

Sheridan



COUNTY, WYOMING, USA

TALES & TRAILS

A GUIDE TO THE ICONS AND
OUTLAWS OF SHERIDAN, WY

Explore Bighorn
Mountain Country

EXPERIENCE WYOMING
LIKE NEVER BEFORE



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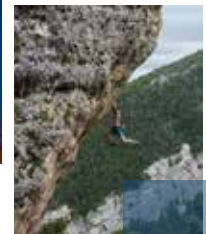
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COUNTY, WYOMING.

There is no place quite like Sheridan County. You'll find all the rugged terrain you could ever dream about out here, but you'll never find yourself lacking for the creature comforts of a modern western city. Sure, you'll see cowboys, and fellas who played cowboys on TV. You'll also find events completely unique to our little corner of the world, an immersive art scene, and the kind of folk who just might share their favorite fishing hole. Maybe.

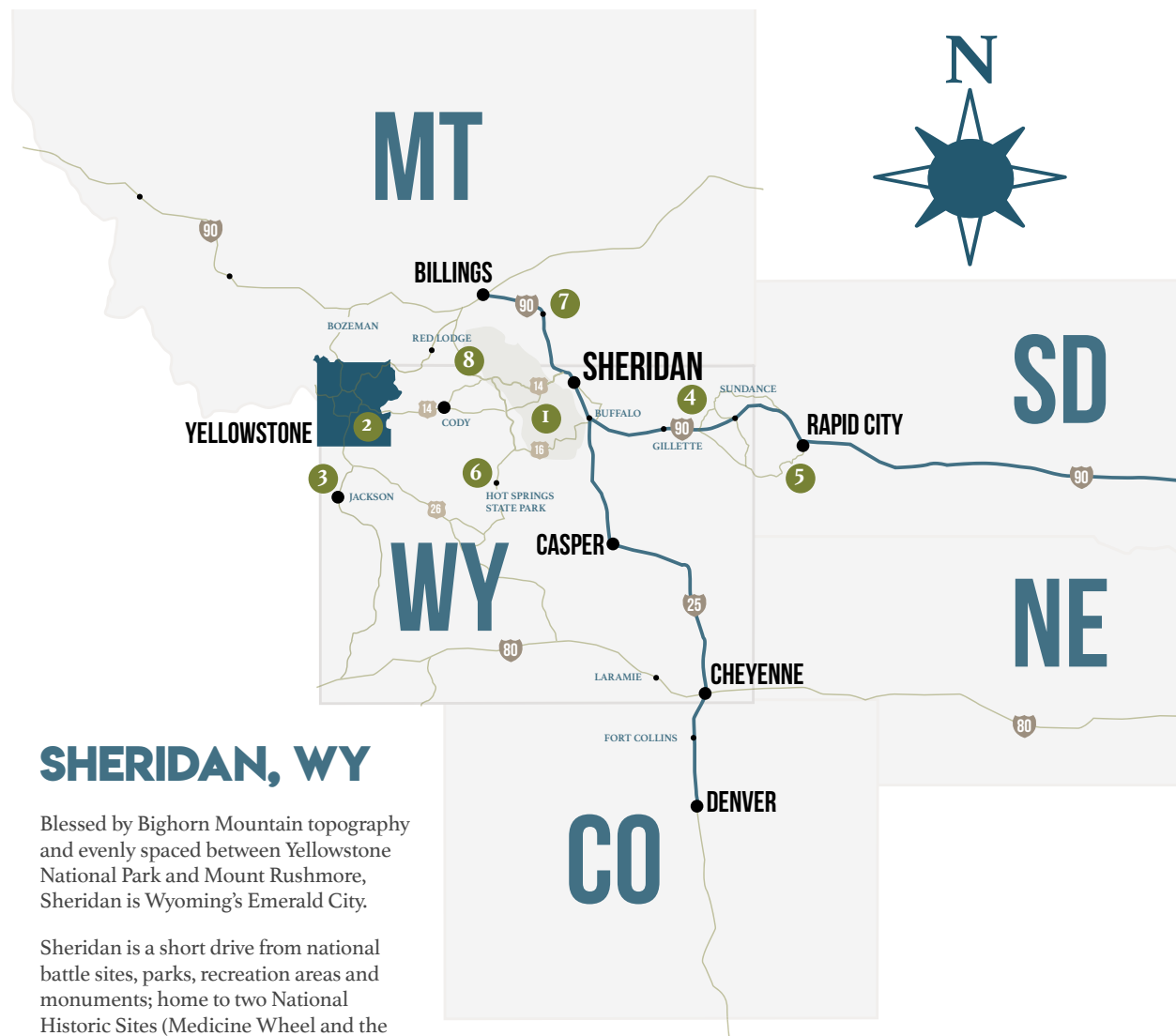


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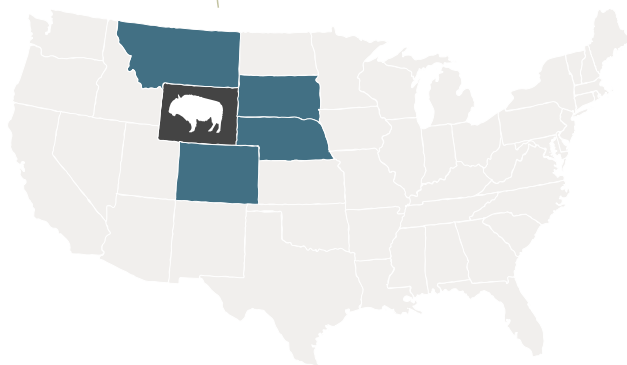


SHERIDAN, WY

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.



REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS

TIME AND ESTIMATED MILEAGE FROM SHERIDAN, WY

- 1 BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST**
35 MILES, 40 MINUTES
 Established in 1897. Elevations range from 5,000 feet along the sagebrush and grass-covered lowlands at the foot of the mountains, to 13,189 feet on top of Cloud Peak, the highest point in the Bighorns. Within the forest is the Cloud Peak Wilderness. There are 1,500 miles of trails in the forest, along with 32 campgrounds, Medicine Wheel, lodges, and three scenic byways.
- 2 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**
200 MILES, 4 HOURS
 The nation's first national park was established in 1872. Nearly 3,500-sq.-mile wilderness recreation area atop a volcanic hot spot, featuring its most famous geyser, Old Faithful.
- 3 GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK**
350 MILES, 6.25 HOURS
 Wyoming's second national park features the magnificent Teton Range, the valley known as Jackson Hole, the resort community of Jackson, and some of the finest wildlife viewing in the world.
- 4 DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT**
165 MILES, 2.5 HOURS
 An astounding geologic feature that protrudes out of the prairie surrounding the Black Hills. It is considered sacred by Northern Plains Indians and indigenous people.
- 5 MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL**
245 MILES, 3.5 HOURS
 A massive sculpture featuring 60-ft.-high granite faces depicting U.S. presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.
- 6 THERMOPOLIS HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK**
160 MILES, 3 HOURS
 The hot springs flow at a constant temperature of 135° Fahrenheit. Offers free bathing at the State Bath House, where temperatures are moderated to a therapeutic 104°F. The petroglyph site at Legend Rock, some 25 miles away, is also part of the park.
- 7 LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD MONUMENT**
71 MILES, 65 MINUTES
 Preserves the site of the June 25-26, 1876, Battle of the Little Bighorn, near Crow Agency, MT. Serves as a memorial to those who fought in the battle: George Armstrong Custer's 7th Cavalry and a combined Lakota-Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho force.
- 8 BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**
115 MILES, 2.25 HOURS
 Established in 1966, following the construction of the Yellowstone Dam. Straddles the border between Wyoming and Montana. About one third of the park is located on the Crow Indian Reservation. One-quarter of the Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range lies within the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.

