

13 Nights WILD WEST

The era of the Wild West, or the American Frontier, began after the Civil War in 1865 and ended around 1895.

Discover the frontier areas of Colorado, South Dakota and Wyoming, following in the footsteps of gold rush prospectors to the homestead settlers.

This journey entails excitement such as the Native Indian tribes of the Sioux and Chevenne to land where General Custer and his 7th Calvary's demise at the hands of the Indian warriors led by Crazy Horse of the Lakota Sioux and Sitting Bull as their spiritual leader.



As you meander your way through this 1800s unforgiving landscape, you will learn the history of the cowboy and how Buffalo Bill immortalised this brand and ingrained it into people's imaginations.

The untamed territories were noted for their lawlessness, giving rise to wild, rowdy and unruly behaviour. This trail will also take you to towns once occupied by bank and train robbing outlaws as well as the feared gunslingers of that time, such as Wild-Bill-Hickok, considered the fastest gun in the west.



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DenverColorado

About

Prior to the arrival of gold prospectors in 1858, Denver was occupied by the Arapaho Native Indians. Chief, "Little Raven" allowed the "palefaces" to share his camp at the confluence of Cherry Creek and South Platte River. He would later live to regret his generosity, six years later at the Sand Creek Massacre, in which 163 Indians were treacherously killed at the hands of Colonel M. Chivington.

Its hard to believe that the shining glitzy skyscrapers we see today were once log cabins, shacks and teepees, which was nothing more than a "Wild West" frontier settlement. However, back then, the mere whisper of the word "Gold" was enough to create a stampede to the area. Although not much gold was discovered, silver was and was one of the reasons Denver did not end up as a "Ghost Town" like the 500 or so that litter Colorado today.

One of the other major factors was will of the residents to grow the settlement. When the Union Pacific Railroad bypassed Colorado on its transcontinental route, residents raised \$300,000 and built their own railroad to meet the Union Pacific in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

If truth be known, the whiskey sellers were probably the ones making more money than the prospectors. It was the most popular alcoholic beverage at the time, mainly because it was easier to transport and secondly you were less likely to get sick.

In 1873 German immigrants Adolph Coors and Jacob Schuler arrived in Denver and set up a brewing company called "Coors" and the rest we say is history.





Situated between the mountains of Summit County and the bustling excitement of Denver, Dakota Ridge RV Resort gives you the perfect balance of city and mountain experiences all year round. he Resort features spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains and the Denver skyline – so you can easily blend outdoor adventure and big city culture. Just minutes away, you'll find world-class shopping, dining, professional and collegiate sporting events, gambling, sightseeing, cultural activities, and outdoor recreation – everything you need to experience Colorado.

Amenities include a clubhouse, billiard room, fitness centre, and there is a fireplace where you can sit and read books or play games from the library.

Located within downtown Denver's former Colorado National Bank building, the Renaissance Denver Downtown City Centre is housed in one of Colorado's most gorgeous and historic buildings, with a lobby that The Denver Post coined "the most beautiful room in Denver." The hotel features 230 guest rooms and one-bedroom suites, 6,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, a fitness centre, and range, an original concept restaurant and bar, serving locally-purveyed cuisine inspired by the Rocky Mountain West.

Golf

Trails

Fishing

Fire Rings Horseshoe

Imbued with a series of 16 murals from the iconic western muralist Allen Tupper True, the property showcases historic elements from the building's original early 20th century construction, juxtaposed with the accommodations, amenities, and comforts of a modern luxury hotel.





About

The drive from Denver to Cheyenne takes around 1-hour, 30-minutes, a distance of 102-miles (164km)

The city was named Cheyenne after one of the most prominent Indian tribes of the Great Plains, closely allied with the Arapaho.

The survival of Cheyenne as a frontier settlement was primarily down to the arrival of the Union Pacific railroad in 1867. Merchants here at the time, supplied goods to railroad camps on Sherman Hill and towns in Colorado. Fort Russell, (now F.E. Warren Air Force Base) built by the army to protect the railroad, was another economic stabilizing factor at the time.

As the population began to spike, dance halls and saloons began to appear, until every other building became a saloon and so did the disorderly behaviour. Every man slept with from one to a half-dozen revolvers under his pillow, for attacks and plunder of every character could be expected at any hour, day or night.

Trappers, gamblers, gunslingers and railroad labourers, facilitated a true Wild West town dominated by lawlessness. Thanks to the Union Pacific railroad, Cheyenne did not remain a rowdy town for long, as it became one of the most heavily traversed railroads, bringing some of the best shows of the times.

Another influencing factor in Cheyenne's development was the cattle industry. As early as 1880, purebred Hereford cattle were raised at the famous Wyoming Hereford Ranch (near Cheyenne).

Attractions

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Cheyenne Frontiers Days Old West Museum

Offers year round programmes, exhibits and activities that celebrate the heritage and pioneer spirit of the American West. The museum also features some of the most intriguing western artifacts, including one of the most extensive collections of carriages that chronicle the pioneer history of Cheyenne.

Messenger Museum

Step back into time and see kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms of the horse and buggy days. Explore the old west carriages, saddles, quilts, cars, sleighs guns and wildlife mounts and learn about the history of Cheyenne.

Chevenne Frontier Days

The Daddy of' em All has been kicking up dust since 1897 with the world's largest outdoor rodeo and Western Celebration. More than 100 years later, Cheyenne Frontier Days, a 10-day festival of incredible excitement, features the world's best PRCA rodeo action. The event draws top professionals cowboys, competing for more than \$1 million in cash and prizes. Next dates July 23rd to August 1st, 2021.



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AB Camping RV Park is a nice quiet and clean site with lots of trees to ensure a comfortable stay. The Park is located only 10-minutes drive (just over 3-miles) to downtown Cheyenne where you can visit all of the Old West local attractions.

If you are not up for cooking, there is an on-site BBQ restaurant for homemade lip smacking ribs, brisket, chicken & tacos.

There is also ice cream, sandwiches, sundae cones, fudge bars etc.

As for groceries, just let the Park know what you want and they will try to get it for you as part of their service.

