



ICONS AND OUTLAWS
SHERIDAN WYO



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HISTORIC SHERIDAN INN.



SHERIDAN COUNTY, WYO.

The world comes out west expecting to see cowboys driving horses through the streets of downtown; pronghorn butting heads on windswept bluffs; the towering pinnacles of the Bighorn Mountains; and endless expanses of wild, open country.

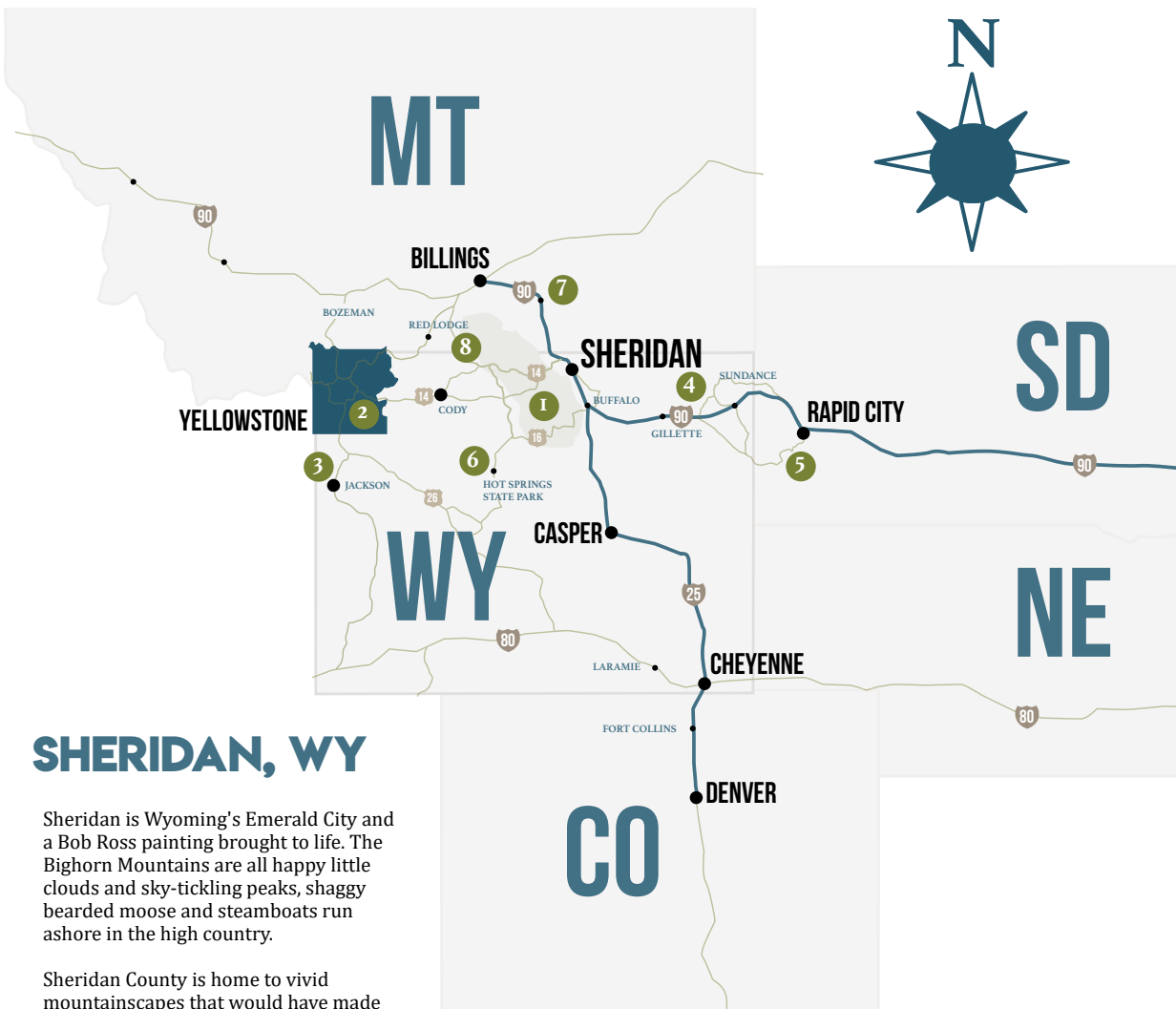
These are some of the fibers that have been stitched together over time to create the patchwork quilt of Sheridan's identity, each part and parcel to the Wyoming experience. What you may not have been expecting when you came out west was a thriving, historic downtown district, with western allure, hospitality, and good graces to spare; a vibrant arts scene; bombastic craft culture; a robust festival and events calendar; and living history on every corner.

You will 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 play cowboys on TV. You'll also find events completely unique to our little corner of the world, and the kind of folk who just might share their favorite fishing hole with a stranger passing through. If you're lucky.

Welcome to the real American West.

#VISITSHERIDAN



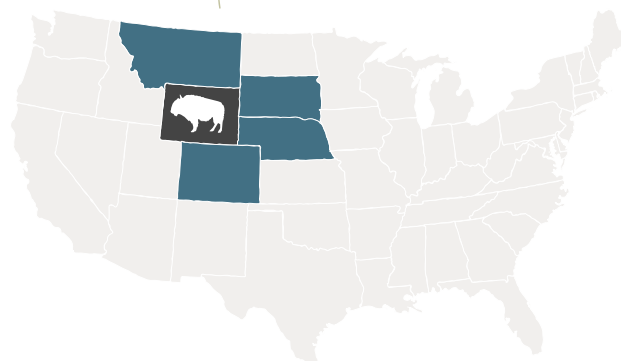


SHERIDAN, WY

Sheridan is Wyoming's Emerald City and a Bob Ross painting brought to life. The Bighorn Mountains are all happy little clouds and sky-tickling peaks, shaggy bearded moose and steamboats run ashore in the high country.

Sheridan County is home to vivid mountainscapes that would have made the pigment impresario's brush blush, while the city's Historic Downtown is a spreading ground for cowboy couture, a hitching post on the thoroughfare of legends, and a fine place to spend several days when road tripping the USA.

Sheridan is one of the Mountain West's premiere small towns and features an allure that is wholly unique. Once you've experienced this Wild West Renaissance, you'll find it nigh impossible to leave.



