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Your Adventure Begins Now!



MAKE LOVELL YOUR MUSTANG COUNTRY



A rare gem for travelers exploring the West can be found nestled in northern Wyoming a two-hour drive east of Yellowstone National Park: the small, friendly community of **Lovell – the Rose Town of Wyoming** and the gateway to the stunning Big Horn Canyon and the beautiful Big Horn and Pryor Mountain ranges.

At the foot of the Big Horn Mountains and just 15 minutes from the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, you will see acres of green farmland surrounding the small community, home to myriad opportunities for outdoor activities and stress-free living. The peaceful surroundings contribute to a highly desirable and much sought-after quality of life for residents of the area and make for a pleasant stop for visitors.

Just a stone's throw to the east of Lovell is the **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**. The vast, wild landscape, including massive canyon walls and great boating lake, allows visitors to experience the wonders of nature and spectacular vistas. Big Horn Canyon, one of America's most spectacular canyons, is a deep and winding chasm with vertical limestone walls towering as high as 1,000 feet above the lake. The lake, backed up behind Yellowtail Dam in Montana, stretches for 70 miles and offers thousands of acres of flat water for boating, waterskiing, wakeboarding, tubing, fishing, swimming, a scenic narrated boat tour, sightseeing and relaxation.

Bighorn Canyon NRA contains four historic ranch/town sites, a playground, picnic areas and a marina with shopping and a restaurant. Big orn Canyon offers opportunities for hiking and camping, viewing a wide array of Wyoming wildlife and photographing dozens of spectacular vistas. Devil Canyon Overlook can be reached by car and is a must see. There are some fun, short hikes during which the hiker is rewarded with amazing views of the canyon.

Wild horses may be seen in the **Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range** to the north of Lovell, an area established in 1968 as the first public wild horse refuge. More than 170 wild horses with their unique markings roam the range, and many can be seen throughout the summer in the lowland areas, especially in the national recreation area. Watch for wild horses along the road! The horses share their range with deer, bighorn sheep, black bear, many species of birds, including raptors, and other animals.



HOW FAR IS IT FROM LOVELL?

Destination	Miles	Time	Destination	Miles	Time
Big Horn Mountains	25	30	Five Springs Falls	20	25
Barry's Landing	27	40	Medicine Wheel	32	45
Bucking Mule Falls	43	90	Porcupine Falls	40	90
Devil Canyon Overlook	18	25	Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range	13	22
Horseshoe Bend	14	20	Cody, Wyoming, Airport	46	50
Lockhart Ranch	27	45	Billings, Montana, Airport	90	99
Mason-Lovell Ranch	13	16			



BASE CAMP FOR ADVENTURES!



Lovell and Mustang Country provides the setting for a broad array of outdoor opportunities for everyone! Whether you spend a day or a week exploring, there's plenty to do and see!

To the east, the gorgeous Big Horn Mountains, home to the ancient **Medicine Wheel National Historic Landmark** and the Bighorn National Forest, sit right in Lovell's backyard. Visitors traveling U.S. Highway 14A are struck by the breathtaking beauty of the steep walls, rugged canyons, green meadows and rich forests of the **Big Horn Mountains**. It is one of the most spectacular pieces of highway in America with turnouts and scenic vistas that look out over the entire Big Horn Basin. On a clear day, a traveler can see for 100 miles or more.

The Big Horns not only offer endless beauty but year-around recreational opportunities, lodges and a chance to enjoy the best of what Mother Nature has to offer. The **Bighorn National Forest** provides entertainment for everyone -- the hiker, fisherman, hunter, camper, horseback rider, ATV rider and sightseer. Hikes take visitors to spectacular waterfalls and scenic lakes.

The pretty town of Lovell has much to offer visitors: friendly people, small-town shopping, beautiful murals with a veterans memorial, colorful rose gardens, a nine-hole golf course, newly remodeled motels, a variety of dining options, the Lovell-Kane Area Museum, three town parks with picnic pavilions and playground equipment, free and full-service camping facilities, multiple places of worship, an eight-lane bowling alley, Queen Bee Honey Candy factory and store.

The 75-year-old Hyart Theatre, on the National Register of Historic Places, boasts perhaps the largest screen in Wyoming and nearly 1,000 seats. Current movies are shown on weekends with digital projection and sound.

Lovell is also home to the Bighorn Canyon Visitor Center and the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center, along with the state-of-the-art North Big Horn Hospital and New Horizons Care Center. Award-winning public schools can be found in Lovell and Cowley.





70 MILES OF LAKE 1,000 FOOT CLIFFS

WILD HORSES, HIKING TRAILS & HISTORIC RANCHES

BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL

The Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area is alive with geological, cultural, historic and scenic wonders. Highway 37 north (off U.S. 14A east of Lovell) follows the ancient route of the Bad Pass Trail used by Indians and mountain men for centuries. Remnants of the trail can still be seen along the highway. The road passes through the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range, providing opportunities to observe wild horses, many times right on the roadway. One may also spy bighorn sheep, mule deer, coyote, pheasants and other wildlife along the drive. The Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range is America's first federal horse preserve. The Crow Indian Reservation surrounds the northern two-thirds of the Bighorn Canyon NRA.

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Big Horn Lake, stretching for 70 miles, offers thousands of acres of flat water for boating, waterskiing and tubing, fishing, sightseeing and relaxation. Side canyons are an explorer's paradise and with numerous historic and geologic sites to visit on land or the water, the lake is a must-do visit.

WATER SPORTS Opportunities for boating, fishing, water sports, swimming, camping, hiking, cycling, picnicking, photography, sightseeing, wildlife observation and exploring historic sites are in abundance in the Recreation Area. There is no entrance fee to the area.

HIKING There are tremendous hiking opportunities in the park that offer breathtaking views of the canyon. A guide is available at the Bighorn Canyon Visitor Center just east of Lovell.

SCENIC VIEWS No trip to Big Horn Canyon is complete without a visit to the Devil Canyon Overlook. Just north of the Horseshoe Bend turnoff, the overlook provides a breathtaking view of the confluence of Big Horn Canyon and Devil Canyon atop cliffs that tower 1,000 feet above lake level.

TIPI RINGS The Two Eagles Interpretive Trail is located approximately six miles north of Devil Canyon Overlook. The short interpretive trail incorporates the results of multi-year archeological field school projects with the focus on tipi rings. Students from the University of Memphis, Indiana University, St. Cloud State University, Northwest College and Little Bighorn College helped to record more than 140 tipi rings at this site.

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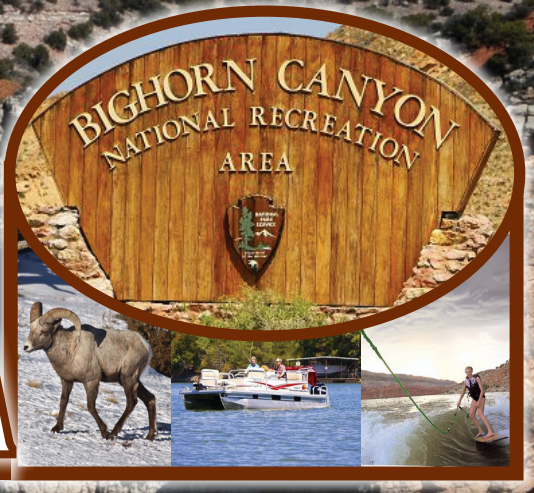
HISTORIC RANCHES There are four historic ranch/town sites that can be explored in the area.

