



Recreation Opportunities ...

OHVs

Motorized vehicle use is limited to designated roads and trails in most areas. Regulations for off-highway use differ greatly between Wyoming and Colorado. Please consult the state web sites: <http://wyotrails.state.wy.us> and <http://parks.state.co.us> for all motorized vehicle registration information. Free motor vehicle use maps (MVUMs) are available at ranger district offices and are viewable in large format at <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>. Please remember to “Tread Lightly!”

BOATING AND RAFTING

With few exceptions boating is limited to non-motorized watercraft on the lakes (please refer to boating notes within the campground listings).

The North Platte River is a popular waterway for rafting and kayaking in the late spring and early summer, and some parts are suitable for canoeing. For information on canoeing, rafting and kayaking on the North Platte River, please contact the Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District at (307) 326-5258. All boats must be registered. Call (307) 777-4597 (WY) or (303) 791-1920 (CO) for information on boating regulations and registration.

All boats using Wyoming waters are required to display an Aquatic Invasive Species decal and need to be inspected. Decals may be obtained from the Wyoming Game and Fish website <http://gf.state.wy.us> or from any licensed agent. Colorado aquatic invasive species information can be found at <http://parks.state.co.us>.



DISPERSED CAMPING

Camping outside of a developed campground (dispersed camping) is allowed in many areas on the national forest and national grassland. Regulations allow camping in dispersed areas for a maximum of 21 days in Wyoming and a maximum of 14 days in Colorado. There are areas where dispersed camping is prohibited. These limits are subject to change, for more information contact the ranger district in the area you plan to visit.

GROUP CAMPGROUNDS

Use of the following group campgrounds requires reservations and a fee: Ryan Park on the Brush Creek –Hayden Ranger District, Seedhouse Campground on the Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District, Pole Creek on the Laramie Ranger District and Teal Lake on the Parks Ranger District. Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777, TDD: 877-833-8777.

FISHING AND HUNTING

Secluded mountain lakes and streams await anglers. Many different species of trout are present and provide numerous opportunities for fishing.

There are a variety of game ranges and habitats. Big game include: elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, moose, mountain

lion and black bear. Hunters may also pursue several small game species and game birds. Please call the Wyoming Game & Fish Department at (307) 777-4600 or Colorado Parks and Wildlife at (303) 297-1192 for fishing and hunting regulations and information or visit <http://gf.state.wy.us> or <http://wildlife.state.co.us>.

HIKING

The National Forests and Grassland are ideal for hikes that range from a couple of hours to three days and longer. Trails vary in length, degree of difficulty and amount of use. Most hiking is done in summer and early fall. Some trailheads require a day use fee; signs are posted in these areas. Trail maps are available at ranger district offices.

HORSEBACK RIDING AND HORSE CAMPING

The National Forests and Grassland offer many trails suitable for horseback riding. Horses are allowed on the hiking trails unless a trail is designated for foot travel only. In some areas dude ranches and outfitters may offer trail rides and pack trips. Horses are not allowed in or near developed campgrounds but are permitted in some dispersed campsites. Only certified weed-free hay or processed feed may be brought onto National Forest System lands. In some designated wilderness areas only processed feed may be used. Tree-saver straps for picket lines and portable corrals are recommended. For more information on horseback riding and camping opportunities please contact the ranger district in the area you plan to visit.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Many backcountry roads and trails offer excellent opportunities for mountain biking. Trail maps are available at ranger district offices. Bicycles are not allowed in designated wilderness areas.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Beautiful scenery, wildlife, colorful foliage, rushing streams and rivers and rugged mountaintops offer the photographer countless subjects. Commercial still photography and videography on National Forest System lands require a special use permit. Please contact a ranger district office if you are considering these uses.

PICNICKING

There are many developed day use picnic grounds available. Overnight camping is not allowed in picnic areas unless posted. Many of the picnic grounds are free but some of them require fees and/or reservations. Reservations for Bottle Creek, on the Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District or Hidden Valley on the Laramie Ranger District can be made at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777 TDD: 877-833-8777. Please call ranger districts for additional information.