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

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SHERIDAN COUNTY HOTEL DIRECTORY

PROPERTY NAME | Address | Website | Front Desk Phone

HOTELS, MOTELS and LODGES

Arrowhead Lodge | 6002 US-14, Dayton | arrowheadlodgewyoming.com | 307.683.0111

Bear Lodge Resort | 5600 US-14A, Dayton | bearlodgeresort.com | 307.752.2444

Elk View Inn | 4622 US-14, Dayton | elkviewinn.com | 307.461.4168

Foothills Motel and Campground | 101 Main St., Dayton | foothillscampground.com | 307.655.2547

Ranchester Western Motel | 350 US-14, Ranchester | ranchesterwesternmotel.net | 307.655.2511

Story Pines Inn | 46 N. Piney Rd., Story | storypinesinn.com | 307.683.2120

Wagon Box Inn | 103 N. Piney Rd., Story | wagonboxinn.com | 307.763.3553

GUEST RANCHES

Canyon Ranch | Canyon Ranch Rd., Big Horn | canyonranchbighorn.com | 307.751.6785

The Ranch at Ucross | 2673 US-14, Ucross | theranchatucross.com | 307.737.2281

Eatons’ Ranch | 270 Eatons Ranch Rd., Wolf | eatonsranch.com | 307.655.9285

BED & BREAKFAST / SPECIALTY LODGING

Shire Valley Cabins | 712 Main St., Dayton | wyostays.com | 307.203.8347

Waldorf A'Story Guest Haus | 19 N. Piney Rd., Story | waldorfastory.com | 307.683.2452

The Powder Horn | 161 Highway 335, Sheridan | powderhornrealty.com | 307.674.9545

CAMPGROUNDS

Lazy R Campground | 652 US-14, Ranchester | lazyncampground.com | 888.655.9284

CATTLE DRIVES

Double Rafter Ranch | 84 5 Mile Rd., Parkman | doublerafter.com | 307.655.9539

TRAVEL AGENTS

Bursch Travel Agency | 150 S Main St. | burschtravel.com | 307.672.2481

Latitudes Travel | 157 W Brundage St , | 307.674.0656

RESTAURANTS, BARS, TAP ROOMS, COFFEE SHOPS, FOOD TRUCKS

BUSINESS NAME | Style | Address | Phone

DOWNTOWN SHERIDAN

Bino's Corner	Deli	748 N. Main St.	307.429.1252
Bison Union	Coffee House	171 N Main St.	307.763.1154
Black Cat Boba	Teahouse	171 N Main St. Suite 106	
Black Tooth Brewing Co.	Taproom	312 Broadway St.	307.675.2337
BW Sports Bar	Bar and Pub	612 N Main St (Best Western)	307.675.9989
Cowboy Café	Classic American	138 N. Main	307.672.2391
Frackelton's	Contemporary American	55 N. Main St.	307.675.6055
The Ice Haus	Bar / Ice Cream Shop / Restaurant	342 Whitney Lane	307.763.2256
The Innominate Outpost	Bake Shop	171 N Main St. Ste 104	307.683.8180
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
Le Rêve Restaurant & Raw Bar	French	1 E Alger St.	916.705.2265
Los Tacos	Mexican	401 Coffeen Ave.	307.763.4026
Manchester St. Coffee	Coffee Shop	409 E 1st St. Suite T	307.429.8140
Midtown Café	Coffee House / Café	137 N. Main St.	307.674.0800
The Mint Bar	Bar	151 N. Main St.	307.674.9696
Morand's French Ptries	Bakery	166 N. Main St.	307.751.2821
Pad Thai Restaurant	Thai	366 N. Main St.	307.655.5595
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	Ice Cream Stand	136 Bellevue Ave. (Kendrick Park)	307.674.6421
Shabby Shack Eatery	Contemporary American	330 N Main St.	307.763.4133
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 Tasting Library	Bar / Lounge	700 N Main St.	307.655.5056
Verdello Oil & Vinegar	Italian / Shop	23 E. Grinnell Plaza	307.655.8777
The Warehouse Gastropub	Contemporary	333 N Brooks St.	307.303.0403
Wyoming's Rib & Chop House	Steakhouse	847 N. Main St.	307.673.4700

BUSINESS NAME | Style | Address | Phone

NORTH END SHERIDAN

Chopper's Deli	1514 E 5th St.	307.673.2680	
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
The Health Nut	Deli / Salad Bar / Shop	625 E. 5th St.	307.673.9355
Himalayan Kitchen	Nepalese	2125 N Main St. (Trails End Motel)	307.752.4204
Hygge Hearth	Coffee House \ Bakery	738 Broadway St.	307.429.1390
Luminous Brewhouse	Taproom	504 Broadway St.	307.655.5658
McGregor's Steakhouse	Contemporary American	549 Mydland Rd.	307.655.8111
My Buddy's Place	Bar / Lounge	2146 N. Main St.	307.672.7652
No Name Bar	Bar / Lounge	901 N. Main St.	307.655.5844
Open Range	Contemporary American	856 Broadway	307.429.1252
OK Corral	Bar	511 N. Main St.	307.672.2677
Rooski's Jitter Juice	Juice Bar	2110 N. Main St.	307.752.1636
Sagewood North Café	Café / American	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

SOUTH END SHERIDAN

Big Horn Y	Sandwich Shop / Variety Store	7088 Coffeen Ave.	307.672.2447
Cloud Peak Lanes	Bowling / Pub Food / Arcade	1520 Coffeen Ave.	307.672.7459
Daily Grind	Coffee Kiosk	169 1/2 Coffeen Ave.	307.763.7495
Derby Club Liquors	Bar / Lounge	1140 Coffeen Ave.	307.674.1955
Dragon Wall	Chinese Buffet	1842 Sugarland Dr.	307.673.6888
Golden China	Chinese	2091 S. Sheridan Ave.	307.674.7181
The Greenery	American	1809 Sugarland Dr.	307.672.8931
Java Moon Station	Coffee Kiosk	1935 Coffeen Avenue	
Killy's Smokehouse	Deli / Irish Pub	1062 E. Brundage Ln.	307.674.2104
Local Nakamal	Kava Bar	2047 Coffeen Ave.	307.370.7222
Los Tacos	Mexican	401 Coffeen Ave.	307.763.4026
Mudslingers Drive Thru Coffee	Coffee Kiosk	654 E Brundage Ln.	307.752.5466
Oasis Lounge	Bar / Lounge	1809 Sugarland Dr.	307.672.8931
Ohla's Market	Ukrainian	1841 S Sheridan Ave.	307.346.8180
The Powder Horn Grill	Golf Club (Private)	23 Country Club Ln.	307.673.4800
Sapporo	Japanese Steakhouse	1062 E Brundage Ln.	307.655.8711

