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2023

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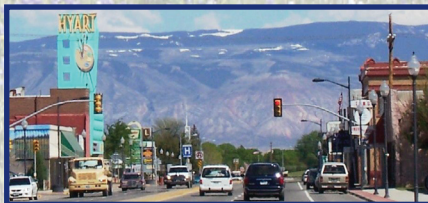


*A rare gem for travelers exploring the West can be found nestled in northern Wyoming a two-hour drive east of Yellowstone National Park: the small, friendly community of Lovell – the Rose Town of Wyoming and the gateway to the stunning Big Horn Canyon and the beautiful Big Horn and Pryor Mountain ranges.*

*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.*



**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!**

*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. Bighorn Canyon offers opportunities for hiking and camping, viewing a wide array of Wyoming wildlife and photographing dozens of spectacular vistas. Devil's 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*



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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.

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, a public Olympic sized swimming pool, Queen Bee Honey Candy factory and store.

The 70-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 nearby Cowley.



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		
Horseshoe Bend	14	20	Horse Range	13	22
Lockhart Ranch	27	45	Cody, Wyoming Airport	46	50
Mason-Lovell Ranch	13	16	Billings, Montana Airport	90	99







# 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.

The canyon is deep and winding chasm with vertical limestone walls towering as high as 1,000 feet above the lake. At the north end, some mountain points rise up to 2,500 feet above the water.

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 Bighorn Canyon is complete without a visit to the Devil's Canyon Overlook. Just north of the Horseshoe Bend turnoff, the overlook provides a breathtaking view of the confluence of Big Horn Canyon and Devil's Canyon atop cliffs

that tower 1,000 feet above lake level.

**TEEPEE RINGS** The Two Eagles Interpretive Trail is located approximately six miles north of Devil's 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.

The tipi rings along the trail are the highlight and are a visible reminder of the people who occupied the area. They record a time in history when stones were used to hold down the edges of the tipis before stakes were used. Each ring may only document

a day or a week in the life of nomadic people. Archeologists were also able to date the site by examining the charcoal left in the hearths. The stone circles document nearly 1,200 years of use by ancestors of the Crow, Shoshone and other native people.

**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 south of Barry's Landing.



# RECREATION AREA



**YOU WON'T GET BORED EXPLORING BIGHORN 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's Canyon Overlook.



# Spend the day Boating, Swimming and Camping

## BIGHORN 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 amphitheatre, 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 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, food service 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](http://www.horseshoebend-marina.com).

Improved sites \$30 per night - no discounts apply. Unimproved sites \$18 per night - with a NPS Senior Pass. Discounted price is \$9 per night.

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](mailto:info@hiddentreasurecharters.com).

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### 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](http://www.horseshoebend-marina.com), or book a tour at [www.hiddentreasurecharters.com](http://www.hiddentreasurecharters.com), call 307-899-1401 or seasonally call Horseshoe Bend Marina 307-548-7230. You can email [info@hiddentreasurecharters.com](mailto: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.



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# PRYOR MOUNTAIN WILD HORSE RANGE

While in Lovell, stop by and visit the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center. This is the first place 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 an extraordinary national and international popularity.

Strong local and national interest in the horses over the years led to the development of the 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 monitors the herd, gathering data on births, deaths and other demographics of the horses. The Mustang Center uses this knowledge to provide information, education, and support for the Pryor Mountain Mustangs.

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. 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.

In the newly expanded 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 elevation of the Pryors 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. The Mustang Center is home to three Pryor







## ***PMWHR is the first public Wild Horse Range in the United States***

**The Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center is located just east of Lovell, Wyoming on Highway 14A.**

**Center Summer Hours**  
beginning after Memorial Day  
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Sun., 10 AM-2 PM  
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Daily, from 9 AM – 12 PM  
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**Mustang Center's website:**  
[www.pryormustangs.org](http://www.pryormustangs.org).

For frequent posts about the daily lives of the horses find us on Facebook under Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center.