CITY OF SHERIDAN HOTEL DIRECTORY

PROPERTY NAME | Address | Website | Front Desk #

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Alamo Hotel 1326 N Main St 307.672.2455	•	•	•			•		3	\$90
Americas Best Value Inn 580 E 5th St abvisheridan.com 307.672.9757	•	•	•	•				3	\$68
Baymont Inn and Suites 911 Sibley Cir wyndhamhotels.com 307.673.9500	•	•	•	•	•		•	3.5	\$149
Best Western Sheridan Center 612 N Main St bestwestern.com 307.674.7421	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3.5	\$148
Budget Inn Express 2007 N Main St budgethost.com 307.674.7496	•	•	•	•				4.5	\$80
Candlewood Suites 1709 Sugarland Dr candlewoodsuites.com 307.675.2100	•	•	•	•			•	4	\$153
Comfort Inn and Suites 1950 E 5th St choicehotels.com 307.675.1101	•	•	•	•			•	4	\$124
Days Inn Sheridan 1104 E Brundage Ln wyndhamhotels.com 307.672.2888	•	•	•	•	•			4.5	\$98
Fairfield Inn and Suites 2105 Sugarland Dr marriott.com 307.675.1280	•		•	•	•		•	4.5	\$199
Hampton Inn Sheridan 980 Sibley Cir hamptoninn3.hilton.com 307.673.2734	•		•	•	•			4	\$145
Holiday Lodge 625 Coffeen Ave 307.672.2407	•	•	•	•	•		•	4	\$126
Mill Inn 2161 Coffeen Ave sheridanmillinn.com 307.672.6401	•		•	•	•			4	\$120
Quality Inn 1450 E Brundage Ln choicehotels.com 307.672.5098	•	•	•	•			•	3.5	\$113
Ramada Plaza 1809 Sugarland Dr wyndhamhotels.com 307.672.8931	•		•	•	•	•	•	3.5	\$128
Rodeway Inn 1704 N Main St choicehotels.com 307.672.2439	•	•	•	•	•			2.5	\$99
Super 8 2435 N Main St wyndhamhotels.com 307.672.9725	•	•	•	•				3	\$79
Super Saver Inn 1789 N Main St 307.672.0471	•	•	•					4	\$80
The Sheridan Inn 856 Broadway St sheridaninn.com 307.674.2178	•		•			•		4.5	\$219
Trails End Motel 2125 N Main St trailsendmotelsheridan.us 307.672.2477	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3	\$90
RV PARKS									
Peter D's RV Park 1105 Joe St wyomingrvpark.com 307.673.0597	•	•						4.5	\$50
Sheridan Big Horn KOA Campground 63 Decker Rd koa.com 307.674.8766	•	•			•			3.5	\$55
The Station RV Park 646 E 5th St sheridanwyorvpark.com 307.752.0109	•	•							\$45
Bramble Motel & RV Park 2366 N Main St 307.674.4902	•	•						4	\$50
BED & BREAKFAST/SPECIALTY LODGING									
The Nelson Inn 723 N Main St thenelsoninn.com 307.752.6682	•	•	•					5	\$225
Sheridan Cottages 1185 Sugarview Dr sheridancottages.com 307.751.0793	•	•	•					5	\$595/week
Spur Ranch Rustic Retreat 86 Peno Rd facebook.com/SRRRetreat 307.751.8251			•					5	\$100

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HOTELS, MOTELS and LODGES										
Arrowhead Lodge 6002 US-14, Dayton arrowheadlodgewyoming.com 307.683.0111			*			*		*	3.5	\$109
Bear Lodge Resort 5600 US-14A, Dayton bearlodgeresort.com 307.752.2444	*				*	*	*	*	3	\$112
Elk View Inn 4622 US-14, Dayton elkviewinn.com 307.461.4168	*		*		*	*		*	3.5	\$112
Foothills Motel and Campground 101 Main St., Dayton foothillscampground.com 307.655.2547	*	*	*					*	3	\$70
Ranchester Western Motel 350 US-14, Ranchester ranchesterwesternmotel.net 307.655.2511	*	*	*	*					3	\$68
Story Pines Inn 46 N. Piney Rd., Story storypinesinn.com 307.683.2120	*	*	*						5	\$89
Wagon Box Inn 103 N. Piney Rd., Story wagonboxinn.com 307.683.2444	*		*	*		*			3.5	\$95
GUEST RANCHES										
Canyon Ranch Canyon Ranch Rd., Big Horn canyonranchbighorn.com 307.751.6785	*		*						5	\$1,500-\$2,400/week
The Ranch at Ucross 2673 US-14, Ucross theranchatucross.com 307.737.2281	*	*	*	*	*	*			4.5	\$600
Eaton's Ranch 270 Eatons Ranch Rd., Wolf eatonsranch.com 307.655.9285	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		4.5	\$310
B&Bs and SPECIALTY LODGING										
Shire Valley Cabins 712 Main St., Dayton shirevalleycabins.com 307.203.8347	*	*	*						5	\$115
Waldorf A'Story Guest Haus 19 N. Piney Rd., Story waldorfastory.com 307.683.2452	*	*	*						4.5	\$175
Clear Creek Cabins 1620 Clear Creek Ave., Clearmont clearcreekstop.com 307.758.4511	*	*	*			*			5	\$75
The Powder Horn 161 Highway 335, Sheridan powderhornrealty.com 307.674.9545	*	*	*		*	*	*		4.5	varies by property
CAMPGROUNDS										
Lazy R Campground 652 US-14, Ranchester lazycampground.com 888.655.9284	*	*	*					*	4.5	\$39 RV / \$105 cabin
CATTLE DRIVES										
Double Rafter Ranch 84 5 Mile Rd., Parkman doublerafter.com 307.655.9539									4.5	\$3,400
TRAVEL AGENTS										
Brittain World Travel 150 S Main St burschtravel.com 307.672.2481										
Latitudes Travel 157 W Brundage St 307.674.0656										

