept of the neighborhood pub with its location on the north side of town, a place better known for its sweeping mountain vistas and pastoral graces.

Travelers heading to Sheridan will find sensational pub grub at the likes of The Pony Grill & Bar (try the Bomber Mountain wings, made with local craft ale), and Bistro 307, which serves up incredible smokehouse classics.

Breakfast is beautiful business at the 100+ year old PO News and Flagstaff Café, the cozy Jackalope Ranch Café (the boutique next door is famed for providing local artists a space to sell jewelry, fashion designs, and home goods), and the Cowboy Café, where only the adventurous dare take a stab at the elk and bison breakfast skillet.

And what would any self-respecting foodie town be without a bustling food truck armada? Rumors persist that there are more food wagons in our fair town, per capita, than anywhere in the US. There’s great diversity in the scope of what’s for sale, with southwest and Mexican inspired Bonafide (chef Antonia Miller was named Sheridan’s 2019 Small Business Person of the Year), WYO Thai’s classic southeast Asian cuisine, and Hetty’s Pizza’s wood-fired pies.

All this begs a simple question. Why Sheridan, and why now? This artsy little outdoor playground at the base of the Bighorn Mountains is not just the finest postcard-perfect western getaway in the United States; it is also among the best small towns in the nation to live, work, and raise a family. For the burgeoning culinary kingpin, Sheridan County is where you can have your steak, and eat it too.
At the turn of the 20th century, a local dentist named Dr. William Frackelton was known to moonlight as a bare-knuckle boxer. If you were on the receiving end of one of his powerful blows, chances were pretty good that the good doctor would be the one putting your chompers back in place the next day. Frackleton’s Fine Food & Spirits is named in his honor.

The Mint Bar’s 73 wall mounts include moose, wolves, elk, deer, and a few curious creatures you may not recognize. Ready to learn more? Belly up to the iconic bar and ask to take the Mint tour.

The craft of fly fishing - as well as rod building and fly tying - are bug business in Sheridan (bug business - get it?). The Fly Shop of the Bighorns is the leading outfitter in the region; Quill Gordon sells hand-tied flies; Joey’s Fly Fishing Foundation introduces children to fly fishing to foster an appreciation for the outdoors; while Jake’s Lures produces the “Number 1 lure used in Yellowstone National Park.”

All the Queen’s horses and all the Queen’s men needed equestrian equipment. It only makes sense that Queen Elizabeth would seek help from King’s Saddlery... which explains in part her still-celebrated visit to Sheridan County in 1984. True story.

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Historic Downtown Sheridan is the beating heart of Sheridan County - the cultural core, center of commerce, icon of identity, and Wyoming’s Emerald City. Sheridan’s old west bones have fused perfectly with new west sensibilities to present visitors a truly authentic American experience. Browse shops and galleries, unwind at cafes and brewpubs, dine at an innovative gastro pub or grab a quick bite at a food truck, book a cooking class or become a leather crafting master - opportunities for engagement are near limitless. And when you simply can’t pack another activity into your day, spend the night at one of our beautiful historic hotels.

Downtown hosts major events that draw thousands of locals and visitors, including the 3rd Thursday Street Festivals (June through September), the weekly Farmer’s Market on Grinnell, WYO Rodeo Week festivities, the WYO Winter Rodeo skijoring races on Broadway, the Karz Hot Rod Run, Celebrate the Arts, the Absaroka Car Show, the Christmas Stroll, and much more.

While “Celebrate the Arts” is an annual spring event, you can experience public art on every corner thanks to the Sheridan Public Arts Committee; there are more than 40 sculptures downtown, including “Bird Woman,” by RV Greeves, and “Bigger Flies for Tired Eyes,” by Jerold Smiley.

Green space is never far afield when you’re downtown - Whitney Commons is an interactive park located in the center of Sheridan at 320 West Alger. Whitney Commons hosts numerous community events, including the Suds N Spurs Brewfest (August), and the October Link, Partners in Pink Run/Walk.

Kendrick Park is also nearby, and hosts the WYO Rodeo Boot Kick Off, as well as Concerts in the Park on Tuesdays in July and August. Kendrick features the Kendrick Pool, bison and elk paddock, Scoops Ice Cream Stand, playgrounds, and much more.

