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Welcome to Johnson County!



JOHNSON COUNTY is tucked away between the rolling plains of the Old West and the towering peaks of the Big Horn Mountains. It's a land rich in both history and scenery. A place of sheep herders and cattle barons. Renegades and rustlers. Where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid took refuge after their outlaw exploits. Where miners consumed with gold rush fever passed through on the Bozeman Trail. Where some of the most famous Indian battles in American history occurred. And where the Johnson County Cattle War, a rangeland dispute which historians often deem one of the most notorious events in our history, left its mark here in the late 1800's.

Whether it's beautiful scenery, wide open spaces, great outdoor recreation, or getting a sense of our history through two great museums, Johnson County is a place you'll love to visit. You'll enjoy the Western hospitality of restaurants from family fare to fine dining, in addition to shops and art galleries, plus a selection of hotels, motels, campgrounds, guest ranches and mountain lodges.

RESTAURANTS & LODGING

A friendly Western welcome awaits you in Johnson County
20 Motels • 3 Mountain Resorts • 7 Guest Ranches
2 Bed & Breakfasts • 11 Private Campgrounds
7 Forest Service Campgrounds • 25 Restaurants

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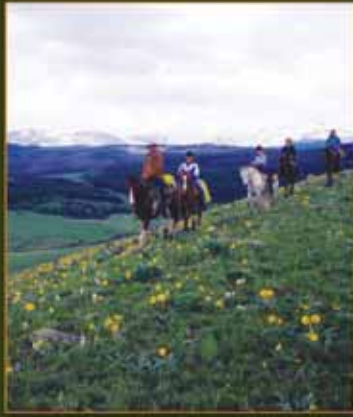
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Wyoming has quite distinct seasons. Spring features delicate wildflowers. Summer brings bright sunshine and clear blue skies. Fall displays vibrant colors and bugling elk while winter turns the countryside into a snowy wonderland. During any of these times, Johnson County has all kinds of recreational activities to enjoy. For further information, call the Chamber of Commerce in Buffalo or Kaycee.

CLOUD PEAK SCENIC BYWAY

Highway 16 links the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park with Buffalo in the middle. The scenic highway takes its travelers into the foothills and then through 60 miles of breathtaking mountain scenery. You'll climb over 5,000 feet to 9,666 feet at Powder River Pass, finally descending into Ten Sleep Canyon.

BIG HORN MOUNTAINS

The majestic Big Horn Mountains have a magnetic effect, drawing people to them with their natural beauty and over 900,000 acres of recreational playground, including the Cloud Peak Wilderness Area. They're truly a sportsman's paradise for hunting, fishing, camping, backpacking, picnicking, snowmobiling, skiing and sledding.

FAIRGROUNDS

Summer offers a multitude of activities centrally located at the fairgrounds in both Buffalo and Kaycee. Rodeos, roundups, ropings and horse shows are all featured.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Explore the mountains from a completely different perspective—on horseback. If you bring your own, corrals and ramps are available in the Bighorn National Forest. If you'd like to rent a horse, several area outfitters can provide a mount for hourly, day or overnight trips.

LAKE DeSMET

Lake DeSmet is an oasis of water sports and incredible fishing opportunities. Boaters, skiers and swimmers flock to the lake which features ramps, docks, campgrounds and picnic shelters.

FISHING

Fishing opportunities abound, including the Powder River (near Kaycee), area reservoirs, and the alpine lakes and streams in the Bighorn National Forest. Or toss a line into Clear Creek, flowing through downtown Buffalo. In the winter, anglers enjoy ice fishing at Lake De Smet and Healy Reservoir. Guided trips are available as well to catch the wily grayling, plus rainbow, brown, brook, cutthroat and lake trout.

MUSEUMS

Buffalo's Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum houses one of the best collections of artifacts in the American West. The museum contains more than 15,000 artifacts from the region. Items from the Custer/Little Big Horn Battlefield, the Fetterman Fight, the Johnson County Cattle War and personal equipment from famous lawmen and outlaws all reside in the museum.

Kaycee is home to the Hoofprints of the Past Museum, where visitors will find authentic replicas of an old-time school house and one-room jail as well as cowboy apparel and memorabilia.

HISTORIC SITES

Being adjacent to the famous Bozeman Trail means Johnson County is the backdrop for legendary tales of cowboys, sheep herders, cattle rustlers and outlaws. See the last two pages of this brochure for directions to some of the most notorious locations.



