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# MY WY

**ROAD-TRIP GUIDE**



# THE WIDE-OPEN ROAD AWAITS.

We know the journey is just as exciting as the destination, so we've gathered some inspiration to help you map out the perfect Wyoming road trip. Whether you plan to make your way to Yellowstone or Grand Teton national parks through one of our regions, choose one of the themed road trips in this travelogue, or build your own itinerary using stops from both, we invite you to come find your WY.

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**Fun Fact** The bucking horse and rider icon seen throughout Wyoming was inspired by a horse named Steamboat, who was raised just outside the town of Chugwater.

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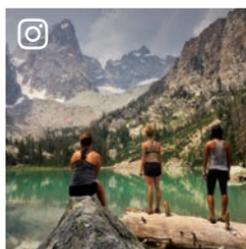


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**@framingtheworldasweseeit** Morning walk in the Lamar Valley. Enjoying the first sun rays... **#ThatsWY**



**@at\_shlim** Missing the mountains, the homies, and countless adventures last summer 🌞🏔️ **#ThatsWY**



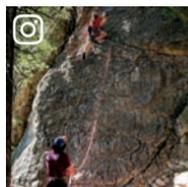
**@willstrath** I can't wait for more nights this summer where I shift positions in the middle of the night, peeping out of my sleeping bag to see the wonder of the universe spiraling above. **#ThatsWY**



**@wyohess** A bit of **#skiing**, a bit of trail **#running**, a bit of **#geysers**, and a bit of **#beer**. **#Yellowstone** for the win today! **#ThatsWY**



**@\_ninaruns** We heard there was a meteor shower tonight — adventure called, so we went! 🌠 **#ThatsWY**



**@tetonhiker** Sport climbing at the shield. Slosbies too. **#ThatsWY**



**@angelcaro00** Singletracking 🏔️ **#ThatsWY**

# GETTING TO KNOW WYOMING'S REGIONS.



## National Parks

Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks in northwest Wyoming are home to amazing geothermal features, the snow-covered peaks of the Teton Mountains and some of America's most diverse ecosystems. Learn more at [TravelWyoming.com/national-parks](https://TravelWyoming.com/national-parks).



## Salt to Stone

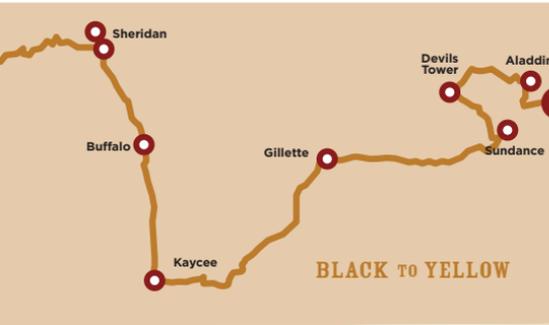
Adventurers and history buffs flock to the Salt to Stone region to explore its stretches of stunning wilderness and tour museums and attractions showcasing remnants of Wyoming's storied past. Highlights include Flaming Gorge National Historic Site near Green River, Fort Bridger National Historic Site, Museum of the Mountain Man in Pinedale and the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson.



**Fun Fact** The country's first national park (Yellowstone), first national monument (Devils Tower) and first national forest (Shoshone) are all in Wyoming.



Find the perfect route to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks from different entry points around the state, and learn about all there is to see and do along the way starting on p. 19 of the Wyoming Travel Guide and at [TravelWyoming.com/Itineraries](http://TravelWyoming.com/Itineraries).



**Black to Yellow**   
Welcoming communities in the Black to Yellow region showcase stories of the American West and provide a home base for exploring geologic wonders and acres of public lands. Highlights include Devils Tower National Monument near Hulett, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area near Lovell, Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody and Durham Buffalo Ranch in Gillette.



**Park to Park**   
From Wyoming's Western-rooted yet modern capital city to charming small towns that move at a refreshingly slower pace, the Park to Park region offers tastes of Western culture at its best. Highlights include Terry Bison Ranch Resort in Cheyenne, The Wyoming Dinosaur Center and Dig Sites in Thermopolis, Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters in Casper and Jackalope Square in Douglas.