Email: [pryormustangs00@gmail.com](mailto:pryormustangs00@gmail.com) or call 307-272-0364.

If you are planning on being in the area, contact us for information on where you are most likely to see the Pryor Horses.

Mountain wild horses, Stiles, Mercuria and Paquita. The three were born in the Pryor Mountains and were later removed as part of wild horse management. Stiles is a beautiful black mustang who lived 11 years in the wild as a Pryor stallion. Mercuria is a classic grulla mare with strong primitive markings. She and her daughter, Paquita, were removed in 2015 when Mercuria was a 3-year-old and Paquita was a foal at her mother's side.

The facilities include wood pole corrals, along with shelters for year-round protection. These features, along with the large pasture, provide a comfortable setting for these Pryor horses. The horses serve as a living exhibit for people who may not have had the opportunity to see Pryor Horses in the wild. The horses at the Mustang Center have retained their wild behaviors and provide visitors with the opportunity to see stunning examples of Pryor horses up close.



Knowledgeable and friendly staff are available to provide information to visitors. The Mustang Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, from June through September.

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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 \$17 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

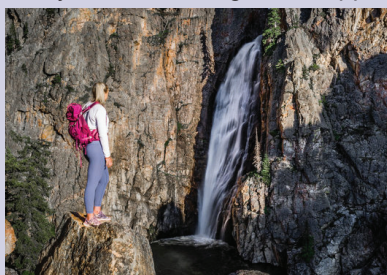
the forest accessible to the traveling public. The Dayton Gulch Road, the Sheep Mountain Road, the Medicine Mountain Road and the Hunt Mountain



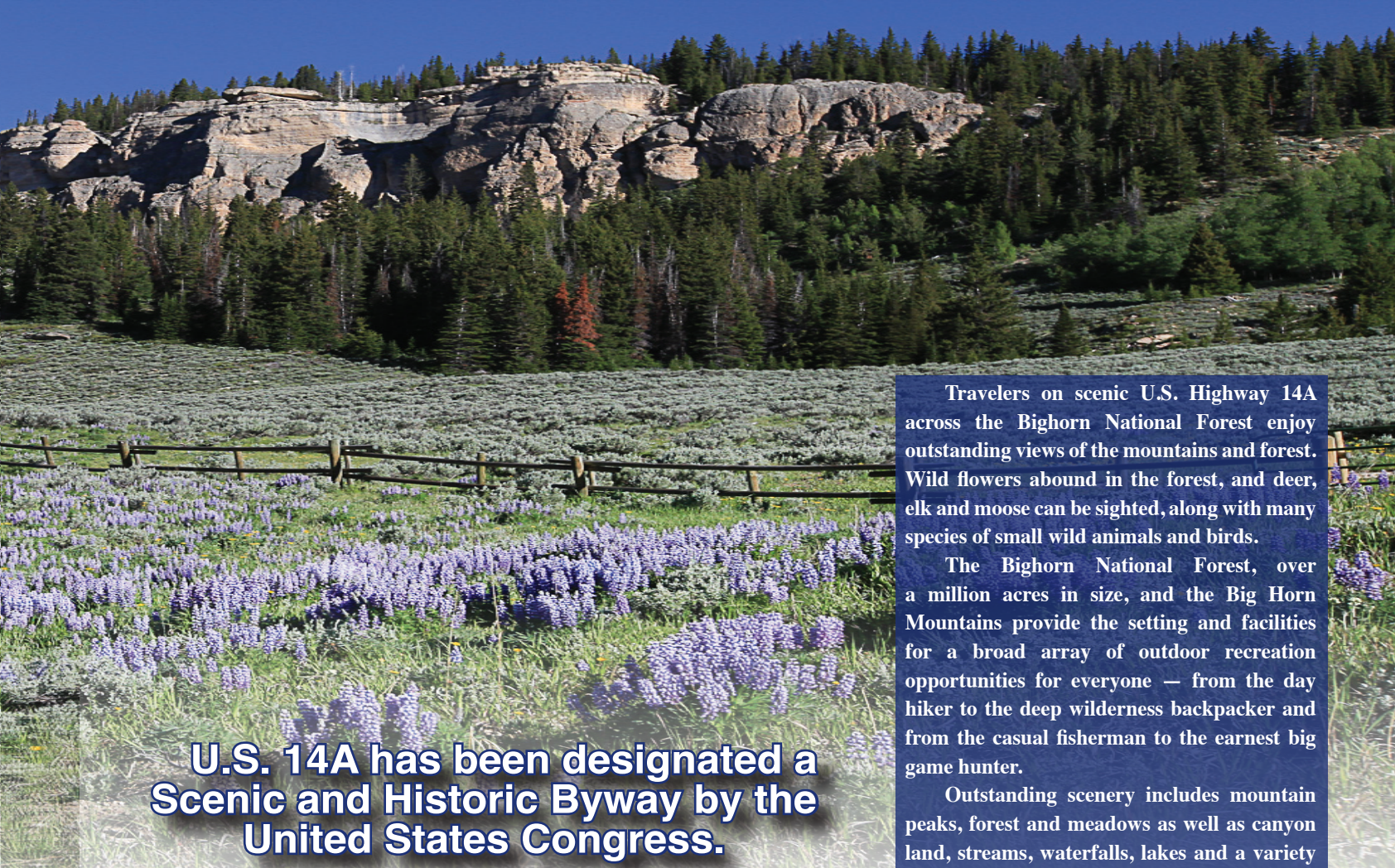
Road provide camera buffs with beautiful forest, meadows, streams, wild flowers and wildlife.