RESTAURANTS, BARS, TAP ROOMS, COFFEE SHOPS, FOOD TRUCKS

BUSINESS NAME | Style | Address | Phone

FOOD TRUCKS

Bruno's Italian BBQ	Mobile	307.751.1600
Burger Wagon	Burgers	1294 Coffeen Ave. 307.751.3957
Catering by Bino's	American / Classic	Mobile 307.752.8121
Colombian Guy Coffee Van	Coffee	Mobile 971.313.4852
Curds of Wyoming	American / Poutine	Mobile 307.683.6292
El Rodeo	Mexican	1520 Coffeen Ave. 307.763.0218
Hetty's Pizza	Pizza	Mobile 307.429.0883
Kona Ice of Big Horn	Shaved Ice	Mobile 307.461.2426
Pete's Za	Pizza	Mobile 307.620.0027
Pine Top Soda Shop	Craft Soda	1506 N Main St. 936.333.3471
Stoked Wood Fired Oven	Pizza	Mobile 307.226.0585
WYO Thai	Thai	Mobile 307.752.2029

BIG HORN

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	Grill & Saloon	158 Johnson St. 307.655.5176
Last Chance Bar	Bar	44 Johnson St. 307.674.8369
Sly Bar at the Barn in Big Horn	Bar	228 Johnson St. 307.674.6000

DAYTON

Crazy Woman Saloon	Bar / Lounge	307 Main St. Dayton 307.655.2220
Dayton Mercantile	Sandwich Shop / Ice Cream	408 Main St. Dayton 307.638.3788
Mountain Inn Bar	Bar	810 Main St. Dayton 307.655.2553

RANCHESTER

Dry Bean Coffee Shed	Coffee Kiosk	470 US Hwy 14 Ranchester 307.683.7131
Innominate Coffeehouse & Bakery		652 US Hwy 14 Ranchester 307.683.4020
Silver Spur Bar & Lounge		408 Dayton St. Ranchester 307.655.9526
Tongue River Brewing	Brewpub	530 US Hwy 14 Ranchester 307.752.1800
Wyoming Buckshot Saloon	Bar & Grill	719 Dayton St. Ranchester 307.655.9061

BUSINESS NAME | Style | Address | Phone

STORY

Tunnel Inn	American	402 State Highway 193 307.683.3297
Wagon Box Inn	American	103 N. Piney Rd. 307.683.2444
ARVADA CLEARMONT LEITER PARKMAN WYARNO		
Arvada Bar	Bar	14 Railway St. Arvada 307.736.2443
Clear Creek Stop	Quick Eats	1620 Clear Creek Ave. Clearmont 307.758.4511
Leiter Bar & Café	American	4679 Us Hwy 14-16 E. Leiter 307.758.4343
Parkman Bar & Grill	American	286 WY-345 Parkman 307.655.9993
Ucross Café	Café	30 Big Red Lane Clearmont 307.737.2291
Wyarno Bar and Grill	American	1041 Wyarno Rd. Wyarno 307.737.4700

FAST FOOD / NATIONAL BRANDS

Arby's		1777 Coffeen Ave. 307.672.8406
Common Cents		Travel Plaza 3601 N. Main St. 307.675.2095
Champ's Chicken		1229 E .Brundage Ln. 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
Krispy Krunchy Chicken		2490 N. Main St. 307.655.5503
Little Caesars Pizza		1935 Coffeen Ave. 307.673.9000
McDonald's		2590 N. Main St. 307.672.5900 2146 Coffeen Ave. 307.673.1100
Mr. Jim's 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
Scooter's Coffee		922 Coffeen Ave. 877.719.1288
Starbucks		2208 Coffeen Ave. 307.672.5129
Subway		1384 Coffeen Ave. 307.673.1693 1695 Coffee Ave. 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

EST. 1882

POPULATION: 19,543

ELEVATION: 3,743 FT

22 NATIONAL HISTORIC PLACES



SHERIDAN WY

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.

There is so much to love about Sheridan. The architecture is painstakingly preserved, the atmosphere is refined without pretense, the locals are warm and welcoming, and there's always something fun to do.



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Browse shops and galleries, unwind at cafes and brewpubs, dine at an innovative gastropub or grab a quick bite at a food truck, book a cooking class or become a leather crafting master - opportunities for engagement are near limitless. And when you simply can't pack another activity into your day, spend the night at one of our beautiful historic hotels.

Among downtown's unique buildings are several 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.



DOWNTOWN PUBLIC ART

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, but it's far from the only art you'll find; thanks to the **Sheridan Public Arts Committee** there are more than 100 sculptures downtown, including "**Bird Woman**," by RV Greeves, and "**Bigger Flies for Tired Eyes**," by Jerold Smiley.

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**, **WYO Rodeo Week** festivities, the **WYO Winter Rodeo**, the **Karz Hot Rod Run**, the **Collective Arts Festival**, the **Christmas Stroll**, and many more.

Green space is never far afield - **Whitney Commons** is an interactive park located in the center of Sheridan.

Whitney Commons hosts numerous community events, including the **Suds N Spurs Brewfest** (August), **WYO Rodeo Boot Kick Off**, and the **October Partners in Pink Run/Walk**.

Kendrick Park is also nearby, and hosts **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.

Welcome to Wyoming's most incredible downtown experience.



COLLECTIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

EST. 1906

POPULATION: 885

ELEVATION: 3,921 FT

BIGHORN TRAIL RUN: JUNE 20-21



DAYTON WY

The **Town of Dayton** frames U.S. Highway 14 as it enters the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains in north western 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.

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. Today, Dayton features a number of artist-run galleries and workshops open to the public.

Pop into the **Dayton Mercantile** for a milkshake and a sandwich, and don't miss the **Gallery on Main**, the perfect spot to pick up local art and enjoy wine tastings and tapas pairings. Dayton is the gateway to **Tongue River Canyon**, a recreation area known for its scenic beauty and endless cave system.