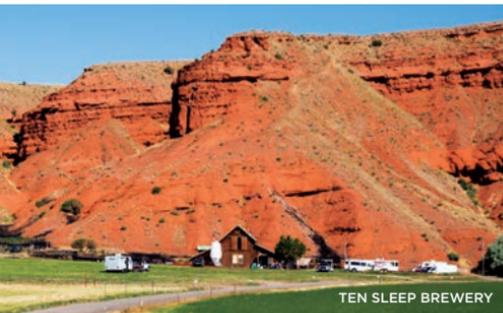


**Rockies to Tetons**   
In the Rockies to Tetons region, the Snowy, Medicine Bow, Seminoe and Wind River mountain ranges supply the perfect backdrop for outdoor pursuits like hiking, biking and fishing, while chances to dive into American Indian, women's suffrage and frontier history abound. Highlights include The Wyoming House for Historic Women in Laramie, North Platte River fishing near Saratoga, the Wind River Reservation Driving Tour and Sinks Canyon State Park near Lander.



# FLAVORS OF THE WEST.

Wyoming's culinary gems shine on this tasty trail.



**1** Indulge in one of the signature dishes at Higbee's Cafe in Sundance: a ginormous biscuit swimming in mouthwatering sausage gravy.

**2** Big Lost Meadery and Brewery in Gillette is home to Wyoming's only meadery, where you can drink fermented honey wine straight out of a horn.

**3** Stock up on wines inspired by local legends like rodeo star and country musician Chris LeDoux at Weston Winery in Sheridan.

## Yellowstone National Park

**4** Ten Sleep Brewery is the perfect place to have a brew after ascending one of the hundreds of sport-climbing routes in Ten Sleep Canyon.

**5** Choose from truffle flavors like prickly pear, Wyoming Whiskey and huckleberry at Meeteetse Chocolatier.

**6** Local farmers' markets like the Cody Farmers Market, held every Thursday from June through October, showcase the bounty of our farmers and ranchers.

**7** Make a reservation at the Lake Hotel Dining Room on the shores of Yellowstone Lake in Yellowstone National Park to dig into dishes like Wyoming Legacy New York Strip Steak.

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6 Cody

5 Meeteetse



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BIG LOST MEADERY



HIGBEE'S  
CAFE

MEETEETSE  
CHOCOLATIER

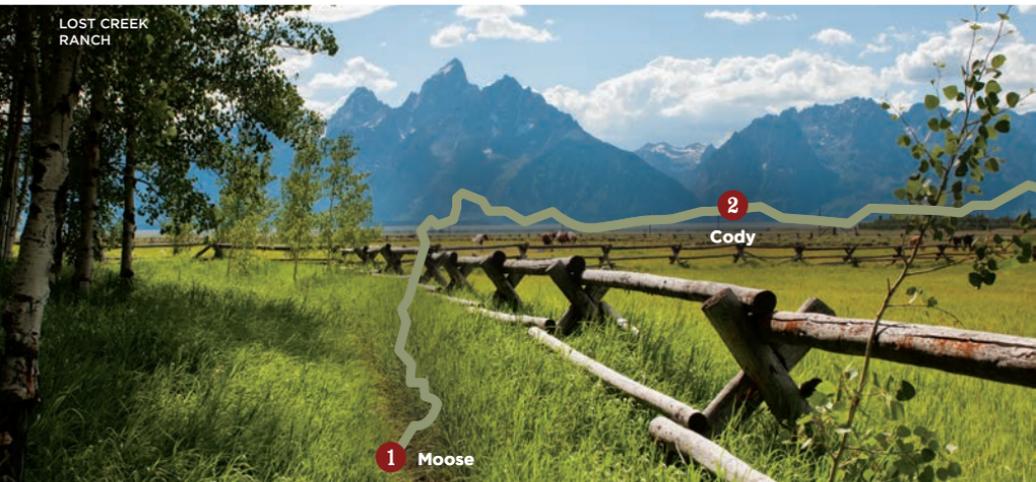


**Fun Fact** The term “dude ranch” was coined in Wyoming at Eatons' Ranch in Wolf, which is the country's first and oldest ranch and still welcomes guests today.