## 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.







## U.S. 14A has been designated a Scenic and Historic Byway by the United States Congress.

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, an easy 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 a opportunity to enjoy nature at its best at an elevation of 9,640 feet. Beause of the short season at that altitude guides are there to answer questions and provide information on the sight from late June - 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, over 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, lakes and a variety of wildlife. The Big Horns offer year around 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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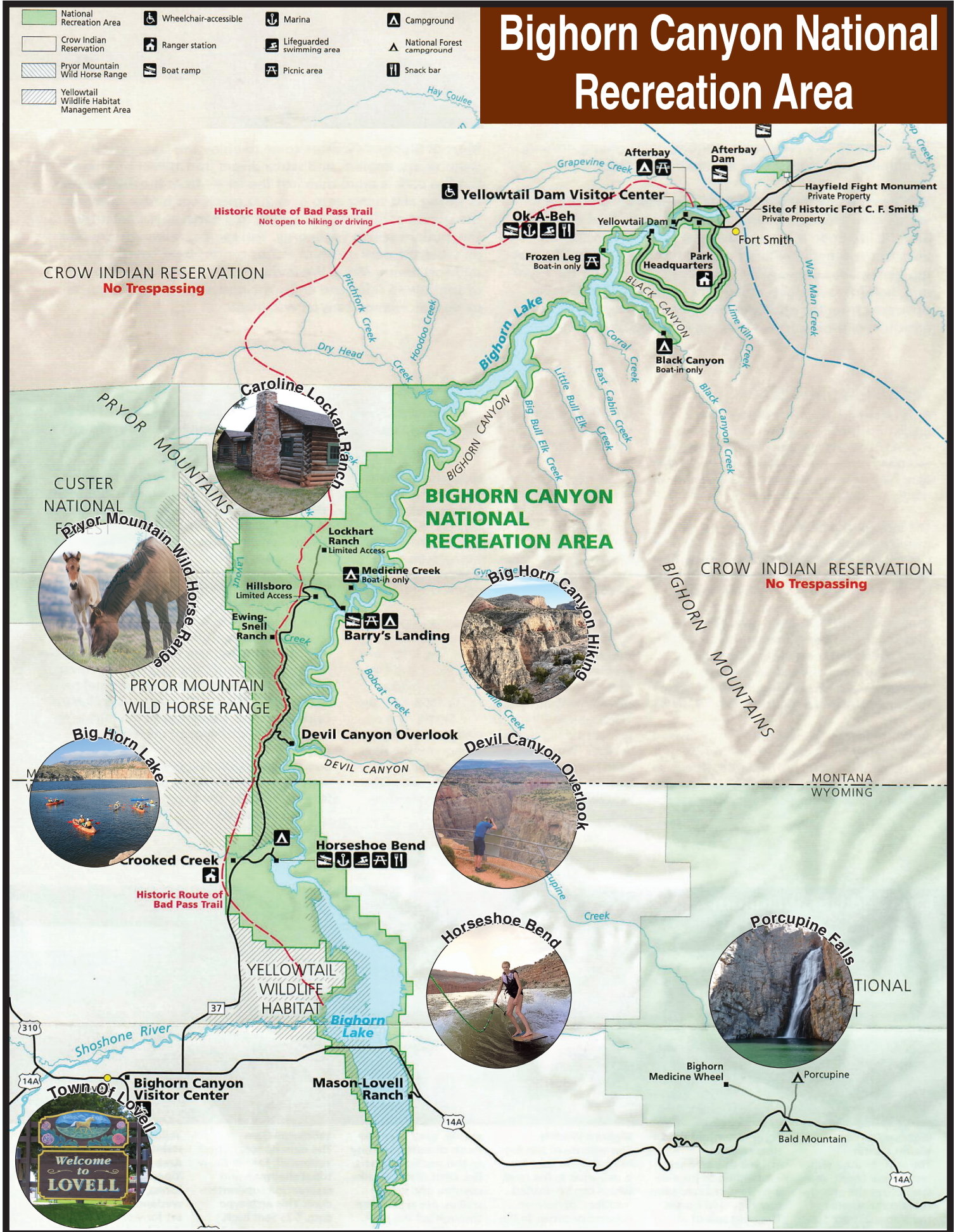