- The ML (Mason-Lovell) Ranch is located east of the Big Horn River causeway on Highway 14A.
- The Caroline Lockhart Ranch is located north of Barry's Landing.
- Hillsboro is the site of Dr. G.W. Barry's Cedarvale Dude Ranch just south of Barry's Landing.
- The Ewing–Snell Ranch at Layout Creek is south of Barry's Landing.

Recreation Area



You won't be bored exploring Big Horn Canyon!

Visitors will enjoy fishing, sightseeing and looking for the wild horses, bighorn sheep and other wildlife. You can camp at several different locations and spend the day on the water either skiing, boating or testing your skills in a kayak. Be sure to check out Devil Canyon Overlook.

Your Headquarters for the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Range



While in Lovell, stop by and visit the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center. This should be the first place to go to learn more about the Pryor Mountain wild horses and get firsthand knowledge about where to view them in their natural setting.

In September of 1968 the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range became the first federally protected public wild horse range in the United States. Through the years, the Pryor horses have gained extraordinary national and international popularity.

Strong local and national interest in the Pryor horses over the years led to the development of the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center. It was the dream of local advocates to have a place where folks could go and talk about wild horses. The Mustang Center is housed in a log building just east of Lovell at 1106 Road 12 -- where Road 12 intersects with U.S. Highway 14A. The building is the headquarters of the Center and features educational displays and a gift shop. It also houses an archive of historical documents and photographs.

One of the goals of the Mustang Center is to educate the public about the heritage and lifestyles of the Pryor horses. For well over fifty years, the Mustang Center has monitored the herd, gathering data on births, deaths and other demographics of the Pryor horses. The Mustang Center uses this knowledge to provide information, education and support for the Pryor Mountain Mustangs. Education is provided through displays, which focus on such things as color, conformation and behaviors. In addition, mustang center personnel provide educational presentations to school children and other local organizations.

At the gift shop, visitors will find something for everyone. The shop has a wide variety of items, some of which are produced by Mustang Center staff and use photographs of the wild horses. An example of this is the "Field Guide to the









Pryor Mountain Wild Horses', which has photographs and information about each wild horse on the horse range. This is updated on a yearly basis and sold exclusively at the Mustang Center.

Since 2014, the Mustang Center has offered PryorWild tours to the Pryor Mountains. This is a rugged adventure traveling up the rugged roads to reach the highest elevation of East Pryor Mountain where the majority of the wild horses make their summer home. On the tour, chances are great to see an abundance of horses and fascinating behaviors. To learn more about PryorWild tours, email us at pryorwild@tctwest.net or call 307-272-0364.

The Mustang Center is home to five Pryor Mountain wild horses. The horses provide a living exhibit which provides visitors with the opportunity to see stunning examples of Pryor horses up close.

While in Lovell, make the Mustang Center one of your stops. Our staff is knowledgeable and friendly and very willing to share information with visitors.





The Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center

is located just east of Lovell on Highway 14A.

Mustang Center Summer Hours
from June 1 – Sept. 30
M-F: 9 AM – 4 PM
Sat, Sun: 9 AM – 1 PM

Be sure to contact us if you are planning on being in the area for more information about where you are most likely to see Pryor horses.

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Website: www.pryormustangs.org

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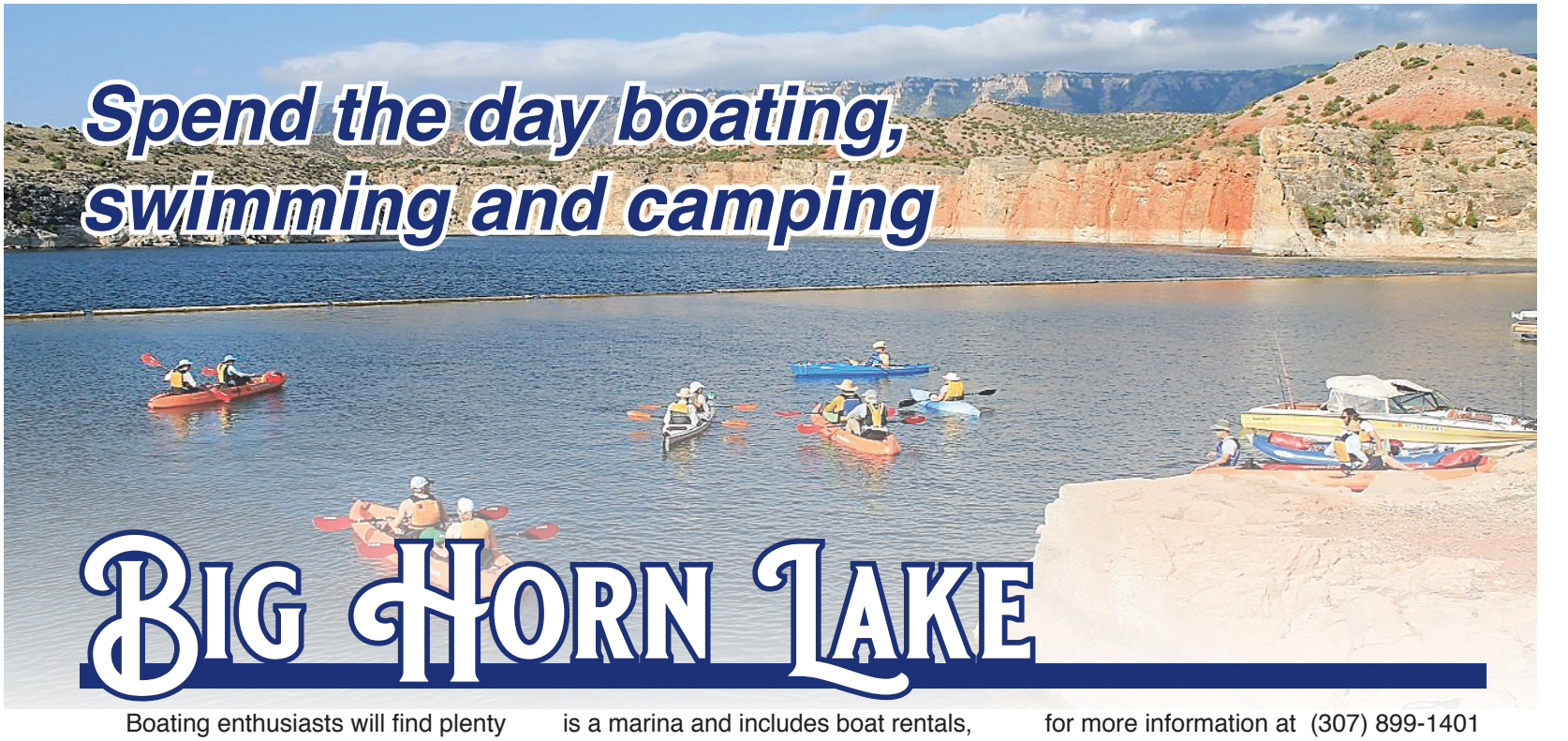
Get up-to-date information on the lives of the Pryor horses on Facebook: Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center



Spend the day boating, swimming and camping

Big Horn Lake

Boating enthusiasts will find plenty to see and facilities to serve them in the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. At the south end of the lake, only 15 minute drive from Lovell is the Horseshoe Bend boat ramp, marina and recreation area. Surrounded by scenic red cliffs, visitors will find a large campground with 50-amp electric service and water. You will also find an amphitheater, boat docks, full service marina, swimming beach, fish-cleaning station, restrooms and a covered picnic area.