When it comes to comfort and convenience look no further than SpringHill Suites Cheyenne. Equipped with free Wi-Fi, spacious suites provide the homelike relaxation you deserve with pillow top mattresses and living areas boasting sleeper sofas, flat-panel HDTVS and kitchenettes with microwaves and coffee makers.

Stop by our complimentary breakfast buffet and fuel up with eggs, sausage, waffles and other morning favourites. Burn off some calories in our 24-hour fitness centre, and take a refreshing post-workout dip in our indoor pool. Just five minutes away from downtown, our hotel makes it easy to live like a local and explore popular attractions including the State Capitol, Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum and Cheyenne Botanic Gardens.



Hot Springs South Dakota

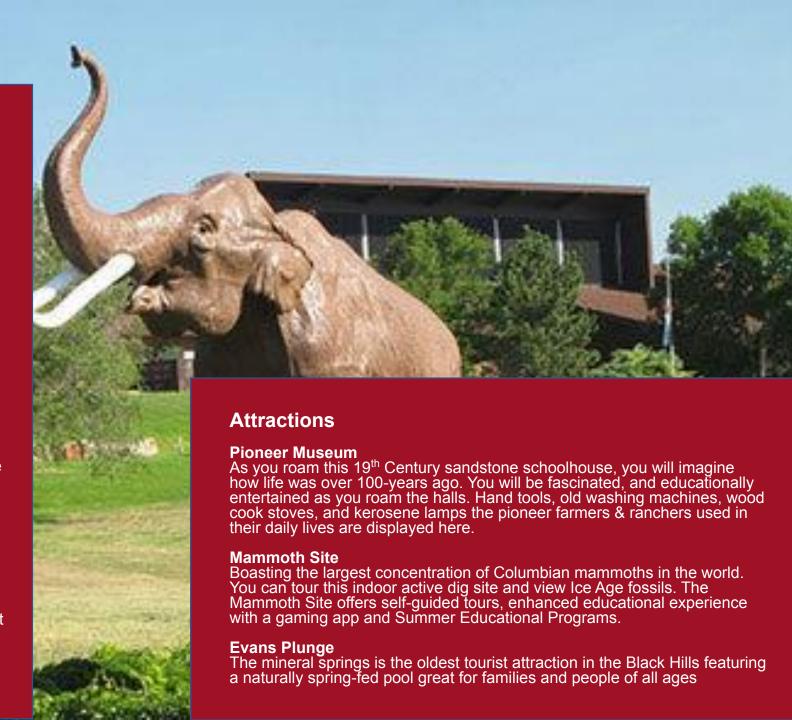
About

Hot Springs in South Dakota is over looked by Battle Mountain located in the Black Hills, a place where Native American tribes collected flint for their arrowheads. Legend has it, control of the thermal springs led to a battle between the Sioux and Cheyenne tribes.

Red Cloud, a War Chief and leader of the Oglala Sioux, dominated the U.S. forced in north Wyoming and southern Montana which led to the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868. The treaty set aside a portion of the Sioux territory which included the Black Hills as the Great Reservation for exclusive use. It also provided for unceded territory for Cheyenne and Lakota hunting grounds.

In the spring of 1874, General Philip H. Sheridan, commander of the Missouri Military Division, directed his subordinate, Brigadier General Alfred H. Terry, to send a reconnaissance party into the Black Hills to ascertain the suitability of establishing an Army garrison there. This reconnaissance party, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel George A. Custer, found the ground to be adequate for a garrison. However he also discovered evidence of gold, triggering a gold rush.

In early 1875, a Sioux delegations led by Spotted Tail, Red Cloud, and Lone Horn travelled to Washington, D.C. in an attempt to persuade President Ulysses S. Grant to honour existing treaties and stop the flow of miners into their territory. Although unsuccessful to find a solution, they did not join the Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull war that followed. Grant chose not to fight the Sioux who remained in the reservation, he turned his attention to the Sioux who were roaming the unceded land on the pretext they were committing atrocities on the settlers. Several battles occurred over the following few years.





Hidden Lake Campground & Resort is located n a natural setting a short distance from the lake.

The Resort's private lake is the perfect getaway to relax and rejuvenate. There are plenty of activities to keep you entertained. Fishing on the lake is a catch and release policy. You will find large and small mouth bass, crappie and green-eared sunfish. You can hire a kayak or canoe or enjoy photographing the animals and vegetation. There is a playground with slides, swing, climbing to keep the kids jumping and running, sure to wear them out. The Resort is just 4 minutes from Hot Springs where you can enjoy the many shops, coffee houses, and restaurants.

The Baymont Inn & Suites is located in a beautiful natural setting. Nearby you will find pristine golf courses, it's the ideal rest stop en route to the region's best outdoor activities and adventures.

Fire Rings

Golf

Trails

Fishing

Yes

You can relax and unwind in the seasonal indoor heated pool and an onsite gymnasium. In-room amenities include free Wi-Fi, flat screen HDTV, microwave, tea and coffee making facilities.

The Baymont Breakfast Corner offers hot and cold selections. Of great quality food. Whether you are staying just for one night or a few days you will be satisfied with the comfortable accommodation on offer.



Mount Rushmore South Dakota

About

The drive from Hot Springs takes around one hour at a distance of 51-miles (82km).

Mount Rushmore is known for 4 former presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. However, there is another face carved into the rocks 17 miles away between Custer and Hill City, and it's the great Indian warrior "Crazy Horse" Memorial at Black Hills behemoth. Under construction since 1948, its creator, Korczak Ziolkowski previously worked on the Presidents at Rushmore for 19-days, where an argument ensued and he departed. The statue once completed will stand 563ft tall, the tallest sculpture in the world.

Crazy Horse, a Lakota Sioux warrior, constantly attacked U.S forces. In 1874, General Armstrong Custer crossed into uncharted Indian territory with orders of finding a location establish a fort. While meandering his way through the Black Hills he discovered signs of gold. The President at the time Ulysses Grant tried unsuccessfully tried to acquire the land from the Indian tribes that comprised of the Sioux and Cheyenne. This move antagonised Indians, who had be promised protection under sacred land treaties signed with the U.S. government.

In 1876 Orders were given for the U.S. Cavalry to march into the territory and drive the remaining Indians (which Grant believed) out of the area. What they failed to realise is the Indian tribes were preparing for war.





