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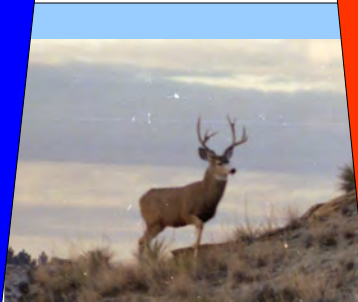
Five Springs Falls



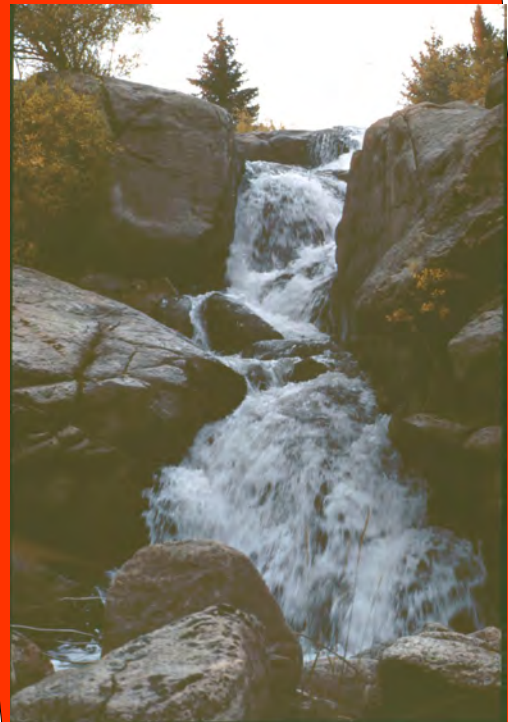
Mountain Lady Slippers



Devil's Canyon
Observation Point



Mule Deer Buck



Granite Falls



Wild Horse Herd

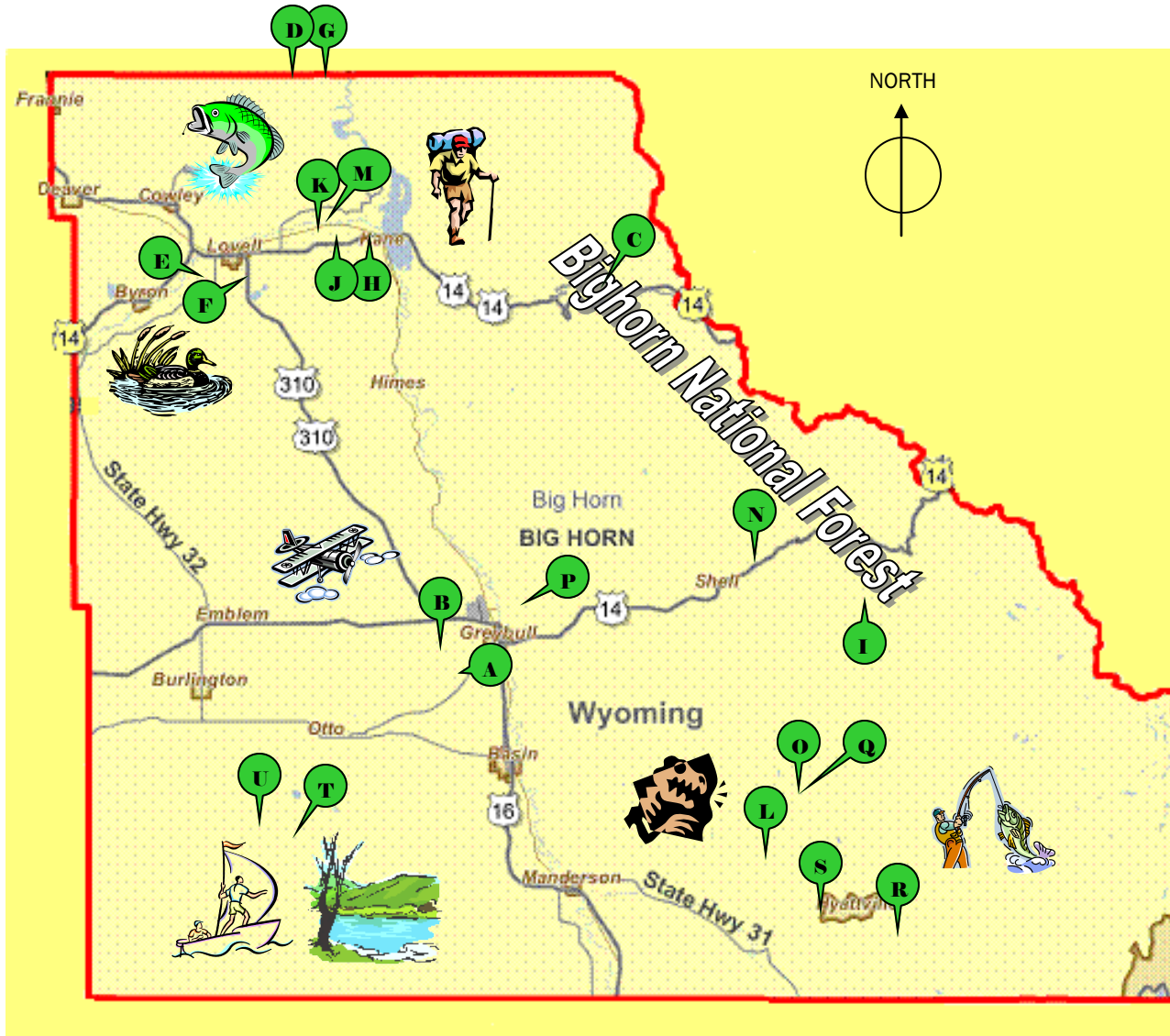
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EASY ACCESS LOCATIONS