SWIMMING

Horseshoe Bend features a swimming area with sandy beach and grassy slope for relaxation, volleyball courts and a group picnic area with a playground and barbecue equipment.

BOAT RAMPS

HORSESHOE BEND BOAT RAMP: Head east from Lovell two miles on U.S. 14A, turn north on Highway 37 until you enter the recreation area.

CAUSEWAY: A boat ramp and restrooms are available year-round at the causeway on U.S. Highway 14A East. The Kane ramp is on the north side of the causeway on the east side of the lake.

BARRY'S LANDING: The Barry's Landing boat ramp can be found 14 miles north of the Horseshoe Bend turnoff on Highway 37. This area also has camping, restrooms and a scenic view from above the lake.

OK-A-BEH BOAT RAMP is located at the north end of the lake. Ok-A-Beh is a marina and includes boat rentals, mooring and a visitor center with food service, a comfort station and a fish cleaning station. Gasoline is also available.

CAMPGROUND

Uphill from the Horseshoe Bend Marina and picnic area, the 68 campsites of the Horseshoe Bend Campground overlook the Big Horn Lake and the red sandstone cliffs of Sykes Mountain. The campground is located 14 miles north of Lovell via WY Hwy 37.

There are 28 large RV/boat sites that have water and electrical hookups. Eight of the improved sites have wind fences. The remaining sites were left unchanged and are a perfect fit for small RVs or tents. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis except 10 sites that can be reserved at www.horseshoebend-marina.com.

Horseshoe Bend Campground is run under a commercial use authorization by Hidden Treasure Charters. Please contact them directly for more information at (307) 899-1401 or info@hiddentreasurecharters.com.

BOAT CHARTER TOURS

Hidden Treasure Charters operates on the southern end of the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area offering daily scenic boat tours Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day and operates Horseshoe Bend Marina and both campgrounds at Horseshoe Bend and Barry's Landing.

Hidden Treasure has rental boats including a pontoon and fishing boat for rent by the hour, half day or full day and has a website for the rentals, marina and campgrounds. The marina's Rusty Anchor café and beer garden have daily specials.

Visit www.horseshoebend-marina.com, or book a tour at www.hiddentreasurecharters.com, call 307-899-1401 or seasonally call Horseshoe Bend Marina 307-548-7230. You can email info@hiddentreasurecharters.com. Marina hours are M-Th, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Sun. 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. May – September.



Great Fishing Year Round

Fishing opportunities in north Big Horn County range from the eager fishing trips of spring, to the lazy days of summer, to the quiet isolation of those hardy ice fishermen. There's year-round opportunity to "catch the big one" in this recreation paradise.

The scenic shores of Big Horn Lake provide a marvelous backdrop for walleye and sauger fishing. A largely overlooked source of action is channel catfish when they're running up the Big Horn River for their spring spawning run. There are some real monster cats in the reservoir, so if you go for them, plan to take your heaviest tackle and do some night fishing.

Access to Big Horn Lake can be gained from Lovell. Drive east on Highway 14A about two miles until you get to the Highway 37 turnoff. Head north until the turnoff to the boat ramp at Horseshoe Bend or continue north to Barry's Landing. If you want to fish for channel cats, you may want to try the Big Horn River near the causeway. To get there, simply continue east on 14A, and you will pass over the river at the east end of the causeway. There is also a boat ramp on the east side of the lake north of the causeway.

Other species found in Big Horn Lake are rainbow, brown and some lake trout, a few largemouth bass, crappie, yellow perch, green sunfish and ling, most often caught during the fall and winter.

A popular local place for family fishing is Deaver Reservoir. Recently renewed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Dept., it's stocked with trout and walleye. This reservoir is just west of the town of Deaver.

Pond Five in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Unit east of Lovell is also a popular fishin' spot for kids and adults alike, featuring trout, largemouth bass and sunfish. And for those who just can't stay out of the mountains another minute, there are many streams in the Big Horn Mountains.











3 Bighorn National Forest is the *third-ranked* destination point in Wyoming for non-residents
(behind Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks)

& 4 and it is the *fourth-ranked* destination point for Wyoming residents
(behind Yellowstone, Grand Teton and the Medicine Bow National Forest)

Big Horn Mountains

For those who enjoy SNOWMOBILING as their winter recreation, the miles of groomed and marked trails, broad meadows and deep snow make the Big Horns an ideal area for enthusiasts.

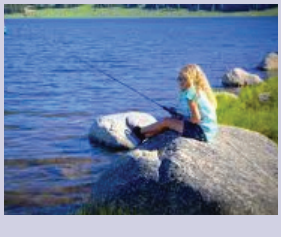


CAMPING

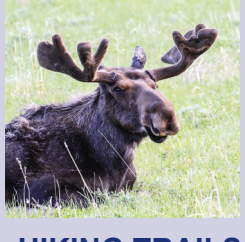
Five Springs picnic ground and campground is located approximately 20 miles east of Lovell on old U.S. Highway 14A and includes a beautiful nature trail to Five Springs Falls.

Bald Mountain Campground with 15 family sites, including handicapped sites, and Porcupine Campground with 15 sites are located 33 miles east of Lovell on 14A.

Porcupine Campground is situated a short distance off the highway near the Medicine Wheel Ranger Station. Both offer water, fire grates, outhouses and trash pickup. There is a use fee per night. Reservations may be obtained by calling 877-444-6777.



The varied and spectacular beauty of the Big Horns is a **PHOTOGRAPHER'S DELIGHT**, and spectacular loop roads make the forest accessible to the traveling public. The Dayton Gulch Road, the Sheep Mountain Road, the Medicine Mountain Road and the Hunt Mountain Road provide camera buffs with beautiful forest, meadows, streams, wild flowers and wildlife.



HIKING TRAILS

Horseback riders and hikers find unmatched scenic beauty and solitude along many miles of forest trails in the back country of the Bighorn National Forest. Fishermen enjoy good trout fishing in the crystal clear streams that find their origins in the higher country.