# COWBOY STATE POP-CULTURE TOUR.

Wyoming's diverse landscapes and authentic frontier towns have served as the inspiration for unique stories of the past and present.



**1** Plan a getaway to **Lost Creek Ranch & Spa** in **Moose**, where an episode of the sitcom “Modern Family” was filmed.

**2** Visit the **Irma Hotel** in **Cody**, where William “Buffalo Bill” Cody held tryouts for his famed Wild West Show, which dramatized iconic elements of frontier life.

**3** Kick off your shoes at the **Sheridan Inn**, where Ernest Hemingway stayed in 1929 and fell in love with the Bighorn Mountains.

**4** Order the bison ribeye at the historic **Occidental Hotel’s** **Virginian Restaurant** in **Buffalo**, named after *The Virginian* — a Wild West novel by Owen Wister set in Wyoming.

**5** Venture to **Buffalo** for a **Longmire Tour** to see places that inspired the setting for local author Craig Johnson’s Western crime novels (also made into the TV series “Longmire”).

**6** Watch “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” during your stay at **Devils Tower KOA** near

**Hulett**, where the 1976 sci-fi thriller was filmed.

**7** See a recreated scene from the trial of outlaw Harry Longabaugh — the “Sundance Kid” — at the **Crook County Museum** in **Sundance**.

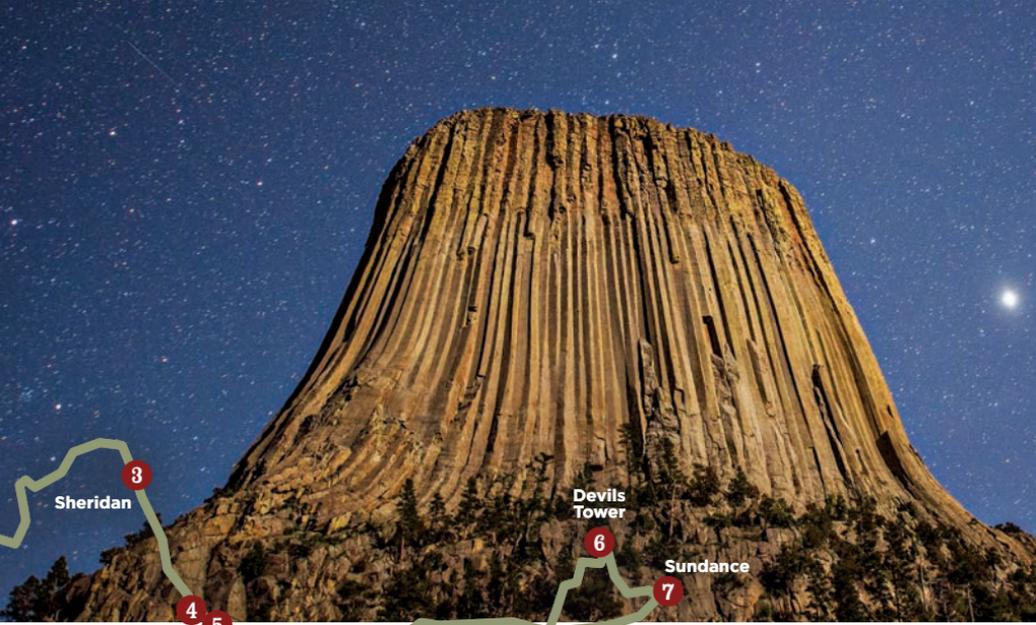
**8** Experience the otherworldly geologic formations of **Hell’s Half Acre**, about 40 miles west of **Casper**, which served as the fictional planet in “Starship Troopers.”

**9** Stay at the **Hotel Wolf** in **Saratoga**, featured in author C.J. Box’s

**Wind River Indian Reservation**

*The Disappeared*, the latest in his **Joe Pickett** detective series about the life of a Wyoming game warden, or embark on a tour based on the novels.

**10** Take a driving tour of the **Wind River Indian Reservation**, the setting of the 2017 murder-mystery film (“Wind River”) starring **Jeremy Renner**.



