

ACCESSIBILITY IN WYOMING

Wyoming is known for its incredible outdoor opportunities, scenic drives and western traditions. This is a resource of places to enjoy around the state with minimal obstacles. It is far from being a complete list of all of the incredible places Wyoming has to offer with accessibility, but it highlights many of our iconic places and places where everyone can get out and enjoy nature.

NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS

Yellowstone National Park The National Park Service and its concessioners strive to make Yellowstone National Park universally accessible. Many facilities are more than a century old and accessibility is not always ideal. Through an on-going self-assessment and transition plan, Yellowstone National Park is identifying and eliminating barriers to accessibility in its facilities, programs, and services. Extra obstacles will be encountered because of the remote, wilderness nature of this special place. Facilities described as accessible do not necessarily comply fully with federal standards and some accessible facilities are not marked with the international symbol. The NPS Yellowstone National Park app includes up-to-date accessibility information for facilities and some trails. Many outdoor park exhibits and all of the entrances to visitor centers are audio described. The app includes alternative text for images, combined with your device's built-in accessibility features. Download it for free before you arrive.

Grand Teton National Park Accessibility At Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, the National Park Service is raising awareness about the importance of identifying barriers to accessibility in the park and removing them so that people of all abilities can have the opportunity to experience what the parks have to offer. The Self Evaluation Transition Plan (SETP) lists seven key park experiences that every person, regardless of their ability, should have the opportunity to experience. Park planners identified 17 areas that provide opportunities for the public to access all key park experiences. The NPS Grand Teton App provides information on lodging, trails, and other activities

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. The vast, wild landscape of Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area offers visitors unparalleled opportunities to immerse themselves in the natural world and experience the wonders of this extraordinary place. With over 120,000 acres, one can find an astounding diversity in ecosystems, wildlife, and more than 10,000 years of human history to explore. The one-quarter of a mile Two Eagles Interpretive Trail and the Visitor Center Pond Trail are both accessible. Additionally, the Bighorn Headgate Trail is an easy gravel path to a quiet picnic area, and the Lockhart Ranch Trail consists of a choice of loops that are both on old dirt roads.

Devils Tower National Monument. Devils Tower rises 1,267 feet (386 m) above the Belle Fourche River. A sacred place to over 20 Native American tribes, the Tower is also known as Bear Lodge. Devils Tower was designated as America's first national monument in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Devils Tower National Monument continues to make all locations throughout the Monument accessible to people of all abilities. The process to make all areas accessible is ongoing. The 1.3-mile Tower Trail circles the base of the Tower and is paved. The trail has steep grades and is not recommended for wheelchair users. However, the steepest part of the trail can be seen from the Visitor Center parking lot.



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Fossil Butte National Monument. Some of the world's best-preserved fossils are found in the flat-topped ridges of southwestern Wyoming's cold sagebrush desert. Fossilized fish, insects, plants, reptiles, birds, and mammals are exceptional for their abundance, variety, and detail of preservation. Most remarkable is the story they tell of ancient life in a subtropical landscape. The monument's Visitor Center, restrooms, and picnic area are accessible, providing an opportunity to see and experience the fossils. Each trailhead provides vault toilets that are wheelchair accessible, and the trails are generally compacted soil. Check trail conditions as the slopes vary and be prepared for uneven rough surfaces including rock steps and water bars.

Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. The Flaming Gorge NRA is located in the northeast corner of Utah and the southwest corner of Wyoming. It is South of I-80, between Green River and Rock Springs, Wyoming and extends into the Uintah Mountains towards Vernal, Utah. The area is a mixture of climate, topography, and recreation opportunities well suited to a variety of summer and winter interests. There are wheelchair accessible nature trails located at Moose Pond, West Green's Lake, and Red Canyon overlook/Red Canyon Visitor center. Sheep Creek Geological loop, Sheep Creek Bay overlook, Red Canyon Overlook, Dowd mountain overlook, Flaming Gorge Dam Visitor Center, and the Dam Vista Overlook are all easy access by vehicle with easy access viewpoints.

STATE PARKS

Bear River State Park. Bear River State Park is a day use only park comprised of 324 acres. It is home to small herds of bison and elk and boasts several miles of both paved and packed gravel trails. The Bear River State Park Visitor Center is home to numerous wildlife displays that showcase Wyoming's impressive array of wildlife.

Curt Gowdy State Park. Curt Gowdy State Park has seven sections of richly varied landscape, flora and fauna decorate the foothills of the Laramie Mountains. The beautiful attractions within Curt Gowdy State Park are near the crossroads of two major interstates, I-80 and I-25. There are three reservoirs, Granite, Crystal and North Crow. Granite offers excellent rainbow trout and kokanee salmon fishing as well as space for water sports. Crystal, the smallest of the reservoirs, has shoreline fishing for brown trout, rainbow trout and kokanee salmon. Near the visitor center there is a quarter-mile accessible trail.

Edness K. Wilkins State Park. Located just 6 miles from Casper, Edness K. Wilkins State Park has been designated one of Audubon Wyoming's important bird areas. The Park features 2.8 miles of handicapped-accessible hard-surfaced paths and a handicapped-accessible fishing pier, the only one like it in the state. There are also over 40 picnic areas shaded by Cottonwood trees.

Hot Springs State Park. Over colorful terraces along the Big Horn River at Thermopolis flows water from mineral hot springs. More than 8,000 gallons flow over the terrace every 24 hours at a constant temperature of 128 degrees Fahrenheit. The park has a free bath house where the water is maintained at 104 degrees for therapeutic bathing. Hot Springs has 6.2 miles of universally accessible trails and hiking trails. It is a full-service park with comfort stations, a volksmarch trail, fishing, and a boat ramp.