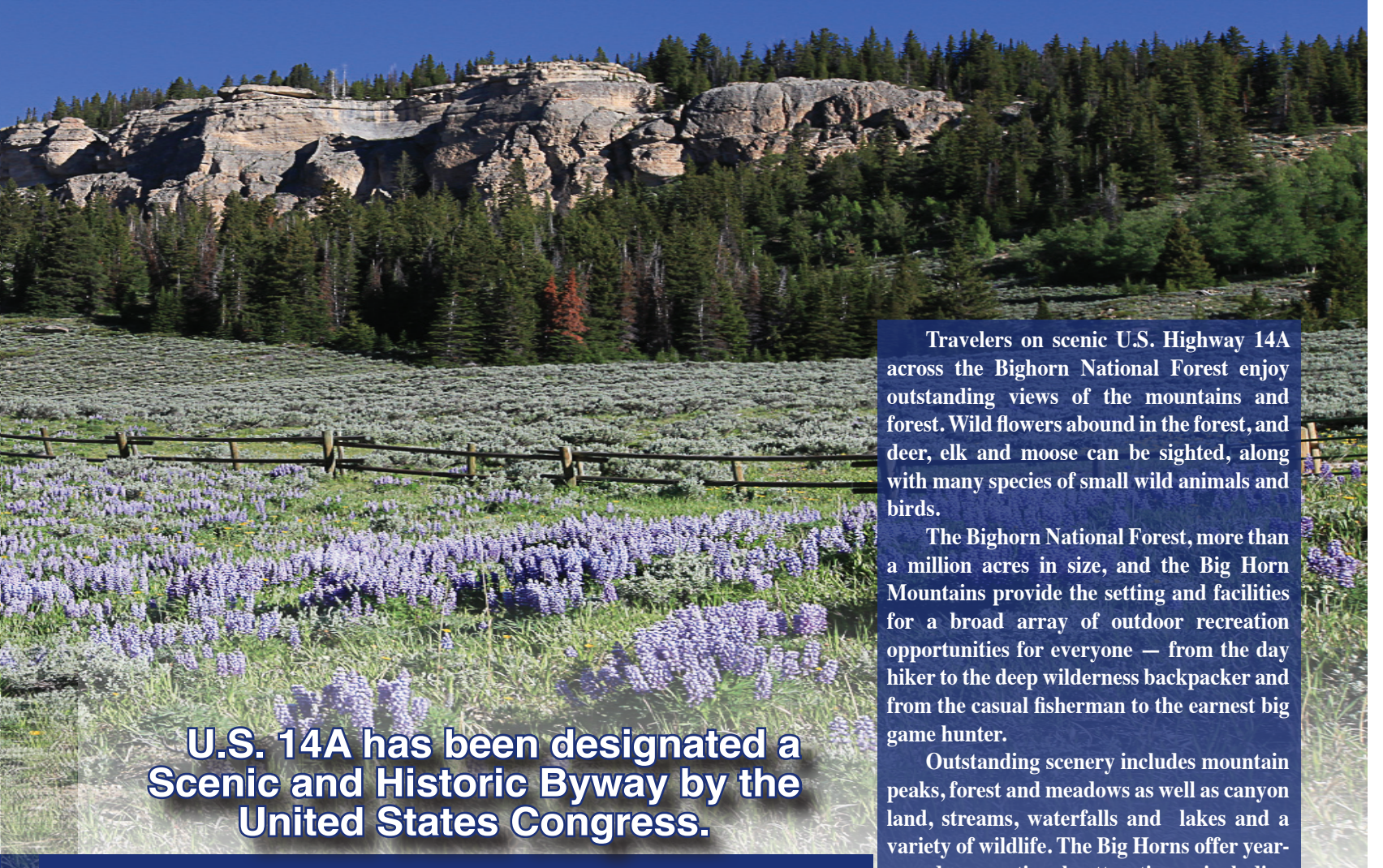












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One of the most spectacular trails is the **Bucking Mule Falls National Recreation Trail**, an 11-mile trail leading from a parking lot at the end of Devil's Canyon Road (north of U.S. 14A) to the roaring, 550-foot Bucking Mule Falls. The trail, a moderate walk, perfect for families, skirts the rugged rims of scenic canyon land and takes the hiker from thick lodgepole pine and spruce stands to overhanging ledges gazing down to the crashing falls below.



The trailhead includes restrooms, water, trailer and vehicle parking.

Another favorite in the area is the hike down to the bottom of the beautiful, 200-foot **Porcupine Falls**, which roar down into a large pool.

Littlehorn Trail takes hikers along the Little Big Horn River to provide good fishing and wildlife viewing.

MEDICINE WHEEL NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Located at the top of the Big Horn Mountains on Hwy 14A, this national historical landmark is sacred to Native Americans. The three-mile round trip walk offers scenic vistas along the way. Well placed benches allow you to stop and rest. The Medicine Wheel's location offers hikers an opportunity to enjoy nature at its best at an elevation of 9,640 feet. Because of the short season at that altitude, guides are there to answer questions and provide information on the site from late June through Labor Day.



Travelers on scenic U.S. Highway 14A across the Bighorn National Forest enjoy outstanding views of the mountains and forest. Wild flowers abound in the forest, and deer, elk and moose can be sighted, along with many species of small wild animals and birds.

The Bighorn National Forest, more than a million acres in size, and the Big Horn Mountains provide the setting and facilities for a broad array of outdoor recreation opportunities for everyone — from the day hiker to the deep wilderness backpacker and from the casual fisherman to the earnest big game hunter.

Outstanding scenery includes mountain peaks, forest and meadows as well as canyon land, streams, waterfalls and lakes and a variety of wildlife. The Big Horns offer year-round recreational attractions, including camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, skiing and snow machine excursions, as well as wildlife and majestic scenery for the sightseer and photographer.

Heading east out of Lovell on U.S. Highway 14A, crossing through the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, visitors are struck by the rugged beauty of the steep walls and rugged canyons of the Big Horn Mountains. Within 25 miles of Lovell, the road begins to climb, becoming one of the most spectacular pieces of highway in America with turnouts and scenic vistas that look out over the entire Big Horn Basin and the Rocky Mountains.

On a clear day, a traveler can see for hundreds of miles. U.S. 14A has been designated a Scenic and Historic Byway by the United States Congress.

This modern highway was constructed using engineering methods developed in France and first employed in highway construction in the Alps. This technical and engineering marvel has opened some of this country's most beautiful mountain country to tourist travel. Take your time and enjoy the beauty of the Big Horns.



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Bighorn National Forest	22 Miles
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Two Eagles Interpretive Trail shows tipi rings

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The Two Eagles Interpretive Trail is a place that brings people together to learn about and preserve the past. Big Horn Canyon invites visitors to learn about the stone features at this site and to learn more about the collaborative efforts among tribal members, anthropologists, archeologists and the National Park Service that made the trail a reality.






