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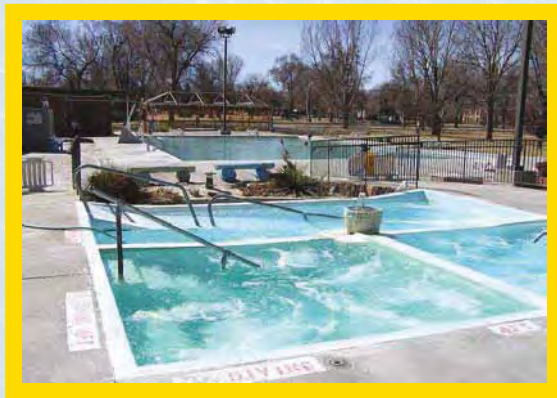
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One regulation 25-yard pool, wading pool and hot tub with jets can be found inside. Outside, visitors will find another mineral pool and three hot tubs with jets. A sauna and a steam room are both available as well.

Each of the hot tubs offer varying water temperatures and have proven very popular with guests who can soak away the cares of the day while enjoying views of the surrounding red hills.

The spa features a 162-foot long indoor, all-weather twirling slide, which competes for sliders with the 272-foot long outdoor breath-grabber. From the top of the outdoor

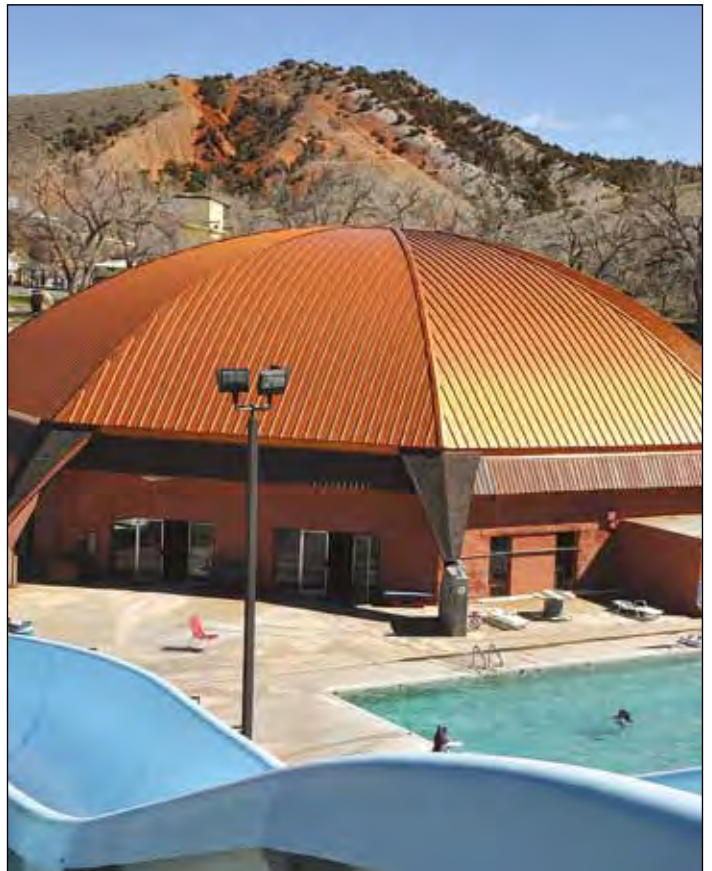
slide, visitors will get a beautiful view of most of Hot Springs State Park. Year round free water aerobics classes available Mon., Wed. and Fri., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in winter and 9 a.m. during the summer. Enjoy the newly remodeled lockers, steam room and lobby as well as fresh water showers available to guests using the facilities.

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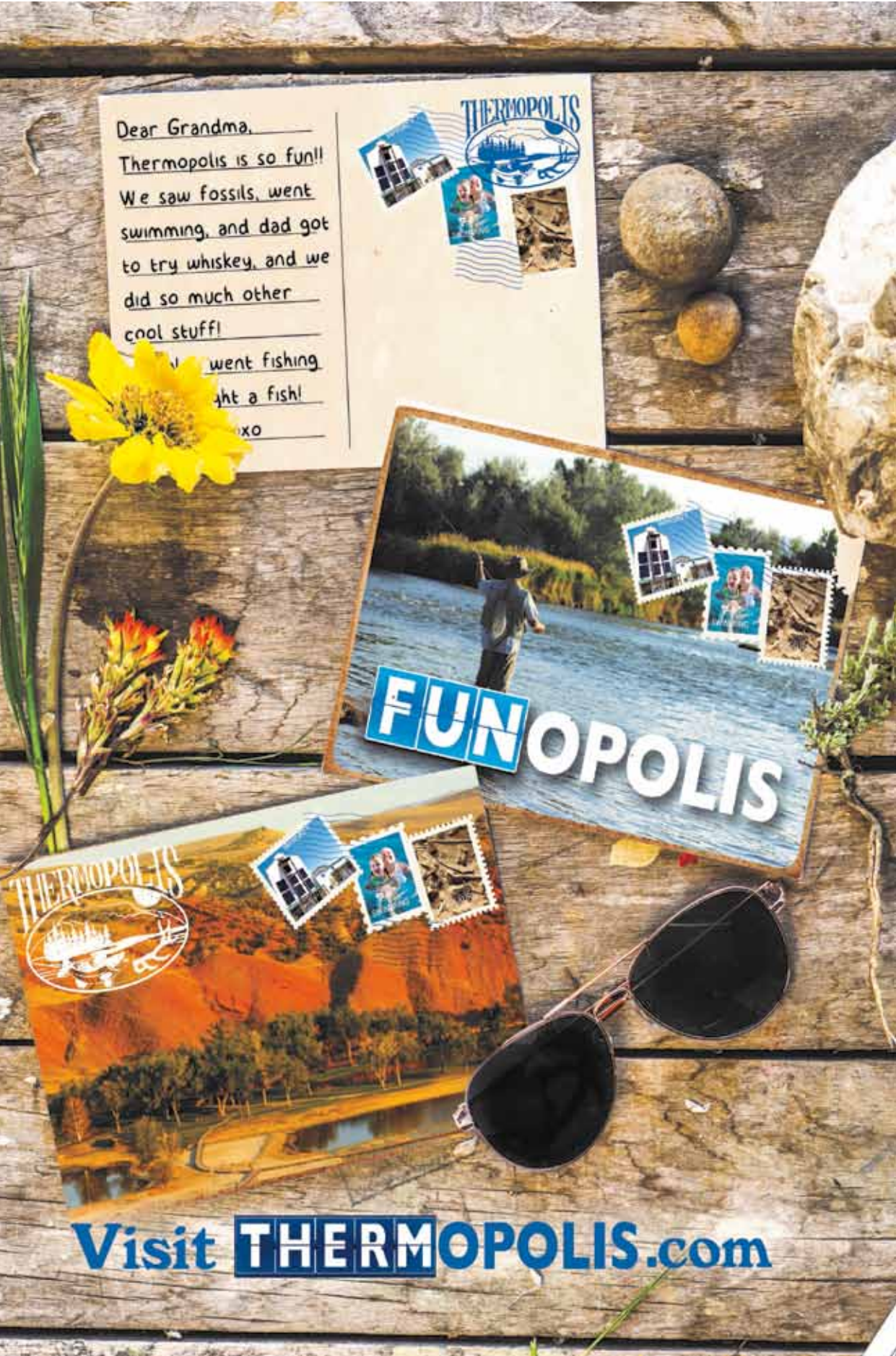
The latest swimsuits for men, women and kids, souvenir T-shirts, swim supplies and more are featured in the pool gift shop.

A shaded patio area is available for picnicking, as well as a large, grassy area with plenty of room for sunbathing. They also accommodate reunions, parties or other group gatherings.

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Hellie's Tepee Pools include a number of indoor and outdoor attractions for guests, including the 272-foot long outdoor slide.



Star Plunge – for family fun all year

Nestled against the hill in Hot Springs State Park is the Star Plunge, where anyone can soothe their body and soul – 12 hours a day, 365 days a year – in any season.

It might look the same as you remember it on the exterior, but the famous facility has a new look inside. A new granite countertop and dry stack stone have been added.

Featured attractions include three exciting water slides; indoor and outdoor mineral pools; high dive; basketball hoop; steam cave; Big Spring Water Fountain; baby pool; fountain waterfall and much more.

The “Super Star 500” is one of the world’s longest water slides, gushing over 2,400 gallons per minute down a flume that measures over 500 feet. The “Blue Thunder Run” is a 330-foot, all-weather hydro-tube that curves around a 60-foot tower.

The “Lil’ Dipper” is a 60-foot, warm mineral slide, just right for little tots and grandparents. It is open year-round on days the temperature is above 32 degrees.



In the “Vapor Cave” the hot mineral water heats the room to 118 degrees.

A weight and fitness room provide exercise opportunities. Workout equipment ranges from free weights to treadmills. There are also tanning beds. Among the items for rent are swimsuits, towels, balls, floats and lockers. There is a unique gift shop, and you’ll enjoy the snack bar and arcade game room.

The first Star Plunge was built in 1900 and has been enjoyed by Buffalo Bill Cody, Butch Cassidy (and “The Hole in the Wall Gang”), Marlon Brando, Robert Redford and other celebrities.

The Star is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. seven days a week.



On a hot summer day or in the ice cold of winter – or anything in between – it’s always a great time to enjoy the outdoor or indoor pool at the Star Plunge.

Both the indoor and outdoor pools are heated by warm mineral water from the Big Spring. The temperature of the inside pool is 94-98 degrees, with the outdoor pool 90-94. The hot pool’s 104-degree water and air jets give a soothing massage.

The “Vapor Cave” is cut into a mountain, and hot mineral water naturally heats the room to 118 degrees. A fountain in the Vapor Cave formed by natural minerals overflows and creates the steam.

For sun worshipers, the Star Plunge provides lots of sunning decks on the hillside overlooking Wyoming’s most popular state park.



The Star Plunge in the early 1920s.



The Wyoming State Bath House offers an outdoor soaking pool, pictured above, and an indoor pool at Hot Springs State Park in Thermopolis. The Bath House is open seven days a week.

State Bath House offers free 20-minute soaks

A modern Wyoming State Bath House awaits visitors to Hot Springs State Park.

Starting with Native Americans hundreds of years ago, people have been visiting the beautiful Thermopolis valley to enjoy the therapeutic benefits of the hot mineral water.

The State Bath House fulfills a treaty requirement with the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Indian tribes made 120 years ago for free use of the hot mineral water flowing from the springs in Thermopolis.

Located between the two commercial pools, the State Bath House offers indoor and outdoor soaking pools that are open year round.

Visitors are drawn to the Bath House because the pools are filled with 100 percent mineral water; no chemicals or municipal water are used.

The temperature is kept at 104 degrees, and the pools are drained and cleaned every 48 hours. There is a 20-minute soaking limit.

The facility also includes locker rooms with showers. Bathing suits or towels are available for \$1.

The State Bath House is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The facility also has visitor information regarding Hot Springs State Park and the surrounding area, including the Legend Rock Petroglyph Site northwest of Thermopolis.

Free entrance into Hot Springs State Park

Unlike most other state parks in Wyoming, visitors can enjoy Hot Springs State Park's state-owned facilities and recreation areas without having to buy an annual or daily-use permit from the state.

However, the park does solicit donations to help pay expenses and keep the park in shape.

There are fees for rental of a bathing suit or towel at the free State Bath House.

Use of any of the three picnic shelters is free unless they are reserved. Reservation fee is \$50. The park also offers liquor permits at no charge.

The two privately operated pools, Star Plunge and Teepee Spa, charge a fee for the use of each of their facilities.



Go to wyoroad.info for up to date travel information

As you're traveling through Wyoming a comprehensive list of visitor information centers and road conditions is available, right at your fingertips, through the Wyoming Department of Transportation's (WYDOT) website at <https://wyoroad.info>.