DOG PAW POTTERY

EST. 1911

POPULATION: 1,168

ELEVATION: 3,763 FT

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS



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 Town of Dayton, 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, campers and snowmobile enthusiasts.

Fine Wyoming fare and libations can be found at the **Buckshot Saloon**, the **Silver Spur Bar & Lounge**, **Tongue River Brewing**, and the **Innominate Coffeehouse & Bakery**. Additional attractions include **This Joyful Home** and **The Pearl**. The annual 4th of July celebration includes the **Wyoming Wife Carrying Championship**, live music, and fireworks show.



CONNOR STATE PARK

EST. 1892

POPULATION: 123

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 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.



EST. 1881

POPULATION: 974

ELEVATION: 3,763 FT

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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 **Bighorn Mountain Cup**, a soccer tournament for traveling teams. The

Big Horn Equestrian Center also hosts **Don King Days**, and numerous other activities. 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 **Ledoux Saloon** and a nightcap at the **Last Chance Saloon**.

Big Horn is at the base of **Red Grade Road**, a steep dirt track that provides access to **Spear-O-Wigwam**, the **Bighorn Mountains**, and the **Cloud Peak Wilderness**.



BIG HORN RENDEZVOUS

EST. 1901

POPULATION: 887

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 near **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**, **The Wagon Box Inn Restaurant**, **Tunnel Inn**, **Camp Story**, and **Our Lady of the Pines Parish**. **Wyoming Game & Fish** maintains the **Story Fish Hatchery**, open daily.



STORY FISH HATCHERY



SIX COUNTY PROPERTIES

THREE MOUNTAIN LODGES

RANCHES AND LODGES

Sheridan County's ranches and lodges are legendary. From the authentically rustic trappings of **Eatons'**, 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 **Eatons' Ranch**, serve such notable regional fare that they've been featured in 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**.



BEAR LODGE RESORT

BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST.

Spanning over 1.1 million acres and encompassing 1,200 miles of trails, 30 campgrounds, 2 ski areas, +10 picnic areas, 6 mountain lodges, and hundreds of miles of waterways, the Bighorn National Forest offers near limitless outdoor recreation activities - from hiking and hunting to camping and snowmobiling.

The Cloud Peak Wilderness, with peaks reaching over 13,000-ft in elevation, features some of the most pristine forest in the United States, and ample opportunities to hike, climb, fish and much more. Tackle legendary excursions like the 60-mile Solitude Loop Trail, or go Tooth-to-Tooth as you race from downtown Sheridan to one of the tallest peaks in the Bighorns. Wildlife photography opportunities abound, and many trails are easily accessed from scenic Highway 14 or 14A. Popular trails, including Hidden Hoot, Tongue River Canyon, and Soldier Ridge, are a short drive from downtown Sheridan. Trail and ATV maps are available at the Information Center and the Forest Service Office.

AMERICAN HISTORY.

For thousands of years, human cultures have inhabited the Bighorn region, using mountain resources to improve their quality-of-life.

During the 1800s, the Bighorns provided tipi poles, lumber for nearby Fort Phil Kearny, beaver pelts, medicinal plants, and abundant big game. Today it continues to provide recreational opportunities, lumber, summer grazing for cattle and sheep, and clear, cool water.



A REAL HIGHLIGHT.

Elevations range from 5,500 feet to a high of 13,167 feet at Cloud Peak.

The Bighorn National Forest, created on February 22, 1897, is among the oldest of the National Forests. It is named for the Bighorn River, which is contributed to by streams from the west side of the Forest.

The Bighorn River, flowing along the west side of the Forest, was first named by American Indians due to the great herds of bighorn sheep at its mouth. Lewis and Clark transferred the name to the mountain range in the early 1800s.



A MOUNTAIN BY ANY OTHER NAME.

On February 22, 1897, President Grover Cleveland signed legislation creating the Big Horn Forest Reserve, in recognition of the value these mountains hold for the American people and their livelihood. In 1907, a Congressional Act changed the Reserve to the Big Horn National Forest. Later in 1908, an Executive Order signed by President Theodore Roosevelt changed the name to Bighorn National Forest.

ONE DAY IN THE WILD

EXPERIENCE THE MAJESTY OF THE BIGHORN MOUNTAINS.

The Bighorn Mountains boast secluded canyons, miles of hiking, biking and riding trails, secret fishing holes, epic climbing lines, and so much more.

Beautiful Dayton is the gateway to the Tongue River Canyon. 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 runners endure during the annual Bighorn Trail Run, and you may even spot a black bear climbing the steep hillsides.

Further along the Bighorn Scenic Byway you'll come to Steamboat Point. 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 is short – less than a mile – but climbs nearly 600 feet, offering sweeping panoramic views of the valley below. From miles away you'll spot Black Mountain Lookout, one of the last remaining fire towers in the Bighorns. Those that manage this hike are rewarded with incredible views (and a look at what might be Wyoming's most highly elevated outhouse).

Continue to the Medicine Wheel Passage and to the trail for Porcupine Falls; one of the Bighorn's most beautiful destinations, the falls pour out of a granite wall and tumble into a swimming pool below. 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 overlook weaves through forests, crosses shallow streams, and reveals a side of the Bighorns often unseen. Not far from Bucking Mule you'll find 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.

Take the rolling 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, or hike South Piney Creek; South Piney is a rock climbing paradise and a gorgeous trip through the pines. This is also where you'll find the Penrose Trail, one of the most popular multi-purpose trails in the region.

15 EPIC DAY HIKES.

TONGUE RIVER CANYON

STEAMBOAT POINT

BLACK MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT

SIBLEY LAKE CIRCUIT

PORCUPINE FALLS

BUCKING MULE FALLS

SAWMILL LAKES

COPPER CREEK

SOUTH PINEY CREEK

RED GRADE TRAILS

WELCH RANCH

SOLDIER RIDGE

PARADISE FALLS

MEDICINE WHEEL

PENROSE TRAIL



COPPER CREEK TRAIL.

MORE OUTDOOR ACTION.