A Greybull Museum

The museum houses large displays of ammonites and other invertebrate fossils from the area. There is a large collection of Eocene vertebrate fossils from the Tatman and Lower Willwood Formations. Also, Indian artifacts and apparel, historical items, guns and other old weapons are on display. The museum is located downtown within the library at 325 Greybull Avenue, with a picnic area available.

Information: (307) 765-2444

B Museum of Flight and Aerial Firefighting

The Flight Museum has a large selection of World War II bombers, numerous types of helicopters and KC-97's and PB4Y-2 planes. A self-guided tour and brochure is available. Directions from Greybull: head north on U.S. Hwy 20 to the South Big Horn County Airport.

Information: (307) 765-4322



C Bighorn National Forest

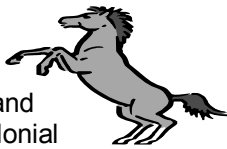
The Bighorn National Forest is a vast area of forest and wildlife. A sister range of the Rocky Mountains, they are located halfway between Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park. Come see their spectacular beauty for yourselves.

Information: 307-765-4435



D Penn's Cabin Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Range

Wild horses still roam freely in the Pryor Mountains outside of Lovell. This herd of about 180 adult horses and foals are very special due to their Colonial Spanish American heritage. Most of the wild horses live on East Pryor Mountain, and they are relatively easy to find. Bighorn sheep, mule deer, coyotes, and other birds and animals can also be spotted in this area. It is best to stop at the Visitor Center first to pick up a map and learn where the horses may be seen. The Visitor Center is located east of Lovell on Hwy 14A. The Mustang Range is located on Hwy 37 and is a well maintained, paved highway. Proper respect of the wild horses is required by law for their long-term survival, so please show your care and appreciation for the Pryor Mountain Wild Horses by practicing proper etiquette around them.