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In the spring of 2013, the community worked together to raise more than \$125,000 toward the digitization of the Hyart's projection and sound equipment, plus a new screen. The 2K NEC projector is state of the art.

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Built in 1950 by Hy and Virga Bischoff, the Hyart Theatre featured the latest technology and was considered to be the finest theater in a 500-mile radius. Soon

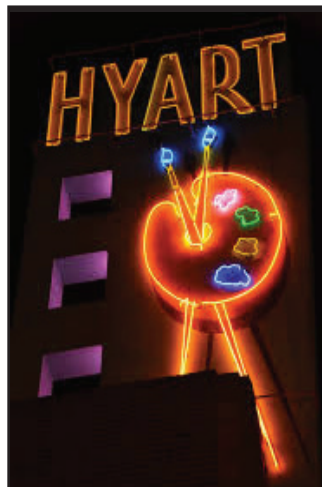


after the Hyart opened, Hy Bischoff made several improvements including a 40-foot by 20-foot curved screen, Cinemascope projection and stereophonic sound.

Reacting to community wishes, Hy then purchased a grand piano for community concerts, added more curtains and lights and installed stage-mounted controls for the curtains and lights. For many years, the Hyart has been at the center of north Big Horn County life, hosting numerous community concerts, school plays and concerts, as well as the Mustang Follies during Mustang Days.

The Hyart is showing first-run movies every weekend, featuring Thursday (summer only), Friday and Saturday night shows and a Saturday afternoon matinee.

For movie schedules, ticket prices and more information, access the Hyart Website at [www.hyarttheatre.com](http://www.hyarttheatre.com).



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## HISTORIC RANCHES DOT BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

**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.**

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, 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, Grosvenor 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.



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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.