Lakota Dream Museum

A Native-owned and operated museum, home to sacred Native relics and regalia and allows visitors to experience Native American culture through the stories of its people. There is a cultural education centre in order to facilitate the return and protection of Indigenous Peoples' artifacts.

Mount Rushmore

A sightseeing tour begins at your hotel / RV Resort in Rapid City, Keystone or Hill City where you are picked up, then carve our way through the Black Hills to visit Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial. Tour is 4-5 hours.

Fort Hays Old West Town

Discover this Great Western Town, ome to the South Dakota Movie Museum and the "Dances With Wolves Film Set" it's a stop the whole family will love. You can enjoy a chuckwagon dinner here or pancakes breakfast.



Rushmore Shadows Resort is tucked in the Ponderosa Pine foothills of the Black Hills of South Dakota, Rushmore Shadows offers monumental fun. Located conveniently on Hwy 16 just minutes from Rapid City, Keystone, Hill City, Custer State Park, and Mount Rushmore - a premier local camping destination for everything in the Black Hills

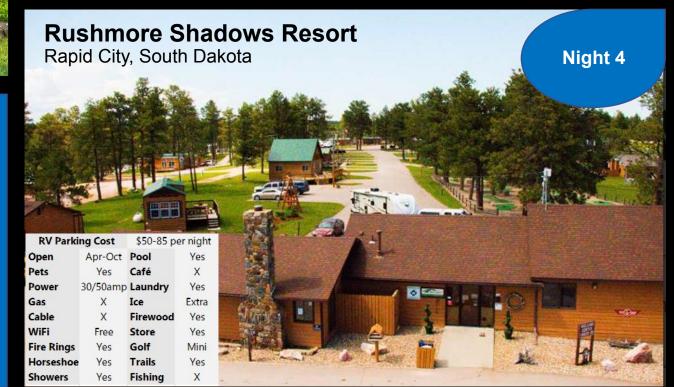
Onsite amenities include a kids playground, tennis, pickle ball, games room, outdoor games, planned activities, bike rentals and hot tubs.

Nearby there is rock climbing, hiking, ATV riding, mountain biking and a casino.

Experience the Black Hills Most Romantic Inn and stroll through the Grounds and Gardens, listening to the sounds of the Waterfall.

Open year round Summer Creek offers a unique experience to all guests—whether you're planning a romantic couple's getaway or just passing through, there's no better place to take in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota.

Awaken to the smell of fresh coffee, gourmet breakfast and pine trees. The Inn has modern decor and state of the art amenities to stimulate your senses and offer you the relaxing comforts and the indulgences you deserve...



Deadwood South Dakota

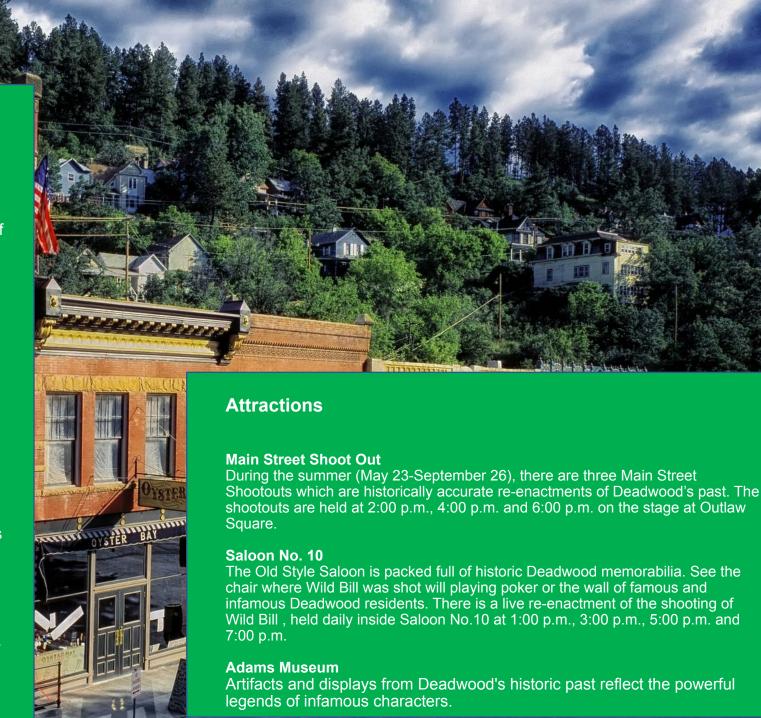
About

The drive from Hot Spring to Deadwood takes 1-hour, 45-minutes, a distance of 100-miles (161km).

Deadwood was discovered from the Black Hills gold rush in 1874, from an area with a gulch of dead trees and a creek full of gold. Overnight the tiny camp mushroomed into a town attracting outlaws, gamblers and gunslingers. One such individual who came looking for gold was Wild Bill Hickock, who arrived in 1876. Wild Bill Hickok is remembered for his days as sheriff of Hays City, Kansas and marshal of Abilene, where his ironhanded rule helped to tame two of the most lawless towns on the frontier. He was considered one of the West's premier gunfighters. In just a few short weeks after arriving in Deadwood, he was gunned down (shot in the back of his head) while holding a poker hand of aces and eights – now known as Dead Man's Hand. The killer Jack McCall was later hunted by U.S. Marshalls, caught and hanged.

Other famous names such as Calamity Jane came to deadwood, although the tall tales of her relationship with Wild Bill Hickok were mostly untrue. Wyatt Earp, the famous Kansas sheriff also came to deadwood looking to get rich from gold, he left \$5,000 richer from selling firewood.

You can find these colourful characters as well as other famous shoot outs walking the streets of present-day Deadwood as a part of Deadwood Alive. This theatre troupe re-enacts the major historic events. Nothing like a live gunslinging shootout!





Whistler Gulch RV Park is located just minutes from downtown Deadwood. The thrill and excitement awaits you in the gunslinging town of Deadwood.

Amenities at this RV Park include fishing at the stream, tennis, pickle ball, and outdoor games.

Nearby there is ATV riding, hiking, mountain biking, rock/mountain climbing and casino.