Information: 307-548-WILD (9453)
www.pryormustangs.org
info@pryormustangs.org

E Yellowtail Wildlife Management Area

Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area (YWHMA) lies within the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area. It was established to enhance waterfowl habitat at the confluence of the Shoshone and Big Horn rivers. With its wetlands and one of the largest remaining old growth cottonwood riparian systems in Wyoming, it provides forage and resting areas for migrating waterfowl and winter habitat for big game. It is one of the premier upland game and pheasant hunting areas in the state. Found three miles east of Lovell, as part of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Habitat Unit extends from Big Horn Lake west up the Shoshone River and along the Big Horn River.



Information: 307-548-7004
<http://gf.state.wy.us/wildlife/access/gf/whma/yellowtail.asp>

F Tillett Springs Rearing Station

The Tillett Springs Rearing Station annually provides 220,000 cutthroat and rainbow trout for lakes and streams in north central Wyoming. Operated by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, it is located north-east of Lovell (14 miles west of Hwy 37). Visitors are welcome to tour the grounds and may call to request a formal tour.

Information: 307-548-6650
<http://gf.state.wy.us/fish/culture/tillett.asp>



G Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area

There are many activities at the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area including touring, biking, bird watching, boating, camping, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, hunting, snowshoeing, stargazing, swimming, and wildlife viewing. The Recreation Area is alive with geological, cultural, historic and scenic wonders. The Devil's Canyon scenic overlook provides a breathtaking view of the canyon atop cliffs that tower 1,000 feet above water level. Four historic ranch/town sites can be explored along with the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Area, the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Range and the Tillett Springs Rearing Station. The Visitor Center is located near Lovell at 20 Hwy 14A East. From Hwy 14A turn north on Hwy 37, continuing nine miles to the south entrance.

Information: 307-548-2251
<http://www.nps.gov/bica/>



H Big Horn Medicine Wheel

The Big Horn Medicine Wheel is an ancient Native American construction, an 80' diameter wheel-like pattern made of stones. The cairn is connected by 28 spoke-like lines of stones from a central cairn about 12 feet in diameter and 2' high. The Wheel is a 1½ mile walk from the parking lot. From Hwy 14A in the Big Horn Mountains turn north on Forest Road 12. Watch for signs on Hwy 14A. Road 12 is narrow and not recommended for trailer traffic. The Wheel is located on top of the Big Horn Range in Wyoming, a desolate 9,642 feet high, and only accessible during the warm summer months. The site is sacred and revered by Native Americans, and it is important that it be treated with the utmost respect. The only facilities are located at the parking area. You must carry out what you carry in.

Information: 307-765-4435 or 307-548-6541
(Handicap accessibility with call-in.)
www.sacred-destinations.com/usa/bighorn-medicine-wheel.htm



I Granite Falls

The waters of Granite Creek flow over 6-7 gentle steps and plunge 150 feet to the Shell Creek Canyon. There is a picnic area at the head of the falls. In the summer a large variety of wildflowers are in bloom at this location. *Note: On the north rim of the Shell Canyon, sometimes one can see small herds of Bighorn Sheep. At an elevation of 6,500 feet and a GPS location of N 44.505 W 107.501, Granite Falls is located 30 miles east of Greybull on U.S. Hwy 14.



J Porcupine Falls

The falls are a horsetail falls that drop 192 feet in three or four steps, depending on the water flow, into a large pool at the head of Devil's Canyon. Bring your swimming suit if you can stand the chill of the water. Refreshing! Old gold mining equipment can still be seen around the pool. There is a strenuous ½ mile long trail to the pool at the bottom of the falls. At an elevation of 8,000 feet and a GPS location of N 44.8576 W 107.9128, Porcupine Falls is located in the northeast part of the county. From Lovell, travel east 32 miles on U.S. Hwy 14A. Take the Sheep Mountain Road (Forest Service Road 11) north 3½ miles to the Devil's Canyon Road (Forest Service Road 14). Continue 2½ miles northwest on the Devil's Canyon Road (Forest Service Road 14) to the Porcupine Falls Parking Lot.