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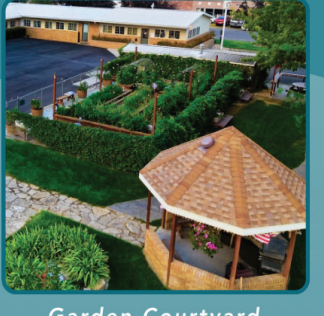
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The mission of the Lovell-Kane Area museum is to preserve and interpret the history (1880-1965) of the Lovell area (including Kane, Dryhead, Hillsboro, Himes, Spence and Ionia) in North Big Horn County and to increase awareness of the people who settled the area and the development of the area they inspired.

We invite all that visit our beautiful town to take a walk among history in our quaint museum and the historic Kane walking trail located east of town. Both locations provide a look into the resilient community and place that we love to call home.

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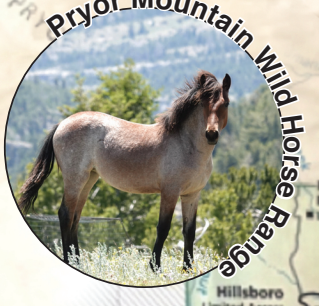





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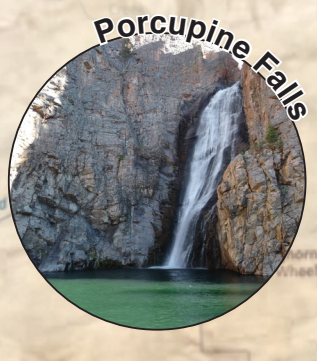



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Day #2 -- From Lovell to Big Horn Mountains - Lovell-Kane Area Museum, Highway 14A East to Bighorn Mountains, Magnificent vista of Bighorn Basin atop Hwy 14A, Historic Medicine Wheel hike, Wildlife – **moose, elk, deer**, Wild flowers, **4 Waterfall Hikes**, Burgess Junction, Highway 14 to Greybull, Shell Canyon , **Shell Falls**, Greybull Dinosaur tracks.
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A Quick Guide to Hiking in Mustang Country



When in town to visit Lovell and Mustang Country, there are many opportunities to stay active and see some amazing scenery at the same time. From stunning canyon views to beautiful waterfalls, here's a quick guide to some of the area's easily accessible hikes.

There are many other hikes in the region, but these dozen recommendations are some of the hikes a family can easily enjoy while visiting Lovell and the surrounding area. We suggest that you consult the websites for the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bighorn National Forest for more details, along with the AllTrails.com website.

Short Walks– For those with limited time or who need a very short walk, there are some fine opportunities. First of all is the Bighorn Canyon Cal S. Taggart Visitor Center on the east edge of Lovell. After stopping by to visit with some friendly members of the National Park Service staff, take in a movie about the park, pick up some informational material and look at the latest exhibits, there is a beautiful easy and handicapped accessible nature walk just behind the visitor center featuring a concrete loop around a pond, during which one can hear or see red-winged blackbirds and boreal chorus frogs during the summer.

Any of the stops along the canyon road, Highway 37, feature short walks, from Horseshoe Bend and the stunning Devil Canyon Overlook to the Two Eagles Interpretive Trail about eight miles into the park. Two Eagles is also easy and handicapped accessible.

Ranger's Delight–This easy to moderate trail, .66 miles round trip, departs from the east side of the park road about a half mile north of the Wyoming-Montana state line and features some fascinating geological formations en route to the rim of the canyon, and once at the rim, the views are amazing as a visitor stands upon table rock seemingly put in place as a viewing platform. One can wander along the canyon rim and a variety of great views, and the trail links to the State Line Trail to the south, which one can enter from a point, as the name suggests, right at the state line. The State Line Trail also features some interesting geology, including evidence of the ancient sea that once covered the region.

Sullivan's Knob– Just north of the Devil Canyon Overlook is the Sullivan's Knob Trail, perhaps our favorite in the park. Look for the loop road parking lot about a mile north of Devil Canyon. The trail takes the hiker past remnants of the ancient Bad Pass Trail. Marked by rock cairns, this ancient route was used by native people moving through the area along the west side of the canyon from 10,000 to 12,000 years ago and later by early trappers and traders.

The Sullivan's Knob trail continues to the east until reaching a point on the canyon rim from which the hiker can see the confluence of the canyons at the Devil Canyon site to the south with spectacular views. Be sure to try for the double echo from the viewpoint.

The trail is easy to moderate, about three quarters of a mile round trip.

Lower Layout– The Lower Layout Trail takes some time as it's about 3.4 miles round trip, but it's easy to moderate and relatively flat. The trail starts just before the cattle guard south of the Ewing-Snell Ranch and follows an old two-track road along the south side of Layout Creek before continuing to the canyon rim. The trail takes the hiker through a variety of geological and vegetation zones, and often wild mustangs and bighorn sheep can be



seen along the trail. For the hardiest hikers, the much steeper Upper Layout Trail across the highway to the west near the ranch affords spectacular view from high above the valley.

Barry's Island Trail– Taking off from the north side of the parking lot at the Barry's Landing boat launch site, the Barry's Island Trail is about four miles round trip but is relatively flat and takes the hiker along the canyon at near water level and makes an interesting loop around the "island."

Ranches– The moderately short walk (one mile) into the Hillsboro guest ranch near Barry's Landing (called Cedarvale during its heyday) and the easy walk (half mile) into the Lockhart Ranch two miles north of Barry's Landing are not traditional hikes in and of themselves, but the historic ranches that are the destinations are well worth the effort as the hiker arrives at the ranch buildings as if stepping back in time 100 or more years ago.

Cottonwood Canyon– The spectacular "heart of the mountain" viewed from Lovell to the east can be accessed for a hike of relatively short (mile and a half) to long distance. Find the Cottonwood Creek Trail by taking the first road north on the east side of the Big Horn Lake causeway, the John Blue Canyon Road (1122), then the first right on the Cottonwood Creek Road. Drive straight east for about five miles until reaching the Bureau of Land Management's Cottonwood Creek Campground (off the road to the left), then continue a short distance to the trailhead. As you gaze at the spectacular vertical cliffs rising from the trail, be sure to look to the right frequently to find Melody Falls high atop the cliffs to the south. A hiker can go as far as he or she can, then return the same way.



Rainbow Canyon– This painted canyon just off U.S. 14A where the highway comes down from the Big Horn Mountains provides a pleasant hike of less than two miles round trip. For many years the trail was a bit difficult to access, but the BLM recently constructed a new bridge across Five Springs Creek, making access to the trail much easier. The hike is easy, and the colorful network of canyons at trail's end make for great photos. The trailhead can be found about 20 miles east of Lovell off the highway to the south and two miles before the road to Five Springs. The BLM has also installed new picnic tables at the trailhead.

Medicine Wheel– The ancient Big Horn Medicine Wheel has astonished visitors for centuries and is a ceremonial site of great importance to Native tribes to this day. The hike is simply a dirt road, Forest Road 12, but it is usually quiet and peaceful, with wonderful views of the forest to the east and foothills of the Big Horns and the Big Horn Basin to the west. Those unable to hike the mile and a half to the site are allowed to drive to the site, so there may be an occasional vehicle on the road.