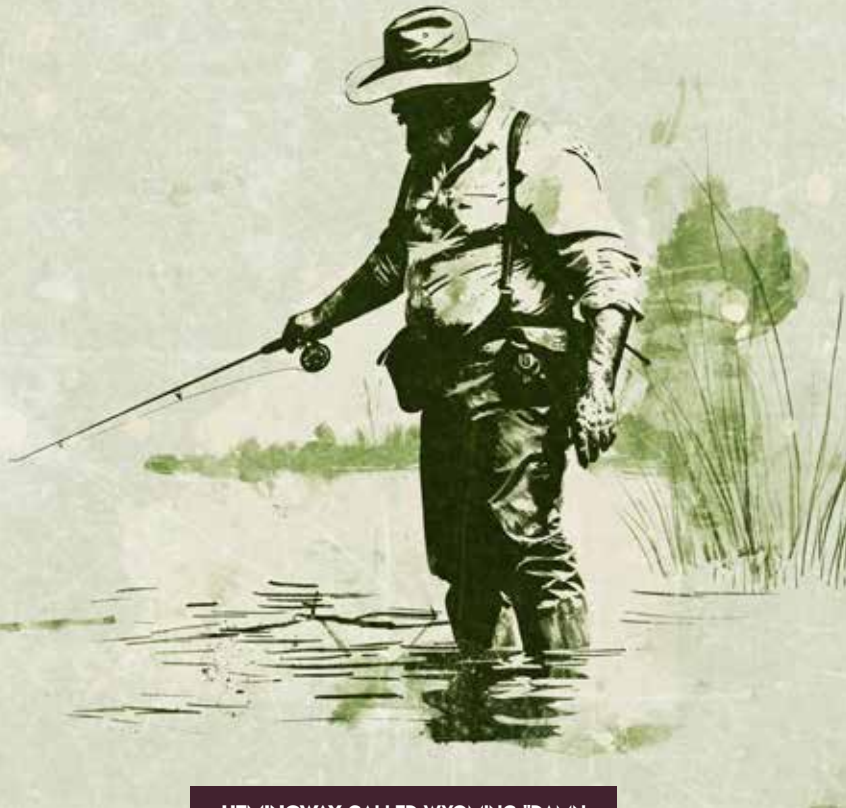
Are you looking for more outdoor action, including hiking guides, winter travel tips, trail info, and itineraries? We have all of that and more at sheridanwyoming.org

THE BIGHORNS



PARK RESERVOIR.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY



HEMINGWAY CALLED WYOMING "DAMN LOVELY COUNTRY" AND VISITED THE BIGHORN MOUNTAINS ANNUALLY.

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 are also home to black bear, moose, white-tailed deer, and a variety of bird and fish species popular with hunters.

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 outfitters. Local guides and outfitters 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 which are available at the Wyoming Game & Fish regional offices and license agents.

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 became the new home of Weatherby, the maker of the finest sporting firearms in the world. Weatherby's beautiful showroom is open to the public.

DON'T MISS

The North Fork of the Tongue River is considered one of the finest fly fishing destinations in the west.

Sibley Lake is a great place to teach young anglers how to drop a line.

The Weatherby showroom and museum.

The Story Fish Hatchery offers a look at conservation and management practices in WY.

TOP TIPS FOR HUNTING AND FISHING SUCCESS

- Follow all Wyoming Game & Fish regulations
- Download an offline map like onX Hunt
- Visit a Forest Service office for current mountain 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

BUG BUSINESS

The craft of rod building and fly tying are "bug" business in Sheridan. 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." There are plenty of opportunities to sign up for a fly-tying class to learn this artform.



Sheridan County's frontier attractions are legion. Across the region you'll find 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.

FRONTIER HISTORY



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.

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. The fort, constructed in 1866, was known to the Indians as the "hated post on the Little Piney", and played an important role in Red Cloud's War. Fort Phil was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960. 12 miles north of Sheridan, in the town of Ranchester, is Connor Battlefield - the site is preserved today as a community park. Driving north into Montana you'll discover the Rosebud Battlefield and the Little Bighorn National Monument, both within an hour of Sheridan.

Fort Mackenzie is a former U.S. Army post in Sheridan, now used by the U.S. Veterans Administration as the Sheridan Veterans Administration Medical Center. There are 48 structures listed as contributions to the Fort Mackenzie National Register of Historic Places district. The campus is open for tours during daylight hours. Please respect the privacy of patients, residents, and staff. Buildings are closed to the public.

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.



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.

Full Moon Fort at Fort Phil Kearny, a special historical re-enactment held every fall.

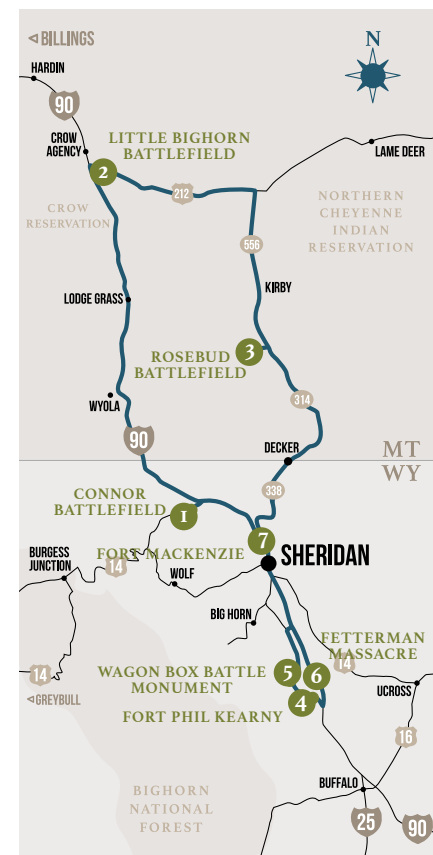
Mandel Cabin at Whitney Commons Park.

Hole-in-the-Wall and Outlaw Canyon in Johnson County, just south of Buffalo.

The Battle of Little Bighorn National Battlefield, a 1-hour drive north from Sheridan.

**A HISTORIC INDIAN
BATTLEFIELD DAY TRIP**

- 1 CONNOR BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC SITE
- 2 LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD
- 3 ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD
- 4 FORT PHIL KEARNY HISTORIC SITE
- 5 WAGON BOX MONUMENT
- 6 FETTERMAN MASSACRE
- 7 FORT MACKENZIE



ONE DAY IN HISTORY

EMBRACE THE CULTURE AND LEGENDS OF THE AMERICAN WEST.