Simply look for the icon on their website that looks like an "T" and it will give you the location of the information centers in the area. Those centers can provide you with maps and other resources to make your Wyoming adventure an enjoyable one.

One never knows when it may snow in Wyoming, and it has been known to happen in June and July, especially in the high country. The website can not only show you where roads may be impacted by weather conditions, but show you where construction is going on and allow you to take a peek at the WYDOT cameras all over the state so you can take a personal glance at what the road conditions look like during your trip.



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Excavating and preparing a dinosaur skeleton can take years of hard work to complete. Thankfully, that process never stops at our sites. The Dig for a Day is the Wyoming Dinosaur Center's most popular first-hand experience. With good reason! You can spend a full day working alongside WDC

scientists and interns in an active dinosaur site and participate in each step of the paleontological process, as you spend the day exploring 30 million years of prehistoric wonders on the Warm Springs Ranch.

Arrive at the museum at 8 am to meet your guides, who will be with you for your

entire day. They will drive you out on the ranch and back in time to the Late Jurassic Period, 150 million years ago. Your fossil site awaits on The Hill. Over 15,000 dinosaur bones have been found here, from massive long-necked plant-eaters like *Camarasaurus* and *Diplodocus*, to the terrifying carnivore *Allosaurus*. You just might make our next big discovery . . .

Think of your day as "luxury paleontology." The tools and training you need to dig are provided by your guides. Stay in the shade while you work, with plenty of ice water and lunch delivered to you on-site! Work alongside WDC staff and assist in all the parts of dinosaur digging. Every discovery is logged in the WDC's official records. Your name will go down in history when you find a dinosaur bone, and you can call the museum at any time to check on the status of your discovery.

After looking for dinosaurs, walk through the Sundance Sea, from a time when Thermopolis was under water and filled with prehistoric sea creatures, like Plesiosaurs and Ichthyosaurs! Look for squid shells and clams along the hillsides, and take some home as a souvenir!

The day concludes with a personal tour of the Wyoming Dinosaur Center. Learn the secrets of the museum, take a look behind the scenes at the newest exhibits, and get a look at the latest "works in progress" in the preparation lab. You can even see the treasures found on other Dig for a Days, including Morris the *Camarasaurus* - a 60 foot long real bone skeleton found just ten minutes from the museum. It's your chance to experience a side of dinosaur science most visitors rarely see.

Digs are offered every day from late May to mid September, weather permitting, so there are plenty of opportunities to join us for a day of dinosaur discovery.

Come see why the Wyoming Dinosaur Center is the world's best dinosaur experience - visit our website and schedule your very own Dig for a Day!

The Wyoming Dinosaur Center is located at 110 Carter Ranch Road. To get to the museum from the center of town, take Broadway east across the tracks into East Thermopolis. Cross the bridge, then stay to the right and make a sharp left on Warren Street. When you reach the stop sign, turn right and the street will bring you right to the museum.



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Other in-house brews include the new OEB Golden Ale, Smokin Waters Wheat, the seasonal Buffalo Jack using Jackrabbit Java from Storyteller, OEB Vienna Lager and Divorcinator Double IPA. Besides their in-house

brews, One Eyed Buffalo concentrates on other Wyoming microbrews to keep on guest taps. They also serve some regional western brews from Montana and Utah.

One Eyed Buffalo also serves stick-to-the-ribs food including pub grub like nachos and wings, as well as steaks, burgers and buffalo burgers, in a family friendly environment. Merchandise is also available, including growlers, shirts and hats.

The live music featured on some Saturday nights includes many genres from jazz to bluegrass to rock n’ roll. Local and regional musicians book shows at the unique establishment.

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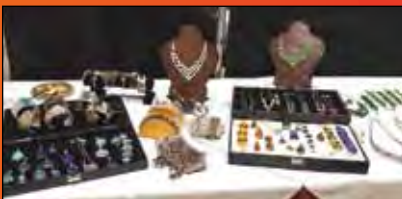
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ON THE first floor, antiques, artifacts and period costumes depict typical scenes from days gone by. Feast your eyes on a luxurious display of furs, including Persian lamb, fox and horsehide, worn by pioneers.

There is a sightseeing wagon, which was used in Yellowstone National Park around the turn of the century, and a smaller buggy from the early 1900s. Perhaps the most illustrious piece is the historic cherrywood bar from the Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon.

The bar is especially interesting since Butch Cassidy and, more than likely, the Sundance Kid were patrons at the Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon.

DOWNSTAIRS, you'll find a rough-hewn log cabin and a wildlife display, along with a simulated frontier town connected by rustic plank sidewalks.

The Native American displays are considered some of the best by visitors to the museum. They

include artfully-displayed arrowheads, tools, pottery and headdresses.

HISTORIC exhibits continue across the street from the main building.

You will literally step into the past as you enter the Middleton School house from Owl Creek and the one room "Depression" house furnished to resemble a typical Thermopolis dwelling inhabited by poor families in the 1930s. View farm machinery, ranch tools, a sheep wagon and a wool sacking chute in the agriculture building.

THE PETROLEUM building has exhibits about the oil industry in Hot Springs County, while outside are derricks, a cable tool rig and a pumping unit from the giant Hamilton Dome oil field. The full-size Burlington Northern caboose is sure to catch your eye.

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Gift of the Waters Pageant celebrates treaty

The paths surrounding the Big Horn Hot Springs were pounded out by moccasins long before the boots of the first white man.

The Gift of the Waters Pageant celebrates the 122nd year since the signing of the treaty, which set aside Hot Springs State Park. The pageant will be held on Aug. 3 & 4.

Written in 1925 by Marie Montabe and presented that October, the play was revived in 1950 and presented regularly ever since.

It is performed on the grassy area in front of the Big Spring by members of the Shoshone tribe and local residents.

Coordinated events are scheduled throughout the week preceding Pageant Days.

The treaty was signed on April 21, 1896, at Fort Washakie by Chief Washakie of the Shoshones and Chief Sharp Nose of the Arapaho.

The Tribes sold a tract of land almost ten miles square to the United States for \$60,000 worth of cash, cattle and food supplies. Chief Washakie stipulated a portion of the water remain free to the people.

In 1899, the Wyoming Legislature set aside the park and specified one-quarter of the water

from the Big Spring be free for public use.

For more information, contact the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce at 864-3192.



The Gift of the Waters play is performed at the Big Spring by members of the Shoshone tribe.

Big fish call Boysen home

Don't let the big one get away. No fishing trip in Hot Springs County is complete without a stop at Boysen Reservoir, between Thermopolis and Shoshoni, where record-setting fish lurk just below the surface.

In January 2015, Casper angler Troy Schnepfer reeled in a new state record yellow perch, weighing 2.28 pounds. Schnepfer's fish was 15.25 inches long and had a girth of 12.5 inches.

Stan Seivewright pulled a 17.42-pound walleye from Boysen in 1991 to set a world ice fishing record.

The lunker broke the Wyoming state walleye mark at the time by more than two pounds. In addition, it was the third largest walleye ever caught in the western US.

More than \$5,400 went to Wes Haas and his brother, Steve, when he caught a 33-inch, 15.07-pound lunker.

That was heavy enough to win the Fourth Annual Wyoming Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. The well-fed walleye measured 20 inches in circumference.

However, Haas did not hook the richest cash prize ever taken at Boysen.

That honor goes to a Casper man who caught a tagged walleye and won \$10,000 in the 1974 Shoshoni Pike Derby. In Wyoming, walleye were often called pike at that time.



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Big Horn Basin Folk Festival packed full of fun

The Fifth Annual Big Horn Basin Folk Festival will be held August 3 & 4 2019, in Hot Springs State Park. The Festival celebrates the handwork and creativity of Wyoming's own artists, craftsmen and musicians. It is the only festival of its kind in Wyoming that focuses on Wyoming folk artists.

Festival events on Saturday and Sunday include musicians at the Pavilion in the Park, artisan demonstrations, hands-on activities and the very popular Storytelling Circle.

The theme for 2019 celebrates the rich history of Wyoming women, presented as Women in Herstory. Enjoy stories about women who settled Wyoming and women who contributed to the growth of our state through politics, medicine, homesteading, and as entrepreneurs. A story or two may even be told about female outlaws and other female ruffians.

Our stories flow into the evening hours, when the shadows begin to form and things start to go bump in the night. That's when we'll gather around for a fun but chilling evening of ghost stories. Join us if you dare. Young and old alike will love the Storytelling Circle with professional and amateur storytellers. Many scholars consider storytelling as the oldest art. Professional and semi-professional storytellers are sure to entertain.

Folk art demonstrations during the two days include goat soap making, polymer clay sculpture, lampwork bead making, leather work, fly tying, boat making, rawhide hand drums,



Leather working will be one of the many interactive demonstrations available during the Big Horn Basin Folk Festival.

wood turning, repurposed textiles, rug hooking and roping. Come try your hand at one of these crafts.

Smoking Waters Art Guild will do several "make it and take it" activities.

Enjoy music all day at the Pavilion and shopping at the many vendor booths including books written by Wyoming Authors and books about Wyoming.

Free River Bend Bark Park available

This pet exercise area is located near the entrance of Hot Springs State Park. It is on the north side of the road between the Burlington Northern Railroad underpass and the Big Horn River.

If you have been travelling and want your dog to stretch its legs here is the prime spot, with a fenced in area and exercise equipment specifically designed for animals. Like any pet park it is the owners' responsibility

to control their pets and clean up after them; bags are available. Picnic tables are also in the area for everyone to enjoy.

This facility was made possible by the Mustangs 4-H Club and Hot Springs State Park.

Wyoming Whiskey offers quality bourbon

Wyoming Whiskey, located in Kirby, Wyoming, 12 miles north of Thermopolis, is the state's first legal distillery. They specialize in mashing, distilling, and bottling premium bourbon.

Wyoming Whiskey filled their 10,000th barrel of bourbon in August of 2017, a major milestone. The first barrel was filled in July 2009 and CEO Brad Mead announced the business would start selling its small-batch bourbon Dec. 1, 2012, exclusively in Wyoming. Since then, Wyoming Whiskey distribution has expanded across the United States and into several other countries.

Master Distiller Steve Nally, a member of the Bourbon Hall of Fame, came out of retirement and moved to Thermopolis to guide production at the fledgling distillery. His previous experience included over three decades of work at the famed Maker's Mark distillery in Loretta, Kentucky.

With the operation running like clockwork, the Nallys chose to move back to Kentucky in the spring of 2014. Sam Mead now runs all aspects of the operation.

Wyoming Whiskey has four warehouses to age bourbon with a total capacity of over 9,000 barrels. Construction of two additional warehouses is slated to begin in May, which will bring the storage capacity to 14,000 barrels. Cases of bourbon are bottled on demand, depending on availability of the product. The distillery has several products, ranging from its flagship Small Batch Bourbon whiskey to its ultra-premium Barrel Strength Bourbon.

Every product has received high-praise, and the Barrel Strength Bourbon was named one of the top 10 whiskeys in 2016 by Whiskey Advocate's Lew Bryson. Mark Gillespie of "WhiskeyCast" gave it a score of 97, noting it was not only one of the best bourbons, but one of the best whiskies he's had.

"Elevation Outdoors" readers also voted Wyoming Whiskey Best Rocky Mountain Distillery, in the 2016 Best of the Rockies contest.

Summer tours at the Wyoming Whiskey distillery are conducted each weekday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning on the hour. Winter tours start Labor Day weekend and go through Memorial Day weekend and leave the Whiskey Shop every weekday at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. Whiskey slushies are available at the Whiskey Shop throughout the summer.