Experience the natural splendour of the Black Hills when you stay at Then Lodge at Deadwood. After a day of exploring, retreat to your room for a personal getaway that promises total comfort.

Fishing

Showers

Whether you're on a family vacation or traveling with friends, this lodge offers many different room types. From deluxe king and double queen rooms to extra-large suites and king spa suites, choose the room type that's right for you. And if you want to stay in Deadwood's finest room, book the Presidential Suite.

Room amenities come equipped with Free Wi-Fi, LCD flat-screen TV, alarm clocks with MP3 capabilities, desk and chair, coffeemaker, iron and full-size ironing board, hair dryer and makeup mirrors, mini fridge, microwave, spa, fireplace, and a balcony (in select rooms). Access to our Indoor Water Playland.



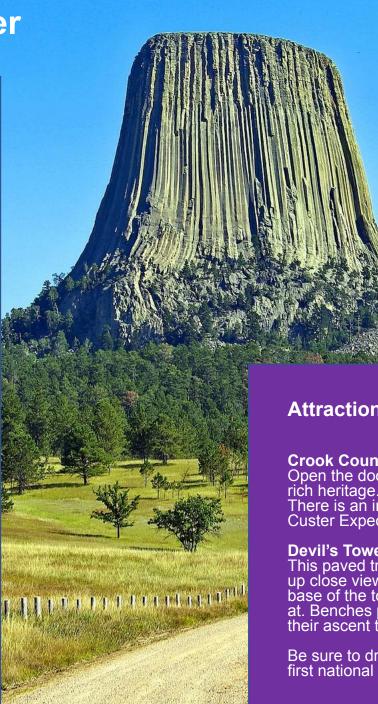
Sundance & Devils Tower Wyoming

About

The drive from Deadwood to Sundance takes around 1-hour, at a distance of 47-miles (76km).

Sundance was established in 1879, during the days of the Black Hills gold rush. Today, many associate the town with Harry Longabough, aka, the Sundance Kid. Born in New York State. Longabough found himself down on his luck near Sundance and stole a horse belong to the VVV Ranch. He was captured by Crook County Sheriff Ryan and served 18 months in the Sundance Jail. When he was released, he wandered to Belle Fourche, S.D., bragging about his experiences in the jail, and that he earned the sobriquet "Sundance.". He later became a member the Wild Bunch outlaws led by Butch Cassidy, robbing banks and trains. The last bank they robbed was the First National in Winnemucca, Nevada on September 19th, 1900. Cassidy and Sundance later fled to Argentina under assumed names.

Today, Sundance is regarded as the gateway to Devil's Tower (background picture). The name originated in 1875 during an expedition led by Colonel Richard Irving Dodge, when his interpreter reportedly misinterpreted a native name to mean "Bad God's Tower". Towering 1,267ft, culminated a scene in Steven Spielberg's 1977 hit movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind".



Attractions

Crook County Museum

Open the doors of the Wild West past and step into the wide spectrum of rich heritage. Have a seat in a spectator chair of the "Sundance Kid" trial. There is an impressive gun collection. Other features are Devil's Tower. Custer Expedition and Vore Buffalo Jump.

Devil's Tower 1.3-mile Loop Hiking Trail

This paved trail goes right around the base of the tower, providing you with up close views. You will pass the mounds of fallen rock surrounding the base of the tower. The variety patterns in the tower itself are easy to marvel at. Benches provide the perfect viewing spot to watch rock climbers making their ascent to the top.

Be sure to drop by the Visitor Centre to learn about the history of America's first national monument.



Don't miss what the Black Hills of north-eastern Wyoming has to offer. Take a break from your travels and relax at this clean and quiet RV Park. Easy off - easy on of I-90 at the Devils Tower / Sundance Exit 189.

Amenities include a game room, playground, pavilion, fitness room and outdoor games. You can also enjoy freshly baked goods and the Park provides RV and camping supplies as well as a gift shop. The laundry room has been newly remodelled, its bright, clean and air-conditioned. The bathroom have also been remodelled and now feature air-conditioning with endless hot water in the showers.

Bear Lodge is located in a building dating from 2013 in the heart of the "old West". The lodge features a garden and guestrooms with free Wi-Fi, free private parking. The guest house also provides car hire for guests who want to explore the surrounding area.

Fire Pits

Showers

Horseshoe

Golf

Trails

Fishing

X

Nearby

Nearby

All units in the guest house are equipped with a flat-screen TV, air conditioning and a private bathroom. The lodge gives guest "the Wyoming Experience" quiet solitude were you can be self reliant, and there is more wildlife than people, plenty of wide open spaces and clear skies. Sundance is a small town of 1100 people and it is much like it was in the 1880s when the Legends roamed the area.



Sheridan Wyoming

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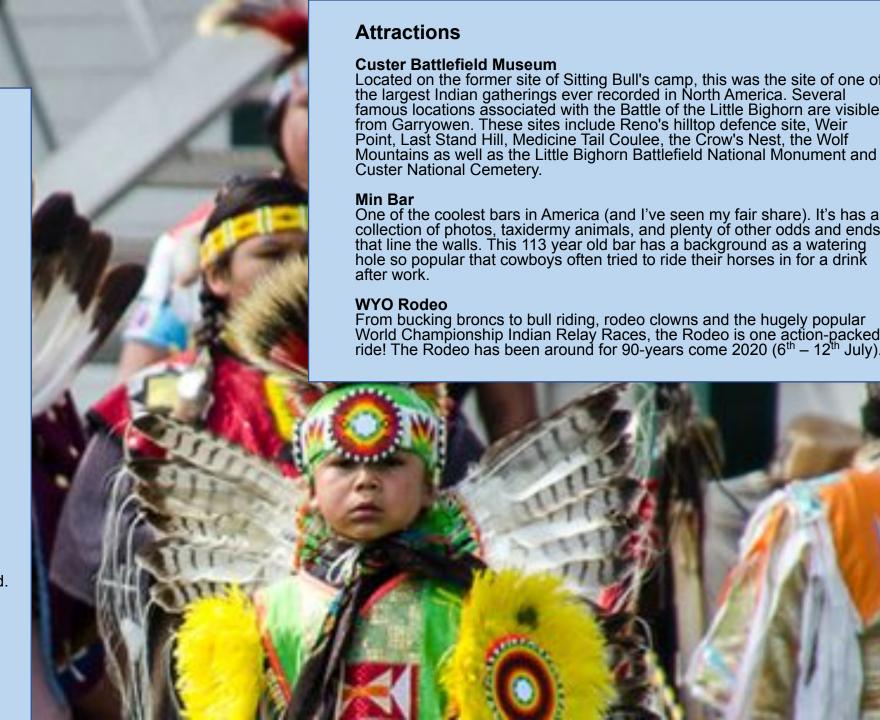
The drive from Sundance to Sheridan takes 2-hours, 30-minutes, a distance of 164-miles (264km).

