

## **Sheridan Wyoming—a Summer Wonderland**

Spend some time with us this summer in Sheridan, Wyoming and you'll soon learn we're so much more than a Wild West town. Within a short drive of this city of sixteen thousand in the Big Horns you'll find summer fun in every flavor.

## **Sheridan Outdoor Adventures**

Did we mention the Big Horn Mountains? With peaks from five to thirteen thousand feet, they offer challenges for the most trail-hardened mountain biker. Experienced riders should definitely try the Tongue River Shuttle, a wild eleven-mile downhill race along the river.

Anglers will find their thrill in mountain lakes boasting brook and golden trout in amazing cool, clear waters. Several lakes and rivers dot the mountains, including gorgeous Big Horn Reservoir and Clear Creek, also prized by kayakers.

If northeastern Wyoming doesn't make you think of golf, you might want to think again. Early settlers from Scotland brought their love of the game along, and the area around Sheridan boasts four gorgeous courses to conquer. Powder Horn Golf Club's mountain course is a particular favorite among the locals.

Those who prefer to hike without a golf bag can follow tree-lined trails for miles through Big Horn National Forest. For memorable multi-day hikes, plan some time for the Edelman or Paint Rock Trails. You'll find beautiful alpine campsites along most trails, so be sure to pack your sleeping bag and get ready to sleep out under the stars.

## **Sheridan's Historic Legacy**

We can't, of course, ignore the historical significance of the area. Within an hour's drive of Sheridan you'll find numerous battlefields preserving the conflict between Native Americans and early settlers.

Little Big Horn Battlefield, site of Custer's defeat at the hands of Sitting Bull's braves, sits just across the state line in Montana. This windswept valley presents a poignant history lesson for the ages. Four other historic battlefields near Sheridan chronicle the victories and defeats led by famous U.S. Cavalry officers and such Native American legends as Crazy Horse.

History buffs can find plenty of other sites to explore near Sheridan—ranging from dinosaur exhibits to the beautifully preserved Sheridan Main Street

District. Stroll through vintage shops, museums and galleries and absorb the region's history first-hand.

### **Sheridan Celebrates the Arts**

Within that historic setting is a region rich in culture. Visitors to Sheridan in the summertime should head to scenic Kendrick Park on Tuesday evenings for the weekly Concert in the Park series. Come early; the whole family will enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

On the way, be sure to watch for diverse public sculpture displayed in the downtown area. This Art on the Plaza exhibit is an ongoing display expanded every June during Celebrate the Arts Month.

One more tip for art lovers; every August Sheridan College hosts the Big West Arts Festival, a celebration of artist from around the nation. Bring an appetite to the Festival—it also offers tempting treats from a host of culinary artists.

### **Sheridan's Cowboy Legacy**

Throughout the year in Sheridan, cowboys keep rodeo fever alive with weekly rodeos and roping competitions. It all culminates each July at the Sheridan WYO Rodeo, a week-long celebration of the region's cowboy heritage.

Another great example of modern-day Western excitement is Don King Days in September. Top-notch cowboys compete in roping, riding and even polo (a favorite local sport!) to honor the founder of legendary King's Saddlery.

To immerse yourself completely in Western lore, plan to attend the Sagebrush Cowboy Gathering each February. Cowboy musicians, poets and storytellers will enthrall with tales of the Wild West. There's something for every age group, including a kid's poetry contest.

Museums, shops and galleries throughout the Sheridan area continue to celebrate the area's rugged Western heritage. Look for wonderful examples of leather and silver work, in particular.

### **Come for Sheridan's History, Stay for the Beauty**

No matter why you come to Sheridan, Wyoming, whether to learn how the West was won or to celebrate the beauty of the Big Horns, you'll find yourself hoping to stay.

The people of this quiet mountain town have learned the value of preserving their heritage while looking to the future. Why not come to Sheridan for a taste of the best Wyoming has to offer?