Visitors taking the tour will learn how handcrafted bourbon is made with the use of premium Wyoming ingredients and be

shown the process of milling locally grown corn, wheat and malted barley, and how they are cooked. The fermentation process is explained, where only yeast that is specially selected is used.

"We encourage people to come see our facility, go on a tour, and enjoy our patio while having a sample of one of our award winning whiskeys," Mead said.

To find Wyoming Whiskey, take Highway 20 North from Thermopolis for 12 miles. Turn right on Highway 175 into Kirby, down Main Street to 100 S. Nelson St. A store is located at the facility where the whiskey may be purchased, as well as souvenirs such as caps and T-shirts.

For more information, call 307-864-2116.



Brad Mead and David DeFazio participate in the bottling process at Wyoming Whiskey.



Rugged Wind River Canyon offers plenty of greenery year round. The clear blue river divides the Wind River Canyon Scenic Byway, better known as U.S. Highway 20, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Watch for deer, bighorn sheep and even elk in the canyon.



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Wind River Canyon

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Over a billion years of geology is exposed in the canyon between Thermopolis and Boysen Dam. Informative signs identify much of the geologic history along U.S. Highway 20, the Wind River Canyon Scenic Byway.

The canyon is about 10 miles long, ending four miles south of Thermopolis at the "Wedding of the Waters," where the fast-flowing, rapids-dominated Wind River becomes the meandering Big Horn River.

Approaching the canyon from the south, you travel over relatively fault-lying variegated rock units of the Eocene Wind River Formation.

About a mile south of Boysen Dam, severely-faulted Paleozoic rocks roughly reflect a faulted arch.

At the first highway tunnel, the road crosses the Boysen normal fault, with Precambrian crystalline rocks on the north, an up-thrown side in contact with northward-dipping Cambrian shales. Displacement on this fault is about 1,500 feet, and the fault plane inclines

to the south at about 65 degrees.

About 1.6 miles north of that fault, the unconformable contact of the Precambrian crystalline rocks and the overlying sediments of Cambrian age (representing a time interval of two billion years) is exposed at the level of the highway.

Heading north, the sediments dip about ten degrees toward the north, and a complete section of Paleozoic formations may be observed.

The road emerges from the canyon at the north end, where extensive areas of Triassic red beds line the roadway.



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Midway through the canyon, parking at Windy Point and other turnouts, use binoculars to spot the bighorns on top of the mountain to the west.

As you drive between the tunnels and Boysen Dam, be especially careful not to hit one of the bighorns that occasionally cross U.S. Highway 20 (the Wind River Canyon Scenic Byway) from their range at the south end of the canyon.

Occasionally the bighorns are spotted along the shore by Boysen Lake boaters.



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Free wireless service available downtown

A recent addition to Thermopolis is the availability of WiFi in our main downtown area on Broadway. Tobi Johansen, business solutions specialist with RT Communications, explained there are three main access points to provide the service.

The eastern-most point is at the RT building itself, 338 Broadway, with coverage up to the railroad tracks. Other points provide coverage up to and including the Hot Springs County Museum. The three main access points tie straight into the fiber optic service, Johansen explained, and there are additional “mesh points” wired into downtown light poles, forming one network among all of the access points.

To connect to the network, just bring up your device’s WiFi network selector and connect to “RT Downtown WiFi”

Johansen added RT works to partner with businesses to enable more traffic downtown and people tend to go toward places with reliable wireless services. Of the 16 towns the company serves, Thermopolis is the first to get the downtown WiFi service. In addition to RT and other businesses on this project, Main Street Thermopolis and the Thermopolis chapter of Rotary International put up money for the access points and the Town of Thermopolis is covering the costs of powering the access points in the light poles

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Hot Springs County has a broad range in our market. The median listing price is currently around \$169,000. You can look at fixer uppers starting at \$30,000 and up. High end homes, often

with acreage, range anywhere from \$319,000 to \$675,000. If you're looking to build your dream home, there are over 60 lots currently available in Hot Springs County, ranging anywhere from

around \$20k up to over \$300k depending on how much land you want.

The market in Thermopolis has continued to stay steady, even when the surrounding areas have slowed down significantly. There has been a seasonal decline in

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Explore the variety of artist works available and share in a passion for the arts. Many businesses downtown have an artist working inside, showing off their various crafts. Swing by and see for yourself.

The ArtStroll is on the second Friday of every month from 5-8 p.m. The event continues on

Saturday during regular business hours.

For more information about the ArtStroll, visit www.hsglf.org or find information on Facebook at www.facebook.com/smokingwatersartguild.

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A youngster nurses as his mother and a bull buffalo graze on the emerging green grasses in Hot Springs State Park.

Questions? Chamber has the answers

The Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center is here to help, so don't hesitate to stop in.

Whether booking a convention, looking for a relaxing way to enjoy a weekend or just passing through town wondering how to spend the day, the Chamber of Commerce has an office full of information and smiling faces to point you in the right direction.

The office is located at 220 Park St. at the entrance to Hot Springs State Park, just across U.S. Highway 20 from the state park office. In addition to information such as visitor guides, brochures, calendars and maps of local, regional and statewide attractions, the chamber has maps for ATV roads and scenic drives.

If you are inclined toward natural healing and therapeutic relaxation, a spa guide will direct you to local salons, fitness centers and retreats.

This year marks the centennial for the chamber. The following text is from the February 7, 1919 edition of the Thermopolis Independent:

The old Thermopolis commercial club is gradually emerging from its lethargic condition due no doubt to the demands of the war which temporarily suspended its activity, and under the name of the Thermopolis Chamber of Commerce is facing a great stimulus for unremitting tasks and endeavors.

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for the sole purpose of bettering the entire community in which we live, composed of business men, tradesmen, clerks, professional men, retired citizens and all who are interested in the general welfare of our city and county. We have instituted the departmental plan. This, in fact, is the only way we could succeed and as our meetings have been open to all, there is nothing to conceal nor place for suspicion. We wish to create better business, better homes, better government, a better community and, in general, create a better brotherhood of man. We ask only what is fair.

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Along the north and east town limits of Thermopolis in Hot Springs State Park roams one of the classic vestiges of the Old West — bison. The first bison was introduced in 1916 with a bull from Yellowstone National Park along with cows from Kansas.

The main herd of adult bulls, cows and calves wanders a large range east of the developed area of the state park on the east edge of Thermopolis.

Another satellite herd is located along the north edge of Thermopolis on the west side of U.S. Highway 20. The range is mostly atop T-Hill, overlooking the golf course.

Roads looping through the pasture offer sightseers a close-up look at the herd.

The herd size varies seasonally with newborn calves, pasture conditions and sales to other historic herds.

People viewing the main herd are warned to stay inside their vehicles and not get too close. Remember: The buffalo are wild and dangerous. Please do not approach them.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day, get a close up of the herd by meeting the feed truck at 8 a.m. at

Smoky Row Cemetery.

For details, visit the park office at 50 Highway 20 N. or call 864-2176.



Smoky Row Cemetery

Dating back to the 1890s is Old Smoky Row Cemetery in Hot Springs State Park.

Seated in a gulch east of the Star Plunge, Smoky Row was living quarters for the hot springs' earliest Western visitors. They camped in crude stone-front dugouts carved into the hillside. Among those buried there are:

- Mollie Koshear, who slipped over the falls into the river below the hot springs while placing articles under the falls to be coated;

- Augernose Jane, one of the characters along Smoky Row;

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Thermopolis Town Code Section 11 covers various offenses such as littering, defined as “throwing, dumping, placing or disposing of in any manner upon the streets, rights-of-way, or property of the Town; located within the corporate limits of the Town; trash, garbage, litter, rubbish, debris, paper, cans, bottles, jars, glass or any substance which would be likely to injure any person or vehicle, or which would in any manner distract from the appearance of the streets, rights-of-way or Town property.”

The section also covers breach of peace, stating it is unlawful “for a person to disturb the peace of the Town of Thermopolis or its inhabitants by unreasonably loud noise or music or by using threatening, abusive, or obscene language or violent actions or by fighting with knowledge or probable cause to believe he will disturb the peace.”

For those that bring their pets on vacation with them, it's important to note the code sets forth that animals may be declared a nuisance if it “molests passersby or passing vehicles, attacks or repeatedly fights with other animals, trespasses on school grounds, is repeatedly at large, damages private or public property, or barks, whines, or howls in an excessive continuous, or untimely fashion.”

It's also required that any dog or cat over three months of age within the town be licensed and vaccinated for rabies, so be sure to keep those tags visible. Fines for having unlicensed animals, dogs running at large and/or nuisance cats start at \$25 and court costs.

Also keep in mind during your stay that Thermopolis is home to the Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office and local police department, and both work with Wyoming Highway Patrol.

Should you have any trouble during your time in Thermop, don't hesitate to call police at 307-864-3114, sheriff's office at 307-864-2622, or stop by the Joint Law Enforcement Center at 417 Arapahoe, right across from the post office.



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The swastika-cowboy good luck

There is no decoration on a piece of cowboy gear that attracts more attention than the swastika, and with good reason. The symbol is widely misunderstood and shunned by the uninformed.

The symbol has roots back to ancient times. Greeks used it as a symbol of prosperity on coins. In Scandinavia it was well-known as “Thor’s Hammer,” and is widely used today as a religious symbol of Hindus and Buddhists. At one time or another it was used by most ancient cultures.

In North America the Pueblo and Navajo tribes of the Southwest have used the symbol for centuries. It was commonly used to decorate baskets, pottery, jewelry and rugs. The Indians called the symbol “whirling logs,” and considered the shape to bring good fortune. The design was widely recognized by the westerns as Indian “Good Luck.”

The whirling log or swastika design was quickly adopted by the white settlers in the Southwest and soon spread across the Old West. The common wisdom was that if the whirling log design brought good luck to the Indians then it certainly couldn’t hurt the white man. Many companies incorporated the bold graphic as part of their trademarks. The famous Miller Brothers of 101 Ranch fame used the swastika as part of their letterhead as an element on many Wild West Show posters.

Cowboys were notorious gamblers, so it is not a surprise that they would be interested in

as much luck as they could get. Their gear was typically decorated with the traditional shapes of good fortune that included four-leaf clovers, horseshoes and swastikas.

The swastika was also very popular decoration with companies catering to the “dude” trade. Manufacturers used the symbol to create bandanas, blankets, poker chips, postcards, bathrobes, hat pins, bar ware and scores of other functional items. Cowboys and prison inmates fashioned handmade gear including hitched horsehair bridles and hat bands, chaps, spurs and other equipment with the swastika. Wild West show performers, especially women, used the swastika to decorate riding skirts and vests through the early part of the century.

The swastika had a reversal of image with the rise of the Nazi party and the onset of World War II. The National Socialist Party adopted the swastika as its symbol in 1920 and by the mid 1930s it was synonymous with Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich.

With the beginning of WWII, cowboys set out to alter, disfigure and even destroy much of their gear that carried the swastika. Collectors often find saddles with the symbol crossed out with a pocket knife or screwdriver. Chaps with the design will sometimes have part of the swastika removed, leaving only the cross intact. Much of the gear was actually destroyed, making Western swastika items not only rare but scarce.



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The open house will have plenty of food and family fun, and provides an opportunity to shake hands with the men and women who selflessly volunteer to put themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety of residents of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County and, when called upon, the surrounding counties.

From the Friday, Feb. 21, 1919 edition of the Thermopolis Independent:

City to Have Volunteer Fire Dep't.

At the meeting of the council last Monday evening. City Engineer J. B. Chessington submitted a report looking to the reduction of the fire rating for the city from Class 5 to Class 4 ½, which would amount to a reduction in the fire insurance premiums for the city of about

9%, or approximately \$6,000 per year.

According to the archives, the first meeting of the department was at 8 p.m. on March 4, 1919 at the Hot Springs County Courthouse. There were a total 32 active firemen, with E. A. Rappuhn serving as chief and Fred W. Smith as Assistant Chief.