Sheridan area is home to one of the most concentrations of Native Indian War Battle sites anywhere in the country. It is flanked 70-miles to the north by Bighorn Battlefield (Custer's Last Stand).

In 1876, the biggest catastrophe to the U.S. Cavalry was about to unfold. The Great Sioux Chief Sitting Bull had a vision that the Indians would prevail over the "long hair" army. He and Crazy Horse, a feared Lakota War Chief persuaded the Cheyenne, Arapahoe and Sioux to unite against the U.S. Cavalry. 10,000 Indians gathered in a massive camp called Little Bighorn.

The U.S. Cavalry marched through the Black Hills, then divided into different directions planning to encircle the Indians. General Custer led the 7th Cavalry into Bighorn, and waiting for him was Crazy Horse and his warriors. In less than an hour the infamous Custer and his 7th Cavalry were massacred. In reality, they never stood a chance, totally underestimating the united tribes.

If you happen to be here on July 12th, there is Native Indian "Pow Wow" (a way of meeting together where there is singing, dancing (background picture).





Peter Ds RV Park is a great place to stay when passing through Sheridan. The amenities are immaculate and set in a quiet rural setting. There is a beautiful pasture next door occupied by friendly horses.

All of the RV sites are nice and level and there is a large fenced dog run for pet lovers.

Peter and his wife seek to maintain a quiet, clean, and orderly environment. Whether staying overnight or many days, you will enjoy this park.

There are some great restaurants nearby which Peter can recommend.

Travel with confidence at Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott® a hotel with outstanding service for an easy and comfortable stay. The guest rooms and suites are thoughtfully designed, with plenty of room to work and relax.

Golf Trails

Fishing

Nearby

Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel will keep you connected during your stay and our pool and fitness centre will help you stay on track.

Spread out in the vibrant lobby, with spaces to gather, relax and work. Jump-start each day with breakfast that offers hot choices like scrambled eggs, sausage and oatmeal, plus favourites including fresh fruit and yogurt. You'll always find the courteous service you deserve, plus all the little things you expect.



CodyWyoming

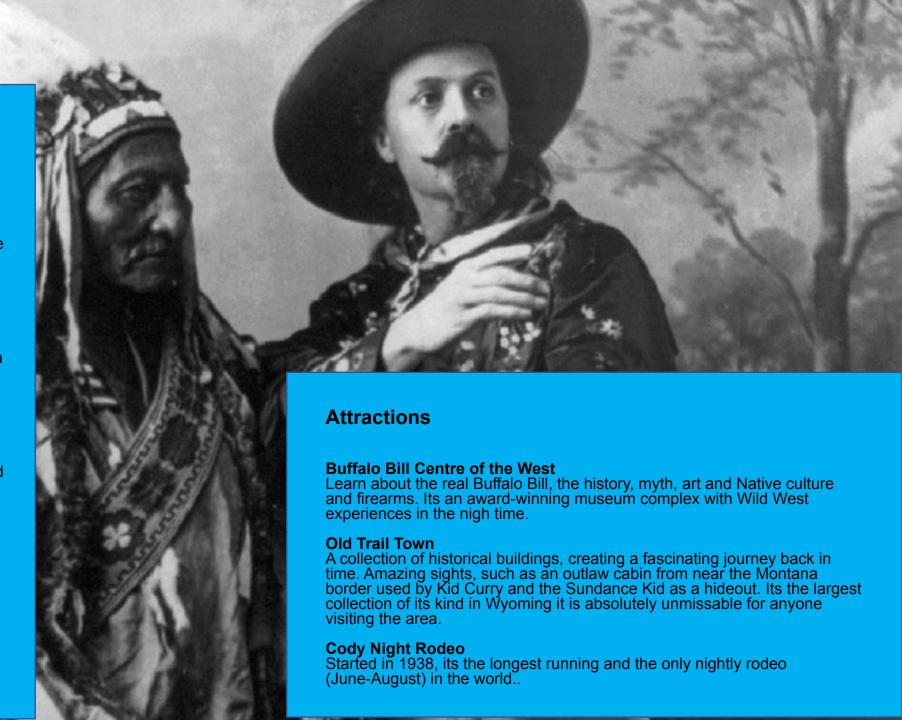
About

The drive from Sheridan to Cody takes 2-hours, 50-minutes, a distance of 148-miles (238km).

Cody was named after Colonel William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody for his part in the founding of Cody in 1896. William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody at age 12, worked for a wagon train headed to Fort Laramie, Wyoming; the next year, he participated in the gold rush to Colorado; and at 15, rode for the Pony Express (a amil service provided by horse-riders). In 1867 he hunted buffalo for the Pacific Railroad and later was a scout for the Fifth Cavalry and earned the Congressional Medal of Honour. He was an expert shot! In the 1880s, he created a Wild West show that toured the United States and Europe.

In the early shows he featured James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok and later Sitting Bull who appeared for a short 4-months. Sitting Bull had returned to the U.S. after leading his people to Canada due to the lack of Buffalo, the Sioux depended on for survival. In 1881 he surrendered to U.S. forces in exchange for an amnesty for his people.

By the turn of the century, Buffalo Bill was the most famous American in the world. No one symbolized the West for Americans and Europeans better.





Ponderosa Campground welcomes you to experience true western heritage in the town founded by Buffalo Bill Cody himself. Every night is rodeo night all summer long and there are activities for every age and interest. You won't believe how much there is to see and do in beautiful and exciting Cody, WY.

This location is the perfect home base for exploring Cody. You'll love the picturesque, country setting, extensive gift shop, and central location - its close to everything!