Porcupine Falls– One of the most spectacular waterfalls in the Rocky Mountain West is Porcupine Falls, which can be viewed at the end of an improved path with stairs built into the path in certain places. It's a moderate challenge to ascend the 440-foot drop coming out, but at the bottom the falls, which plunge into a lagoon, are wonderful, making the ensuing climb back out well worth the visit. To get to the trailhead, leave U.S. 14A in the Bighorn National Forest just east of the Bald Mountain Campground on the Sheep Mountain Road (Forest Road 14) and drive north for 3.5 miles, then turn onto the Devil Canyon Road (still Road 14) for 2.5 miles to a small parking lot.



Bucking Mule Falls– An even taller waterfall is Bucking Mule Falls to the north of Porcupine Falls. The walk to the falls through the woods is mostly flat, with the 2.5-mile path eventually leading to a spur to the right leading to an overlook of the falls and the surrounding canyonlands. To get to the trailhead, drive about three miles beyond the Porcupine Falls turnoff to a small parking lot and picnic area.

Five Springs– A popular picnic area and campground about 22 miles east of Lovell, the Five Springs area includes a pleasant hike to the Five Springs Falls. Though moderately steep, the trail has plenty of places to rest. The picnic area and campground along Five Springs Creek is a wonderful oasis. The area is accessed via the old U.S. 14A highway, a paved but steep and twisty road with numerous tight switchbacks. The drive to the trailhead is half the fun.





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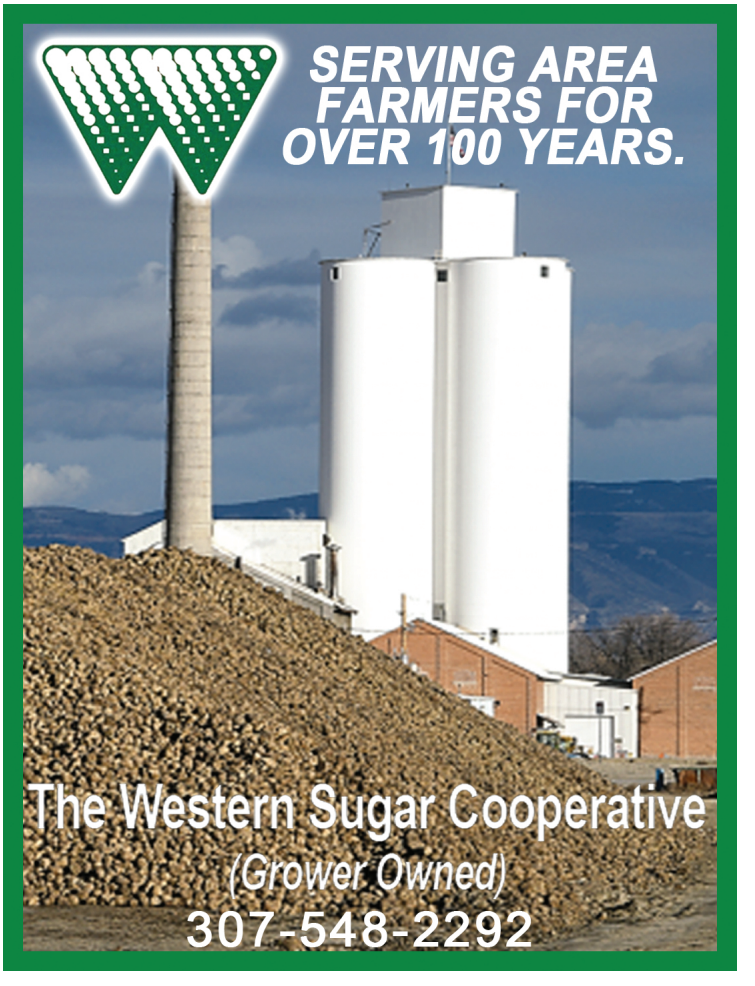

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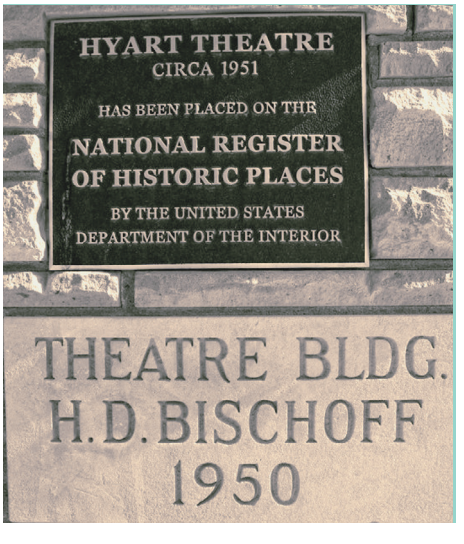
Hyart Theatre

Historic Landmark with a Story to Tell

Originally opened in 1950, the Hyart was the vision of local businessman and theater enthusiast Hyrum "Hy" Bischoff. Designed with grandeur in mind, it was and still is, the largest theater in the Big Horn Basin, boasting an impressive 775-seat auditorium that makes every showing feel like a special event.

Unfortunately, like many historic theaters, the Hyart faced tough times and was forced to close its doors in 1992. But the community wasn't ready to say goodbye. Thanks to a dedicated group of local volunteers and a passionate board of directors, this beloved landmark was restored and reopened in 2004, with a goal toward preserving its rich history while modernizing it for a new era of movie goers.

Walking into the Hyart is like stepping back in time. Recent renovations include new carpeting with the original vintage pattern,and elegant curtains. The biggest upgrade is the state-of-the-art digital projector, bringing crisp, high quality visuals.



One of the most unique aspects of the Hyart is that it is run mostly by volunteers. From the friendly faces at the ticket booth to those serving up fresh popcorn, this theater thrives because of the love and dedication of the people in our local communities.

Hosting numerous community events including cencerts, school plays, film screenings and community gatherings, the Hyart is truly a center of the area. It is more than just a theater - it is a journey through time, a glimpse into classic Americanism and a testament to the power of community.

Unlike big name theaters with sky-high prices, the Hyart remains affordable and family friendly. So the next time you're in Lovell, grab some popcorn, find a seat and experience the magic of the Hyart Theatre.

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Lovell Area Rich With History

Lovell, a town of 2,400 people, was named after Michigan-born Henry Clay Lovell. Lovell, with Anthony L. Mason of Kansas City, Mo., brought the cattle industry to the Big Horn Basin in 1880 and established a ranch a few miles above the mouth of Nowood Creek. Lovell established a second ranch on Shell Creek in 1882, and in 1883, a third at the Five Springs site along the Big Horn River. This site became the headquarters for the ML cattle kingdom. The ML herd numbered as many as 25,000 cattle and roamed from Thermopolis north to the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana.

In 1888, the first mail service to the Lovell area was established at Cook's Road Ranch, with Josiah Cook as first postmaster. The post office was named Lovell in honor of Henry Clay Lovell, who used his political influence to help provide the newly settled area with the service.