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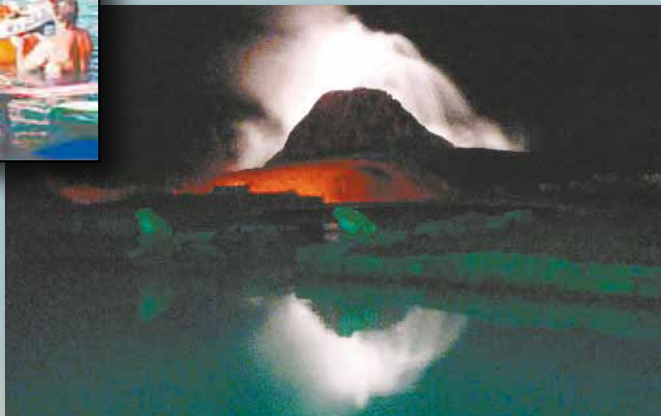
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Though its tempting to want to stop and pet the animals, keep in mind they are wild and can cause injury if you get too close. This is especially true of our buffalo herd in Hot Springs State Park. These beasts can appear fat and lazy as they lounge around in the grass, but if startled or irritated they can easily get up to speeds approaching 35 miles per hour. They are also able to turn quickly and jump fences.

Our spring and summer months will also see some new calves in the pasture, and the herd will be extra protective. While much of the pasture has fencing set up, there are hiking trails that go into the open land, and it is especially important to be on the lookout for buffalo and keep a healthy distance.

Another critter you might encounter out on a hike are rattlesnakes. Staying on trails, where snakes are more visible, as well as wearing boots or shoes made from thick material, can help prevent a nasty bite.

If you do happen to get bit, it's important to get to a hospital as quickly as possible even if you are unsure a rattler bit you, as it's the best place to be if you start to show symptoms of venom in your system. If in an area where you can dial 9-1-1, do it, but there are a few measures you can take while waiting for an

ambulance to arrive.

Move at least 20 feet away from the snake to avoid irritating it and risking a second bite.

Do not maneuver the area of the bite above the heart, as this can cause blood containing venom from the bite to go to the heart more quickly. If possible, keep yourself or the injured person from moving until help arrives. Movement means increased blood flow, spreading venom more rapidly. Of course, if you're alone, it's more important to find help than stay immobile.

Keep an eye out for signs of shock, such as paleness, rapid heartbeat, fast breathing, nausea, dizziness and enlarged pupils. For those who go into shock, lay them down on their back, raising the feet up at least a foot. Keep them warm by wrapping them in a blanket or extra layer of clothing. Start CPR if a person doesn't show signs of life such as breathing, coughing or movement.

Avoid alcohol or caffeine. These substances make you take in the venom more quickly. Don't have anything to eat or drink while waiting for care, including medication and alcohol. You want to keep the metabolism low.

Don't cut the wound. Popular belief suggests cutting the bites can help release the venom. However, tests have proven that this method doesn't help, and you can infect the wound if you use a dirty knife.

Don't suck the wound with your mouth. By sucking, you introduce the venom to your mouth. Also, your mouth is bacteria-ridden, so you could also infect the bite with germs from your mouth. In fact, within 15 minutes, the venom has already entered the lymphatic system, so sucking after this point is useless.



Traffic jams in Hot Springs County usually include horses, cows or sheep.



This spectacular bar comes from the Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon frequented by Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch.

Stop! It's the Hole-in-the-Wall bar

Of all the outlaws that traveled the West, none are more famous than Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, along with their cohorts, the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang.

Their history in Hot Springs County is colorful and visitors to the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center have the opportunity to “belly up to the bar” at the original bar from the Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon.

Crafted in Ireland in the late 1800s from

solid cherry wood harvested in New York State, the bar was one of three created for the 1904 World's Fair in Chicago.

After the fair, the bar traveled by stage to Thermopolis to Tom Skinner's bar where the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang drank beer and sipped whiskey alongside locals.

Historians hint that Skinner actually hid money for the gang in his personal safe so they wouldn't be caught by the law with large amounts of cash on them.

Take the Scenic Route through Wind River Canyon

The Wind River Canyon Scenic Byway begins in Hot Springs State Park at the north edge of Thermop and continues to Shoshoni.

Drive south through the Thermopolis valley past the Wedding of the Waters, where the placid blue Bighorn River becomes the wild Wind River. Follow the river upstream through the stunning Wind River Canyon and the east end of the Wind River Indian Reservation. At the south end of the canyon, the scenic byway passes through three tunnels and opens into Boysen State Park with its broad dam.

The final third of the byway loops around the east side of the lake to Shoshoni.

Thrilling whitewater trips tame the wild Wind River

The first thing most people think about when they see the blue-green water churn into boiling whitewater rapids for the first time is floating or kayaking through spectacular Wind River Canyon.

That hasn't always been possible, since the canyon is within the boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation.

However, a franchise has been granted by tribal officials to Pete and Darren Calhoun's Wind River Canyon Whitewater to guide raft trips along the mighty Wind River.

The trips have turned into another major attraction for Thermopolis-Hot Springs visitors and residents.

Part of the reason for the popularity of the floats is the calm water which allows you to enjoy the unparalleled beauty of the geological timetable that is Wind River Canyon, mixed with the churning excitement of the rapids.

The names tell the story: 1st Dam Rapids, Black Coal, Sharpnose Chute, Sphinxer, Pin Canyon Falls, Screamin' Lizard, Sacajawea Straits and Washakie Falls. The difficulty ratings of the sections of rapids vary from small, Class I rapids to classes III and IV, depending on the river's flow.

There is a full selection of trips: short and long, whitewater or calm, overnight and even some with fishing. Safety is stressed, and the latest in equipment is provided.

The Calhouns are also authorized to issue tribal fishing permits to individuals and have a fly shop to service the general public.

A bonus offering is guided fly fishing trips in the canyon and on the Big Horn River.

Wind River Canyon Whitewater's rafting season lasts roughly from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Catering to special groups is stressed by the Calhouns.



Thrills, and possibly spills, are part of the fun of a whitewater raft trip in the canyon.

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Thermopolis and Hot Springs County are fortunate to have a variety of physicians and medical professionals.

In a time when many small communities are forced to do without doctors or hospital facilities, we not only have a large, dedicated group of individuals with expertise and vision to take us into the future of health care - we are in the process of adding 35,000 square feet to the facility. All new clinical areas are expected to be completed by December of 2020. We are proud to have the support of our community as we move forward and continue to offer legendary experiences here in Hot Springs County!

HSCMH provides a variety of surgical options for our community: general and orthopedic surgery including total joint replacement, cataract, dental, mastectomy, endoscopy and tubal ligation.

Our diagnostic imaging department boasts a state of the art low-dose radiation 64-slice CT scanner, digital mammography, and nuclear medicine. We also offer cardiac rehab, OB services, chemotherapy administration, wound care and laboratory services which offers affordable "Lab Well" services without appointments every Tuesday, 7-10 a.m. The hospital also has a state of the art 1.5 tesla, 48 channel MRI offering bigger, better, and faster

scans. And as of 2018, they have a high-resolution ultra-sound that does 2D, 3D, and 4D images.

HSCMH provides 24/7 emergency room care.

Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital also hosts a variety specialty clinics on an almost daily basis allowing patients to see their specialist locally rather than having to travel out of town - a convenience, especially in the tricky winter months in Wyoming. We provide cardiology, orthopedics, oncology, urology, dermatology, surgical consults and ophthalmology (including cataracts) care provided by visiting specialists. We also added our pain clinic last year. This clinic is held with Ryan Shedd, MSNA, CRNA, NSPM-C. Ryan is 1 of 15 CRNA's nationally to hold dual Board Certification in Anesthesia and Non-Surgical Pain Management.

Across the street from the hospital is Red Rock Family Practice, housing four local physicians: Dr. Travis Bomengen, Dr. Jason Weyer, Dr. Mattson Mathey, and Dr. Hallie Bischoff, as well as certified physician assistants, Colleen Hanson, Mitch Volin and family nurse practitioner, Linsey Brooks. One of our changes in 2018 was to offer a provider who would work full-time in the hospital. Physician's Assistant, Ellen Reynolds, works with our physicians to provide hospitalist and emergency room coverage.

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Adjacent to the hospital you will find Gottsche Rehabilitation and Wellness Center, a facility that has been dedicated to improving health for several decades. Services available at Gottsche include physical and occupational therapy, including dry needling, along with counseling services. Massage services are also available, and there is a wellness area in the lower level. In addition to regular staff, Gottsche is also a location for visiting doctors.

Next door to the hospital, patients can find the office of Dr. Vernon Miller, a well-known surgeon.

Our local optometrist is Dana McDermott, O.D., who owns Thermopolis EyeCare.

Two dentists are available at Paintbrush Dental – Dr. Leif Polson and Dr. Will Robinson. The duo can handle anything from family dentistry to wisdom tooth extractions under sedation, as well as implants and hospital procedures.

Chiropractic services are at your disposal with two practices in the county. Jeffrey Myers, D.C., operates Myers Chiropractic, and Dr. Bill Hayes, D.C. has Thermopolis Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic.

Health in the home is available through Community Home Health Services, which can help you recover from surgery or illness in the comfort of your home by providing visiting nurses, CNAs, and therapy services. They are located at 717 Broadway but cover Hot Springs and Washakie counties.

Counseling and mental health services are available in Hot Springs County at Well Spring Counseling Service, Wisdom Tree Consultation and Counseling Services and Kathy Smith Neurobiofeedback. TLC Counseling provides faith-based mental health and substance abuse counseling and DUI education.

Massage, physical therapy services offered

Several certified massage therapists practice in Thermopolis including Jennifer Jacobson (Days Inn), Val Curley (Gottsche Rehabilitation and Wellness Center) and independent therapist Colleen Andretti, L.M.T., C.M.T.

Marion Burr-Bishop is a certified aquatic massage (Watsu) therapist and Lindsey Bowman (LK Essentials and AromaTouch) provides the AromaTouch technique which combines use of essential oils with massage, to help with stress relief, immunity support, body discomfort and mood elevation. Both Bishop and Bowman are available by appointment.

Nature's Corner and the Crow Bar provide the community with a long list of products aimed at alternative medicines that include vitamin supplements and minerals as well as herbal remedies.

To help keep you healthy they also provide a good selection of whole foods and unprocessed selections as well as healthy lunch items and drinks available at the Crow Bar.

To enhance your wellness routine, Days Inn and Gottsche Rehabilitation and Wellness Center provide exercise equipment, and Gottsche has classes, to keep you as healthy as possible. Star Plunge also has exercise equipment available.



Stop in for a visit at the Senior Center

Looking to stop for a meal and visit with community members, and maybe share a story or two? Check out the Hot Springs County Senior Citizens Center located at 206 Senior Avenue, just east of LeRoy Hayes stadium and the wooden park.

Lunches at the center are served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., with a \$4 suggested donation for those 60 and older, and a flat rate of \$9 for those under 60. The menu changes daily and features a variety of food including steak, oven fried chicken, pork roast, beef stew, cabbage burgers, taco salad and more.

Looking for something to get your day going? Head on over for the morning Coffee Club beginning at 7 a.m. by donation only.

The center offers more than just food, however. If

you're in need of a ride, don't hesitate to give them a ring at 864-2151. They'll get you where you need in the county for a suggested donation of two dollars for a one-way trip. The public transportation keeps pretty busy, so the more advance notice of a need for a ride, the better.

If you're eyeing Thermopolis as a place to hold your next family reunion or other gathering, the center has plenty of room available for guests as well as kitchen and dining services. A cleaning deposit of \$100 is required, but may be returned upon inspection of the center following the event. Of course, you can always donate the deposit back to the center, as such donations and fundraisers throughout the year help keep the center going and providing service to our residents and visitors.