There is also a Rodeo Shuttle Bus stop at the campground.

Ivy Inn & Suites is located within walking distance to the Cody Firearms Museum and Buffalo Bill Centre of the West.

Trails

Fishing

Showers

Nearby

There is an onsite restaurant, indoor pool and a fitness centre are available at this smoke-free hotel. Free Wi-Fi in public areas and free self parking are also provided.

Additionally, a bar/lounge, a spa tub and a 24-hour business centre are on-site. All rooms are provided with air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi and free wired Internet, TVs with cable channels, fridge, microwave, coffee and tea, hairdryer, iron and board, blackout curtains, and complimentary toiletries. Room service is available during limited hours



Lander Wyoming

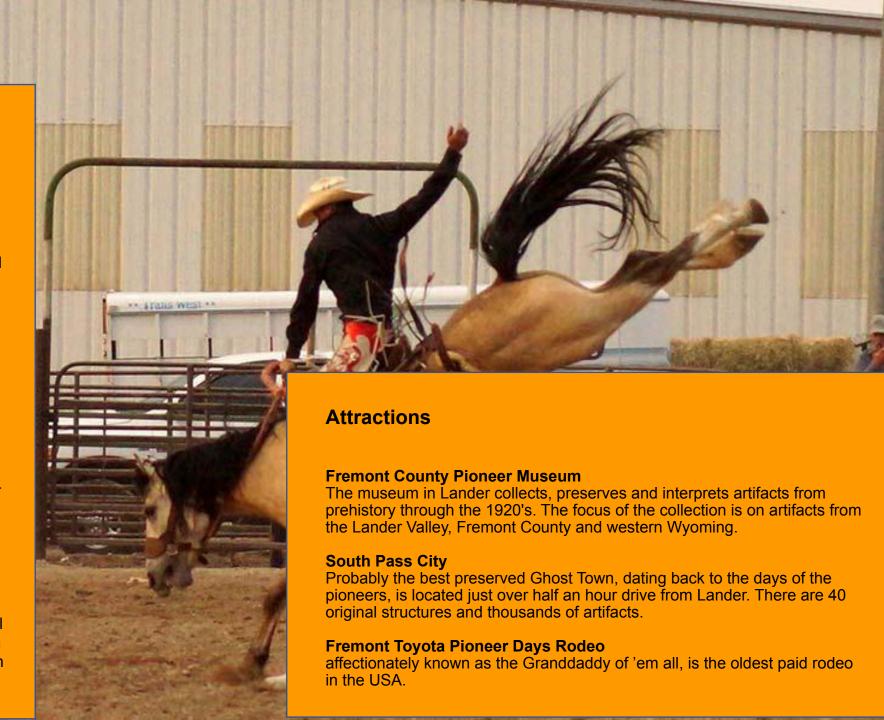
About

The drive from Cody to Lander takes 2-hours, 45-minutes, a distance of 163-miles (262km).

Lander is located in Freemont County, once a prime bison hunting ground for Native Indians in the 1800s. The city was incorporated in 1890, by Frederick W. Lander who created the Lander Trail (a wagon road used by thousands heading west).

In 1894, Robert LeRoy Parker was jailed for purchasing a horse from a rustler called Billy Nutcher. By this time he had taken the name Butch Cassidy. The Fremont County Pioneer Museum in Lander has the county jail ledger with Butch's signature in it. He adopted the name Cassidy from a cowhand mentor, Mike Cassidy, who taught him how to ride a horse and shoot when he was young. The name Butch is said to come from the time when he worked as a butcher in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

After being released from prison, he formed the "Wild Bunch" gang of 30 that included the Sundance Kid and Kid Curry.. They robbed the Union Pacific trains using dynamite to blow open the carriages and safes, banks and mining payroll carriages over a 10-year period. With bounties on his head, dead or alive and the famous "Pinkerton Detectives on his tail, he fled to South America.





Sleeping Bear is a family friendly RV Park and Campground. With its beautiful views, refreshing amenities and nearby attractions, our park is the perfect vacation spot!

The RV park is laterally walking distance to downtown Lander (1.5km).

Amenities in the Park include a splash pad, pavilion, playground, and nature trails.

Nearby there ATV riding, mountain biking, kayaking/canoeing, rock/mountain climbing, hiking, fishing and casino.

Hotel amenities include onsite restaurant and lounge, outdoor heated pool, (seasonal), hot tub (year round), 24-hour fitness centre, cooked to order breakfast, laundry. Rooms come equipped with free Wi-Fi, cable TV, coffee, iron, hairdryer, microwave and refrigerator are available

The Summit Restaurant offers guests a relaxed, casual environment for breakfast, lunch and dinner, open Monday - Sunday from 6am to 2pm for breakfast, lunch and brunch, and for dinner from 4pm till 9pm Monday - Saturday. The Summit Lounge is a great place to relax and unwind from a busy day of meetings or from hiking or biking one of the magnificent trails in and around Lander. Happy Hour starts at 4pm, Monday thru Saturday, with beer and drinks specials throughout the week!



Jackson Wyoming

About

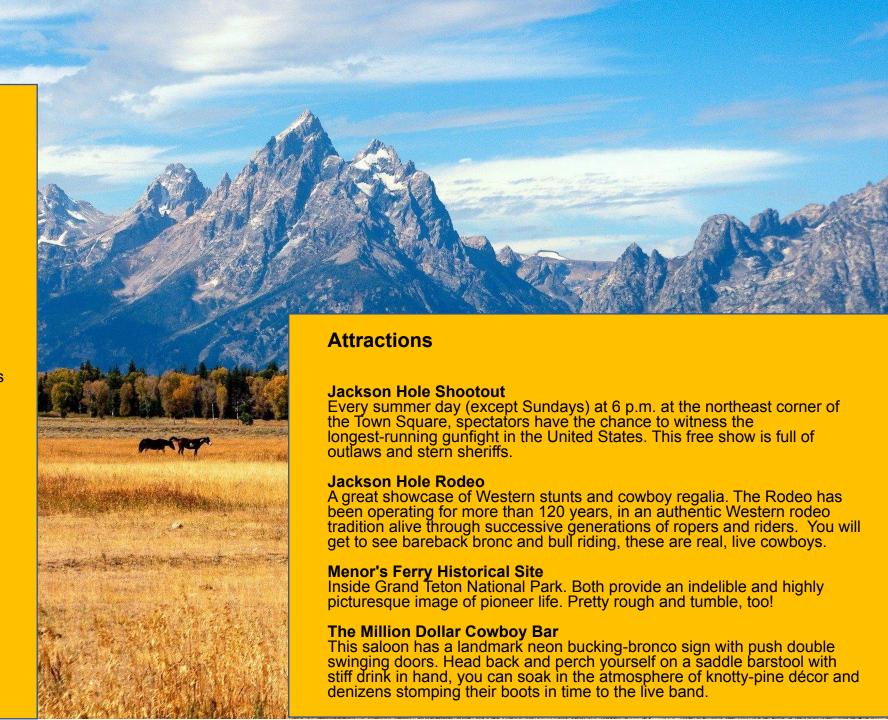
The drive from Lander takes around 2-hours, 50-minutes, a distance of 160-miles (257km).