RESTAURANTS, BARS, PUBS, BREWERIES, FOOD TRUCKS

BUSINESS NAME | Address | Phone

DOWNTOWN SHERIDAN

Beaver Creek Saloon | Bar | 112 N. Main St. | 307.674.8181

birch | Contemporary American | 326 Whitney Ln. | 307.655.5551

Bison Union | Coffee House | 171 N Main St. | 307.763.1154

Bistro 307 | Classic American | 612 N. Main St. | 307.655.8088

Black Tooth Brewing Co. | Brewhouse & Taproom | 312 Broadway St. | 307.675.2337

Cowboy Café | Classic American | 138 N. Main | 307.672.2391

Frackelton's | Contemporary American | 55 N. Main St. | 307.675.6055

Hetty's Pizza | Pizza Food Truck | Location Varies | 307.429.0883

House of Yros | Mediterranean | 401 Coffeen Ave. | 307.673.1592

Java Moon | Coffee Shop / Bistro / Bakery | 170 N. Main St. | 307.673.5991

Koltiska Distillery | Distillery & Taproom | 644 Crook St. | 307.673.7307

La Herradura | Mexican / American | 437 N. Main St. | 307.655.8090

Las Delicias | Mexican | 201 Broadway St. | 307.655.8121

Legerski Sausage Co. | Butcher Shop | 131 W. Brundage St. | 307.672.8440

Main Street Tavern | Bar / Lounge | 612 N. Main St. | 307.674.7421

Midtown Café | Coffee House / Café | 137 N. Main St. | 307.674.0800

Pad Thai | Thai | 366 N. Main St. | 307.655.5595

Pete's Za | Pizza Food Truck | 307.620.0027

PO News & Flagstaff Café | Café / American | 1 N. Main St. | 307.673.5333

Pony Grill & Bar | American | 3 S. Gould St. | 307.674.7000

Powder River Pizza | Pizza | 803 N. Main St. | 307.655.8040

Rainbow Bar | Bar | 264 N. Main St. | 307.674.7848

Sackett's Market | Butcher Shop / Deli | 184 E. Burkitt St. | 307.672.3663

Scoops | 136 Bellevue Ave. (Kendrick Park) | Ice Cream Stand |

Silver Spur Café | Café / American | 832 N. Main St. | 307.673.7330

Smith Alley Brewing Company | Brewpub | 150 N. Main St. | 307.675.1934

The Happy Camper | Coffee Truck | Various | 406.855.8379

The Mint Bar | Bar | 151 N. Main St. | 307.674.9696

The Tasting Library | Bar / Lounge | 700 N Main St. | 307.655.5056

Uptown Shabby Eatery | Contemporary American | 330 N. Main St. | 307.763.3038

Verdello | Italian | 23 E. Grinnell Plaza | 307.655.8777

Wicked Smoke | Korean Food Truck | 303 Broadway St. | 307.461.0664

WYO Thai | Thai Food Truck | 312 Broadway St. | 307.752.2029

Wyoming's Rib & Chop House | Steakhouse | 847 N. Main St. | 307.673.4700

NORTH END SHERIDAN

Andi's Coffee House | Coffee House \ Bakery | 738 Broadway St. | 307.429.1390

Cowboy Creamery | Ice Cream Shop | 1617 N. Main St. Suite D | 307.655.8665

El Tapatio Dos | Mexican | 1125 N. Main St. | 307.673.0056

Firewater Bar & Grill | Steakhouse / Seafood | 2125 N. Main St. | 307.675.1165

Luminous Brewhouse | Brewhouse & Taproom | 504 Broadway St. | 307.655.5658

My Buddy's Place | Bar / Lounge | 2146 N. Main St. | 307.672.7652

Mydland Market | Restaurant, Coffee, Bottle Shop | 549 Mydland Rd. | 307.655.8111

No Name Bar | Bar / Lounge | 901 N. Main St. | 307.655.5844

Sagewood North Café | Café / Classic | 615 Broadway St. | 307.674.2460

Sidewalk Café | Café / Sandwich Shop | 1333 W. 5th St. | 307.673.3195

Sutton's Tavern | Bar / Lounge | 1402 N. Main St. | 307.673.5164

The Health Nut | Deli | 625 E. 5th St. | 307.673.9355

Welcome Market Hall | Restaurants / Bar / Lounge | 841 Broadway St. | 307.429.7040

SOUTH END SHERIDAN

Big Horn Y | Sandwich Shop / Variety Store | 7088 Coffeen Ave. | 307.672.2447

Bonafide | Food Truck | 1251 Coffeen Ave. | 307.461.7719

Burger Wagon | Food Truck | 1294 Coffeen Ave. | 307.751.3957

City Brew Coffee | Coffee Kiosk | 1842 Sugarland Dr. | 307.673.0567

Daily Grind | Coffee Kiosk | 169 1/2 Coffeen Ave. | 307.763.7495

Dragon Wall | Chinese Buffet | 1842 Sugarland Dr. | 307.673.6888

El Rodeo | Mexican Food Truck | 1520 Coffeen Ave. | 307.763.0218

Golden China | Chinese | 2091 S. Sheridan Ave. | 307.674.7181

The Greenery | American | 1809 Sugarland Dr. | 307.672.8931

Killy's Smokehouse | Deli / Irish Pub | 1062 E. Brundage Ln. | 307.674.2104

Little Goose Liquors | Bar / Lounge | 1140 Coffeen Ave. | 307.674.1955

Mudslingers Drive Thru Coffee | Coffee Kiosk | 654 E Brundage Ln. | 307.752.5466

Oasis Lounge | Bar / Lounge | 1809 Sugarland Dr. | 307.672.8931

Ole's Pizza & Spaghetti House | Italian | 927 Coffeen Ave. | 307.672.3636

RESTAURANTS, BARS, PUBS, BREWERIES, FOOD TRUCKS

BUSINESS NAME | Address | Phone

Sapporo | Japanese Steakhouse | 1062 E Brundage Ln. | 307.655.8711

Glazed N' Confused | Donut Shop | 1935 Coffeen Ave. | 307.675.1918

Sugarland Mining Company | American | 1809 Sugarland Dr. | 307.672.8931

Sunshine Smoothie & Juice Co. | Food Truck | 1251 Coffeen Ave. | 307.763.2975

The Powder Horn Grill | Golf Club (Private) | 23 Country Club Ln. | 307.673.4800

BIG HORN

Barn in Big Horn | Bar | 228 Johnson St. | 307.674.6000

Big Horn Mercantile | Wood Fired Pizza | 210 Johnson St. | 307.672.5534

Brinton Bistro | Contemporary American | 239 Brinton Rd. | 307.763.5925

Just LeDoux It Saloon & Steak Out | Grillroom & Saloon | 158 Johnson St. | 307.672.5837