Sheridan's historic heart beats with the stories of cowboys, Indians, battle sites, ranching legends, icons and outlaws.

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

Visit The Brinton Museum, located on the 620-acre Quarter Circle A Ranch in the community of Big Horn.



SHERIDAN COUNTY IS RICH IN THE LEGENDS AND LORE OF THE OLD WEST.

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 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.

While in 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 LeDoux Saloon & Steakout. 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.

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.

The Historic Sheridan Inn, constructed in 1892, was one of the first hotels in Sheridan. Conceptualized and developed by Buffalo Bill Cody, Cody directed hotel management, and even auditioned new members for his legendary "Wild West Show" from the front porch. Each of the twenty-two rooms have been revitalized to reflect on Buffalo Bill and twenty-one other key characters in his life.

Hans Kleiber, artist, poet, and naturalist, called Dayton his home for many years. In 1923, at the age of 36, Kleiber constructed his first printing press with gears and rollers cast at the Sheridan Foundry. In addition to having exhibits in numerous galleries, he received the Silver Medal from The Printmakers Society and was given a special showing at the Smithsonian National Museum in Washington, DC. The Kleiber Studio Museum is open to the public during the summer.

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



DON'T MISS.

- Don King Museum at King's Saddlery
- The Sheridan Inn
- Trail End State Historic Site
- The Brinton Museum
- Hans Kleiber Museum
- Bozeman Trail Museum
- Fort Mackenzie
- Historic Railway District
- Sheridan Land Trust Historic Tours



TAP INTO HISTORY



MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

EXPERIENCE IMMERSIVE ARTS CULTURE.

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 of these pieces.

Sheridan County is home to two of the finest artist retreats in the nation. Both Ucross and Jentel frequently collaborate with community groups to host engaging arts events that feature the painters, poets, authors, and sculptors that take up temporary residence.

UCROSS FOUNDATION

"Let the big sky expand your dreams," said novelist Patricia Chao after her residency at Ucross. Located on a 20,000-acre ranch in the wide-open spaces of northeastern Wyoming, Ucross is a magical setting for individual creative work, reflection, innovation, and dreaming.

Annie Proulx's *The Shipping News*, Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat Pray Love*, Adam Guettel's *The Light in the Piazza*, Ricky Ian Gordon's operatic adaptation of *The Grapes of Wrath* – these are just a few of the acclaimed works that have been created in part during Ucross residencies. Ucross was established by Raymond Plank in 1981; the residency program opened in 1983.



JENTEL ARTIST RESIDENCY

"Why here in Sheridan County, Wyoming? Why in these rolling hills and valleys east of the Big Horn Mountains? The space." - Neltje, Founder and Benefactor.

The Jentel Artist Residency Program offers dedicated individuals a supportive environment in which to further their creative development. Here artists and writers experience unfettered time to allow for thoughtful reflection and meditation on the creative process in a setting that preserves the agricultural and historical integrity of the land. Jentel is the dream and embodies the vision of Neltje, as a single benefactor, who established a private family foundation in January 2001.

MUSEUMS / GALLERIES / COLLECTIONS

Ballard's Fine Art
Bozeman Trail Gallery
Bozeman Trail Museum
The Brinton Museum
Broken Skull Studio
Don King Museum
Edward A. Whitney Gallery
Expressions Art Gallery
Gallery on Main
Hans Kleiber Studio Museum
Jentel Artist Residency
SAGE Community Arts
Trail End State Historic Site Collection
Ucross Art Gallery
The WYO Theater Collection
Wyoming Room / Fulmer Public Library

QUEEN ELIZABETH II



HEMINGWAY CALLED WYOMING "DAMN LOVELY COUNTRY" AND VISITED THE BIGHORN MOUNTAINS ANNUALLY.



ONE DAY AS AN ARTIST

AN IMMERSIVE ART SCENE WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

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 hands-on experience in shaping your own artistic vision (and vacation).

Take Sheridan's self-guided Historic Walking Tour and enjoy more than 100 public art pieces and numerous buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Maps are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Visitor Center, or Downtown Sheridan Association.

Stop by the WYO Theater to pick up tickets for an unforgettable show. When the WYO opened in 1923 as the Lotus, newspaper headlines proclaimed it "Wyoming's Wonder Picture Palace!" The theater remains one of Sheridan's hallmark attractions and each season features exciting new programs. More intimate performances often take place at the Carriage House Theater on the grounds of Trail End Historic Site.

Main Street is home to a number of art outposts, including The Bozeman Trail Gallery, Main Frame, Ballard's Fine Art Gallery, the Don King Museum, and SAGE Community Arts. Also downtown is Expressions Art Gallery; Expressions has featured more than 100 local artists since 2020 and paid out more than \$150,000 in proceeds.

Dayton is home to the Hans Kleiber Studio Museum, Sonja Caywood Studio, Painted Skull Studio, and Dog Paw Pottery (by appointment only), as well as the Dayton Mercantile.

The Brinton Museum is one of the finest art institutions in all of the American West. You should set aside half a day

WHEN BISON CRY?

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.

to experience everything the Brinton has to offer, including the ranch house, James Jackson's leather shop, and the interpretive trails.

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, depending on the medium and project. Interactive art doesn't end there - consider a workshop at SAGE Community Arts; SAGE also features lectures, 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.

Not to be confused with the museum in Big Horn, the Bozeman Trail Gallery, next to King Ropes, features a stunning selection of art from western masters. The Wyoming Room at the Fulmer Public Library has a robust collection of historical documents and material related to the arts.

The Edward A. Whitney Gallery at the Whitney Center for the Arts at Sheridan College is small, but exhibits pack a punch - visit the WCA's website for information on exhibitions.

BETTER THAN FICTION

Throughout the 1920s, Ernest Hemingway visited Big Horn, the Folly Ranch, and Spear-O-Wigwam on trout-fishing expeditions he called "squalation." It was at Spear-O where he finished writing his 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.

ART EXPERIENCES



THE SHERIDAN WYO RODEO

RODEO ACTION IN THE HEART OF COWBOY COUNTRY.

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.

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, concerts, 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.

Annual western events include the Sheridan County Rodeo, Cowgirl Cadillacs Horse Sale, the Rocky Mountain Leather Trade Show, Eatons' Horse Drive, and the Brinton Leather Show. Cowgirl Cadillacs, staged at the fairgrounds, celebrates the pomp and pageantry of equestrian history with activities, attractions, and the sale itself.