HUNTING AND BIRD WATCHING

Johnson County offers incredible hunting opportunities for deer, elk, antelope, moose and upland game birds. Area outfitters offer guided hunts or you can choose to go on your own. Landowner permission is always necessary to hunt on private land. Bird watching is also a popular pastime with thousands of species of songbirds and raptors.

SCENERY AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Johnson County has few equals for the spectacular beauty that summer wildflowers and fall colors bring to the country. A special place to watch the seasons at their best is the Clear Creek Trail System.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

The Bighorn Mountains' abundance of powder snow makes it a paradise for cross country skiers. There are miles of groomed trails to explore – Willow Park and Pole Creek offer especially great routes.

DOWNHILL SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

Strapping on skis and snowboards is a favorite pastime in this area thanks to the blessing of incredible dry snow, perfect for powder hounds. Big Horn Mountain Resort Ski Area offers challenging runs, a hospitable lodge and snowmaking capabilities.

SNOWMOBILING

Ranked by SnoWest Magazine as one of the Top 10 places to snowmobile, the Bighorn Mountains are a paradise for snowmobilers from all over the country. The 132 miles of groomed trails mean endless acres of pure powder. A trail map is available at the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce for directions to specific trails and some lodges offer snowmobile rentals and repairs.

BUFFALO GOLF COURSE

Golf Digest rated the Buffalo Golf Course as a 4-star course. Treasured by regional golfers, the 18-hole, par 72 course offers spectacular mountain vistas and challenging play. Greens fees are still under \$30, clubs are available for rental.

JIM GATCHELL MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Bursting with more than 15,000 pieces from the Old West, this impressive museum celebrates the history-filled area and legendary characters that inhabited it. The museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and the gift shop is open year round.

CLEAR CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM

An incredibly scenic way to take in many of the sights Buffalo offers, a stroll or bike on the Clear Creek Trail is a great way to stretch your legs, get in your daily run, ride your bike or just see the town from a different perspective. Starting at the carousel on the east side of town and traversing to the foothills via historic Main Street, the Clear Creek Trail totals 11 miles from start to finish. You can join it at several points throughout town.

HISTORIC MAIN STREET

There are over a dozen historic buildings downtown, all with a story to tell. A brochure at the Chamber of Commerce has all the tales, including the Occidental Hotel, where Owen Wister's Virginian finally "got his man." In addition, there are nearly life-size bronzes commemorating the Johnson County Cattle War.

RECREATION

The Buffalo City Park touts its status as the home of Wyoming's largest free outdoor swimming pool, making it a mecca for adults and children alike in the summer. The park also has tennis courts and great playgrounds for the kids.





Kaycee gives the visitor a true Old West experience and was home to many of Wyoming's famous outlaws. This is the actual "Hole in the Wall" Country, hideout of the legendary Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid and the rest of the Hole in the Wall gang.

Kaycee is the site of the Kaycee Cabin in the Johnson County Cattle War, one of the most significant events in Old West history. The Bozeman Trail's wagon ruts can still be viewed east of town. In addition, a military post called Fort Reno was established on

the Trail to protect travelers from the Indians.

Agriculture, mining and the oil industry have all helped to develop and support the livelihood of Kaycee. Cattle and sheep drives still occur twice a year on the same stock trails used decades ago, to the mountain in the spring and back down in the fall. Always remember that livestock have the right of way so be prepared to stop.

HOOFPRIENTS OF THE PAST MUSEUM

Kaycee's museum includes an old time school house setting, blacksmith shop, historic general store with post office and many other Old West artifacts. The museum is open from Memorial Day Weekend to October 31.

SHEPHERDERS RODEO & DOG TRIALS

These events held in July (shepherders rodeo) and September (dog trials), provide unique insights into the sheep ranching industry and the art and skills of sheepherders and their dogs. With only a whistle or a gesture, the dogs herd the sheep by incredible instinct, making the trials thrilling to watch for all ages.

DEKE LATHAM MEMORIAL PRCA RODEO

Kaycee is proud to be the smallest town hosting a PRCA rodeo. Held in mid July, the Deke Latham includes traditional rodeo activities plus steer roping, a barbecue, cowboy poetry gathering and an evening country dance.



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