Last Chance Bar | Bar | 44 Johnson St. | 307.674.8369

CLEARMONT

Clear Creek Stop | Convenience Shop | 1620 Clear Creek Ave. | (307) 758-4511

DAYTON

Crazy Woman Saloon | Bar / Lounge | 307 Main St. | 307.655.2220

Dayton Mercantile | Café / Sandwich Shop | 408 Main St. | 307.638.3788

Gallery on Main | Café / Sandwich Shop | 110 W 3rd Ave. | 307.655.2221

Mountain Inn Bar | Bar | 810 Main St. | 307.655.2553

LEITER

Leiter Bar & Cafe | 4679 Us Hwy 14-16 E. | 307.758.4343

RANCHESTER

Innominate Coffeehouse & Bakery | 652 US-14 | 307.683.4020

Silver Spur Bar & Lounge | 408 Dayton St. | 307.655.9526

The Dry Bean Coffee Shed | Coffee Kiosk | 470 US-14 | 307.683.7131

Wyoming Buckshot Saloon | Bar & Grill | 719 Dayton St. | 307.655.9061

STORY

Tunnel Inn | 402 State Highway 193 | 307.683.2296

Wagon Box Inn | American | 103 N. Piney Rd. | 307.683.2444

PARKMAN

Parkman Bar & Grill | 286 WY-345 | 307.655.9993

WYARNO

Wyarno Bar & Grill | 1041 Wyarno Rd. | 307.737.4700

FAST FOOD / NATIONAL BRANDS

Arby's | 1777 Coffeen Ave. | 307.672.8406

Champ's Chicken | 1229 E. Brundage Ln. (inside Good to Go) | 307.203.3740

Dairy Queen | 544 N. Main St. | 307.674.9379

Domino's Pizza | 1538 N. Main St. | 307.672.7401

Jimmy John's | 727 E. Brundage Ln. | 307.675.8333

Little Caesars Pizza | 1935 Coffeen Ave. | 307.673.9000

McDonald's | 2590 N. Main St. | 307.672.5900

McDonald's | 2146 Coffeen Ave. | 307.673.1100

Mr. Jim's Pizza | Pizza | 856 Coffeen Ave. | 307.218.0888

Papa Murphy's | 1115 Coffeen Ave. | 307.673.7272

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery | 1373 Coffeen Ave. | 307.674.9336

Pizza Hut | 2547 N. Main St. | 307.672.9041

QDOBA Mexican Eats | 2112 Coffeen Ave. | 307.675.1120

Starbucks | 2208 Coffeen Ave. | 307.672.5129

Subway | 1001 Coffeen Ave. | 307.673.1693

Subway | 1695 Coffeen Ave. (inside Walmart) | 307.672.5359

Taco Bell | 1655 Coffeen Ave. | 307.672.8866

Taco John's / Good Times | 2175 Sugarland Dr. | 307.673.4709

Wendy's | 1319 Coffeen Ave. | 307.674.9281



BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST

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



PARK RESERVOIR



CLOUD PEAK WILDERNESS

EXPLORE WYOMING'S GREAT OUTDOORS

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.



CAMP, HIKE, BIKE, FISH, HUNT AND CHASE YOUR WY
IN THE BIGHORN MOUNTAINS



ONE DAY IN THE WILD

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 **The Daily Grind** (the Mt. Woolsey Burrito is a 1/2 pound of breakfast awesomeness), or grab a cup of Black Buffalo coffee at **Bison Union**, 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 delicious 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.

If your legs are weary, take the back roads out to the hamlet of Story, tucked into the mountains south of Sheridan; here you can visit the **Story Fish Hatchery**, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to observe fish and local wildlife.

EVENING 🌙

By now you've earned your appetite and your dinner; before leaving Story stop in at **Tunnel Inn** for one of their weekly specials or head back to Sheridan to dine in Wyoming's craft capital. You could try a Black & Blue Burger at **Smith Alley**, or wood-fired brisket at **Bistro 307**.

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 **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 speciality 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



HUNTING AND FISHING

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 outfitter 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 [01]

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
PARAWULFEE.**



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.



**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.**

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.



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TALL TALES

To beat traffic, early 20th century loggers would ride the 11-mile Tongue River Tie Flume down the mountain and through the Box Canyon tunnels to reach the town of Dayton. And you thought your daily commute was a rough one.

Rumor has it this ride took just 9 minutes, during which the loggers would reach speeds of up to 80 miles per hour!

THE GREAT OUTDOORS NOTES



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, a remote pass long used by the infamous 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.

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

EXPERIENCE WY'S FRONTIER HISTORY

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.





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 head to **Ranchester** for breakfast at **Innominate Coffeehouse & Bakery**.

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 the new **Just Ledoux It Steakout &**

Saloon. 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,

EMBRACE HISTORY AND CULTURE IN SHERIDAN COUNTY

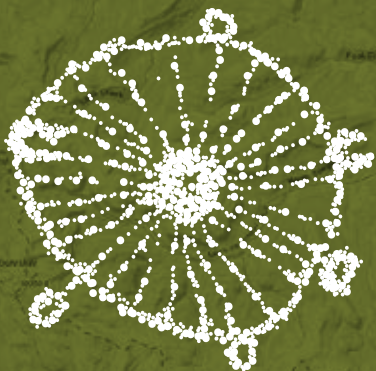
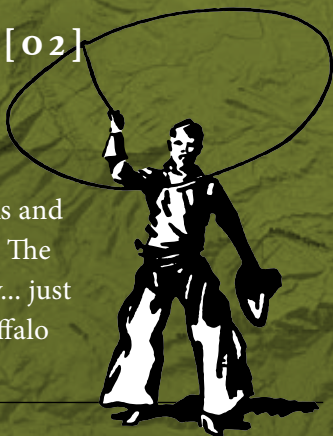
returning from fighting in Cuba and the Philippines, were reassigned here for recuperation and retraining. The campus is open for tours during daylight hours. Please respect the privacy of patients, residents, and staff. Buildings are closed to the public.

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

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.



- **LOCATED AT 9,642 FT. ELEVATION**
- **ESTIMATED AT 1,500 YEARS OLD**
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(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**

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REAL ACTION.**

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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.

FRONTIER HISTORY NOTES

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THE MEDICINE WHEEL

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The Medicine Wheel / Medicine Mountain National Historic Landmark (NHL) is a major Native American sacred complex and archaeological property used by many different tribes from times before Euro-American contact to the present day. The NHL, 4,080 acres in size, includes a high concentration of integral natural formations and vistas that are perceived as cultural features, traditional use areas, and associated archaeological sites that include one of the largest stone medicine wheels in North America.