**Fun Fact** JCPenney was founded in the southwest Wyoming town of Kemmerer in 1902.





# JOURNEY INTO THE PAST.

Follow in the footsteps of colossal prehistoric creatures, hopeful pioneers and intrepid mountain men.

**1** Learn about the roles women played in taming the rough-and-tumble American West at **The Cowgirls of the West Museum & Emporium** in Cheyenne.

**2** Delve into Native American and coal-mining history and the people, places and events that have shaped the Cowboy State at **Cheyenne's Wyoming State Museum**.

**3** Tour buildings dating back to 1849 at **Fort Laramie National Historic Site**, a fur-trading fort that became a haven for weary westbound emigrants.

**4** Opt for a day dig with the **Paleon Museum** in **Glenrock** to learn how to excavate and handle real fossils.

**5** Gain insight into the hardships and victories of those who ventured west in the 1800s at **Casper's National Historic Trails Interpretive Center**.



**6** See where thousands of travelers on their way to new homes on the frontier added their names to a granite rock face at **Independence Rock** near **Alcova**.

**7** Explore **South Pass City**, where **Ester Hobart Morris** became the first woman to hold a political office in the U.S. when she served as the former mining town's justice of the peace.

**8** Check out some of the world's best-preserved fossils at **Fossil Butte National Monument** near **Kemmerer**.



Discover more historic attractions at [TravelWyoming.com/history-museums](http://TravelWyoming.com/history-museums).



**Fun Fact** On Sept. 6, 1870, in Laramie, Louisa Gardner Swain became the first woman in the world to cast a ballot under Wyoming laws granting women the right to vote and hold office — 30 years before the rest of the U.S.



PALEON MUSEUM



FORT LARAMIE



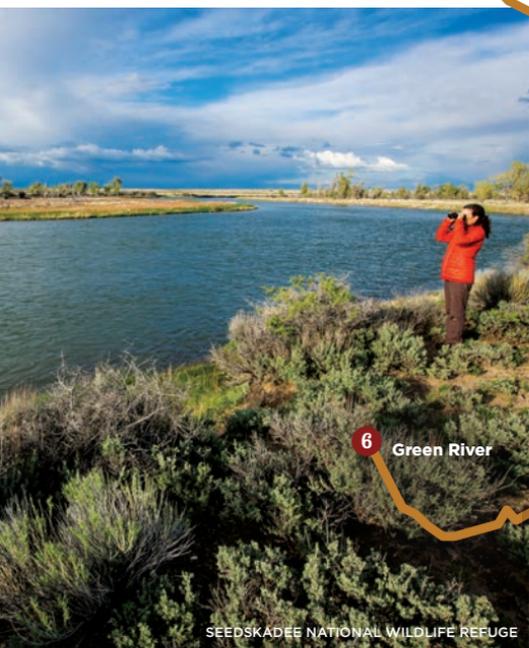
FORT BRIDGER

9 Tour original and replica structures showcasing the area's Oregon Trail, mountain man and military history at Fort Bridger State Historic Site.



# CALL OF THE WILD.

Count how many of our more than 100 mammal species and 400 bird species you can spot.



Red Desert

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Find more wildlife-watching havens at  
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things-to-do/wildlife-viewing](https://TravelWyoming.com/things-to-do/wildlife-viewing).

**1** Stop into the **Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center** near Lovell to find out where the area's herd of wild horses is currently roaming.



**2** See bison grazing year-round in Lamar (A) and Hayden (B) valleys in **Yellowstone National Park** and in the spring, summer and fall along Antelope Flats Road (C) in **Grand Teton National Park**.



LAMAR VALLEY

**3** Observe the thousands of elk who spend winter at the **National Elk Refuge** in Jackson from North Highway 26/89 and Refuge Road.

**4** Take a guided tour with the **National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center** near Dubois to see the world's largest wintering herd of bighorn sheep.