Secure on the Swinging Bridge, spectators look for fish and turtles in the Big Horn River.

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Swinging Bridge spans river gorge

Do you feel daring? Want the best possible view of the Rainbow Terraces and wildlife in the Big Horn River? Cross the Swinging Bridge in Hot Springs State Park.

The Wyoming landmark has thrilled tens of thousands with its unique view of the blue-green river, terraces, fish, waterfowl, turtles, buffalo, deer and even trains. The first bridge spanned the river in 1916. While the earlier bridges had their dangers, there has never been a reported accident on the current bridge. North Dakota

National Guard engineering units built it.

The bridge was originally used to cross the river from a hospital near the highway to the terraces, Big Spring and swimming and soaking facilities. It may be reached via special walkways across the cooling ponds and is actually the start of the Riverside Walkway that meanders through the park to just below the Dinosaur Center.

Extinct geyser cones are visible on the west side of the bridge.

Merlin's Hide Out a 'must see' treasure

Many years ago, Native Americans slept curled beneath the deep fur hides of buffalo, wrapping themselves up in them to ward off the bitter cold of a Wyoming winter. Today, their soft, rich texture can add a touch of the Old West to any room.

The art of tanning buffalo robes lives on at Merlin's Hide Out in Thermopolis.

Tanning hundreds of different hides each year, owner Merlin Heinze takes pride in keeping a personal touch with every piece that passes through his hands.

In 2015, Merlin's became "Hollywood famous," as Courtney Hoffman, costume designer for "The Hateful Eight," requested eight coats for the movie. The coat worn by actor Kurt Russell became known on the set as "The Big Boy," and director Quentin Tarantino considers it one of the more iconic parts of the movie.

There are several steps involved in tanning the perfect buffalo robe, and each of those steps are done by hand, personally overseen by Merlin, to create a unique, premium piece that will last for generations.

Harvested in the peak of winter, Merlin's buffalo robes are thick and luxuriously soft,



Visitors to Merlin's Hide Out at its location on Richards Street in Thermopolis will find a nice variety of beautiful hides.

with natural variations in color indicative of the native plains animal.

In addition to buffalo robes, you will find a wide range of fur and leather items, including fur mittens and hats along with a variety of new creations.

Tours are available which allow the visitor to experience the tanning process firsthand as well as see the care taken in each hand-crafted item for sale in the show room.

Visit Merlin's Hide Out on the web at www.merlinhideout.com or for more information about a tour of the facility, call 307-864-3657.



Swim, shade, sun and a spectacular view await visitors to the swimming beach, located on Boysen Reservoir, just above Boysen Dam. The miles of shoreline on the giant lake offer camping areas and many other beaches for boaters, fishermen and waterskiers. A marina and two full-service campgrounds with play areas and many facilities are also above the dam.

Boysen State Park offers waterskiing, marina, year-round fishing and more

Spectacular and spacious, Boysen Reservoir and Boysen State Park are located less than 20 minutes south of Thermopolis.

The state operates Boysen State Park, maintaining campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps, docks and restrooms, and leases out a marina.

Recreational uses include fishing, boating, sports-sailing and waterskiing. There is a public swimming beach near the northeast entrance to the wide-spread park.

An earth-filled, 1,100-foot long, 230-foot high dam created the lake at the south edge of Wind River Canyon in 1951. Behind the dam are the blue-green waters of Boysen Reservoir. Boysen Dam is just

above the tunnels on U.S. Highway 20, the Wind River Canyon Scenic Byway.

Below the dam along the Wind River are two shaded campgrounds, which feature individual and group units. On the east side of Boysen Reservoir is the popular Tough Creek campground.

There are summer and winter events at Boysen, including a winter carnival ice fishing derby. Those who are only going to

Boysen Marina may enter the park without charge.

Fees to use other areas are paid at log booths near the main east and west entrances, or at toll sites on other roads. A small fee is charged for resident and non-resident day passes.



Enjoy waterskiing on Boysen Reservoir!

There's a lot to do in Thermopolis

Small towns love to celebrate, and friendly guests are always welcome! Take time out to join us and find out what we're really like. Here are some activities planned this summer:

- May 25-26 - 3 on 3 basketball. Fun for the entire family with competition for all ages.
- June 1 - Thermopolis Brewfest downtown
- June 8 - Hot City Outdoor Day
- June 15-16 - Annual Hot Spot Car Rally in Hot Springs State Park. Come see the classics, and enjoy the food and the music.
- June 21-22 - Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous. Featuring working dog trials, PRCA Rodeo, parade and entertainment
- July 4 - Come sit in Hot Springs State Park and enjoy the fireworks! It starts at dark. Bring a blanket to sit on; evenings can be a wee bit cool.
- July 27 - Youth horse show at the fairgrounds.
- July 29-August 3 - Hot Springs County Fair.
- Aug. 3 - Open house at the Thermopolis Fire Hall. Come help celebrate the Thermopolis Volunteer Fire Department's centennial!
- Aug. 3-4 - Gift of the Waters Pageant Days in Hot Springs State Park. One of our longest traditional performances tells how the hot springs were given



Expect thrills and bangs at the Demo Derby.

to the state by the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes from the Wind River Reservation. Native American performances, arts and artisans.

- Aug. 3-4 - Big Horn Basin Folk Festival. A new event in 2015 featuring live music, demonstrations and more in Hot Springs State Park.

- Aug. 17 - Demolition Derby. An evening of bashing, crashing family fun, at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds.

There is always something going on in Hot Springs County.

- Attend the 2nd Friday ArtStroll downtown or the 2nd Saturday Still Strolling Saturday featuring craftsmen and artisans, both local and regional, in our downtown businesses.

- Watch a leather worker fashioning belts, purses or even chairs at White Horse Country Store.

- See how a knife is forged and shaped at Wes Whipple's Knife Forge.

- Check out live sheep and demonstrations of spinning, dyeing and felting fleece at Lucy's Sheep Camp.

- Tour a whiskey distillery at Wyoming Whiskey in nearby Kirby.

- Hunt down Merlin's Hide Out. You never know what Merlin might be working on - it could be a fox cap with ear flaps, a leather coat or a pair of buffalo mittens.

- See one of the world's oldest Native American petroglyph (carved rock) sites at Legend Rock. Hundreds of artworks carved in the walls. Get directions at the Hot Springs State Park Bath House or Chamber of Commerce. It's a 30-mile drive, but worth it. Take plenty of water to drink.

- And don't forget to check out the downtown stores. Many carry handcrafted items from our local artisans - everything from button bracelets to quilts to baskets and pottery.

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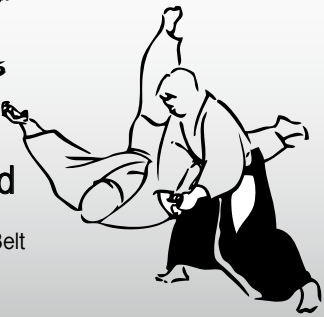
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Roundtop and other colorful mountains provide a spectacular backdrop to the Thermopolis Golf Course, located just above town on Airport Hill.

Putt, drive or ace

The Thermopolis Golf Course on Airport Hill north of town offers nine challenging holes in the shadow of red and rocky Roundtop Mountain.

The course serves up some unique hazards: deer, yellow-bellied marmots, antelope, rabbits, fox and other animals are routine visitors.

The course features a putting green and driving range, and the pro shop offers a complete line of accessories and equipment. Cart rentals are also available.

For years, golfers from around the country have flown into Thermopolis to enjoy a round

on this course, many spending the weekend to enjoy other things the area has to offer.

Rates for the 2019 spring, summer and fall seasons are \$17 for nine holes, \$25 for nine holes and a cart and \$26 for 18 holes, \$40 with 18 holes and cart rental.

May hours for The Thermopolis Golf Course will be 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Beginning in June, the hours will extend to 7 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. for summer months. Plenty of on-site parking can be found at the course as well. For more information about the course, call the Pro Shop at 864-5294.

The Thermopolis Specimen

Thermopolis is a member of a rare club, including cities like London and Berlin, as it is home to one of the most significant scientific discoveries in history - *Archaeopteryx*, “the early bird.”

Archaeopteryx is the “Holy Grail” of dinosaur studies, and has been ever since its discovery in 1863. When the first paleontologists saw this tiny creature lying in the rock, they could hardly believe their eyes. An animal with the sharp teeth, curved claws, and bony tail of a reptile that is covered with bird-like feathers? Impossible! It was named *Archaeopteryx* - “ancient wing” - and is the first feathered dinosaur ever found.

Only twelve fossils of this amazing

dinosaur have been found in 150 years of searching.

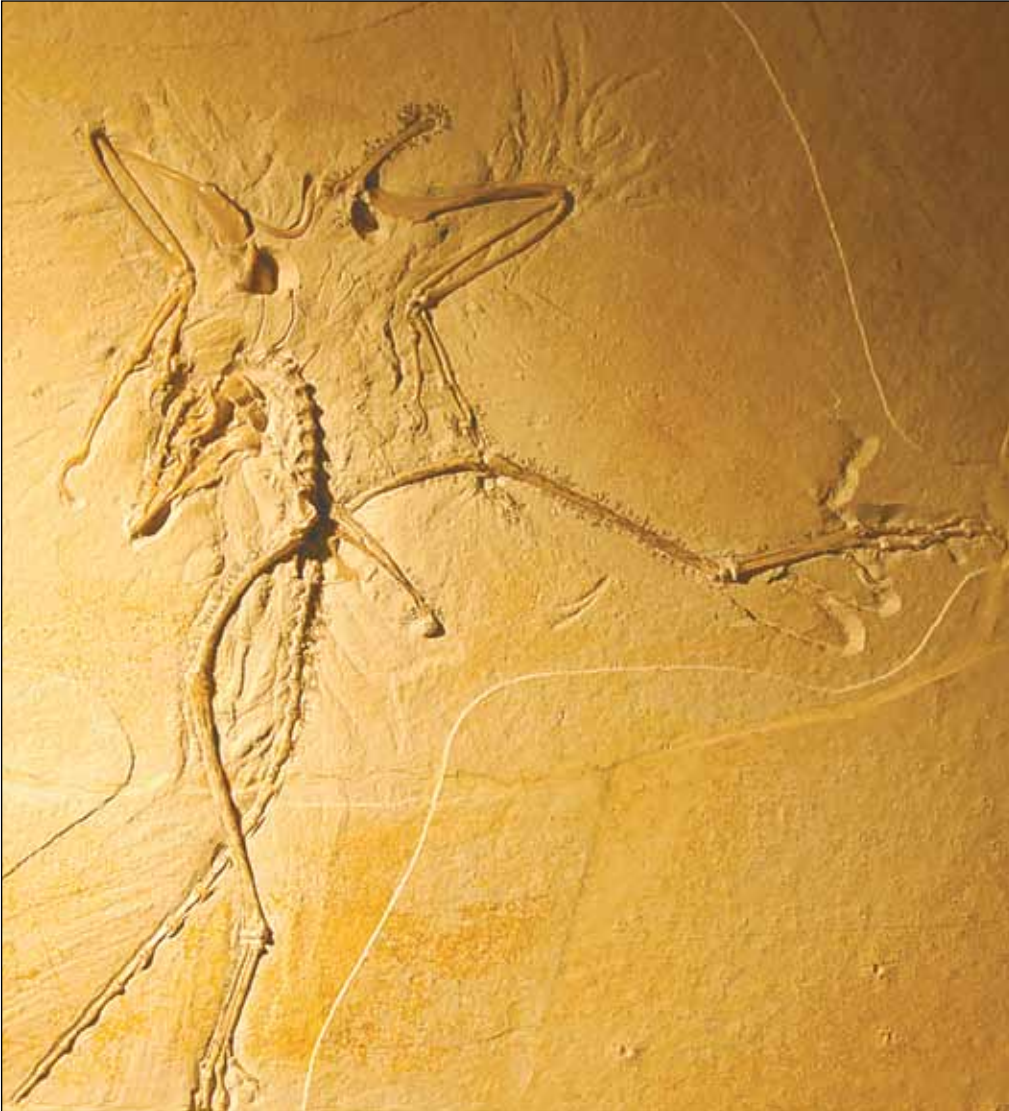
The Thermopolis Specimen is the 10th and one of the most spectacular. This specimen, found in the Solnhofen Limestone in Germany, winged its way across the ocean to the Wyoming Dinosaur Center in 2006. It has been one of the museum’s signature exhibits ever since.