Sitting at 9,640 feet in elevation, the Medicine Wheel is situated on the exposed, slightly sloping limestone surface of the prominent northwestern ridge of Medicine Mountain. The Medicine Wheel is a roughly circular pattern of stones about 82 feet in diameter surrounding a central stone cairn about 12 feet in diameter. In the center of the pattern is a hollow oval cairn of rock from which 28 radial lines extend to a peripheral circle. Around and near the peripheral circle are six more cairns.

IF YOU VISIT THE MEDICINE WHEEL

The NHL is located on the Bighorn National Forest in Big Horn County in north-central Wyoming, just 12 miles south of the Montana border. The nearest town, Lovell, lies 25 miles to the west and Sheridan is 46 miles to the east. The Medicine Wheel is normally accessible from mid to late June through mid-September. Visitors are required to walk on the road from the lower parking lot and interpreter's cabin to the Medicine

Wheel, which is roughly 1.5 miles or three miles round trip. Physically challenged individuals may drive or be driven to the small parking area next to the Medicine Wheel. Restroom facilities are located in the parking lot and at the Wheel.

VISITOR BEHAVIOR

The Medicine Wheel is an active Native American sacred site, so please be respectful during your visit. On-site interpreters may temporarily close visitation (usually 45 to 60 minutes) for private Native American ceremonies. If a ceremony is taking place during your visit, please stay back from the participants and observe quietly. Do not take photographs during a ceremony. Do not touch the prayer offerings placed on the Medicine Wheel fence by traditional users. Stay on established walking paths to protect fragile natural and archaeological resources. Dogs must be leashed and are not allowed on the path immediately around the Medicine Wheel. Please plan to clean up after your pet.

HOW OLD IS THE MEDICINE WHEEL?

Age estimates for the Medicine Wheel range from a few hundred years to more than 3,000 years. Oral histories provided by Native Americans indicate the Medicine Wheel is indeed very old, extending back in time through many generations. The only reliable scientific date gleaned from the Bighorn Medicine Wheel thus far is one dendrochronologic sample derived from wood incorporated into the structure of the western cairn. This sample's latest growth ring dates to 1760 CE. Past research suggests that the Medicine Wheel is a composite structure with the central cairn and some

outer cairns constructed earlier than the rim and spokes. Artifacts and other archaeological evidence clearly indicate that the Medicine Wheel / Medicine Mountain NHL has been visited by Native Americans for nearly 7,000 years.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE MEDICINE WHEEL?

Ethnographic and ethno-historic studies undertaken by anthropologist James Boggs in the 1990s provided evidence of how various areas of the NHL are used for differing ceremonial and sacred purposes. Native American spiritual practices prescribe traditional uses in distinct portions of the landscape, including areas for staging, approach, ceremonies, prayer and vision questing, camping, and medicinal plant gathering. Native American ethnographic accounts refer to the Medicine Wheel as the "altar" for the Medicine Mountain complex, illustrating the important central role the Wheel plays in ceremonial and spiritual functions. The functional aspects of the sacred structures on Medicine Mountain and its natural geographic features are oriented cosmologically in the same way the Plains Sun Dance Lodge is differentiated and oriented, with places for camping, prayer, and vision questing broadly the same for different tribes. Many interviews drew a connection or spiritual relationship between the Medicine Wheel and Plains Sun Dance Lodge.

In some Native American ethnographic accounts, the Bighorn Medicine Wheel and other major sacred sites play an essential navigational role. Sacred sites emerge as an integral part of the larger cosmological order by which Indian people oriented their movements and activities.

While historic circumstances have changed for Indian people, the sense of continuity in Native practice at Medicine Mountain extends directly from the pre-contact, or Native American, era into the present.

WHO MANAGES THE NHL?

The NHL is managed by the Bighorn National Forest under a signed Historic Preservation Plan. Formal signatory consulting parties include the Medicine Wheel Alliance (Tribal), Medicine Wheel Coalition (Tribal), Big Horn County commissioners, Bighorn National Forest, Federal Aviation Administration, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, and the Secretary of Interior's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY + DRONE

Visitors may take photographs of the Medicine Wheel, or record video for private use. Under no circumstances may visitors fly drones over the Medicine Wheel / NHL; this applies even to videographers with permits to fly and film in other parts of the Bighorn National Forest.



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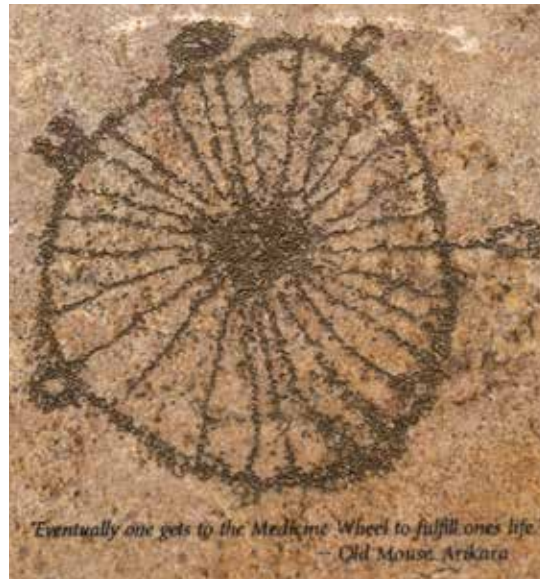
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FIVE SPRING

Several of the prehistoric trails that led through the Bighorn Mountains intersect on Medicine Mountain. The first people using these trails may have entered the area on the very same path that leads to Medicine Wheel, as long as 10,000 years ago. Over time, possibly due to rising temperatures and a decrease in moisture, the buffalo-centered plains people interacted with the hunters and gatherers of the mountains, sharing this trail system. The trail atop Medicine Mountain was the main access to the Medicine Wheel for these ancient Americans.

Today, Native American Indian people and cultures

from around the world still cross paths at Medicine Mountain. Native American Indians, presenting 81 different tribes, still utilize this ancient trail to practice their traditional ceremonies. Some traditional people prepare themselves for over a year for their journey to the Medicine Wheel. You may cross paths with them on your visit. Please respect the needs of visitors here for prayer, meditation, inspiration, or solitude by giving them space and not taking their picture.



*Eventually one gets to the Medicine Wheel to fulfill ones life.
— Old Mouse, Arakara*

Most American Indian people feel that the Bighorn Medicine Wheel is for “All People.” Some may ask for privacy and your patience as they practice their traditional ceremonies. Please, this of this request as your opportunity to slow down, connect with nature, and experience a culture a little different from your own.

THE SACRED CIRCLE

The white man called the Medicine Wheel, but to many Native American Indians it is “The Place Where the Eagle Lands.” To many people, it is a sacred place, and there are few that leave without experiencing something outside the ordinary.