RECREATIONAL MINING

While recreational metal detecting is legal in most areas, it is not recommended for the following reasons: 1) archaeological clearance must be obtained before any digging or ground disturbing takes place, and, 2) anything recovered within the jurisdictional boundaries of the National Forests and Grassland is considered property of the United States.

Panning for gold is allowed in most areas but designated wilderness areas are not open to mineral activities of any kind, including panning.

Recreational dredging permits must be obtained through the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality with concurrence from the Forest Service. A letter of intent must be filed with a ranger district office.

In Colorado, please contact district offices before undertaking any mineral activity.

Detailed information is available online as well.

Highlights and Scenic Attractions •••

BRUSH CREEK/HAYDEN RANGER DISTRICT

Snowy Range Scenic Byway – Wyoming State Highway 130, Snowy Range Scenic Byway, opens Memorial Day. Lake Marie and Mirror Lake are popular stops on the west side of the Snowy Range. There are parking areas, restrooms, picnic areas, trailheads and views in every direction. Handicap accessible parking and pedestrian paths are also found in the area. The Brush Creek Visitor Center, near the west Forest boundary, has a hiking trail and new picnic shelter. The Visitor Center is open Memorial Day through Labor Day, weather permitting. Numerous trails and campgrounds are in the area.

Kennaday Peak – Kennaday Peak is accessible by Forest Road 215 with a 1960s fire lookout still at the top. The lookout is closed but Kennaday Peak offers a breathtaking 360-degree view of the surrounding mountains and Platte River Valley.



Battle Highway Scenic Byway – Battle Highway crosses the Sierra Madre Mountains from Encampment to Baggs. This scenic 28-mile stretch of Highway 70 crosses the Continental Divide and is open June to October, weather permitting. The highway has recently been granted Scenic Byway designation.

Several historic sites can be found along the highway. The mining town of Battle flourished in the late 1890s and early 1900s and still has private cabins scattered through the town site. The Edison Monument is a nice place to stretch your legs and read about Thomas Edison's fishing trip to the area. Bridger Peak is on the Continental Divide with an elevation of 11,004 feet. This peak was named for Jim Bridger, a mountain man of the 1800s.

Aspen Alley is just off of the Battle Highway on Forest Road 801 and provides a pleasant drive through an old aspen stand. In autumn, the drive from the Continental Divide to the western Forest boundary is ablaze with color.

Battle Creek Overlook offers a scenic panorama from the Continental Divide west to Battle Mountain and numerous Colorado peaks to the south.

Hog Park – An old tie-hack camp named Hog Park lies 20 miles south of Encampment on Forest Road 550. From the late 1890s to the early 1900s, this camp produced railroad ties for the Union Pacific Railroad. Evidence of past activities still exists in and around this area. The Hog Park Reservoir now covers a portion of the area. The Reservoir was enlarged in 1987 and is a popular area for camping, fishing, and boating. This is a popular back-way to the Hahn's Peak and Steamboat Springs area during the summer and autumn.

Grand Encampment Museum – The Grand Encampment Museum, located in Encampment, Wyoming, contains U.S. Forest Service memorabilia for Region 2 including Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and eastern Wyoming. The museum also contains a vast display from the area's rich history of mining and logging.

Wilderness Areas and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail – Two wilderness areas are south and west of Encampment. The Encampment River Wilderness follows the Encampment River as it leaves the Hog Park area and runs north to the forest boundary. The Huston Park Wilderness sits atop Battle Pass between Hog Park and the Battle Highway. The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail leaves Colorado and the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness, crosses above Hog Park and enters Huston Park Wilderness. At Battle Highway it leaves the Wilderness and becomes a rugged two-track road over Bridger Peak before dropping down into the Jack Creek area, then leaving the Forest and continuing northward toward Rawlins.

DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT

Laramie Peak Unit – Laramie Peak is the highest point in the Laramie Mountains with an elevation of 10,272 feet. Emigrants who traveled on the Oregon and Mormon trails used the Peak as a guidepost. Laramie Peak was the

first "Rocky Mountain" they saw from vantage points as far away as Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The Peak was also a forewarning of the rugged crossing of the Continental Divide that lay ahead. There is a steep 4.8-mile long trail to the top of Laramie Peak that is open to ATVs, horses, bicycles, and hikers. This trail offers a panoramic view of southeastern Wyoming. The Laramie Peak trailhead is located ¼ mile from the Friend Park Campground and requires a \$5.00/vehicle parking fee or day use pass. Forest Road 671 offers access to the trailhead.