Information:

www.waterfalls-guide.com/wy_porcupine_falls.htm

K Five Springs Falls

From Five Springs Campground it is a 1¼ mile hike to the base of the falls. The falls drop about 125 feet and then continue down Five Springs Creek. At an elevation of 6,825 feet and a GPS location of N 44.4836 W 107.5806, Five Springs Falls is located in the northeast part of the county. From Lovell, travel east 22 miles on U.S. Hwy 14A, then two miles north to the Five Springs Campground.

Information:

www.wyomingtourism.org/overview/five-springs-falls-recreation-site-in-northwest-wyoming/31311

**L Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite**

The tracks at Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite are three-toed, symmetrical imprints formed by Therapod dinosaurs from the Middle Jurassic Sundance Oolitic limestone shorelines of about 167 million years ago. At an elevation of 4,500 feet and a GPS location of N 44.27757 W 107.48948, the Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite is located ten miles east of Greybull on U.S. Hwy 14. Turn south on the Red Gulch/Alkali National Back Country Byway and drive about five miles south. There are picnic tables and restrooms, along with over 1,000 tracks! The tracksite is wheelchair accessible.

Information:

www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Worland/Tracksite.htm

**M Bucking Mule Falls**

Bucking Mule Creek cascades over 500 feet and flows down to meet up with Porcupine Creek to form Devil's Canyon. There is a moderate two mile hike to the Observation Point. From Bucking Mule Falls there is an 11 mile trail of medium-to-hard rating that goes into Devil's Canyon. It is rated as a two day hike. At an elevation of 8,600 feet and a GPS location of N 44.8894 W 107.9066, Bucking Mule Falls (open June thru September) is located in the northeast part of the county. From Lovell, travel east 32 miles on U.S. Hwy 14A. Take the Sheep Mountain Road (Forest Service Road 11) north 3½ miles to the Devil's Canyon Road (Forest Service Road 14). Go northwest on the Devil's Canyon Road seven miles to its end.

Information:

www.worldwaterfalldatabase.com/waterfall.php?num=539

**N Shell Falls**

The waters of Shell Creek fall 120 feet to the canyon floor. Shell Creek flows over the pink and gray three billion year old granite. About one mile to the east are the Middle and Upper Shell Falls. The middle falls drop 35 feet in three stages. The upper falls drop about 50 feet in five steps. With a new Interpretive Center, there is also a self-guided trail that points out the geology and current floras and faunas. This trail is easy going down to the bridge. At an elevation of 6,300 feet and a GPS location of N 44.58722 W 107.61395, the set of Lower, Middle and Upper Shell Falls are located halfway up the Shell Canyon. Directions from Greybull are east 26 miles on U.S. Hwy 14.

Information:

www.waterfalls-guide.com/wy_shell_falls.htm

**O Upper and Lower Paint Rock Lakes**

The Paint Rock Lakes provide various recreation opportunities including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, ice climbing, ATV trails, hiking, rock climbing, biking, fishing, boating, tubing, horses, hunting, and photography. The major fish species are Brook, Cutthroat, and Rainbow Trout. The campgrounds are open from July through mid-September, weather permitting. The road is rough and pickups or SUVs are recommended. Lower Paint Rock Lake is about ¼ mile from Upper Paint Rock Lake on Forest Service Road 17, and has the Lower Paint Rock Ranger Station located nearby. At an elevation of 9,300 feet and a GPS location of N 44.40028 W 107.38528, Upper and Lower Paint Rock Lakes are located in the middle part of the county. From Shell travel northeast on U.S. Hwy 14 for 17 miles, then 21 miles south on Forest Service Road 17.