It is perhaps the location of the Medicine Wheel that contributes so powerfully to a feeling of sacredness and agedness. Lying atop Medicine Mountain, the weather here is as wild as the towering crags and sheer cliffs that define the mountain. Sleet, rain, and snowstorms are common here, even in July. Streaks of jagged lightning, deafening thunder, and wind scream past the rocky embattlements. These are the forces that confronted the people who came here, ages ago, to build a place of ceremony and worship.

Some people believe that the Medicine Wheel is a vision quest site, a representation of the Sun Dance Lodge, a turtle effigy, or a place to mark the summer solstice. You, too, may find this a place of renewal.

DIRECTIONS FROM SHERIDAN

1 hr 29 min (69.5 miles)
via US-14 W and US-14 ALT W

Get on I-90 W from WY-336 W
2 min (0.6 mi)

Follow I-90 W, US-14 W and US-14 ALT W to Forest Service Rd 12 in Big Horn County
1 hr 21 min (67.1 mi)

Follow Forest Service Rd 12 to your destination
7 min (1.7 mi)

The site is open mid-June to September, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weather permitting. There are pit toilets nearby.

Artifacts, cairns and rock structures must not be disturbed. Visitors are asked to respect the sacred nature of this site and to not disturb any offerings. To comply with American Indian traditions, visitors should walk around the wheel in a clockwise direction and tread lightly on the fragile vegetation nearby.

For more information contact the Bighorn National Forest Office at (307) 674-2600 or Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District Office (307) 548-6541. Information here was developed from US Forest Service Resources.



BOZEMAN TRAIL MUSEUM
 THE BRINTON MUSEUM
 EDWARD A. WHITNEY GALLERY
 GALLERY ON MAIN
 BOZEMAN TRAIL GALLERY
 EXPRESSIONS ART GALLERY
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 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

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. The Sheridan Public Arts Committee produces a guide that showcases more than 100 pieces of public outdoor art.

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.



THE BRINTON MUSEUM



THE WYO THEATER



TRAIL END STATE HISTORIC SITE



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 Café** 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 Café**. 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 on 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 Gollings at **The Paint Post**. Classes range from an hour to three or more, depending on the medium or piece being made. Red Bison's Stephen Mullins has produced pieces for **Surf Wyoming, the WYO Winter Rodeo**, each of Sheridan's breweries, and many more local businesses.

Interactive art doesn't end there - consider a workshop with **Archetype**

Collective, where you'll learn to craft rings, earrings, or even pet tags. **Archetype's** makerspace is located at **The Union at Montgomery**; The Union hosts workshops and classes in a variety of disciplines. **SAGE Community Arts**, located next door, likewise features lectures, workshops, an annual local photography gala, and much more.

Take your show on the road and visit the **Ucross Art Gallery**; exhibitions are evocative, insightful and beautiful. **Ucross** is less than 40 miles from Sheridan; pastoral beauty is the highlight of the drive.

On your way back to Sheridan, stop in **Banner** to visit **Turned Antiques** (Saturdays only, 10am-4pm), where you'll find over 10,000-sq. ft. of early American antiques and contemporary home furnishings.

ART IS AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE MODERN WEST

EVENING

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^[03]

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.



ARTS & CULTURE NOTES

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.



A LOCAL CHAMBERMAID WON AN MTV CONTEST IN 1986. HER PRIZE? A PRINCE CONCERT IN SHERIDAN. PRINCE'S FILM "UNDER THE CHERRY MOON" PREMIERED IN SHERIDAN AS PART OF THE PROMOTION.



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?

SHERIDAN WYO RODEO EST. 1931

PRCA RODEO ACTION

\$50K IN INDIAN RELAY CASH PRIZES



TIME FOR THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE
LET'S GET WYO'D

Folks come to Sheridan to get cozy with cowboys, and there's no better way to experience the icons and outlaws of Wyoming than during WYO Rodeo Week, Sheridan's premiere cultural attraction. Rodeo Week features the First Peoples' Pow Wow, Rodeo Parade, Boot Kick Off, Pancake Breakfast, street dances, Rodeo Carnival, Indian Relay Races, and four nights of epic PRCA Rodeo performances. It's a homecoming like nothing you've ever experienced, and the perfect time to immerse yourself in the culture of the American West.

Rodeo Week takes place every July; COVID forced the cancellation of 2020's edition of the WYO, but we came back bigger than ever in 2021, with plans to make this year's event the best yet.

Annual western events include the Sheridan County Rodeo, Best of the Rest Steer Riding, Bots Sots Remount, the Leather Crafter's Trade

Show, Eaton's Horse Drive, and the Brinton Leather Show. The Bots Sots Remount, staged at Trail End, celebrates the pomp and pageantry of equestrian history with activities, attractions, and the eponymous sale itself.

Don King Days at the Big Horn Equestrian Center is a raucous celebration of western life, and includes cowboy polo, smithing, bronc riding, and more. The event, hosted annually over Labor Day Weekend, brings in cowboys and horsemen from across the Rocky Mountain region.

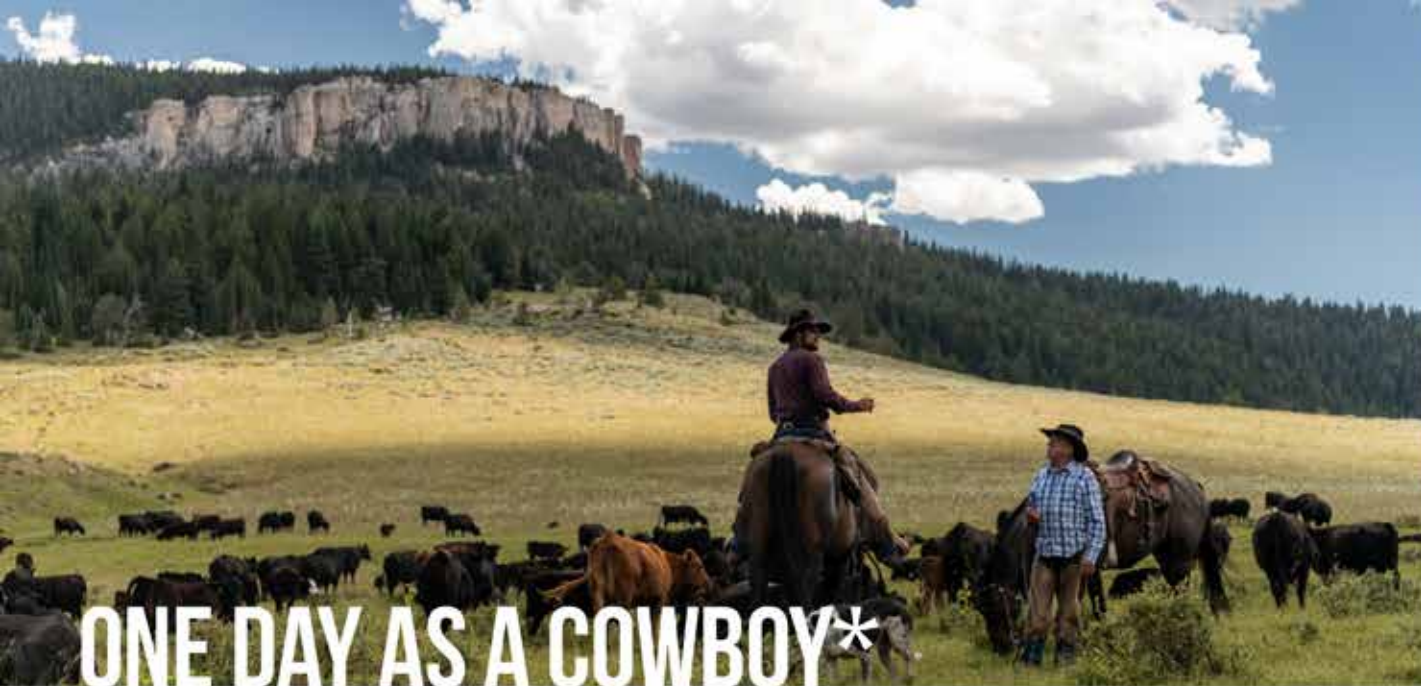
One of Sheridan County's best kept secrets is the community's deep connection to polo. Sheridan County is home to two major polo venues at the Flying H Polo Club and the Big Horn Equestrian Center; both located in the historic community of Big Horn. Polo matches run from June through September, and are open to the public -