Jackson town sits on the south of Jackson Hole Valley originally occupied by the Native Indian tribes, Crow, Blackfoot, Bannock, Gros Ventre and Shoshoni.

A visit here is certainly guaranteed to bring out the inner cowboy in you. The American Cowboy appeared in the early 1800s, primarily ranchers driving longhorn cattle over long trails to the railroads to be shipped north, where higher prices could be acquired. They would often ride 15-hours every day, hence most were young guys.

They initially took on some of the practices from the Mexican "Vaqueros", know for the riding, roping and herding skills. Some Cowboys practiced their skills performing rodeos, competitions based on their daily tasks. The Stetson came around in 1865, nicknames "Boss of the Plains", bandanas for dust, chaps for cactus needles, boots from snake bites in 1875 and spurs to direct the horse while riding it.

The first professional rodeo was held in Prescott, Arizona in 1888.





Located on the same property as The Virginian Lodge, you will be close to all the things you want to do and see. The town offers a free shuttle which picks up just across the street. The RV Park guests are entitled to all the amenities available to our lodge guests.

Each RV site has a small grass lawn and a picnic table. Amenities include hot tubs and there is a saloon & liquor store onsite.

Additionally there is a hair and tanning salon as well as massage available.

Convenience of downtown luxury lodging in the heart of Jackson, Hole has all the comforts..Located just minutes from the hustle and bustle of Jackson's historic Town Square; The Lodge's inviting guestrooms, world-class amenities and personalized service ensure that you are well rested and well prepared for an unforgettable Jackson Hole experience.

WiFi

Fire Pits Horseshoe

Showers

Store

Golf

Trails

Fishing

X

Yes

Nearby

The lodge features premier guestrooms featuring modern amenities and signature elegant western decor. Each premier guestroom offers everything our discerning guests need for a restorative stay at their home away from home. The casual, intimate Fireside Lounge opens at 4pm serving light fair, craft cocktails, fine wine and a large selection of local beer. Our relaxed dining room is the perfect place to unwind after a day of exploration.



Rock Springs Wyoming

About

The drive from Jackson takes around 3-hours, a distance of 178-miles (286km).

Rock Springs is brimming with historical places, from its deep roots in coal mining, railroads and its brushes with legendary outlaws. This is the place where Butch Cassidy worked for a stint as a butcher and a hideout used by Calamity Jane.

Martha Jane Cannary aka Calamity Jane, a name assigned to her when she participated in the Indian Wars, was known as the "sharpshooter". She fell in love with Wild Bill Hickok, and led a lynch mob against his killer in Deadwood.

Wild Bill was considered the best shot in the early days of the Wild West era. He was ambidextrous, which meant he could fire off a hail of 12 rounds to the six by an ordinary mortal. He stood 6 foot 3 in his custom-made boots and had a drooping moustache, with piercing eyes that seemed to look right through people. His glorification came when he faced off against gunslinger Dave Tutt on 21st July 1865 in Springfield, MO. After Tutt missed, he rested his gun on his left arm and shot him dead.

They say he killed well over 100 men and loved to gamble and drink.





Rock Springs KOA is conveniently located around a mile from the town, making it easy to get supplies or hit the local restaurants.

The campground also offers a swimming pool, a playground, a Pike's Peak playscape, basketball, horseshoes and tetherball. Bring your ATV and explore the rugged, high desert plateaus of southwestern Wyoming. For those bring pets, you can exercise the family dog in the Kamp K9 enclosed pet walk. plateaus of southwestern Wyoming. To the northwest, White Mountain rises on the horizon, and a few miles southwest, massive Flaming Gorge Reservoir gleams between rocky bluffs.

The Baymont Inn & Suites is located 1 miles away from Rock Springs Recreation Centre. Rock Springs Historic Museum is 2 miles away. Sweet Water County Events Centre is 4 miles away from Baymont Inn & Suites Rock Springs.

Store

Golf

Trails

Yes

Fishing

Nearby

Nearby

Fire Pits

Showers

Rooms come equipped with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen HD cable TV with premium channels, microwave and coffee-making facilities.

Amenities at the property include an outdoor swimming pool, fitness centre, barbeque facilities, launderette, 24-hour front desk and a business centre. A daily continental breakfast with fresh waffles are provided. Free parking is provided to all quests,



Rawlins Wyoming

About

The drive from Rock Springs takes around 1-hour, 40-minutes, a distance of 108-miles (174km).

Rawlins is a city in Carbon County dating back to 1867, and named after General John A. Rawlins while protecting the area for the first transcontinental railroad. It also has a Wild West History.

In 1897 Rawlins was suddenly crowded with Union Pacific Railroad detectives in anticipation of a Hold UP that was to occur near Wamsutter, 35-miles west of Rawlins. However, Butch Cassidy's "Wild Bunch" gang were tipped off by an informant, believed to be a saloon bar owner Jack Ryan.

Jack Ryan who owned a saloon in Baggs (76-miles from Rawlins, suddenly came into new found wealth (said to be from the Wild Bunch), bought a bigger saloon in Rawlins, The Pinkerton Detective Agency who were hot on the heels of the Wild Bunch had a file on Jack Ryan, however its said that he became an informant to avoid being jailed.