For more information on downtown activities, events and attractions, please visit sheridanwyoming.org.
Joan Rivers was a fan of polo and was frequently spotted at the Big Horn Equestrian Center during polo season. Joan passed away in 2014, but one of her final wishes was to have some of her ashes spread along her beloved Bighorn Mountains. Her daughter, Melissa Rivers, so honored her mother on the family’s 2015 Wyoming vacation.
The Town of Dayton frames U.S. Highway 14 as it enters the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains in northwestern Sheridan County, approximately 17 miles from the City of Sheridan. Dayton has been a progressive community since its early days, electing Wyoming’s first female mayor, Susan Wissler, in 1911. World War II saw the community protected by an all-woman volunteer fire department. The Dayton Bell Tower, used to spot planes and sound fire alarms during the war, is now a town landmark located in Bicentennial Park. The park hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including the Bighorn Mountain Wild and Scenic Trail Run, one of the premiere races in the Rocky Mountain region.

The Padlock Ranch, located just outside of town, is one of the largest working ranches in the country. The German-born artist Hans Kleiber made Dayton his home in the early 1900s. His studio, filled with etchings, his furniture and art supplies, is open and free to the public. Enjoy coffee and pie at the Branding Iron Cafe or a milkshake and sandwich at the Dayton Mercantile. Don’t miss the Gallery on Main, the perfect spot to pick up local art and enjoy wine tastings from Jackson Hole Winery. Stretch your legs or join a game of volleyball or horseshoes at the Scott Bicentennial Park. Dayton is the gateway to Tongue River Canyon, a recreation area known for its scenic beauty and endless cave system.

Built on rails and ties and incorporated in 1911, the Town of Ranchester is nestled deep in the heart of ranch country. Located between the City of Sheridan and the Bighorn Mountains, Ranchester sits just 9 miles south of the Montana state line. Ranchester got its name from rancher S.H. Hardin - town names in Hardin’s native England often ended in “chester,” so Hardin dubbed the town “Ranchester.” In addition to its namesake ranches, the town was the site of the loading dock for railroad ties hewn from harvested mountain timber and floated down the tie flume. Connor Battlefield State Park is located within the town limits and offers great fishing opportunities, a playground area, and sites for overnight camping. Historic U.S. Highway 14 runs through the center of town, heading over the Bighorns via the Bighorn Scenic Byway, ending at the east gate to Yellowstone National Park. The Town of Ranchester has long served as a popular point of embarkation for hunters and snowmobile enthusiasts.

Accommodations include the Western Motel, and the Lazy R Campground and Cabins. Fine Wyoming fare and libations can be found at the Buckshot Saloon, the Silver Spur Bar & Lounge, and the Innominate Coffeehouse & Bakery. Additional attractions include Big Bear Taxidermy, and Rahimi’s Taxidermy. The annual 4th of July celebration includes the Wyoming Wife Carrying Championship, live music, and fireworks show.
CLEARMONT, WY

In 1890, the Pratt & Ferris Cattle Company controlled the valley where Clearmont is located; farming and agriculture have been important to the region ever since.

Before Clearmont became a town in 1892, there was the town of Huson, complete with a cemetery, post office and local press. Huson ceased to exist in November 1892, just six months after its post office was established because the owners of the Burlington and Missouri Railroad Co. didn’t like a bend in the track, and chose instead Clearmont as the location for its new station. A fire in the 1920s destroyed a row of buildings that included the Rock Hotel and Saloon, a meat market, and a popular confectionery store.

Today, Clearmont offers an interesting alternate route for travelers heading for Gillette or Devils Tower National Monument; take historic Highway 14 through Clearmont for a glimpse at stunning countryside, majestic mountain views, and quintessential small town living. The area features unique attractions and curious history. The Clearmont Town Jail, built in 1922, is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places; the Ucross Foundation features an art gallery, and hosts exhibitions and a unique artists-in-residence program that draws participants from all over the world; The Ranch at Ucross is one of Wyoming’s most spectacular vacation destinations.