Paleontologists from every corner of the globe journey to Thermopolis to unlock secrets still entombed in the rock around *Archaeopteryx*. Many clues lie in the rock - if you know where to look. In addition to its fantastic feathers, the Thermopolis Specimen reveals new ideas about the connections

between dinosaurs and modern birds. In fact, its left foot reveals its closest dinosaur relative - *Velociraptor*! Both have the same “killing claw” on their second toe.

As more studies are conducted, new and exciting information about this small but incredibly important little creature will be revealed.

But in the meantime, take this exclusive chance to get a closer look at the greatest piece of dinosaur history - the Thermopolis Specimen of *Archaeopteryx*.



Think of it: this two foot block of limestone contains the most important fossil in North America - and it's right here in Thermopolis!

LEGEND ROCK

WHERE HISTORY IS WRITTEN ON THE WALLS

West of Thermopolis lies Legend Rock Petroglyph Site – one of the world’s most impressive displays of petroglyphs.

Hundreds of yards of sandstone cliffs are adorned with rock art, from recognizable thunderbirds and elk to mysterious figures wearing horned headdresses.

Extra security precautions have been added at the site to discourage vandalism. Recently, a land donation was received from Richard Wagner. Working with the Archaeological Conservancy, Wagner’s donation provides further protection of the site.

An archaeological survey showed there are at least 283 glyphs on 92 rock panels. The oldest works date back 10,000 years; the newer ones were carved since the arrival of white men.

To get to Legend Rock, take Highway 120 from Thermopolis toward Meeteetse for 21 miles. Watch for brown and white signs indicating the turnoff at the second Hamilton Dome turnoff (Upper Cottonwood Creek) and drive west about five miles.

At the intersection, continue west on the graveled Cottonwood Creek Road. Then turn left immediately after the second cattle guard. Follow that road to a “Y,” and stay left. Continue down the hill and around a curve to the site.

From May to September, the site is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a site host will be available at the interpretive center. No key is needed to visit the site during the summer months.

From October through April, visitors must obtain a key from Hot Springs State Park headquarters at 51 Highway 20 North, the Wyoming State Bath House or the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce. Keys also are available at the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center, the Meeteetse Visitor Center and Washakie County Museum.

Most of the petroglyphs are located upstream from the parking area and interpretive center. There is a restroom and interpretive center on site. Visitors are advised to bring their own drinking water, sign the registration book and not to wear sandals, flip-flops or other open-toed shoes.



A visitor photographs three of the hundreds of pieces of prehistoric artwork at the Legend Rock Petroglyph Site northwest of Thermopolis. The site is administered by personnel from Hot Springs State Park.

County airport

Hot Springs County is home to a new 22 million dollar airport located on Highway 120 about 10 miles northwest of Thermopolis. Private aircraft owners can fly into the airport.

Owl Creek Aviation is the FBO with a skilled mechanic on hand.

Legend of Bah-gue-wana

As told by Herman St. Clair
Chief of Shoshones

The Big Spring was known to the Shoshones as “Bah-gue-wana” or Smoking Waters. This spring was known to be the biggest spring in the four corners of our world. It has since proved to be the biggest mineral hot spring in the world.

The four corners of the world are symbolized by the yellow flying bird of the north, the green tree of the east, the red buffalo of the south and the white circle of purity for the west.

The yellow flying bird is symbolic of the migrating birds which came out of the north in the fall and went into the south in the spring.

The green tree of the east symbolizes Mother Earth, from whom came much of their food.

The red buffalo symbolizes the red meat of the buffalo which was the staple food.

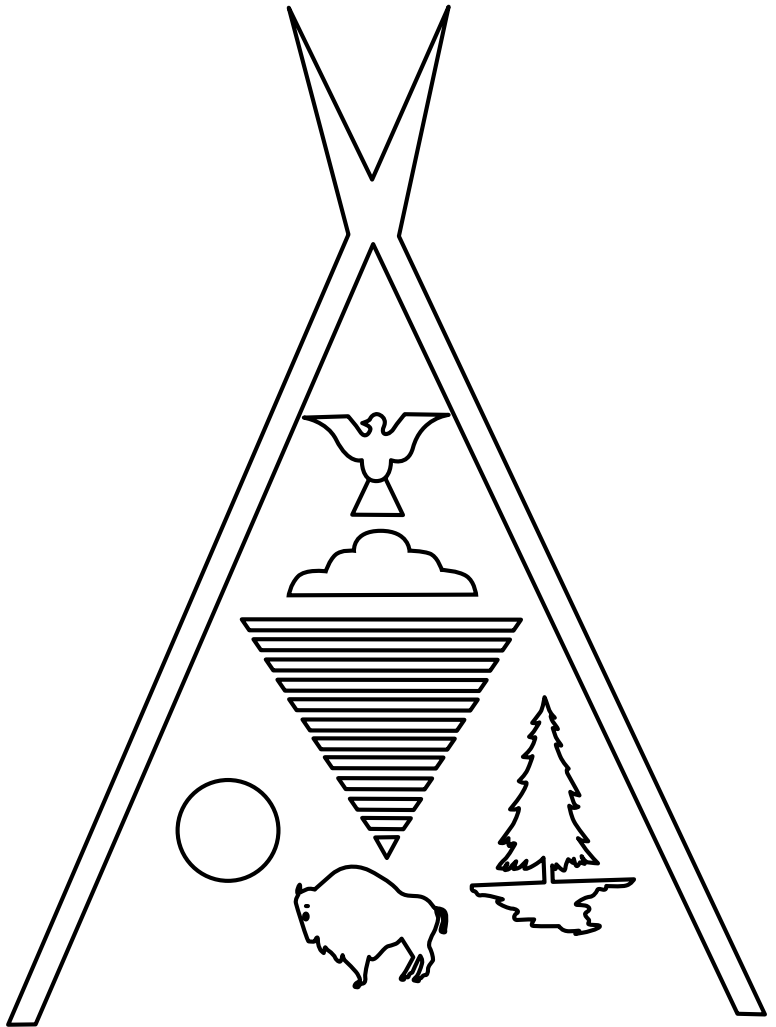
The white ball of the west stands for all that was pure, and, no doubt, there was some religious symbolism here because the Indians did worship the sun to some extent, as the Sun Dance that is put on annually suggests.

Between these four corners of the earth is placed a cone made of 12 colored bars spaced with the bars of white. The first four colored bars are green, again the green bars stand for Mother Earth. This symbolized the pure water springing from Mother Earth. The number four means the water flowed for the four seasons.

Next came the four red bars spaced with white. They had the same meaning as the red buffalo that furnished the Indians with food, clothing and shelter.

The next four colored bars are yellow, spaced with the white of purity. These yellow lines symbolize that the birds used the water below the springs to stop on during their migrations because it never froze.

The red buffalo stands for the fact that the buffalo and other meat animals drank of the



*Read the Legend
as you color the symbols.*

water and were very healthy as they still are here.

The blue smoke above the cone is symbolic of the smoking water from which it derived its Indian name Bah-gue-wana.

The cone shape of the spring denotes the belief, which later proved true, that the water came from deep in the earth and brought to the surface health-giving elements that can be transferred to man or animal to give him health and relief from pain. The warmth of the water signified it welled from the heart of the world as did the blood of an animal.

There is no doubt but that much religious significance was attached to this symbol.



Jimbo dwarfs every other dinosaur in the museum - he's as long as three city buses end to end!

Meet ‘Jimbo’ the Supersaurus at WDC

Have you ever stood in the shadow of one of the world’s largest dinosaurs? 106 feet long. 40 tons. The largest, most complete dinosaur in the world. And he’s only a few minutes away from you . . .

Jimbo the Supersaurus is Wyoming’s largest resident! Found in Douglas, Wyoming in 1995, this massive dinosaur lived 150 million years ago during the Late Jurassic Period. It took a team of paleontologists ten years to dig up his massive bones - and the result speaks for itself! Jimbo is one of the largest dinosaurs in North America, and amongst the largest ever found.

He’s 106 feet long and would have weighed around 40 tons - as heavy as 8 fully-grown elephants. But its brain was only the size of a golf ball - not the brightest of beasts! With more than half of this giant’s skeleton unearthed (so far . . .) Jimbo is the largest, most complete dinosaur skeleton in the world.

You can see Jimbo’s fossilized bones and a full-size replica of his enormous skeleton inside the Wyoming Dinosaur Center - you will know him when you see him - mounted alongside more than 50 skeletons of other dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures from around the world. Then plan your own day of dinosaur discovery in the hills of Thermopolis! Search for bones of Jimbo’s Jurassic friends like Allosaurus, Diplodocus, and Camarasaurus by signing up for a Dig for a Day or Dig Site Tour. Who knows

what other monstrous discoveries are waiting to be dug up?

Light art

The small, black artwork at the end of some stories in this guide are reductions of the metal banners on the decorative light poles in Thermopolis. An original idea, they were chosen as alternatives to cloth banners.



Amazing hunting and fishing animal display

Days Inn's restaurant is called the Safari Club, and after just one step inside the Park Street facility, there's no question as to why.

The walls are a variable Noah's Ark of wildlife. And not all the mounted game once walked, flew or swam.

Many of the mounts are duplicates—crafted from measurements and photos of tranquilized animals.

Owner Jim Mills and others used an archery shoot-and-release technique. An endangered rhinoceros in Namibia, for example, was shot

by Mills with a bow that featured a dart-holding vial screwed onto the business end of the arrow.

The animal was treated, measured, photographed and released alive. The mount in the Safari Club is an exact duplicate.

The elephant Mills darted in South Africa won't be replicated because the tusks of elephants he took in 1961 and ten years ago already are on display.

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Bighorn River: Where fishing abounds

Do the math: Thirteen miles of river multiplied by 10 access sites times three varieties of trout equals endless possibilities for anglers fishing the Bighorn River.

Along the Thermopolis portion of the river, anglers often reel in brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout and ling.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department has 13 miles of stream easements with 10 fishing access sites along the Bighorn River near Thermopolis.

They include:

- **Wedding of the Waters:** Handicapped-accessible concrete boat ramp and dock, comfort station, interpretive site.

- **Wyoming Department of Transportation Maintenance Facility:** South edge of Thermopolis on U.S. Highway 20. Park on southwest edge of fence by G&F sign and follow short trail east along fence.

- **Eighth Street Bridge:** Gravel boat ramp.

- **Broadway Bridge:** Play area, primitive boat ramp.

- **Terraces:** State Park, handicapped-accessible boat ramp, parking, toilets.

- **Kirby Ditch:** From State Park swimming pools, travel three miles north on East River Road (#8).

- **McCarthy:** Same route, only 3.5 miles.

- **Wakely:** North of Thermopolis on U.S. Highway 20 at mile marker 137.3. Drive 0.6 mile east on Shaffer Drive, then 0.4 mile south. Concrete ramp, comfort station.

- **Shaffer:** Same direction, only at mile marker 138. Drive east, then north on Sunnyside Lane (#27) for one mile. Comfort station.