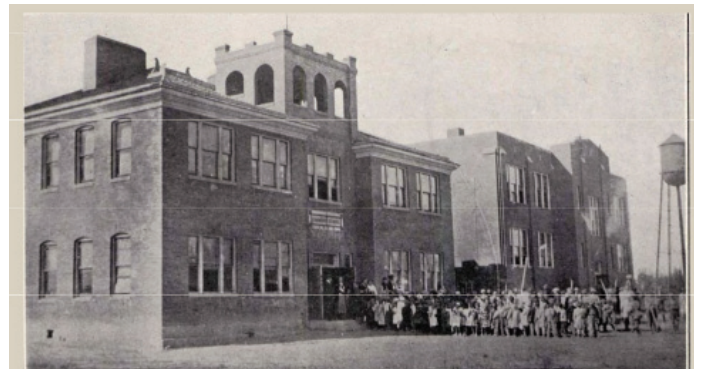
Lovell is known as the Rose City of Wyoming thanks, in part, to Dr. William Watts Horsley, who came to Lovell in the

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 Constitution Park,

Great Western Park or Northeast Park. All three town parks feature nice shade trees, a covered pavilion, picnic tables and playground equipment. Constitution 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

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# LOVELL-KANE AREA MUSEUM INSPIRES NOSTALGIA

Every small town has history, but not all towns have taken the initiative to preserve it for future generations.

The Lovell-Kane Area Museum boasts a new facility at 354 Oregon in Lovell, just north of the Chamber of Commerce building. Visitors to the museum will learn about the history of the Western/Great Western Sugar factory, the lost town of Kane, Lovell history and several of the Lovell area businesses. The unique exhibits inspire nostalgia for a time gone by.

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.

The museum, with the assistance and of the National Park Service and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation, completed the Kane Historic Trail at the former town site in 2020. The walking path interprets where buildings sat before the town was displaced by the Bureau of Reclamation in anticipation of Big Horn Lake in 1965 and also tells the history of the community.

The museum is open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., M-F and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sat. or by appointment, Memorial Day through Labor Day.



Historic military uniforms are featured at Lovell-Kane Area Museum. Check out the museum at [www.Lovell-Kanemuseum.org](http://www.Lovell-Kanemuseum.org) or on Facebook.