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ONE DAY AS A COWBOY*

*OK, first thing - you need more than one day to experience the cowboy way. Plan to spend at least three days immersed in the legend and lore of local icons and outlaws. You'll be glad you did.

They say timing is everything, and for the most authentic western experience in America, visit Sheridan during **WYO Rodeo Week**. If you can't be here during the WYO, consider an immersive experience like the **Bots Sots Remount Horse Sale**, **Don King Days**, or the **Sheridan WYO Winter Rodeo** (for fans of skijoring, hot cider, and frosty mountain peaks).

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 **Glazed N' Confused** and get a hearty plate of biscuits and gravy (with a side glazed donut, naturally).

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.

Head in to Big Horn to grab a bite to eat at the **Just LeDoux It Saloon and Steak Out** (try the **BBQ Prime Steak Sandwich**, and you deserve the **Horseshoe Onion Rings**). Hungry yet?

DAY 2

Plan on getting your boots dirty today. You're going to cowboy up for breakfast at **Cowboy 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

ICONS & OUTLAWS STILL ROAM THIS WILD COUNTRY

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 over 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 really 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.

Before you hang up your cowboy hat head to Parkman and get yourself a famous jalapeño bacon cheeseburger at the **Parkman Bar & Grill**.

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**.



LEGENDS OF THE WEST

Double Rafter Cattle Drives \ Some images are so deeply connected to a sense of place that it is nearly impossible to consider one without the other. So it goes for the cowboy, an icon that is stitched like a patch onto the fibers of Wyoming's identity. And while the world changes swiftly, there are those who cling to a fading way of life in an effort to extol its values and virtues. To feel connected to the men and women who came before them through their shared experiences on the mountain.

The **Kerns family** offer a glimpse at the base reality of the cowboy, in all its rough, brutal, beautiful glory. Saddling up for a cattle drive is nothing short of an epic, once-in-a-lifetime experience. A test of mettle, of physical toughness, and mental strength. To sleep under a canopy of stars high atop a ridge in a remote corner of the Bighorn Mountains is to feel closer to nature than ever before. To break bread with a dozen would-be cattle rustlers after a long day in the saddle is to know hard work, and to know the bonds

of brotherhood. To laugh at yourself when you realize you have no earthly idea how to handle a rope, but you're going to try to sling it anyway, is to know what it means to see the lighter side of life.

A week on the open range has the power to awaken the fighting spirit that lay dormant inside, and will prove that you can teach an old dog new tricks.



This is an unvarnished look at all of Wyoming's sharp edges, its uncompromising spirit, and the bonds of heritage that bind the people of this Great State to one another.

To experience the western adventure of a lifetime, book at doublerafter.com

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.

EXPLORE FOR A GLIMPSE AT ALL OF WYOMING'S SHARP EDGES AND UNCOMPROMISING SPIRIT

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**.

ICONS & OUTLAWS NOTES



COTTONWOOD KITCHEN + HOME

The culture of craft is as quintessentially Wyoming as long days on the ranch, bucking broncos, 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.



BISON UNION



JUST LEDOUX IT



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 **Koltiska Original Liqueur, followed by KO 90, each an embodiment of the spirit of the American West. In early 2016 Kolts Fine Spirits became the **Koltiska 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.****



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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 filets, while **Frackelton's** dishes a 14 oz. grilled ribeye (with creamed corn and garlic mashed potatoes) 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 **Just LeDoux it Steak Out & 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.



BIRCH RESTAURANT

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 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**, and the **Cowboy Café**, where only the adventurous dare take a stab at the elk and bison breakfast skillet. **Pad Thai** and **Little Kitchen** have brought to the community an authentic taste of Thailand and Nepal, respectively, as well as an air of something fresh and exciting.

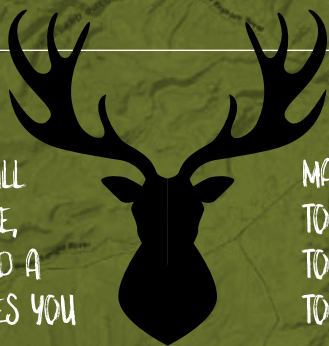
SHERIDAN COUNTY'S CULINARY SCENE IS HAVING A MOMENT

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.

LOCAL NUGGETS [05]

SHERIDAN'S FOOD TRUCKS ROLL OUT A VARIETY OF UNIQUE CULINARY CREATIONS. FREQUENTLY FOUND NEAR POPULAR WATERING HOLES, OUR TRUCKS DISH FOODS FROM MEXICO TO THAILAND (AND ALL POINTS IN BETWEEN).



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.**



TALL TALES

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.

CRAFT IS KING NOTES

EST. 1882

POPULATION: 17,849

ELEVATION: 3,743 FT

22 NATIONAL HISTORIC PLACES



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



WHITNEY COMMONS

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.

Among downtown's unique buildings are a number of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including the American Foursquare Robinson-Smith House, built in 1909; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, built in the Gothic Revival Style in 1912; the Classical Revival and Beaux-Arts County Courthouse, built from 1904-1905; the Railroad Historic District, with 110 contributing buildings; and the Sheridan Inn, declared a National Historic Landmark in 1964. In total, Sheridan County features 22 properties listed on the National Register, as well as two National Historic Landmarks (Sheridan Inn and Medicine Wheel).