Mason died in 1892, but Henry Lovell continued ranching until his death in 1903. At this time, the area was fast being settled by Mormons who arrived in 1900, led by Apostle Abraham O. Woodruff. With the establishment of the three-room schoolhouse and organization of the Lovell Investment Co. in 1902, the Lovell town site began to grow; in 1906, Lovell was officially incorporated.

The area's favorable growing conditions attracted German farmers to the community, which continued to grow in size. The sugar factory was constructed in 1916 and provided additional jobs and stability to the area.

Lovell is known as the Rose City of Wyoming thanks, in part, to Dr. William Watts Horsley, who came to Lovell in the 1920s. As one of the foremost authorities in the United States on roses, he found the climate in Lovell to be exceptional for growing this flower and began to create rose gardens. This practice became popular in town and soon many yards and gardens became populated with many different types of roses. The town itself has dedicated rose gardens and prides itself on the popularity and national attention it receives for its bountiful roses.

Lovell has long been known as the gateway to the Big Horn Mountains and the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, but there is also much to do in and around town. Take in a movie at the Hyart Theatre, featuring Wyoming's largest screen and state-of-the-art digital projection and sound equipment, spend the day golfing at Foster Gulch Golf Course, a nine-hole course south of town, or have a picnic at Armory Park, Great Western Park or Northeast Park. All three town parks feature nice shade trees, a covered pavilion, picnic tables and playground equipment. Armory Park also features a basketball court, skateboard park, extensive playground equipment, a softball/baseball field, regulation horseshoe pits and a volleyball court.

Be sure and check out the Downtown Mural Park featuring a spectacular mural of Big Horn Canyon, and visit our Veterans Memorial Park with a mural depicting all four armed forces and dedicated to those who have served.



Lovell Public School Buildings circa 1918.



The Lovell-Kane Area Museum features the history of early area settlers as seen in this photo where J.T. Brosius with his six speed I.H. truck, Joe and Quentin Brosius, second in line, with horse and cart and Scott and Spencer Brosius, third in line, delivering beets to the beet dump. -Brosius family photo

AREA TOWNS HAVE UNIQUE BEGINNINGS

BYRON received its name from Byron Sessions, a prominent leader of the Mormon expedition to the Big Horn Basin in 1900. The Sidon Canal played a major role in the development of this community located west of Lovell. The canal, which serves area farms with irrigation water, was built by Mormon pioneers.

The community has beautiful parks, including Byron Memorial Park on the east edge of town, which honors the town founders, the contribution of the oil industry and veterans who have served from the community, reaching as far back as the Spanish American and Civil War periods. A large statue of Byron Sessions is located in this park.

Jones Park features two playgrounds as well as two picnic pavilions and basketball courts. Carter Field is a park and baseball field. Byron works with the area Little League, which offers T-ball and baseball.

Riverview Park is a small park including playgrounds and a half-court basketball area, as well as patio and grill facilities.

Byron has an active Lions Club, Byron Improvement Group and Eagle Rock Development.

Byron is noted for the best small town fireworks display in Wyoming, which is held during Byron Days, always the second Saturday in July.

COWLEY is a small town with a lot of pride due to the community's quality of life, clean air, artesian well water and great people. The small town features a beautiful city park, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, volleyball area, pavilion with picnic tables, playground, swimming pool, new splash park and a top-of-the line senior league baseball park.

The town beautified Main Street with 200 new trees, flowers, benches and sidewalks. The Rocky Mountain Elementary school was completed in 2005, and the new Rocky Mountain Middle/High School was completed in 2009.

Cowley has a rich pioneer heritage. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from Utah and Idaho settled it in the early 1900s. The community takes pride in its historic buildings and Pioneer Museum. Three buildings have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places: the Administration Building/Town Hall, the renovated Log Building/Community Center and the Big Horn Academy.

Keeping its small town perspective, the community hosts several get-togethers each year including Pioneer Day in July.

DEAVER was named for its founder, D. Clem Deaver, who was a railroad agent. In 1919, at the cost of approximately $9,000 and a great deal of donated labor from spirited residents, the first school was built.

Today in that same spirit, the Town of Deaver has a community park, including a gazebo, a picnic shelter, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, tennis court and a sand volleyball court. The community offers a full-service community hall, which includes town offices, school memorabilia, a branch library and a large community meeting room.

A popular local place for family fishing is Deaver Reservoir located just west of Deaver. This small reservoir is stocked with trout and walleye by the Wyoming Game and Fish Dept. Picnic tables and outhouses are available.

FRANNIE The "biggest little town in Wyoming" is Frannie's claim to fame. The town straddles the county line between Big Horn and Park counties. The locals like to say, "It takes two counties to hold the people!"

A progressive community, Frannie converted the longtime school building into a community hall, town offices, library, gymnasium, exercise room and a large meeting room. An indoor walking course is also offered.

Frannie offers two parks with picnic areas. Pryor Park at Fourth and Cedar features a basketball court, picnic pavilion, playground equipment and a living tribute to Wyoming's centennial on the north side. Fleming Park on the highway just south of the Port of Entry features a picnic pavilion and plenty of shade.

Frannie was, at one time, an early stage stop, and the oil industry was a prominent factor in the town's development.





A new stone building was erected to house the Big Horn Academy in 1916 (above left). In 1925, the name was changed to the Cowley High School and remained in the Big Horn Academy building until 1983.



Take a step back in time

Historic Ranches dot Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

The history of the **EWING-SNELL RANCH** reflects the history of the Dryhead Country, an area nestled below the cliffs of the Pryor Mountains and eastward to the rim of Big Horn Canyon.

In 1896, just five years after the Crow cessation of 1.8 million acres from the western end of their reservation, Erastus T. Ewing entered the Dryhead searching for gold. While some gold was found, and many claims staked out, no big strikes were ever made in the Dryhead. Most of the prospectors left, but Ewing stayed and turned to ranching. He settled his family on unsurveyed land along Layout Creek, the first reliable source of water to be found in the Dryhead when entering the area from the south. The ranch was sold to Clint Hough of Bridger and in 1920, Hough sold out to Philip Snell, a young rancher from Kane, whose father owned a ranch on Crooked Creek near Horseshoe Bend. Philip died in 1950 and in 1951 Mrs. Snell sold the ranch but later came back into possession when the buyer failed to make payments. She sold the ranch in 1955 to E.E. Hanson. Hanson sold the ranch in 1964 to Clarence Mangus and Newell J. Sorenson who, in 1968, sold the ranch for inclusion in the National Recreation Area.

Caroline Lockhart owned the **LOCKHART RANCH** from 1926-1955. Starting with 160 acres, she added land until she controlled more than 7,000 acres. When she bought the ranch, the buildings consisted of a two-room log cabin and a few run-down sheds. Lockhart added to the house and constructed fences, corrals and other buildings. Buildings were also reassembled from property she added until she created the ranch seen today, the best surviving Dryhead country homestead.

Historic restoration projects at Lockhart have tried to match or blend with the original construction methods.