## 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.



# 2023 Lovell Rec & BOCES Activity Guide

## January

Adult Basketball starts 1/17



Weekly Youth Gymnastics Resumes 1/4



## February

UW Innovation Workshop Opens

Adult Gymnastics Wednesday's

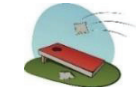


Jr. Boys & Girls Basketball Skills Week 2/27 - 2/28

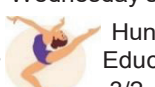


## March

Cornhole League Wednesday's



Adult Gymnastics Wednesday's



Hunters' Education 3/2 - 3/4

Girls Softball Registrations Open



## April



Easter Egg Hunt 4/8



Jr. Bball programs concludes 4/21



Gymnastic Recitals 4/25 - 4/27



LHS Scholarships due 4/14



Successful Gardens Classes Saturday's

Girls Softball Program Starts TBD



Cornhole League Wednesday's



Self-Defense Class TBD

## May



Pool Summer Hours Begin 5/30

Adult Basketball tournament TBD



Lifeguard Certification Course TBD



June Driver's Education 6/5 - 6/17

June Driver's Ed Parent Meeting 6/1



Jr. Girls Basketball Camp 6/5 - 6/6

Jr. Boys Basketball Camp 6/12 - 6/13

Adventure Club Wednesday's

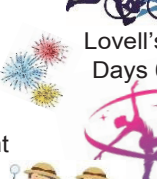
Theatre Camp TBD



Adult Softball TBD

## June

Lovell Mustang Days Volleyball Tournament 6/24



Triathlon 6/17

Lovell's Mustang Days 6/18-6/24



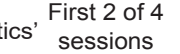
Gymnastics Camp 1st of 3 Sessions



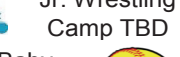
Soccer program starts 6/27 - 6/28



Swim Lessons First 2 of 4 sessions



Jr. Wrestling Camp TBD



Baby Swim Lessons



Girls' Softball Concludes

## July

Speed Camp 7/10-7/13



Swim Lessons Last 2 of 4 sessions

Gymnastics Camp Last 2 of 3 Sessions



August Driver's Ed Parent Meeting 7/25

Swim Club



Adventure Club Wednesday's

## August



Flag football program starts

Jr. Volleyball Camp



Soccer program concludes

August Driver's Education July 31 - August 12



Jr. Volleyball program starts



Jr. Football Camp



Tackle football program starts



Swim Club

## September

Successful Gardens Classes: Saturday's

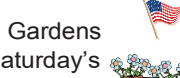


Tackle football equipment check-out TBD



Weekly Gymnastics Starts 9/5-9/7

Adult Volleyball Starts 9/7

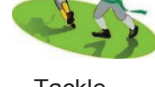


Hunters' Education

## October



Flag Football Program Concludes



Tackle Football Program Concludes



Jr. Volleyball program concludes



Adult Volleyball Concludes 10/12

## November



Last week of Gymnastics for 2023: 11/27-11/30



Pup Wrestling 11/6-11/17



Volleyball Turkey Tournament TBD

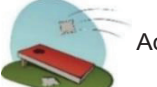
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Cornhole League Wednesday's



Self-Defense Class TBD



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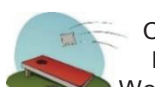


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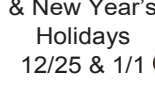


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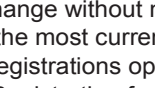
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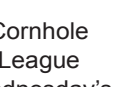
Pool Closed for Christmas & New Year's Holidays 12/25 & 1/1



Cornhole League Wednesday's



Pumpkin Painting



Tackle football equipment return



Pumpkin Painting

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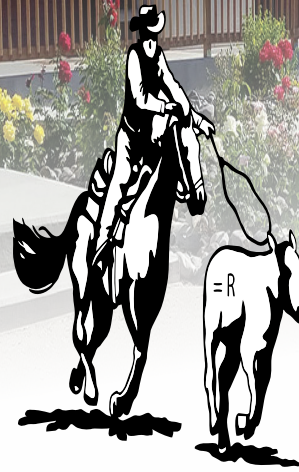
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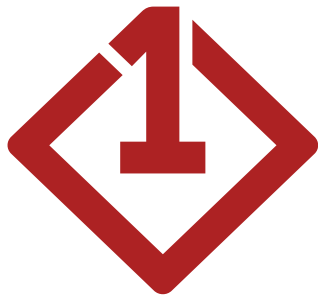
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A full-page photograph of a cowboy on a brown horse, viewed from the side. The cowboy is wearing a light blue checkered shirt, blue jeans, a tan cowboy hat, and brown leather chaps with fringe. He is holding the reins of the horse. In the background, there is a vast field of tall grass with several other horses grazing, and a range of mountains under a cloudy sky.

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## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

320 Idaho Ave., Lovell  
Pastor Dan Jarvis, 307-548-7105  
Morning worship 10:50 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 PM

## CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER- DAY SAINTS

Lovell-50 W . Main Street  
Sacrament Meeting Time  
9 AM and 11:30 AM  
Cowley – 52 E. Main Street  
9 AM and 11:30 AM  
Byron – 22- W Main Street  
9 AM and 10:30 AM

## LOVELL BIBLE CHURCH

56 E Main Street, Lovell  
307-548-7390, 307-272-2257  
Pastor Kurt McNabb  
Sunday Worship 9 AM  
Sunday School 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
6 PM

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Janita Krayniak  
Sunday Service 9 AM  
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307-548-7127  
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Bible Class 9:15 AM  
Divine Service 10:30

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Pastor Gerald Cox  
Sunday Service 1PM,  
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Mon Mass 12 PM  
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Fri Mass 8 AM  
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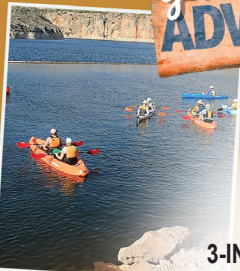


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