Long before there was an FBI, there was the Pinkerton National Detective Agency. Formed by an immigrant Scotsman, Alan Pinkerton, they were hired guns for the railroad, hunting down outlaws nationwide. Its iconic logo "an eye" gave rise to the term "private eye". They were the most feared private detectives in the land, hiring gunslingers that also warred with outlaw Jesse James and his gang.



The Outlaw Trail Loop

Starting west of Rawlins to Creston Junction, south across the Overland Trail, the scenic and historic Little Snake River Valley, the community of Baggs, the Savery Museum, Aspen Alley and its impressive aspen forest, the Sierra Madre country and Battle Lake (where Thomas Edison found inspiration for the filament), Encampment and Riverside and the fine Grand Encampment Museum and mining town. You'll finish in beautiful Saratoga, stop by the Fort Steele Historic Site, and finish back



Western Hills Campground is located along 1-80 and is a family operated business.

The amenities are immaculate and clean with plenty of hot running water. There is an 18-hole miniature golf course onsite and a gift shop for souvenirs.

The Campground is just a short few minutes drive to downtown Rawlins (1.7-miles).

There is a playground for the kids and also outdoor games to keep everyone occupied while onsite. Nearby there ATV riding, archery, hiking, mountain biking and fishing.

Hotel Cotton Tree Inn is located only one-mile from the Carbon County Museum. Rochelle Ranch Golf Course is less than 10 minutes' drive from the property. The Platte River is 45 miles away.

Guest rooms come equipped with free Wi-Fi, cable TV with pay-per-view options, microwave, small fridge, coffee making facilities and a work desk.

The hotel has an indoor heated pool and hot tub. Daily breakfast features breakfast meats, eggs, and cereal. Fruit, yogurt, tea and coffee are also included. A cocktail lounge is also onsite for guest convenience.



Estes Park

Colorado

About

The drive from Rawlins takes around 3-hours, 30-minutes, a distance of 202-miles (325km).

Surrounded by the majestic peaks of Colorado, Estes Park is a hamlet that stands apart from the typical mountain town.

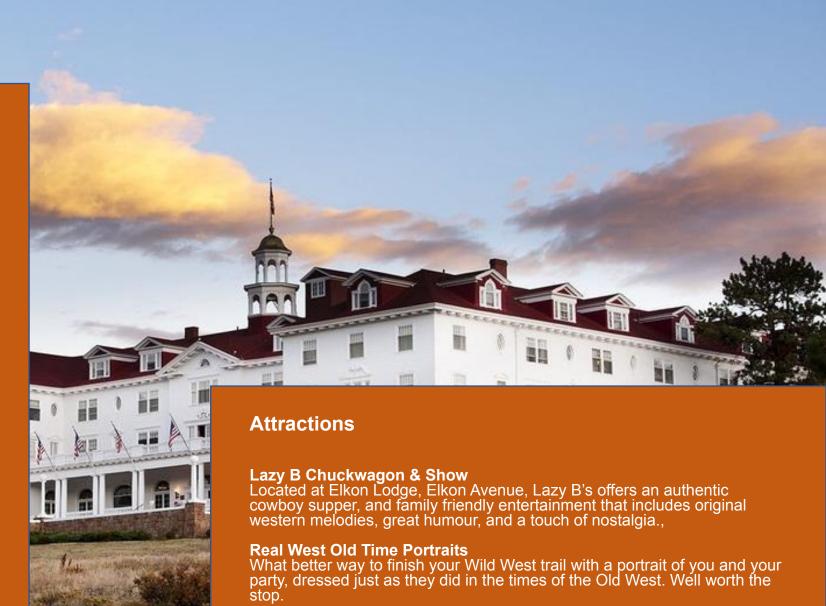
Just one and a half hours northwest of Denver, the town is a hub for all things Rocky Mountain, from wilderness treks to wildlife watching to artisan booze made with the alpine waters.

Although Estes Park is not famous for Old West outlaws, it does have one of the oldest and probably best hotels in the country, The Stanley Hotel (background picture).

The hotel was built at the turn of the 20th century by Freelan Oscar Stanley, an inventor. He visited the area with the intention to help cure his illness tuberculosis. He was the inventor of one of the first automobiles the "Stanley steam car". In fact when he opened the hotel in 1909 his first guests who were made up of the people who bought his steam car, where astonished. It was one of the first posh hotels to have electric, telephones and uniformed staff.

The hotel was also made famous by Stephen King's movie "The Shining". The world famous author spent one night at the property and pretty much had his story line for his book the next morning when he awoke.

A fitting end to a wonderful trail! Of the Wild West!



Estes Park Aerial Tramway
The tram that takes you to the summit of Prospect Mountain was modelled

between the top and bottom stations, without supporting towers in between.

after "free span" European versions that run the entire length of cable



Spruce Lake RV Resortlets you enjoy Colorado at its best. Walk to restaurants and shopping or ride the free seasonal shuttle into town. Ride the whitewaters of the Big Thompson River. You can even discover what inspired Stephen King to write The Shining with a visit to the historic Stanley Hotel. From the beautiful wilderness to the quaint village of Estes Park, it's all easily accessible from your "home".

The Denver Post names Spruce Lake RV Resort as the "resort you really don't need or want to leave. "The site also has hot tubs, playground and games.

Fawn Valley Inn is located on 8 and a half acres on the banks of the Fall River, only one-mile from Rocky Mountains National Park. The property features cabins on the river where you can enjoy wildlife watching and fishing right on your doorstep.

Resort

RV Parking Cost

Pets

Gas

Cable

WiFi

Fire Pits

Showers

Power

May-Oct

Metred LP Ice

Yes

Yes

Store

Golf

Trails

Fishing

Mini

Nearby

Yes

These vacation rentals offer jetted-tub suites, hot tub suites, one, two, and three-bedroom Estes Park condos and cosy cabins ... all with beautiful river and mountain views.

The Inn has a seasonally heated indoor swimming pool and hot tubs (year round). There is no charge to check-out movies from the Inn's DVD movie libraries. You can check the movies out two at a time, and you may exchange for new movies anytime during your stay.



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