ML RANCH: Henry Clay Lovell of Michigan and Anthony L. Mason of Missouri partnered to trail cattle to Wyoming and arrived in the Big Horn Basin in 1880. They established a ranch on the west side of the Big Horn River about three miles above the mouth of the Nowood Creek.

By 1882, they were running about 25,000 head and established a second ranch on Shell Creek at the mouth of Trapper Creek. In 1883, on Willow Creek in the Five Springs area, they took up a small tract of deeded land with good water for a headquarters. Lovell built a bunkhouse, barn and corrals. The following year the home ranch was moved north to the Five Springs area and has been known ever since as the ML Ranch.

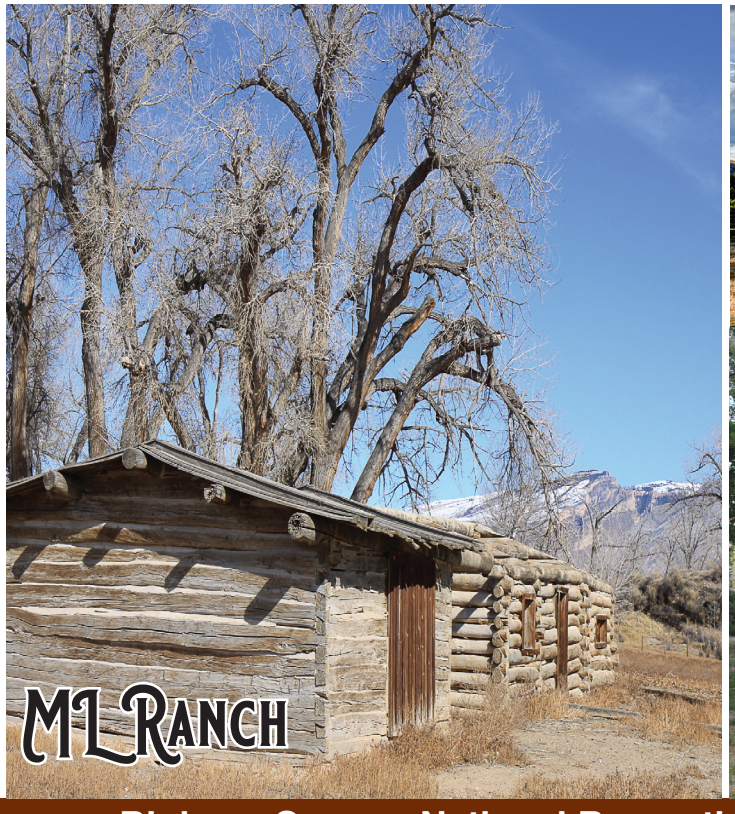
The site today consists of the long bunkhouse, the north and south cabins and the blacksmith shop.

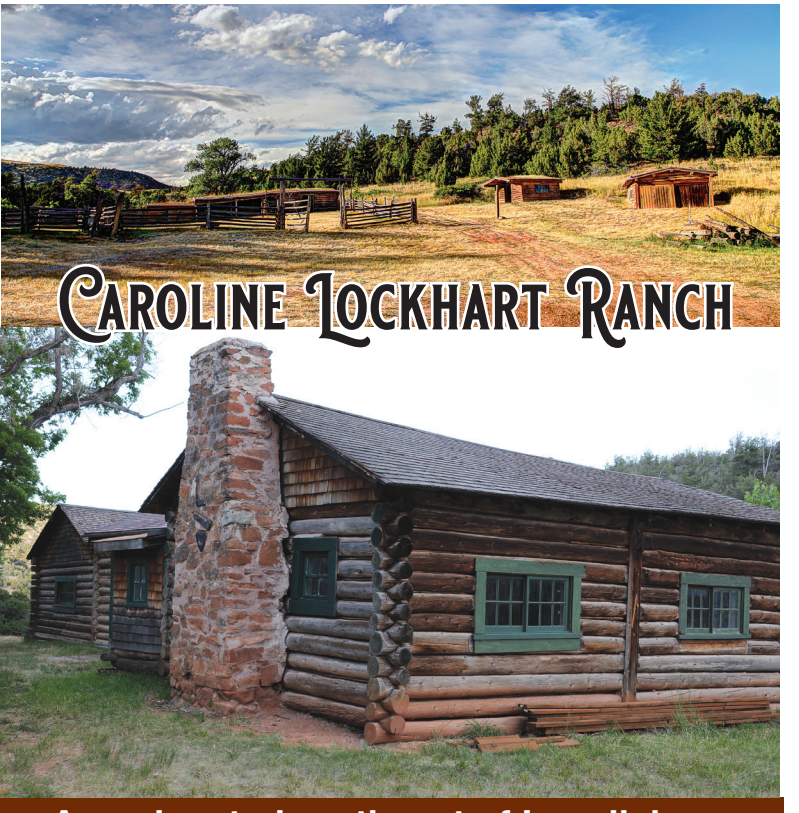
HILLSBORO: In 1903, Grosvener W. Barry chanced upon Trail Creek Valley and liked what he saw. After deciding to stay, he built a cabin and several other buildings from the dead timber on one side of the canyon.

He eventually turned his place into a dude ranch where he bred and sold English hackneys as the Embar Horse Company.

A post office was established at Hillsboro in 1915 with Barry being appointed as postmaster. The post office closed in 1945.

Barry enjoys the distinction of being the first person to recognize and exploit the recreation potential of Big Horn Canyon.





Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, located northeast of Lovell, has much to offer visitors, including the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range, boating on Big Horn Lake, camping and a step back in time with four historic ranches.



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Relaxing around the campfire

8-GO SWIMMING AT HORSESHOE BEND. PACK A PICNIC LUNCH OR GRAB A BITE WHILE VISITING THE MARINA.



9-PLAY A 9-HOLE ROUND OF GOLF (OR TWO) AT FOSTER GULCH GOLF COURSE.

10-HIKE TO ONE OF THE MANY MAJESTIC WATERFALLS IN THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS.

11- TAKE A BOAT RIDE THROUGH THE MESMERIZING DEVIL CANYON.

12- CATCH A MOVIE AT THE HISTORIC HYART THEATRE.

13-GO FOR A RELAXING DRIVE, SLOW DOWN, ENJOY THE SCENERY AND LOOK FOR THE ABUNDANT WILDLIFE.



WATERSKIING AT HORSESHOE BEND

14-GO CAMPING AND SHARE A STORY AROUND A CAMPFIRE. THERE ARE MANY DESIGNATED CAMP SPOTS AROUND LOVELL.

15-GO FOR A HIKE ON ONE OF THE MANY TRAILS IN EITHER THE RECREATION AREA OR ON THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS.

16-ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS YEAR-ROUND! FISHING, HUNTING, SNOWMOBILING, ATV TRAILS. FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE ARE ABUNDANT IN WYOMING.

17-HAVE A PICNIC AT ONE OF THE TOWN PARKS. LET THE KIDS PLAY AND CHECK OUT THE NEW SPLASH PAD, CRUISE THE NEW SKATEBOARD PARK, PICK UP A GAME AT THE BASKETBALL COURTS OR BASEBALL FIELDS.

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