In 1881 the area caught the eye of well-to-do cattle and sheep ranchers who established operations along the base of the Bighorn Mountains. These included the sheep-breeding Moncreiffe brothers, Oliver Wallop, Goelet Gallatin, and Bradford Brinton. These residents of higher means were a minority among other residents who were owners or tenants on small ranches and farms. Ernest Hemingway was no stranger to Big Horn; he stayed at Folly Ranch and Spear-O-Wigwam during the summer of 1928. During his time here, Hemingway fished, hunted, and finished his masterpiece, A Farewell to Arms.

In the summer, the community attracts polo players from around the world who enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of Big Horn Polo and the Flying H Polo Club. Every May, the Big Horn Equestrian Center is host to the Snickers Big Horn Cup, a soccer tournament for traveling teams. The Big Horn Equestrian Center also hosts a spectacular 4th of July Fireworks Celebration, the Big Horn Balloon Rally and Don King Days. A great day in Big Horn would include a visit to the Bozeman Trail Museum, the Brinton Museum, lunch at the Big Horn Mercantile or Bozeman Stable and a nightcap at the Last Chance Saloon.

Big Horn provides access to Red Grade Road, a steep dirt track that opens access to the Bighorn Mountains and the Cloud Peak Wilderness.
Nested among the pines between North and South Piney Creeks, this bedroom community has long been a popular retreat for locals and visitors alike. Story is characterized by abundant wildlife, incredible Bighorn views, and an air of the Wyoming uncharted.

Story was first platted by a horse trader named Marshall Wolf, who planned to give the town his own name; when he discovered that Wolf was already taken, he named the town after Charles B. Story, a rancher who was instrumental in getting a post office established – the first building in what had until then been a town made up of only tent structures.

Story is home to the Wagon Box Fight monument, and is in close proximity to Ft. Phil Kearny and the site of the Battle of the Hundred in the Hands, important Indian War battlefields.

The outdoors play a major role in life in Story. Piney Creek is quickly gaining a reputation as one of Wyoming’s finest rock climbing destinations, while fishing and hunting have been popular here for generations.

Overnight accommodations include the Story Pines Inn, Wagon Box Inn, and the Waldorf A’Stry Guest Haus. Additional attractions and amenities include Centennial Park, Thorne-Rider Youth Camp, Camp Story, and Our Lady of the Pines Parish.

Wyoming Game & Fish maintains the Story Fish Hatchery, open daily.

Sheridan County’s ranches and lodges are legendary. From the authentically rustic trappings of Eaton’s, the nation’s oldest dude ranch, to the outdoor playground at Bear Lodge, these facilities provide an intimate glimpse at the Wyoming way of life, and the spirit of the Bighorn Mountains.

Canyon Ranch is deeply connected to the British royal crown, and has been a destination for wayfaring nobility for nearly a century, while Arrowhead Lodge caters to hunters, snowmobile enthusiasts, and travelers keen to experience relaxed Bighorn vibes. Elk View Inn sits high atop the Bighorns on the Bighorn Scenic Byway, while out in the eastern foothills, the Ranch at Ucross is known for western hospitality, stunning accommodations, and historic hidden gems.

Some ranches, like Double Rafter, based in Parkman, specialize in cattle drives, while all offer a mix of outdoor adventure, including horseback riding, fly fishing, hunting, hiking, Nordic skiing, and even yoga and photography. Each features an outstanding restaurant, while some, like Eaton’s Ranch, serve such notable regional fare that they’ve been featured in magazines, newspapers, and national editorials.

Sheridan County’s trio of mountain lodges, located on Highway 14, sit in close proximity to hiking trails, alpine lakes, the Medicine Wheel, Bucking Mule Falls Trailhead, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, and the Cloud Peak Wilderness.
few western destinations rival Sheridan County for sheer beauty or landscape diversity. To the east are the rolling hills and high plains of the Powder River Basin, along with endless acres of rangeland where you will find scenes of pastoral beauty no longer seen in much of the country. To the west are the towering peaks of the Bighorn Mountains, displaying in full the majesty of the Cloud Peak Wilderness. In between is the City of Sheridan, and the small towns that make this a community - it is in these places that visitors so often find bucolic scenes of western life that make their trips memorable. That could mean spending time snapping photos of public art, or gazing up at the neon lights of the iconic Mint Bar or WYO Theater. It could mean getting close to the action at the WYO Rodeo and hoping that you have enough space on the memory card for a million new photos. Or maybe you’re the type who will spend all day waiting for that perfect shot of a moose, elk, bear or mountain lion - you’re in luck, as there is always a piece of the Bighorn National Forest waiting for you. There are so many sights to see out here that the only thing you’re going to be left wanting is time.