The evening brings an opportunity to photograph Main Street's iconic neon signs; don't miss The Mint, Rainbow Bar, Wyoming Rib & Chop House, the



WYO Theater, and Best Out West. The Mint is one of the most photographed locations in all of Wyoming!

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.



EST. 1906

POPULATION: 824

ELEVATION: 3,921 FT

BIGHORN TRAIL RUN: JUNE 17-18



DAYTON, WY

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 Scott

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, furniture and art supplies, is open and free to the public. Enjoy coffee and pie at the Pop in to the **Dayton Mercantile** for milkshake and a sandwich, and 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.



GALLERY ON MAIN

EST. 1911

POPULATION: 974

ELEVATION: 3,763 FT

HAY DAYS: JUNE 2022



RANCHESTER, WY

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.



BUCKSHOT SALOON



EST. 1892
POPULATION: 147
ELEVATION: 3,917 FT
130 MILES TO DEVILS TOWER

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.



THE RANCH AT UCROSS



EST. 1881
POPULATION: 974
ELEVATION: 3,763 FT
JULY 4TH FIREWORKS SHOW

CANYON RANCH

BIG HORN, WY

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.



BRINTON RANCH HOUSE



EST. 1901
POPULATION: 828
ELEVATION: 5,036 FT

STORY, WY

Nestled 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'Story 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.



6 COUNTY PROPERTIES
3 MOUNTAIN LODGES
EATON'S, OLDEST IN USA

RANCHES AND LODGES

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.



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

1 National First Day Hike
1 Polar Bear Plunge
1 Resolution Run 5K
8 Gillette Wild @ Sheridan Hawks
9 Classic Western Film Series:
15 Member Pop-Up Show
15 HFC Saturday Night Fights
15 Best of the Rest Steer Riders Jackpot
16 Classic Western Film Series
23 Classic Western Film Series
25 7th Annual Photography Juried Show
18 Yellowstone Quake @ Sheridan Hawks
29 Yellowstone Quake @ Sheridan Hawks
30 Classic Western Film Series

FEBRUARY

12 WYO Winter Rodeo Kickoff
12 Moonlight Ski at Sibley Lake
15 Live from Laurel Canyon
17 Snowball at the Barn in Big Horn
18 Two Tracks in Concert
18 Tris Munsick & The Innocents
19 Best of the Rest Steer Riders Jackpot
20 Sheridan Shootout
24 Glenn Miller Orchestra
25 Butte Cobras @ Sheridan Hawks
26 Butte Cobras @ Sheridan Hawks
25 Fly Fishing Film Tour
26 FFA Alumni Barn Bash
26 Rotary Club Ice Fishing Derby

MARCH

1 Museum at the Bighorns Opening Day
3 An Evening with Tris Munsick
4 Nobuntu Concert
5 Sheridan College Rodeo Banquet
8 Explore History @ The WYO
10 History After Dark

10 Quarter Circle A Heritage Dinner
12 Best of the Rest Steer Riders Jackpot
12 All Hands on Deck Show
12 17th Annual Run 'Til You're Green
12 Saturday Night Fights
13 Sheridan College Symphony Band
15 Explore History @ TRVCC
17 Jazz at Sheridan College
17 Dervish in Concert
17 St. Patrick's at Leiter Bar
17 17th Illustrator Show Reception
19 Birding at The Brinton
25 Little Bear Ski Race
26-27 Wyoming Sportsman Gun Show

APRIL

1 Trail End Historic Site opens
2 WYO Rodeo Ticket Sales Launch
2 Sheridan College Symphony Orchestra
7 Wyoming Taxidermy Show
8 Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation Banquet
16 Best of the Rest Steer Riders Jackpot
16 Car Show - Test and Tune
19 Banff Mountain Film Fest
23 Cloud Peak Classic
22-24 Home & Garden Show
28 Soiree presented by SAGE
30-5/1 Wyoming Open Chess Tournament

MAY

1 Master Leather Carving from North America and Japan
7 National Travel & Tourism Week
1 Speedway Spring Showdown
7-8 Big Horn Mountain Soccer Cup
20-22 Rocky Mtn. Leather Trade Show

JUNE

1 Start of Polo Season
3-4 Trailfest
4 Bots Sots Remount Horse Sale
4 The Dead Swede
6 Wyoming Rehab Hoop Jam
8-10 Mountain Archery Fest
11 CHAPS Draft Horse Derby
15 3rd Thursday Street Festival
16-18 Bighorn Mountain Trail Run
16 Wyoming/Montana All-Star Basketball
18-19 Wyoming Junior Rodeo Association
23-25 Bighorn Crawlers Summer Safari
15-16 Wyoming Sportsman Gun Show
24-26 Leiter Up Motorcycle Rally
26-27 Mountain States Modified Races

JULY

1 Karz Rod Run
4 4th of July at Connor Park
4 Pot Lot and Fireworks Show
8 3rd Thursday Street Festival
8 Untapped Homebrew Festival
9 Race of Champions
12-17 Sheridan WYO Rodeo Week
11 Rodeo Boot Kick Off
14 Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast
14 Sneakers & Spurs Rodeo Run
14 Beds Along the Big Horns Race
14 WYO Rodeo Parade
14 First People's Pow Wow
14 Kiwanis Duck Race
17-20 Intl. Hemingway Conference
16 WYO Rodeo Tailgate & Polo Game
23 Let's Go Racing
27 Summer Evening at the Mansion
29-Aug 8 Sheridan County Fair
29 Tournament of Knights

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AUGUST

12-13 Murder at the Mansion
12-14 Speedway I-90 Races
13-14 Bike MS Wyoming
13-14 Sheridan County Rodeo
17 3rd Thursday Street Festival
17-20 Sheridan Songwriter Festival
19 Monster Truck Show
25-27 14th Jeep Jamboree U.S.A.
27 Let's Go Racing
27 Suds n' Spurs Brewfest

SEPTEMBER

1 The Mane Event: 2022 Gravel Grinder
3-5 Hang Gliders Fly In
2-5 DevilStone Run
4-5 Don King Days
14 3rd Thursday Street Festival
16-18 20th Annual Sugar Bars Legacy Sale
16 Wolf Creek Wrangle
17 Vintage Car Show
18-19 Born in a Barn
23-24 Fall Classic Races
24 6th Annual Farm to Table & Hoe Down
30-10/2 WYO Film Festival

OCTOBER

6 Biketoberfest
22-23 Wyoming Sportsman Gun Show

NOVEMBER

25 Sheridan Christmas Stroll

DECEMBER

2-3 Trail End Open House
16-18 Christmas with the Kendricks
Winter Shootout Basketball Tournament
31-1/1 Bighorn Rush Sled Dog Challenge

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