- **Longwell:** Located 0.7 mile past the

Shaffer access through Longwell Ranch. Concrete ramp.

- **Marino:** Seven miles north of Thermopolis on U.S. Highway 20. Take Black Mountain Highway (#172) east 0.6 mile. Turn south onto dirt road and follow it for 0.2 mile.

- **Skelton:** Continue east on Black Mountain Highway across river to Skelton Road (#21). Drive north 1.1 miles. Primitive dirt ramp, comfort station.

- **Sorensen:** Just past Skelton turnoff.

Approximate float times are 3-6 hours from Wedding of the Waters at the mouth of Wind River Canyon to Hot Springs State Park; four hours from there to Wakely; or 4.5 hours from there to Skelton.

There are nine additional public access areas between Worland and Bighorn Lake at the north end of the Big Horn Basin.

The northern portion of the Bighorn River is dominated by sauger, walleye, channel catfish and brown trout.

Public access maps: <http://gf.state.wy.us>.

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A ‘don’t miss’ family attraction at Safari Club

Mills and trackers followed it a mile before the elephant was drowsy enough to dart again.

It went down in three to four minutes, allowing the trackers to put salve on its eyes and a stick in its trunk to aid breathing.

A veterinarian, who had been summoned when they got close to the elephant, examined it and took a blood sample. Mills snapped a photo.

About a minute later, an antidote was administered and the elephant went on its way.

Mills said the animal was 20 to 25 years old and about the same size as others he had taken.

He has harvested about 85 percent of the animals on display. Others were taken by his father, Lyle; wife, Tuck; and daughter, Mary.

He has hunted and fished “everywhere except the North Pole and South Pole.”



A bow with a specially tipped arrow was used by Jim Mills to take this elephant, which was released after being examined. A duplicate of a rhinoceros Mills took the same way is on display in the Safari Lounge at Days Inn.

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Every statue tells a story

Surrounding a 105mm howitzer at the Hot Springs County Museum at 700 Broadway are a series of statues designed to honor U.S. military veterans. Names of veterans are engraved on tiles at the base of the statues crafted by Carl Jensen of Wheatland, Wyo.

The Thermopolis Centennial statues in the 500 block of Broadway feature a cowboy, dismounted from his horse, sifting soil from one hand to another. They also are Jensen's creations.

The theme, *"From this soil comes the riches of the earth,"* was inspired by the prosperity Hot Springs County has enjoyed from its agriculture, minerals, wildlife and hot springs.

A special silicone-bronze compound was used to enhance details like buttons and functional spurs. Acid washes created the varied shades for skin tones, clothing and leather. The statue of the man weighs 300 pounds; the horse weighs 2,000 pounds. Brands from area ranches decorate the base.



Capt. Michelle Aastrom was the model for the Air Force statue, one of four branches of the military featured in the Veterans Memorial in front of the Hot Springs County Museum.



The Gift of the Smoking Waters statue.

The "Gift of the Smoking Waters" statue at the Wyoming Pioneer Home commemorates the treaty signing that set aside Hot Springs State Park. It depicts Shoshone Chief Washakie, Arapaho Chief Sharp Nose and Indian inspector James McLaughlin.

Gerald Shippen created the work in his studio near Riverton. The statue includes the verse: *"Time will tell though, Of trust this treaty brought, Of peace their people sought, Of the gift this water brought."*

A bronze bobcat leaps to life in front of the high school at the entrance to the state park.

The statue is the creation of a former art teacher in Thermopolis, Deak Dollard, now at the Eagle Bronze Foundry in Lander.

The Allosaurus skeleton statue near the traffic light was created by Larry Williams, known for his attention to detail.

It was commissioned by the Wyoming Dinosaur Center, along with the mini park surrounding it.

Recent additions to the state park might not be true statues, but they're eye-catchers nonetheless. A climbing buffalo is located between the State Bath House and the Star Plunge. Just south of the Star Plunge is a lifelike Stegosaurus, a cooperative project with the Wyoming Dinosaur Center.



“Something Interesting” is one of the most unique dinosaur sites in the world, but its only one of over a hundred dig sites at Wyoming Dinosaur Center. Join the Dinosaur Detour and see what makes this site so “interesting.”

Join us for a dinosaur detour!

Why are so many dinosaurs buried here? What do the different colors in the rocks mean? Why is this all in Thermopolis? If you want all your questions answered, then grab your seat and explore on the Dinosaur Detour.

More visitors participate in the Dinosaur Detour than any other program at the Wyoming Dinosaur Center. Whether you’re spending a day in Thermopolis or just passing thru, it’s the perfect “detour” for your Western adventure.

You can get an in depth glimpse into the world of paleontology, and learn what makes Wyoming one of the most important spots for dinosaur discovery.

Get onboard a “caravan” with other eager explorers, as one of our guides takes you on a ten minute drive through 200 million years of history. You will see the sites - and the (dig) sites! The tour unloads on the Hill, where most of the Wyoming

Dinosaur Center’s dinosaur sites are located. Over 80 quarries have been found on this spot, containing thousands of dinosaur fossils from the Late Jurassic Period. You’ll get the best views of Thermopolis in all its natural beauty, and learn how much Thermopolis has changed over the last 200 million years, as we reveal the stories the rocks tell our scientists. Discover what makes this spot so unique in the world of paleontology. You might even see a crew of dinosaur diggers working to uncover the prehistoric past. The tour ends with a walkthrough of the museum’s most important site - Something Interesting. It tells a one-of-a-kind prehistoric story - we know it will make you “hungry” for more dinosaurs!

Our tours leave the museum at 9 am, 11 am, 1pm, and 3 pm. Spots are limited, so make sure you secure your seat for an unforgettable journey into the past.



Anchor Dam stores valuable irrigation water for Owl Creek northwest of Thermopolis.

Loop tours: Forest, Anchor Dam, Moneta, Big Horns and museums

There are some great loop drives around Hot Springs and neighboring counties.

Some spectacular drives have gravel roads, but most can be covered by cars in good weather. While none of the loop tours are marked, some drives to ask about include:

- Enjoy the National Forest on Upper Grass Creek. Go northwest on Wyo. 120 and turn west on Wyo. 171, then follow County Road 36.

- Cross the badlands between U.S. 20 and Wyo. 120. Follow Wyo. 431 along Gooseberry Creek and hike the Gooseberry Badlands tour site. Or wander one of several county roads along Cottonwood Creek or past Gebo.

- Go to Anchor Dam. Follow Wyo. 120 to Wyo. 170 up Owl Creek and return via County 26 and 10 down Cottonwood Creek past the Legend Rock Petroglyph site. Return on Wyo. 120.

- Follow the Black Mountain Road. Return by the Lost Cabin route to Moneta, following U.S. 20 to Shoshoni and Wind River Canyon. Or use County 6, the Buffalo Creek Road. Or return through Ten Sleep.

- Cross the majestic Bighorn Mountains twice. Go on U.S. 20 to Worland, then follow U.S. 16 west through Ten Sleep to Buffalo, returning through Sheridan to Lovell on U.S. 14A or Greybull on U.S. 14.

- Travel to Shoshoni and Moneta via U.S. 20, south to the Castle Gardens petroglyphs and Gas Hills, west to Riverton on Wyo. 136. Return to Shoshoni on U.S. 20/26.

- Big Horn Basin Museum loop. Start with the Thermopolis offerings: the Wyoming Dinosaur Center and Dig Sites and the Hot Springs County Historical Museum. Then go northwest on Wyo. 120 to Meeteetse and its fine museums. The world-famous Buffalo Bill Historical Center is in Cody, just 33 miles north of Meeteetse. Then follow either U.S. 14A to Powell for its museum and Lovell with its National Park Service Bighorn Canyon Visitor Center or U.S. 14 to Greybull and its museum.

Then follow U.S. 20 back to Worland and its museum, which is just 35 miles north of Thermopolis.



Working dogs show off their skills

New to the activities during the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA Rodeo in 2019 is the working dog trials at the fairgrounds following the parade.

The public is invited to come watch these incredibly talented dogs guide sheep through a series of obstacles and into a trailer. Anyone can participate, but contestants must have control of their dogs.

Jeanne Bulkley with Open Lock Stock Dogs explained 2019 marks the first such competition in Thermopolis and it will be based on points and time.

A course will be set up with three to four obstacles such as a chute along the fence, barrels or a cross, in which the dogs have to drive sheep in one way and bring them out the other.

During the competition, Bulkley said, the han-

dler will be at one end of the arena, the sheep at the other. The dog has to bring the sheep across the arena to the handler before directing them through the obstacles, which will vary based on handler experience. The grand finale includes loading the sheep into a trailer or pen, and aside from opening the gate on such obstacles the trainers cannot move.

The competition includes three classes: Open, for the more experienced handlers; Open Ranch/Nursery for those who do working dog trials occasionally; and Novice/Ranch for those who haven't run trial before.

Money purses will be awarded in each class.

Bulkley invites everyone to come check out the trials at the fairgrounds and looks forward to showing the capabilities of the working dogs.



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Take a hike!

Break a sweat climbing Roundtop or simply stroll the river

Riverside Walk. This popular stroll winds from the Swinging Bridge over the Rainbow Terraces to a walkway along the Big Horn River that leads to the Broadway Street Bridge.

From there, continue south along the walkway to a “cul-de-sac” near the Wyoming Dinosaur Center in East Thermopolis or head into downtown.

Spirit Trail. This 1.3-mile nature trail follows the Big Horn River past the extinct hot springs at the north edge of Hot Springs State Park. The route is marked by signs and starts just north of the Big Spring across a cattle guard. Hikers should be aware of bison.

Roundtop Mountain. Hike Roundtop Mountain for sprawling views of Thermopolis, Wind River Canyon, the Owl Creek Mountains, the Big Horn Mountains and the Big Horn Basin badlands.

Roundtop is one of the geographical features that defines Thermopolis. The family of the late Lewis Freudenthal donated a

significant portion of Roundtop to the county, which has established a park there in his name. A memorial plaque at the base of the south slope marks the beginning of the trail.

To get to the parking area, go up Airport Hill and take the first road to the left. Continue past the cemetery, and take the well-graveled road to the right. It's a challenge! Be aware of bison.

T Hill. T Hill in Hot Springs State Park is popular with both hikers and buffalo.

It is just north of the fairgrounds at the north entrance to town and is most easily reached by parking on the east side of T Hill where U.S. Highway 20 (the Wind River Canyon Scenic Byway) passes by the small buffalo corrals. From there, follow the gravel road west to the top of the hill.

Quarry Trail. This one-mile loop trail begins and ends at Smoky Row Cemetery, located in the Buffalo Pasture. The trail provides a short but challenging hike, and is also considered an advanced mountain biker's trail. Be aware of bison.



Tyler Stockton photo

Spectators at the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA rodeo will be treated to spills and thrills.

Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA Rodeo

Thermopolis gets wild and western the fourth weekend in June during the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) Rodeo.

The Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous Rodeo Committee has teamed up with nationally recognized Powder River Contractors to give spectators an opportunity to be a part of an event which is both a window to the past and a unique, modern sport. The origins of rodeo in Thermopolis date back to the early 1800s.

Rodeo performances will be Friday and Saturday night at the fairgrounds beginning at 7:30 p.m. Vendor Alley opens early to allow spectators

to enjoy excellent food and shopping. Show your support on Friday Night for the “Tough Enough To Wear Pink”

Saturday’s 10 a.m. parade featuring the bucking horses will travel through downtown Thermopolis. This annual event has been featured in several nationally recognized magazines.

Return to the fairgrounds at 12 p.m. to enjoy the “Working Cow Dog Trials,” an exciting event that is free to the public. Kick up your heels at the street dance at the fairgrounds after Saturday night’s “Patriotic Night” rodeo performance.