Information:

www.fishingworks.com/lakes/wyoming/big-horn/spanish-point/upper-paint-rock-lake/

P Devil's Kitchen

Devil's Kitchen is a badland with landscapes of isolated spires and weathered hills with sink holes. These exposures are part of the Cretaceous Cloverly Formation, which are composed of soft, colorful sandstones and shale. At an elevation of 3,900 feet and a GPS location of N 44.51936 W 107.97566, Devil's Kitchen is located eight miles east of Greybull on U.S. Hwy 14. Turn north on Davis Lane. Proceed north one mile to County Road 33. Turn left and travel 3¼ miles west on County Road 33 to the turnoff to the Devil's Kitchen overlook. Turn left and go ¼ mile to the overlook.

Information:

www.ultimatewyoming.com/sectionpages/sec2/extras/devilskitchen.html

Q Upper and Lower Medicine Lodge Lakes

The Upper and Lower Medicine Lodge Lakes offer recreation opportunities including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, ice climbing, ATV trails, hiking, rock climbing, biking, fishing, boating, tubing, horses, hunting, and photography. The major fish species are Brook, Cutthroat, and Rainbow Trout. Lower Medicine Lodge Lake is a ½ mile hike from the Upper Medicine Lodge Lake Campground. Campgrounds are open July through mid-September, weather permitting. The Paintrock Lodge is located on the upper Lake. At an elevation of 9,300 feet and a GPS location of N 44.40028 W 107.38528, Upper and Lower Medicine Lodge Lakes are located in the middle part of the county. From Shell, travel northeast on U.S. Hwy 14 for 17 miles, then 20 miles south on Forest Service Road 17. The road is rough and pickups or SUVs are recommended.



Information:

www.fishingworks.com/lakes/wyoming/big-horn/spanish-point/upper-medicine-lodge-lake/

www.fishingworks.com/lakes/wyoming/big-horn/spanish-point/lower-medicine-lodge-lake/

R Meadowlark Lake

Meadowlark Lake is a beautiful high mountain lake that covers over 325 acres and has several campgrounds that are open from June to September, weather providing. Recreation includes: snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, ice climbing, ATV trails, hiking, rock climbing, biking, fishing, boating, tubing, horses, hunting, and photography. Major species of fish are Brook, Cutthroat, Rainbow, and German Brown Trout. At an elevation of 9,400 feet and a GPS location of N 44.15793 W 107.1307, Meadowlark Lake is located in the southern part of the county. From Worland take U.S. Hwy 16 east for 50 miles.

Information:

www.thebighorn.com/meadowlark/fishing.htm

S Medicine Lodge Archaeological Site

This site has long been known for Indian petroglyphs and pictographs. The rock art was created by many groups, from Paleo-Indians to the historic Crow people. This rock art covers the face of a 750 foot long sandstone bluff. Evidence shows that there has been human habitation for about 10,000 years. There is camping, hiking, bird watching and fishing. Fish species include Brook and Brown Trout. At an elevation of 4,800 feet and a GPS location of N 44.17880 W 107.32438, the Medicine Lodge Archaeological Site is located 10 miles south of Basin on U.S. Hwy 20. At Manderson, take State Route 31 to the Cold Springs Road.

Information:

<http://wyoparks.state.wy.us/Site/SiteInfo.asp?siteID=21>



T Albert Wardell and

U Harrington Reservoirs

Albert Wardell and Harrington Reservoirs are excellent areas for hiking, biking, fishing, boating, hunting, and photography. The major fish species are Rainbow and Brown Trout, Bluegill, Perch, and Small-Mouth Bass. For bird-watchers and photographers there are the Common Loon, Great Blue Heron and Prairie Falcon. During March of some years you may observe snow geese. From Basin travel west 10 miles on U.S. Hwy 30. Continue south on the Lower Greybull River Road three miles to County Road 43, then follow the BLM signs to either reservoir.

Information:

www.fishingworks.com/lakes/wyoming/big-horn/wardell-reservoir/harrington-reservoir/

www.fishingworks.com/lakes/wyoming/big-horn/wardell-reservoir/albert-wardell-reservoir-enlargement/



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