Medicine Lodge Archaeological Site. More than 10,000 years of rich, cultural history thrives at



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Medicine Lodge amongst the endless outdoor recreation opportunities. Wildlife viewing and opportunities for adventure are amongst the best in the state. The site features ADA friendly displays along with a nature loop trail.

Many of Wyoming State Parks have several areas that are accessible, [including 5 fishing piers](#). Some of the parks are highlighted below, however more information is available on their website at <http://wyoparks.wy.gov>.

MORE NOTABLE OUTDOOR SPACES & OPPORTUNITIES

[Vedauwoo Recreation Area](#). At an altitude of 8,000 feet, Vedauwoo is a rather secluded rocky oasis in southeastern Wyoming, filled with dense pine forests and aspen groves. It is surrounded by a seemingly endless expanse of high plains and lies under a dome of intense cerulean blue sky. A handicap accessible 'loop-pathway' leads part way up the canyon from the main parking area complete with new picnic sites.

[Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests](#). The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland cover nearly 2.9 million acres from north central Colorado to central and northeastern Wyoming. From mountain ranges to grasslands and crystal-clear streams, the national forests and national grassland provide abundant and unique opportunities for visitors. The Snowy Range Scenic Byway has several accessible turn outs, along with the Lake Marie Trail that is paved and follows the shoreline to Mirror Lake.

[Teton Adaptive Sports](#) Teton Adaptive Sports (TAS) was formed in the spring of 2005 in Teton County and is the first non-profit organization in Wyoming to be associated as a chapter with Disabled Sports/USA. They started with skiing (as most adaptive organizations do) and now they offer Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, X-Country Skiing, Hockey, Cycling, Climbing, Paddling, Hiking and Mountain Biking for people living with mental or physical disabilities.

WYOMING CITIES & COUNTIES

Casper Nestled in the North Platte River Valley at the base of Casper Mountain, Casper, Wyoming, is home to world class outdoor recreational opportunities, a vibrant downtown and welcoming, friendly locals. The Tate Museum at Casper College, Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper Planetarium and David Street Station are all accessible. There is also over ten miles of paved trails on the Platte River Parkway and the Ability Playground at Wells Park to allow everyone to experience the outdoors.

[National Historic Trails Interpretive Center](#). The National Historical Trails Interpretive Center is a must-see destination while visiting Casper. Not only does it have historical information relevant to Wyoming but has a fantastic view of Casper. During your visit, you will be able to explore exhibits related to names that are truly legendary in Western history, and on the Oregon, California, Mormon and Pony Express Trails. Through these hands-on exhibits, it captures the real-life drama that over 400,000 pioneers experienced as they followed the trails between 1841 and 1868.



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Cheyenne. The very name Cheyenne conjures up images of cowboys, rodeos, and trains around the world. Today's Cheyenne is all of that and more. From the world's largest outdoor rodeo and Western celebration to world class mountain biking, climbing and camping, a visit to Cheyenne offers great opportunities. Come for our events, experience our museums and take-home new memories. The newly renovated Wyoming State Capitol and the Wyoming State Museum are ADA accessible and offer a great look into the history of Wyoming. The Depot Museum and Old West Museum showcase the beginnings of Cheyenne and their rodeo heritage, with accessibility to everyone.

Laramie. Home of the University of Wyoming, the American Heritage Center, the Wyoming Territorial Prison State Historic Site and so much more, Laramie has an abundance of attractions to keep the entire family captivated. Located on the campus of the University of Wyoming, the Geological Museum, Art Museum and Anthropology museum, along with Athletic Arena and War Memorial stadium are all accessible. The Historic Railroad Depot and the Wyoming Territorial Prison are also both accessible and offer glimpses into the old west.

Sheridan. Sheridan's fabled western history and dramatic mountain vistas meet new west comfort and the serenity of wide-open spaces. Providing history with a view – from Main Street to the magnificent backdrop of the Bighorn Mountains – Sheridan offers modern hospitality with old west charm. The Bighorn Scenic Byway offers breath-taking views and accessibility to Shell Falls and the interpretive trail. Local accessible attractions include historic downtown, King's Saddlery, the Sheridan County Museum, the Brinton Museum and Fort Phil Kearny.

Lincoln County is located on the western edge of Wyoming, Lincoln County is full of history and great opportunities. Located east of Afton, Periodic Intermittent Spring, the largest of three intermittent springs in the world, has a three-quarter mile ADA compliant trail. The Elk Horn Arch, Call Air Museum, Cutter Racing Museum and Lander Trail Center are accessible as well.

Sublette County is located at the base of the majestic Wind River Mountain Range. Outdoor recreation is unmatched elsewhere in the state; with 1,300 lakes and abundant wildlife viewing. The Museum of the Mountain Man, New Fork Crossing Historic Park and the Green River Valley Museum area all accessible and take visitors on a journey through the history of the area. Portions of the Daniel Fish Hatchery are accessible and an ADA path including fishing access is available at the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) ponds.

Yellowstone Country is comprised of the towns of Cody, Powell and Meeteetse as well as the valley east of Yellowstone National Park. The area was the playground of Buffalo Bill Cody himself. The heart of Cody/Yellowstone Country is the community of Cody, Wyoming, founded by Buffalo Bill in 1896. The entire region was driven by and is still heavily influenced by his vision. His regard for the wildlife, scenery, and the wonders of Yellowstone can be appreciated by all who visit Cody/Yellowstone Country. Many of the area's great attractions provides accessibility options including; the Cody Nite Rodeo, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Dan Miller Music Revue, Wild Bunch Gunfighters, Heart Mountain WWII Interpretive Center, Beck Lake Park and Buffalo Bill Dam and Visitor Center.



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