For more information, visit the website: www.thermopoliscowboyrendezvous.com

Take your pick: Plenty of places to rest your head

Hotels/motels, RV parks offer a variety of accommodations

With 11 hotels/motels and three RV parks, Thermopolis can host your party – big or small.

The Days Inn, with its unique decor, features 80 rooms with meeting space for 300.

The modern 52-room Quality Inn can accommodate lodging for groups of over 100.

The impressively-restored Plaza Best Western Plus has 36 rooms and suites.

Other local hotels include: Elk Antler Inn, Paintbrush Inn, The Coachman Motel, El Rancho Motel, Rainbow Motel, Roundtop Mountain Motel and Two Rivers Inn.

Several RV camper parks, with more than 200 RV and tent spaces, are all sprinkled within walking distance of the Big Horn River including: Eagle RV Park, Wyoming Garden RV Park and Fountain of Youth RV Park.

Facilities available off the beaten path include the H Diamond W Youth Camp with a 4,400 square foot lodge and guest cabins, Red Ranch Retreat complete with private spring and ponds, Eagle Ridge Bed and Breakfast and Red Lane Casita.

A complete list of vacation rentals in the area is available at the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Additional facilities include:

- The fairgrounds, which has a giant indoor arena, an outdoor arena with a large grandstand and a multipurpose building with cooking and meeting space for well over 100 people.

- The Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center's meeting room and stage.

- The Big Horn Federal community room downstairs.

- The VFW Club, with a banquet capacity of 225.

- Las Fuentes banquet room with capacity up to 40.

- School facilities include classrooms with advanced computers; gymnasiums; and the state-of-the-art auditorium, which has an 801-seat theater and conference break-out rooms with seating capacities between 12 and 100.

- The former armory, now a community recreation building, which has meeting rooms and a tartan floor for use in athletic events.

- Several facilities in Hot Springs State Park, including a pavilion and dance area and three large community barbecue shelters. Sprawling grassy areas in the spacious state park accommodate a plethora of family activities, such as picnics, and fun and games.

- Outstanding town parks. Candy Jack Park offers a large barbecue shelter, special-surface tennis and basketball courts and rest rooms. Family Park is located on Highway 120. Bicentennial Park is a restful niche in the downtown area with a stage that serves as a headquarters for some community events.

- Athletic fields, ranging from the fairgrounds baseball complex to the football field near the high school.

For more information about area accommodations, call the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, 864-3192.



A pair of Canadian geese visit the cooling ponds in Hot Springs State Park.



Water comes out of the Big Spring at around 127 degrees F.

What’s in the hot springs mineral water?

Most of the water in the Thermopolis hot springs is thought to come underground from the Owl Creek Mountains, through what is called the Big Spring.

Falling rain enters porous rock layers, moves slowly downward and is forced to the surface through crevices in the rock. The heat and chemicals in the water are derived from the rock through which it passes and from gases that rise from deeply buried volcanic rocks.

The terraces, mostly lime and gypsum, separate from the cooling water. The colors are due mainly to primitive plants (algae that grow in

the warm water). The water temperature is usually 127 degrees Fahrenheit at the Big Spring.

There are at least 27 different minerals in the water.

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Hunting opportunities galore for enthusiasts

The hunting is great in the mountains and hills around Hot Springs County, whether you’re seeking elk, deer, antelope, moose, upland birds or waterfowl.

Trophy bull elk and buck deer have been harvested from both general and limited quota areas within Hot Springs County.

Licenses are available at area businesses for hunting, and there are plenty of people willing to help.

Contact the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce at 864-3192 or the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at 307 777-4600 or online at <http://gf.state.wy.us/>.



There are a number of opportunities for quality hunting experiences in Hot Springs County.

Thermopolis — a great place to live

Want to relocate your business or home? There are many advantages to choosing Hot Springs County: climate, economic assistance, low tax rates, quality of life, outstanding schools and medical facilities, and an educated work force known for its work ethic. Contact the Thermopolis-Hot Springs County Economic Development Co., 864-2348, or the Chamber of Commerce, 864-3192.

Outstanding schools

“A Great Place to Learn and Grow” is the motto for Hot Springs County School District No. 1. With low teacher-to-student ratios and very modern, up-to-date schools, Hot Springs County is an excellent atmosphere for learning. The district includes Ralph Witters Elementary School, Thermopolis Middle School and Hot Springs County High School.

Hospital Auxiliary: Hearts that care, hands that share

The Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary exists to foster the mission of the hospital. As volunteers, we stand ready to assist in any way needed to help administrators and staff accomplish their goals. Among the services provided by the auxiliary are:

- Staffing the hospital gift shop to provide gifts and goodies to patients, staff and visitors. The bookshelf outside the gift shop was put there several years ago by the Auxiliary, and members and others help to keep it stocked with donated books and magazines.
- Assisting with the United Blood Services drives and the annual health fair blood drive.
- A yearly silent auction and monthly bake sales, the third Thursday of most months, besides January, July, August and December. Bake sales are in the main foyer of the

hospital. The Auxiliary also provided funds for the new folding tables used in their bake sales and other activities.

- Making baby hats and blankets, surgical pillows, rice bags and pouches for the ER and surgical units.
- In conjunction with the hospital, providing diaper bags to all newborn babies with their first books.
- Clothing for ER patients for traveling.
- Securing donations from local merchants for the New Year’s Baby gift basket. Merchants are very generous, and gift packages are usually worth over \$1,000. The Auxiliary donates blankets, and knitted booties and hats for every baby.
- Providing financial assistance for students pursuing a medical career. The Auxiliary has given scholarships to high school students, and provided

money for continued education.

- Donating money to the hospital for the purchase of needed medical equipment. Auxiliary members have helped convert a storage room to a family waiting room, redecorated delivery rooms and assisted in the purchase of new carpet in the front entry of the hospital. The Auxiliary also recently purchased a chair bed for an OB room, which allows a family member to spend the night.

The Auxiliary donated \$2,500 for reupholstering some of the chairs in the outpatient waiting room. They also provided money for the outpatient department to purchase wall clocks for patient rooms.

The Auxiliary is always open to new members, and meetings are held the second Saturday of every month, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the hospital cafeteria.

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18: Wyo. Quarter Horse Sale, fairgrounds
25-26: Hot City Summer Slam 3-on-3 Basketball

June

1: Thermopolis Brewfest, downtown
8: Hot City Outdoor Day, HS State Park
10-11: State 4-H Horse Camp, fairgrounds
15-16: Hot Spot Car Rally, HS State Park
20: Two Tracks concert, HSSP
21-22: Cowboy Rendezvous with PRCA Rodeo, Working Dog Trials and Parade.

July

4: Independence Day Fireworks
12-13: Tour de Wyoming Bike Tour
19: High Country Cowboys concert, HSSP
19-21: All-Class HSCHS Reunion, HSSP
27: Youth Horse Show, fairgrounds

August

July 29-Aug. 3: Hot Springs County Fair
3: Thermopolis Fire Hall open house
3-4: Gift of the Waters Pageant, HSSP
3: Pageant Parade, downtown
Pageant Days 5K/10K Run/Walk
3-4: Big Horn Basin Folk Festival, HSSP
17: Demolition Derby, fairgrounds
24: Jimmy Keith and the Hateful 8 concert, HSSP
24: Friends of the NRA Banquet, fairgrounds

September

7: Plein Air Thermopolis art show, HSSP
14: Wyo. Quarter Horse Sale, fairgrounds
20-22: Boy Scout/Cub Scout Jamboree, HSSP

October

11: Moscow Nights and Ukranian Dance, high school auditorium

For a complete listing or details on other events, call the Chamber of Commerce at (307)864-3192 or visit thermopolischamber.org.

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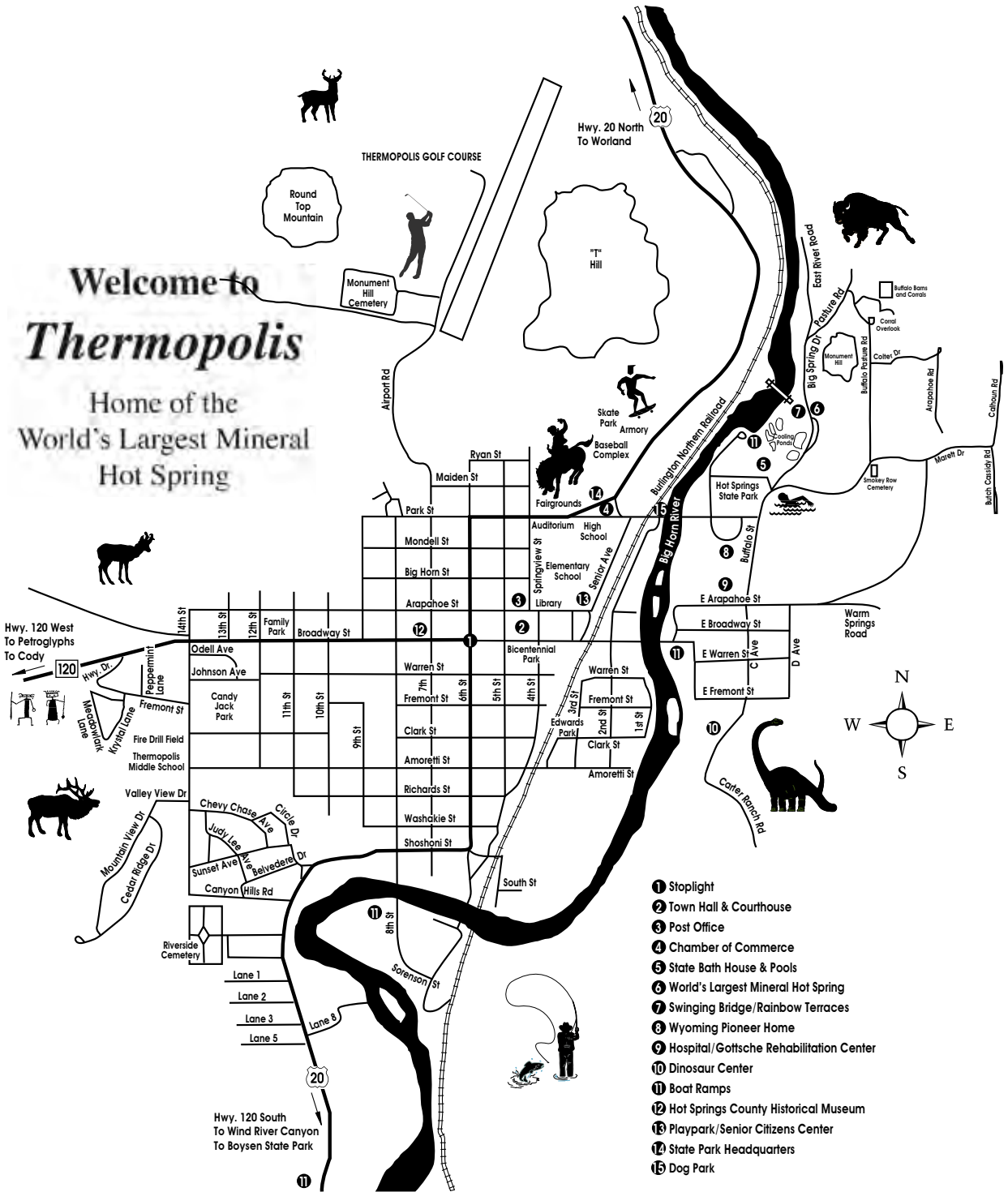
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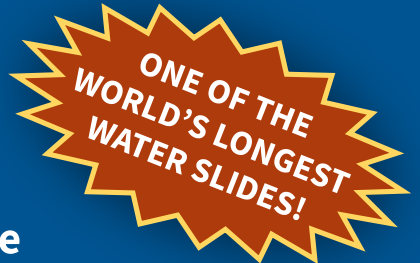
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