20 Things You Need to See

We won’t spoil all of our secrets, but we think that any great trip to Sheridan County should include a photo or two at these iconic spots. Don’t forget to share your favorite moments with us!

1. The Historic Sheridan Inn
2. The Medicine Wheel
3. Sheridan WYO Rodeo
4. Skijoring + Winter Rodeo
5. Sibley Lake
6. Historic Downtown Sheridan
7. Tongue River Canyon
8. Steamboat Point
9. Connor Battlefield
10. The WYO Theater
11. The Brinton Museum
12. Sheridan County Fairgrounds
13. Sheridan Information Center
14. Kendrick Park
15. Mandel Cabin
16. Soldier Ridge Trail
17. South Park
18. Trail End State Historic Site
19. Cloud Peak Wilderness
20. UCross Art Gallery
The world thinks most Wyomingites hibernate during our long, snowy winters, but that’s a ruse by design; winter is a spectacular time of year to experience the magic of the mountains, the allure of historic downtown, the myths and legends of the American West, and the remarkable craft culture scenes that have begun to define small-town Wyoming. And nowhere is the winter more spectacular than in Sheridan County.

The Bighorn National Forest is home to more than 1,500 miles of trails, and each year welcomes cross-country, backcountry, and alpine skiers; ice climbers; snowshoers; backpackers; snowmobile enthusiasts; fat bikers; and more. And even during the chaos of 2020, there has never been a better time to Après-Adventure.

A taste of Wyoming will get you through a day of powder hounding at the Antelope Butte Mountain Recreation Area: Antelope Butte has starred as a “local hill” since the 1960s, and its recent revitalization – 30 downhill runs and more than eight miles of Nordic trails – underscore its important standing as a community touchstone. A short drive along the Bighorn Scenic Byway is the Cutler Hill Nordic Ski Area and Sibley Lake Recreation Area; Sibley hosts regular moonlight ski and snowshoe events, while Cutler is regarded as one of the finest winter trail systems in the west. Bring your fat bike, too.

Treat yourself to a fresh slice of pie and local coffee at the Branding Iron Café in Dayton, then sip great Wyoming wines as you weave winter tales of all your trails at the Gallery on Main. Or head back to Sheridan to wander postcard-perfect Main Street; each holiday season, downtown lights up brighter than your competitive uncle’s awkward nativity scene. And on Black Friday, the annual Downtown Christmas Stroll, presented by the Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce, celebrates local business and western culture with sleigh and tractor rides, special appearances from jolly Saint Nick, music, pop-up vendors, and much more.

Prefer to humbug your way out into peace and quiet on a stretch of river to call your own? The Bighorn Mountains offer some of the nation’s finest fly fishing, and during the winter, you can have creeks, streams, and canyons to yourself. Tongue River Canyon, a short drive from the beautiful hamlet of Dayton, is easily accessed year-round. Now it’s time for a taste of western hospitality, courtesy the Just LeDoux It Saloon & Steak Out. Yeah, you absolutely do deserve an Up All Night to pair with your Big Legerski – a Polish sausage handmade here in Sheridan by the Legerski’s Sausage Co.

You say you’re looking for something family friendly to get you out on those cold, blustery days? Say no more. Head on down to the Whitney Rink at the M&M’s Center for a zip around the ice, or time your stay to watch our local junior team, the Sheridan Hawks, crash the ice. Perhaps you’d like to set a new land-speed sledding record? Then you’ll want to head to The Bowl, between Arrowhead Lodge and Bear Lodge on the Bighorn Scenic Byway. Round out your day of family fun by planning a visit for December 21st, the anniversary of the Fetterman Battle.

