

TONGUE RIVER CANYON

DIFFICULTY: Moderate LENGTH: 4.7 miles (round trip)
ESTIMATED TIME: 2 hr 13 min ELEVATION GAIN: 830 ft
ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

DESCRIPTION: Tongue River Canyon comes off of state land near Amsden Creek Wildlife Habitat Area. This trail follows the Tongue River, winding through the sheer, limestone walled canyon. On top, there are beautiful views of tributary canyons, wildflower, and aspen clones. For Fishermen, The Tongue River is a great place to catch Browns and Rainbows.

DIRECTIONS: From Burgess Junction Visitor Center

Turn Left onto US-14 E for 23.9 miles. Once in Dayton, take a left onto Tongue Canyon RD and follow the road until it dead ends at the trailhead.



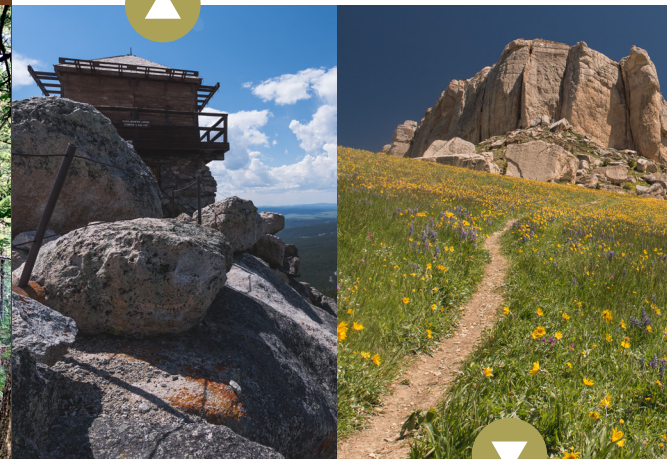
BLACK MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT

DIFFICULTY: Strenuous LENGTH: 3.4 miles (round trip)
ESTIMATED TIME: 2 hr 10 min ELEVATION GAIN: 1,076 ft
ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

DESCRIPTION: Located off of Forest Service Road 222, Black Mountain offers a scenic 360 degree lookout of the surrounding area. Bring plenty of water as this hike features a 1,076 ft. elevation gain with a rock scramble near the very end of the trail.

DIRECTIONS: From Burgess Junction Visitor Center

Turn left onto US-14 E for 7.9 miles. Turn right onto Black Mountain RD (Forest RD 16) and continue for 3.5 miles. Turn Left onto Forest RD 222 and continue to the trailhead.



PORCUPINE FALLS

DIFFICULTY: Easy (steep) LENGTH: 0.8 miles (round trip)
ESTIMATED TIME: 37 min ELEVATION GAIN: 360 ft
ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

DESCRIPTION: A short yet **steep descent down** to the falls with a more steep climb on the way back out. This trail is worth the climb for many as it sports a thundering 200 ft. waterfall into a pool below.

DIRECTIONS: From Burgess Junction Visitor Center

Turn Right onto US-14 W. Take a slight right onto US-14 Alternative and follow for 20 miles. Turn Right onto Forest RD 14 and follow for 3 miles. Bear left at the junction with Forest RD 11 to stay on Forest RD 14 for another 5.7 miles to Forest RD 146. Take Forest RD 146 a short .4 mile to find the trailhead.



BUCKING MULE FALLS

DIFFICULTY: Moderate LENGTH: 4.9 miles (round trip)
ESTIMATED TIME: 1 hr 52 min ELEVATION GAIN: 452 ft
ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

DESCRIPTION: The trail is a long strenuous drop down into and out of Devil Canyon with an overlook for Bucking Mule Falls. Good for backpacking and horse trips.

DIRECTIONS: From Burgess Junction Visitor Center

Turn right onto US-14 W and take a slight right onto US-14 Alternative in about 1.3 miles. Then, follow this road for about 20.2 miles. Turn onto Forest RD to continue for 2 miles. At this point, take a left turn onto Forest RD 137 and continue for about a half of a mile. Take the first available right turn off of 137 and take a left in half of a mile onto Forest RD 14 and continue on this road for 5 miles to Bucking Mule Falls Trailhead.



RED GRADE TRAIL SYSTEM

DIFFICULTY: Easy LENGTH: 2.8 miles
ESTIMATED TIME: 1 hr 47 min ELEVATION GAIN: 511 ft
ROUTE TYPE: Loop

DESCRIPTION: Head out on this 2.8-mile loop trail near Big Horn, Wyoming. Generally considered an easy route, this trail is great for mountain biking, and it's unlikely you'll encounter many other people while exploring.