Don King Days at the Big Horn Equestrian Center is a raucous celebration of western life, and includes cowboy polo, bronc riding, steer roping, and more. The event, hosted annually over Labor Day Weekend, brings in cowboys and horsemen from across the Rocky Mountain region, and will celebrate its 37th year in 2025.

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.



CHAMPIONSHIP INDIAN RELAY



POLO HISTORY IN SHERIDAN COUNTY



Indian Relay Racing is a way for teams to compete for cash and prizes. Teams consist of one rider, three horses, two holders and a mugger. Racers make laps around the track, changing horses twice in front of the grandstands. Timers keep track of heats and the teams with the best times advance to the Championship race on Saturday night. Teams compete for \$50,000 in cash and prizes before each PRCA Rodeo Performance.

On the 4th of July, 1893, at the Sheridan Fairgrounds, two polo teams calling themselves Sheridan and Beckton squared off in what editor Joe Debarthe described as a wild scramble. Army scout and former Sioux tribesman Frank Grouard umpired the game. Mike Evans (founder of Teepee Lodge), George Beck (founder of Beckton) and Captain Pete Stockwell (a British officer formerly stationed in India) were among the players for Beckton and Bob Brown, Estes Polk, and a Robert Nix played for Sheridan. Over a thousand spectators witnessed the event.

In Dayton, Captain F.D. Grissell of the Ninth Lancers had already established a polo pony operation on his IXL ranch. Grissell had been a member of the first group to bring polo to England from India.

In 1898 Scotsman Malcolm Moncreiffe moved from Powder River to Big Horn and built a polo field and breeding operation. He exported Wyoming-bred thoroughbred polo horses and foxhunters to England and organized local horsemen to play polo in Big Horn. Early rosters included the names Spear, Cover, Sackett, Skinner, Wood, Roberts, Burnet and Bard.

At the turn of the century, Moncreiffe, Bob Walsh, John Cover and Lee Bullington won a tournament on the lawn of the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs that featured several Army teams, a Denver team and a team from Kansas City. During this tournament, local cowboy John Cover was hailed as one of the top players in the United States.

POLO SCHEDULES

WYO RODEO WEEK





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.

Travel south to friendly Johnson County, and the Hole-in-the-Wall Outlaw Hideout (2.5 hour drive from Sheridan). 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. 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.

If it's late May, you're in luck; the Eatons' Horse Drive is an annual tradition that captures the imagination of the community. Cowboys from Eatons' 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 Eatons', or another local ranch, it's time to saddle up for the trip of a lifetime. There's nothing like riding into the Bighorns with the sun at your back and the mountains towering above you.

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. 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. 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.

AUTHENTIC COWBOY CULTURE

Cowboy culture is deeply authentic in Sheridan County thanks to its historical roots, thriving ranching community, and strong ties to the traditions and values of the American West.

Ranching remains a cornerstone of the local economy and lifestyle. Many of the ranches in the Sheridan area have been in operation for generations, preserving traditional methods of cattle raising, branding, and horsemanship. The daily lives of ranchers and cowboys continue to reflect the values of hard work, independence, and respect for the land.

LEGENDS OF THE WEST

AN UNVARNISHED LOOK AT WYOMING'S SHARP EDGES.

DOUBLE RAFTER CATTLE DRIVES \\\

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 of 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.

MODERN MAVERICKS \\\

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.

COWGIRL CADILLACS \\\

The history of cattle auctions and horse sales is steeped in tradition, and Sheridan features an annual event that harkens back to a bygone era with the wonderful Cowgirl Cadillacs Horse Sale, staged in historic surroundings at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds (June each year).

The cornerstones of this event are the classy, fancy, gentle horses offered exclusively by women, but there's much more to experience - there's the cowgirl trade show, cocktail hour, and pitchfork fondue dinner. A one-of-a-kind experience of life in the American West.

ICONIC TRAILBLAZERS \\\

Eatons' Ranch is a Wyoming dude ranch and working cattle ranch located on the magnificent, pine covered eastern slopes of the Bighorn Mountains in a remarkable little hamlet called Wolf, Wyoming. Just eighteen miles west of Sheridan, the Ranch consists of 7,000 acres of beautiful open country with rolling hills, grassy meadows, and hidden valleys. The all-inclusive dude ranch has been bringing people together for 5 generations - in fact, Eatons' is the oldest dude ranch in the United States.



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.

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.

WHERE CRAFT IS KING



CRAFT CULTURE IS AT THE CORE OF
SHERIDAN COUNTY'S IDENTITY.



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

When most folk think craft, they think of beer, wine, and spirits - and so it flows that Sheridan County is home to four breweries, a distillery, a winery, and a namesake brew that was recently reintroduced to the world. But Sheridan County is more than an ale tale - we're home to culinary hotspots like Le Reve, Frackelton's, Open Range, while Cottonwood Kitchen + Home, The Tasting Library, and Verdello each host engaging cooking classes and regular tastings.

Treasures from makers across Wyoming can be found at Pam Gable's Jackalope Ranch. Silversmith and designer Stefanie Wilkerson recently opened Modern Merchant, bringing contemporary design to the wild west. And don't sleep on other incredible boutiques and galleries, including Crazy Woman Trading, Bought Beautifully, High Mountain Mercantile, Ballard's Fine Art, and the Bozeman Trail Gallery.

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 fella'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.

CRAFT EXPERIENCES



WHERE CRAFT IS KING

SHERIDAN IS A PLACE FOR MAKERS, MAVERICKS, AND ARTISANS.

DRINK THE WEST \\\

Banners from national competitions hang throughout Black Tooth's 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.

PRECIOUS METALS \\\

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. Gilk Silver by Marc Gilkerson is known for unique custom pieces influenced by cowboy history and heritage, while Deryn Mentock crafts wonderful pieces and teaches classes.

SPIRITS 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.

THE COWBOY KINGS \\\

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. The rope shop is open to the public, as is the Don King Museum. Few make the trip to Sheridan without walking away with a memento from Kings.