Experience what happened on that day in 1866 when Lieutenant Colonel William Fetterman and his men were led into an ambush through a live reenactment at Fort Phil Kearny. The tour of Fetterman Battlefield by Bob Wilson and the Kearny Regulars features victory songs and drumming, as well as traditional bugling.

Fun fact: everyone who visits Sheridan has to Get WYO’d! February features the annual Sheridan WYO Winter Rodeo, the largest celebration of skijoring and winter fun in the mountain west. Novices can test their mettle by signing up the night before the first race series and see if they have what it takes to ski behind a horse while 10,000 people cheer their name. Watch out for the wicked jumps.
The backyard has always been an exciting place to play. When we were little kids, my brother and I would spend hours in the tree fort that my dad built for us out back. We would play cowboys and Indians until someone got poked in the eye with a stick. We would pretend that the ground was made of lava, until someone fell off the roof of the fort and landed on mom’s tomato plants. And, inexplicably, we would collect a dozen or so of the neighborhood cats and shut them in the fort with us until they scratched our faces to ribbons.

Then, as now, the backyard is a wild, untamed realm of endless adventure. The difference? Gone is that tree fort, replaced instead with Bighorn Mountain Country. It goes without saying that the backyard is more exciting than ever before.

The latest project from our team at Sheridan County Travel & Tourism, available to stream now as a YouTube exclusive series, is simply titled The Backyard. We want to show everyone in our community, and beyond the borders of Wyoming, what makes the great outdoors special, and why the Bighorns are the ultimate playground for those who choose to go outside and play. In this wild time of social distancing, distrust, and disbelief, we believe that the mountains can bring us closer together, and that there is no place in the world more authentic. And at a time when people cannot or will not get on planes, we want to encourage people from across Wyoming and across the nation to set out for the greatest road trip destination in America.

The Backyard’s most epic hikes, legendary attractions, national historic landmarks, western heritage, craft culture, and much more. With two feet and a heartbeat we hiked and backpacked into uncharted territory in the Bighorn National Forest and shared the stories of some of the most iconic locations in the region. We took a step back into history and experienced Ernest Hemingway’s Wyoming firsthand. We kayaked pristine rivers, climbed from perilous peaks, sussed out outlaw history, and stargazed at the brightest night skies in America. In the end, our team of three produced, filmed, edited, and released 12 episodes of an original travel show starring Bighorn Mountain Country.

There has never been a better time to step outside and find yourself lost in someplace new. We hope that people will realize that deep down, they have always been a mountain biker, a trail runner, a hiker, a hunter, an angler, or a backpacker. If our stories, and the stories of the people in our community, can help break down the barriers to entry for folks who have never explored the mountains before, we will be thrilled. We also know that it has never been more important to know that you will be safe when you travel. While Wyoming is the perfect place for socially-distanced escapes, we will do what we can to keep you informed, and up-to-date, on any COVID-19 related news and information, travel rules or restrictions, or local health and safety messages. We believe that the road to recovery from this pandemic begins right here in The Backyard, so you can count on us to provide you with information that matters. We hope that you will stay safe, and that our local businesses will continue to benefit by welcoming you to our community.

We have some incredible partners helping us out on this journey. First and foremost, our title sponsor, Fremont Toyota – Fremont has been a major supporter of events and activities in this community for many years, and their team knows what it means to stand up and offer support when times are tough.

- Shawn Parker, Executive Director, Sheridan County Travel & Tourism
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sheridanwy.gov
307.674.6843

Sheridan County
sheridancounty.com
307.674.2900

U.S Forest Service
fs.usda.gov/bighorn
307.674.2600

Wyoming Parks & Historic Sites
wyoparks.wyo.gov
307.777.6323

Wyoming Game & Fish Department
wgfd.wyo.gov
307.672.7418

Road & Travel Information (WYDOT)
wyoroad.info
1.800.WYO.ROAD (1.800.996.7623)

Wyoming Office of Tourism
travelwyoming.com

Sheridan Co. Chamber of Commerce
sheridanwyomingchamber.org
307.672.2485

Fly Sheridan
Round-trip jet service between Denver and Sheridan via United Airlines.
flysheridan.com

Bighorn Airways
Chartered air service, based at the Sheridan County Airport.
bighornairways.com
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