NATIONAL BIGHORN SHEEP INTERPRETIVE CENTER

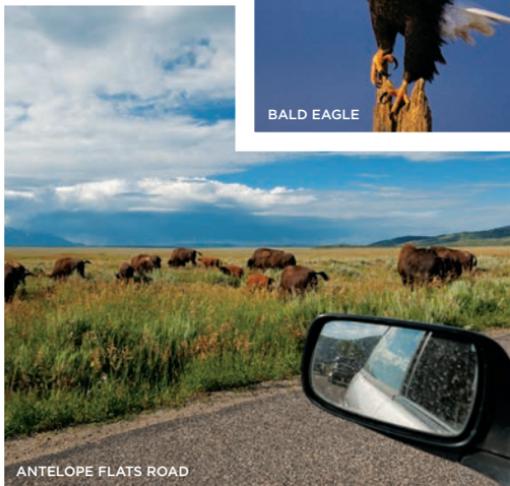
**5** Spot a migratory herd of pronghorn as they travel the 150-mile route from southwest Wyoming's **Red Desert** to Grand Teton National Park in the spring and back in the fall.

**6** Catch springtime sights like nesting bald eagles, flocks of mountain bluebirds and courting trumpeter swans at **Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge** near Green River.

**7** Keep your eyes peeled for Swainson's hawks, golden eagles and other raptors year-round at the **Hutton National Wildlife Refuge** near Laramie.



BALD EAGLE



ANTELOPE FLATS ROAD



**Observe Responsibly** For the safety and comfort of both animals and people, stay at least 100 yards away from bears and wolves and at least 25 yards away from all other animals. If an animal changes its behavior or seems nervous at your presence, it's time to back away.

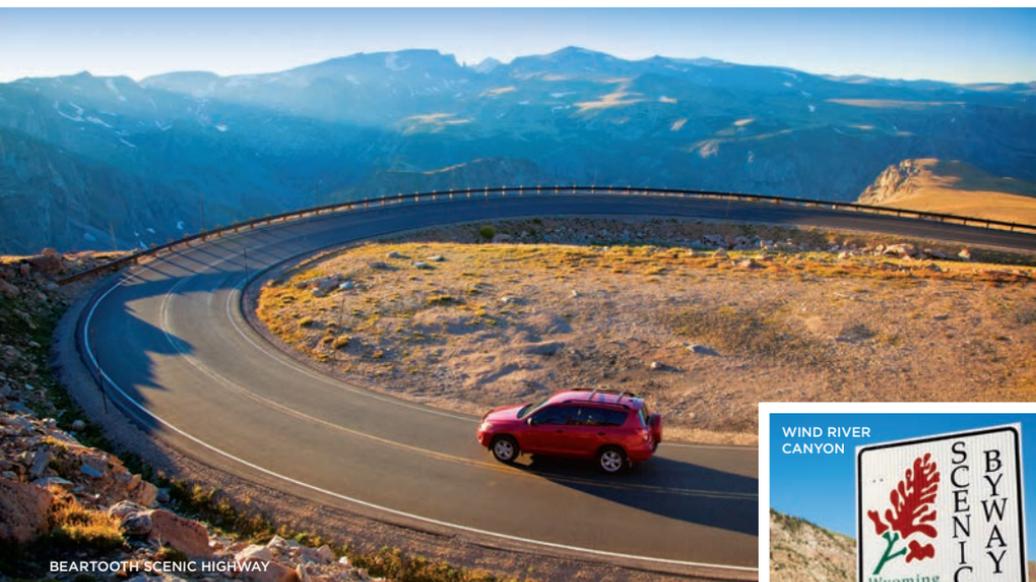
Laramie

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# BREATHTAKING SCENIC BYWAYS.

No matter where you're headed, it won't be hard to take the scenic route.