DIRECTIONS: From Sheridan

From Main Street in Sheridan, head south to Coffeen Ave, continue straight onto WY-335 for 9.3 miles towards Big Horn. Continue onto Red Grade Rd for 1.2 miles, turn right at Prairie's Edge, where you will find the parking lot and posted trail head for the Red Grade Trails.

STEAMBOAT POINT

DIFFICULTY: Moderate (steep) LENGTH: 1.7 miles (round trip)
ESTIMATED TIME: 1 hr 11 min ELEVATION GAIN: 667 ft
ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

DESCRIPTION: This arduous hike provides rewarding 360-degree views from the top of Steamboat Point.

DIRECTIONS: From Burgess Junction Visitor Center

From the Visitor Center, turn left onto US-14 E and continue for 11 miles until you see the pull off for Steamboat Point, which will be located off the left. The trail starts on the other side of the gate.

SIBLEY LAKE NORDIC TRAILS

DIFFICULTY: Easy LENGTH: 15 miles
ESTIMATED TIME: 52 min ELEVATION GAIN: 209 ft
ROUTE TYPE: Loops (4 separate)

DESCRIPTION: Sibley Lake is open to non-motorized craft and offers an accessible fishing dock on the shoreline. Anglers fish for rainbow, brown, and brook trout. For those looking to take a stroll around the lake, you will find a trail just near the water's edge. Hikers that want more of a challenge can choose among a series of loops that are located south of the lake. Along the trails you will find a warming hut that provides a sheltered opportunity to relax, eat lunch, or enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

DIRECTIONS: From Burgess Junction Visitor Center

Take a left onto US-14 E and continue for 4 miles. Then turn right into Sibley Lake Campground and lake access.

STORY PENROSE TRAIL

DIFFICULTY: Moderate LENGTH: 6.9 miles (round trip)
ESTIMATED TIME: 3 hrs 46 min ELEVATION GAIN: 1,709 ft
ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

DESCRIPTION: Near Story, Wyoming. Story Penrose Trail offers an experience that can be had on foot or by ATV. Bring hiking shoes with ankle support, as this trek consists of pure elevation gain and spectacular points of interest.

DIRECTIONS: From Sheridan

Head East on Fifth ST. to then merge onto I-90 south for 10 Miles. Take Exit 33 at Meade Creek RD. Turn right onto WY 342 W/ Meade Creek RD for 1.1 miles. Turn left onto US-87 S for 7.2 miles. Then Turn right onto Fish Hatchery RD for 2.6 miles. Lastly Turn right onto Penrose LN to see the trailhead.



WELCH RANCH

DIFFICULTY: Easy PROPERTY SIZE: 1700 acres
 ESTIMATED TIME: N/A ELEVATION GAIN: N/A
 ROUTE TYPE: Loop

DESCRIPTION: Welch ranch offers a variety of activities for hunters, fishers, bikers, and hikers. Dispersed camping is allowed in the area, while the use of motorized vehicles and target shooting is prohibited.

DIRECTIONS: From Sheridan

To reach Welch Ranch from Interstate 90, take exit 339 and head east. Go over the railroad tracks and turn left (north) onto WY 338. Go about 5.5 miles. The first parking area will be on your left, just before the Tongue River, and the second parking area will be on the right, just after the river.

SOLDIER RIDGE

DIFFICULTY: Easy LENGTH: 8.1 miles (round trip)
 ESTIMATED TIME: 3hr 13min ELEVATION GAIN: 872 ft.
 ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

DESCRIPTION: Located in the foothills of the Bighorns, this 8.1-mile, non-motorized trail offers beautiful 360-degree views and is located convenient to Sheridan. Bring a windbreaker during colder months and extra sunscreen and a hat during the summer as the trail follows the exposed ridge

DIRECTIONS: From Sheridan

From Mainstreet Sheridan, take a right or left onto Fifth ST and follow for about 2.8 miles at which point take a right at the posted signage for Soldier Creek Trailhead.

The Bighorn Mountains offer some of the finest recreation opportunities in the nation, and there's no lack for options when it comes to hiking – there are more than 1,500 miles of trails across the entirety of the range. You could set out on a grueling multi-day expedition into the backcountry of the Cloud Peak Wilderness, or take a casual stroll on a well-maintained walking path only a few miles from downtown – **Sheridan County has hikes for all skill and experience levels. Here, we've collected 10 of our favorite day hikes, selected for their scenic beauty, relative ease, and convenient access.**



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