Labonte Canyon – LaBonte Canyon is an area of steep granite rock formations suited for hiking and photography. The scenic steep canyon walls, groves of aspen, and stands of conifer can be viewed from Forest Road 658. Large populations of deer, elk, and bighorn sheep inhabit the area. LaBonte Canyon has several trails open to ATVs, horses, bicycles, and hikers. The Curtis Gulch Campground is located at the end of the canyon. Also, there are many beautiful undeveloped campsites available along LaBonte Creek for the more adventurous.

Black Mountain – Black Mountain is located off Forest Road 633 in Harris Park. The Black Mountain Lookout Tower on top of the peak is accessible by a rugged 3.5-mile long 4-wheel drive road. The tower was built by the Forest Service in 1958 and is now on the National Historic Lookout Register. Black Mountain is one of the few fire lookouts still in operation in the United States and is open from June until October. Visitors are welcome!

Ashenfelder Basin – Wilderness without the official designation, this area encompasses the western, northern, and eastern sweep around Laramie Peak. New trails have made accessing this wild country safer and easier, but still offer solitude and challenge. The best access trails to the basin are the Roaring Fork Trail west of Black Mountain and Harris Park Trail east of Black Mountain.

HAHNS PEAK/BEARS EARS RANGER DISTRICT

Located in Steamboat Springs, the Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District provides information about camping, fishing, hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, horseback riding, hunting, four-wheeling and a variety of winter recreation activities in partnership with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Yampatika Educational Partners. The ranger district office, along with its partners, provides one stop to purchase hunting or fishing licenses, maps and field guides, or participate in an educational program.

Stop in to inquire about some of Colorado's finest lake and stream fishing or where to view mountain wildflowers blooming from spring through summer. In the fall, trees and shrubs exhibit spectacular colors. Northwest Colorado offers some of the best trophy hunting areas in the state and public access to hunting is readily available. Rules for the Colorado hunting season change each year, and current information is available in this office.

Fish Creek Falls – This spectacular 283 foot waterfall is located just 15 minutes from downtown Steamboat Springs. Interpretive signs, a picnic area and restrooms are available. A day use fee of \$5.00 or possession of an annual pass is required.



Big And Little Red Parks – Big and Little Red Parks are 30 miles north of Steamboat Springs just south of the Wyoming border. Opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and OHV use are available on an extensive trail and road network. Several historic trails, such as the Ellis Trail (1155) and Wyoming trail (1101), are part of the area's mining and logging history.

Bears Ears – The Bears Ears country is northeast of Craig, Colorado. This area offers outstanding opportunities for hunting big game such as deer and elk. A scenic loop can be made by traveling Forest Road 110, County Road 82 and County Road 80 through California Park.

LARAMIE RANGER DISTRICT

Medicine Bow Rail Trail – This 21 mile non-motorized use trail was converted from a portion of the abandoned Laramie, Hahns Peak and Pacific Railroad. The trail is hard-packed gravel with grades and curves suitable for visitors of various abilities. The trailhead parking lot serves as an access point for both the trail and Lake Owen. A covered fishing facility is available at Lake Owen.

Snowy Range Scenic Byway – The Snowy Range Scenic Byway, Wyoming State Highway 130, crosses the Medicine Bow Mountains and includes 27 miles within national forest boundaries. Accessible from the east or west via Interstate 80, the Laramie and Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger Districts share the byway. The route rises from 8,000 feet on the valley floor to a height of 10,847 feet at Snowy Range Pass. At 12,013 feet, nearby Medicine Bow Peak towers over the scenic byway.

On this drive travelers are close enough to Medicine Bow Peak to explore the year-round snowfields. Even in summer these snowfields glisten along the peak's face, illustrating how this part of the mountain range got its name.