A BREWING AFFAIR \\\

Family-friendly and focused on hand-crafted ales and clever pub grub, Smith Alley has been a Main Street staple since 2019. Chilling out in the namesake alley on a long summer day is a great way to enjoy downtown Sheridan. Luminous Brewhouse is a purveyor of malty gold that has carved out a niche as a bespoke brewer of unique beers and features a dazzling array of brews, sure to please suds-ophiles.

WYO CELLARED \\\

Check out the vibe at the LeDoux Saloon & Steakout, the official tasting room for 1890 Wines & Spirits. 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 Bighorn Mountains.

THE ART OF THE BLADE \\\

Kevin Willey is a master bladesmith with a cult following. His knives are among the finest heritage collectibles you'll find, if you can get your hands on them - get your custom order in early if you're looking for a gift. Judson Rateliff is quickly garnering a reputation as a creative talent in the knife making world. Their pieces are sold online and in downtown Sheridan shops.

MATTERS OF SPLATTER \\\

Unleash your inner artist with an evening at the Paint Post, where you'll craft a one-of-a-kind masterpiece in a fun environment. Oh, and it's BYOB! Red Bison Studio, 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 crafty side.

BREW ENLIGHTENMENT \\\

Tongue River Brewing Co. in Ranchester is the latest addition to the local craft beer scene. Their tap room is a great place to unwind after an epic mountain adventure; try their pizza, made with dough from Innonimate Coffeehouse and Bakery (right next door).

BACKYARD HERITAGE \\\

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 downtown showroom often features one-off production pieces like hockey or saddle bags, which can also be custom ordered.

MEET YOU AT THE MINT \\\

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. Meet you at The Mint!

BEAN MACHINES \\\

Sheridan County features some amazing coffee shops, including downtown institutions like Java Moon, Hygge Hearth, and Bison Union. There's also Manchester Street Coffee's experimental bean lab, Innonimate Coffeehouse in Ranchester, the Columbian Guy Coffee Van, and a host of other awesome outposts where you can find your favorite roast.



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 Frackelton's and the Rib & Chop House carve up cowboy-quality tenderloin filets, while Sackett's Market offers every cut a grill master can imagine.

These, and other kitchens, now work with local start-up 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, and their hitching posts have quickly become beloved by the outlaws and icons of the west. Shabby Shack 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).

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. Now they are where you go when you want an awesome piece of pie and a hand-crafted burger.

McGregor's Steakhouse is reviving the concept of the neighborhood pub with its location on the north side of town, a place well-known for its sweeping mountain vistas and pastoral graces. The Warehouse Gastro Pub is quickly garnering a reputation as a chill hangout spot serving elevated contemporary marvels, while Le Reve serves refined French cuisine in a spectacular dining room that is art unto itself. Chill out at The Penalty Box and Stanley's Coffee & Ice Cream, located at the Ice Haus, and experience history while dining at Open Range at the Sheridan Inn.

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 Smith Alley Brewing Co., which serves up pub classics. Breakfast is beautiful business at the 100+ year old PO News and Flagstaff Café, the cozy Silver Spur Café, and the Cowboy Café, where the adventurous take a stab at the elk and bison breakfast skillet.

And what would any self-respecting foodie town be without a bustling food truck armada? Rumors persist that there are more food wagons in our fair town, per capita, than anywhere in the US.

Across the county, from Clearmont to Dayton, you'll find wonderful little restaurants and unique eateries. Ranchester's Buckshot Saloon is one of our go-to spots before we head up the mountain, while Ohla's is great for a hearty lunch. The Wyarno Bar & Grill has an almost mythical reputation for awesome bar food, while the Parkman Bar & Grill serves what just might be the best burger in Wyoming - how's that for a hot take?

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.



MORE DINING



CHEW ON THIS.

116. That's the number of restaurants, breweries, pubs, lounges and eateries you'll find across Sheridan County.

BECOME A CULINARY ARTIST.

Tour of Italy? Farm to table workshop? Master class in field dressing? Cooking classes at Cottonwood Kitchen and Verdello frequently fill up in a flash.

TALES OF AN ALE TRAIL.

Tongue River Brewing to Black Tooth to Luminous to Koltiska Distillery to Smith Alley with a night cap at the Ledoux Saloon.

VISIT UCLA!

Educate your tastebuds at pubs in Ucross, Clearmont, Leiter and Arvada.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hundreds of events pop up across our community each year; here's just a glimpse at what's on tap for summer 2025. For dates, schedules, and more information view the Community Calendar at sheridanwyoming.org

JUNE

3rd Thursday Street Festival
Sheridan Farmer & Artisan Markets
Bighorn Mountain Trail Run
Sheridan Speedway Races
Cowgirl Cadillacs Horse Sale
The Dead Swede Bike Races
Mountain Archery Festival
Ucross Founders Day
Average Joe's CrossFit Competition
Wyoming Rehab Hoop Jam
CHAPS Draft Horse Derby
Trail End Garden & Arboretum Walking Tour
Clearmont Day
Parkman Daze
Leiter Up Motorcycle Rally
Start of Polo Season

JULY

Sheridan WYO Rodeo Week
3rd Thursday Street Festival
Sheridan Farmer & Artisan Markets
Karz Rod Run
4th of July Celebrations
Homebrew Festival
Summer Festival at Antelope Butte
Summer Evening at Kendrick Mansion
Sheridan County Fair
Tournament of Knights
Story Book Festival & Fun Run
Bighorn Crawlers Summer Safari
Dayton Days

AUGUST

3rd Thursday Street Festival
Sheridan Farmer & Artisan Markets
Sheridan County Fair
Monarch Underground Miners Picnic
Sheridan County Rodeo
Sheridan Hawks Cup Golf Tournament
Murder at the Mansion!
Bike MS Wyoming: Bighorn Country Classic
Sod Farm Festival
Collective Arts Festival
Superior Livestock Auction
Jeep Jamboree U.S.A. at Elkview Inn
Breaking Brews Brewfest
Sheridan Yoga Festival
Bighorn Rendezvous at the Brinton
Story Days

SEPTEMBER

3rd Thursday Street Festival
Sheridan Farmer & Artisan Markets
DevilStone Run
Don King Days
Living History Cemetery Tours
Wild West Wine Fest
Wolf Creek Wrangle
The Mane Event Gravel Grinder
Vintage Car Show
Born in a Barn
Plein Air in the Parks
Farm to Table Hoe Down

FULL CALENDAR



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