BEARTOOTH SCENIC HIGHWAY



**1** **Battle Pass Scenic Byway**  
57 miles — from Encampment to Baggs

**4** **Big Spring Scenic Byway**  
68 miles — from Kemmerer to Cokeville

**6** **Buffalo Bill Cody Scenic Byway**  
28 miles — from Cody to Yellowstone National Park's east entrance

**8** **Cloud Peak Skyway**  
47 miles — from Buffalo to Ten Sleep

**2** **Beartooth Scenic Highway**  
68 miles — from the Wyoming-Montana border in Park County to Red Lodge, Montana

**5** **Black Hills Scenic Byway**  
78 miles — from Newcastle to the Wyoming-South Dakota border

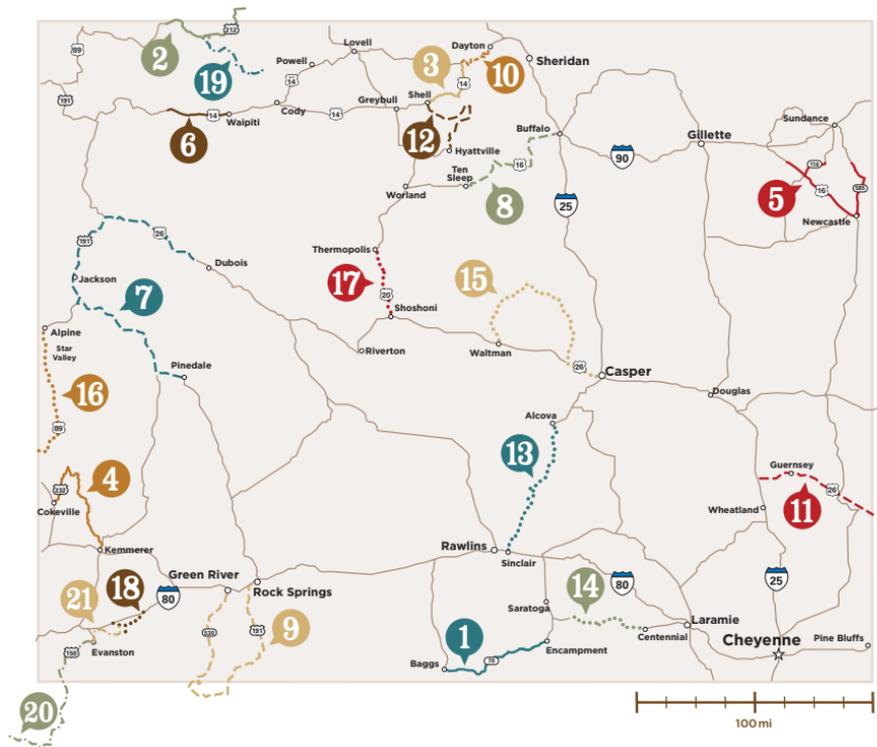
**7** **Wyoming Centennial Scenic Byway**  
163 miles — from Pinedale to Dubois

**9** **Flaming Gorge-Green River Basin Scenic Byway**  
160 miles — from Green River to Rock Springs

**3** **Bighorn Scenic Byway**  
58 miles — from Dayton to Shell



**Fun Fact** Wyoming has the smallest population in the U.S. and is home to just over 575,000 residents, which means there is one person per every 111 beautiful acres.



**10 Medicine Wheel Passage Scenic Byway**

27 miles -----  
from Dayton to Burgess Junction

**11 Oregon Trail Historic Byway**

58 miles - - - - -  
from Guernsey to the Wyoming-Nebraska border

**12 Red Gulch/Alkali Scenic Backway**

32 miles -----  
from Shell to Hyattsville

**13 Seminoe to Alcova Scenic Byway**

64 miles .....  
from Sinclair to Alcova

**14 Snowy Range Scenic Byway**

29 miles .....  
from Centennial to Saratoga

**15 South Big Horn/Red Wall Scenic Byway**

101 miles .....  
from Casper to Waltman

**16 Star Valley Scenic Byway**

80 miles .....  
from Alpine to Geneva, Idaho

**17 Wind River Canyon Scenic Byway**

34 miles .....  
from Shoshoni to Thermopolis

**18 Bridger Valley Historic Byway**

20 miles .....  
from Exit 38 to Exit 48 on I-80

**19 Chief Joseph Scenic Byway**

47 miles .....  
from Cody to the Beartooth Highway

**20 Mirror Lake Scenic Byway**

78 miles .....  
from Evanston to Kamas, Utah

**21 Muddy Creek Historic Backway**

25 miles .....  
from Fort Bridger to Piedmont ghost town

Learn more about the byways at [TravelWyoming.com/things-to-do/scenic-byways](http://TravelWyoming.com/things-to-do/scenic-byways).

\* Many routes are only open seasonally — check conditions at [dot.state.wy.us](http://dot.state.wy.us) or by calling 1-888-WYO-ROAD.

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