Vegetation along the scenic byway changes from sagebrush at the lower elevations to lodgepole pine at mid elevations. At higher elevations, the lodgepole pine gives way to spruce-fir forest and alpine tundra. In summer wildflowers carpet the alpine meadows. Visitors have opportunities for bird watching, and viewing moose, elk, deer, pronghorn antelope and smaller mammals such as marmots, beaver, pikas and pine marten. There are many small lakes nestled against high escarpments that are home to rainbow, cutthroat and brook trout.

The scenic byway is open from Memorial Day through October, weather permitting. The newly constructed Centennial Visitor Information Center, located at 2711 Highway 130 on the eastern Forest boundary, is open during the summer. For fall and winter hours, call the Laramie Ranger District. Maps, brochures, passes, permits and books are available at this visitor center.

The scenic byway is a popular recreation attraction with many picnic, camping, observation and interpretive facilities. Several hiking trails are accessible from the Byway including the Medicine Bow Peak Trail. The upper portion of this trail traverses large boulder fields that make it a difficult hike for small children.

Barber Lake Picnic Area is approximately 35 miles west of Laramie. Barber Lake is a small pond adjacent to the highway that offers accessible fishing opportunities and typically is stocked with rainbow trout.

Vedauwoo Recreation Area – The jumbled rocks of the Vedauwoo Recreation Area are located on the Pole Mountain Unit between Laramie and Cheyenne directly off Interstate 80. This is a popular area for hiking, biking and camping. Visitors may reserve the gazebo for picnicking by calling (307) 745-2300. Firewood may be gathered in the area but not cut from dead standing trees. Firewood gathered in this area must be used on site and may not be removed from the area. Off-road travel by motorized vehicles is prohibited in the Vedauwoo Recreation Area.

PARKS RANGER DISTRICT

Big Creek Lakes – This popular recreation area is 35 miles northwest of Walden. Lower Big Creek Lake has a 54-unit campground on the shoreline. Nineteen sites within the Big Creek Campground can be reserved. The Grizzly Creek Guard Station, a historic ranger cabin, is also available for overnight stays to experience frontier living as it was in early 1930s. Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777, TDD (877) 833-8777.

The Seven Lakes trailhead at the north end of the Big Creek campground is one of our main gateways into the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area. Seven Lakes is seven

miles from the campground. The Seven Lakes Trail also accesses Upper Big Creek Lake, continues one mile past the lake to Big Creek Falls and on to the boundary of the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area.

Recently, the Grizzly-Helena Trail, a high-traffic Off-Highway Vehicle trail, between Big Creek Lakes and Lone Pine, saw a newly constructed boardwalk across the North Fork of the North Platte. This alleviated the resource pressure on a large natural and historically wet area and allows motorized access into the backcountry known for its prime high lake fishing and rich hunting opportunities.

Teller City – The Teller City Interpretive Site is southeast of Walden. Teller City is an abandoned silver mining town established in 1879. A three-quarter mile hardened surface loop trail is accessible to people with disabilities and visitors can view several building foundations and scattered artifacts. Interpretive signs along the trail explain the colorful history of the area and relate the history of that exciting era.

Moose – Moose are often seen on the Parks Ranger District. Relocated here in the late 1970s, the herd is reportedly above 600 animals. The best areas to spot them are in the Illinois River drainage and the Michigan River drainages on the east side, in the Grizzly Creek and Big Creek drainages on the west, and often on the north and south drainages of Willow Creek Pass. Moose are solitary animals. Please respect them and keep your distance.

Cache La Poudre To North Park Scenic And Historic Byway – The byway begins in Walden and goes to Fort Collins, Colorado. Starting on the sagebrush plains of North Park that are surrounded by four mountain ranges, the byway summits at Cameron Pass and then follows the Poudre River as it falls over 3,000 feet through all of its beautiful and untamed 90 miles. It is the first and only Wild and Scenic River in the state of Colorado. The Cache La Poudre River was named for the hidden gun powder caches along its length during the early 1800s.

THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND

Fiddleback Area – This large area of prairie on the Thunder Basin National Grassland is located between Douglas and Gillette, Wyoming. The area includes the Cheyenne River Valley and is surrounded by the Red Hills and Rochelle Hills to the west and north. It is also a haven for eagles, raptors, deer, elk and antelope.

Inyan Kara Area – Commonly known as the Upton and Osage area, it is located in the far northeast part of Wyoming between Gillette and Newcastle. This grassland area forms the foothills of the Black Hills to the east. It offers a variety of terrain, including low sage and grass plains and thick pine-covered hills. Year-round fishing is the recreational highlight of the area. Several reservoirs are notable for smallmouth bass and trout populations. Abundant trails include both single and double-track segments that provide opportunities for hikers and motorized vehicle users.

Spring Creek Unit – The Spring Creek unit is considered a satellite of the national grassland. This parcel of land is located north of Gillette and extends almost to the Montana border. Popular activities in this area include OHV use, wildlife viewing, hiking and hunting. In addition to recreation opportunities offered on this remote portion of the national grassland, there are more activities available on nearby Bureau of Land Management administered lands. These lands make Spring Creek an attractive get-away.

YAMPA RANGER DISTRICT

The Yampa Ranger District is home to two wilderness areas that provide abundant opportunities for camping, hiking, hunting and fishing. More than 200 miles of trails for hikers, horses and pack animals, skiers and snowshoers weave through the heart of the Flat Tops Wilderness area. The Sarvis Creek Wilderness area offers crystal clear streams, fishing, rich animal habitat and for history buffs, the remains of historic log flumes.

Off of scenic Gore Pass, backcountry roads and trails offer opportunities for cyclists of all abilities. Four OHV trails are maintained within the ranger district to accommodate motorized vehicle use.

Bear River Corridor – This area, beginning at the forest boundary seven miles southwest of Yampa, offers numerous recreation opportunities. Six trails, ranging from one to 16 miles in length, lead into the backcountry from Forest Road 900. Yamcolo, Bear Lake and Stillwater reservoirs are choice fishing spots as well as many alpine lakes. Along Forest Road 900, camping is permitted only in developed campgrounds and designated dispersed sites.

Flat Tops Trail Scenic Byway – The Flat Tops Trail Scenic Byway, crosses the northern Flat Top Mountains between Yampa and Meeker. Approximately 40 miles of this 82-mile byway is gravel road with some hairpin turns and high passes. It is passenger-car friendly, but in the spring and fall travelers should check conditions. Bring your binoculars for this 2 1/2 hour trip. There are fantastic panoramic views and opportunities to see wildlife such as marmots, eagles, elk, mule deer and grouse. Wildflowers fill the alpine meadows in June and July. The scenic byway is open from June through October, weather permitting. Gas and other services are available in Yampa and Meeker.

Ranger District	On Map	Camp Ground	Season (Variable)	Elevation (Feet)	Number Of Sites	Max Vehicle/ Trailer Size (Feet)	Notes	Fee (Subject To Change)
Brush Creek/ Hayden	1	Battle Creek	6/10-10/31	7,800	4	16	F	0
	2	Bottle Creek	5/27-10/31	8,800	16	45	F	\$10.00
	3	Bow River	6/10-9/8	8,600	13	32	F	\$10.00
	4	Deep Creek	6/10-9/8	10,200	12	22	F	\$10.00
	5	French Creek	6/10-9/8	8,000	11	32	F	\$10.00
	6	Jack Creek	6/10-10/31	8,500	16	22	F	\$10.00
	7	Hog Park	6/15-9/8	8,400	50	30	R,F,B (HPE,IC)	\$10.00
	8	Lincoln Park	5/27-11/08	7,800	12	32	A,F	\$10.00
	9	Lost Creek	5/27-10/31	8,800	10	22	F	\$10.00
	10	Ryan Park	5/27-10/31	8,000	48	32	R,F	\$10.00
	11	Silver Lake	6/15-10/31	10,400	17	32	E,B (HP)	\$10.00
	12	Sixmile Gap	4/1-10/31	8,000	9	32	F	\$10.00
	13	S. Brush Creek	5/27-10/31	7,900	20	32	F	\$10.00
Douglas	14	Campbell Creek	6/1-10/31	8,200	8	22	A, No Water	\$10.00
	15	Curtis Gulch	6/15-10/31	6,600	6	22	A,F	\$10.00
	16	Esterbrook	5/15-10/31	6,500	12	22	A, No water	\$10.00
	17	Friend Park	6/01-10/31	7,400	11	22	A,F, No water	\$10.00
Hahns Peak/ Bears Ears	18	Dry Lake	6/10-11/15	8,000	8	16	No water	\$10.00
	19	Dumont Lake	6/25-10/31	9,500	22	40	E,B (HPE)	\$12.00
	20	Freeman Reservoir	6/15-11/15	8,800	17	25	E,B (HPE)	\$12.00
	21	Granite	Closed	10,200	8	22	E,B (HPE), No water	\$10.00
	22	Hahns Peak Lake	6/15-11/1	8,500	25	40	R,F,B (HPE)	\$12.00
	23	Hinman Park	5/31-10/1	7,600	13	22	F	\$12.00
	24	Meadows	7/1-10/31	9,300	30	40	No water	\$10.00
	25	Seedhouse	6/15-10/31	8,000	24	25	R,F	\$12.00
	26	Seedhouse Group Site	6/15-9/30	8,000	8	30	R,F	\$100.00
27	Summit Lake	7/10-9/30	10,300	16	18	E,B (HP), No water	\$10.00	
Laramie	28	Bobbie Thomson	6/01-10/15	8,800	18	32	F	\$10.00
	29	Brooklyn Lake	7/15-10/01	10,500	19	22	R,E,B (HP)	\$10.00
	30	Lake Owen	6/01-11/01	9,000	35	22	E,B (HPE,IC)	\$10.00
	31	Libby Creek - Aspen	6/01-10/15	8,600	8	22	F	\$10.00
	32	Libby Creek – Pine	6/01-10/15	8,600	6	16	F	\$10.00
	33	Libby Creek – Spruce	6/01-10/15	8,600	8	16	F	\$10.00
	34	Libby Creek – Willow	6/01-10/15	8,600	16	22	R,F	\$10.00
	35	Miller Lake	6/01-10/15	9,100	7	22	E,B (HP)	\$10.00
	36	Nash Fork	7/01-10/15	10,200	27	22	F	\$10.00
	37	North Fork	6/15-11/01	8,600	60	30	R,F	\$10.00
	38	Pelton Creek	6/15-10/15	8,100	15	16	F	\$10.00
	40	Sugarloaf	7/15-10/01	10,700	16	22	R,E,B (HP)	\$10.00
	41	Tie City	5/15-11/01	8,600	18	32	F	\$10.00
	42	Vedauwoo	5/05-11/01	8,200	28	32	A,F	\$10.00
	43	Yellow Pine	5/15-10/01	8,400	19	32	F	\$10.00
	Parks	44	Aspen	5/25-9/21	8,900	7	20	F
45		Big Creek Lakes	6/15-9/8	9,000	54	45	R,E,B(HPE,IC)	\$10.00
46		Hidden Lakes	6/15-9/21	8,900	9	50	E,B (HPE)	\$10.00
47		Pines	5/25-9/21	9,200	11	20	F	\$10.00
48		Teal Lake	6/5-9/21	9,000	18	25	R,E,B (HPE)	\$10.00
49		Teal Lake Group	6/5-9/21	9,000	18	25	R,E,B (HPE)	\$20-40
Yampa	50	Bear Lake	6/1-10/1	9,700	43	30	A,F,B (HPE)	\$10- \$30
	51	Bear River Dispersed	6/1-11/1	9,200-10,200	26	Varies	F, No water or toilet	\$5.00
	52	Blacktail Creek	6/1-11/1	9,000	8	22	F	\$10.00
	53	Chapman Reservoir	6/15-11/1	9,300	12	22	A,F,B (HPE), No water	\$10.00
	54	Cold Springs	6/1-11/1	10,200	5	30	A,F	\$10.00
	55	Horseshoe	6/1-11/1	10100	7	25	F	\$10.00
	56	Lynx Pass	6/1-11/1	9,000	11	18	A,F	\$10.00
	57	Sheriff Reservoir	6/15-11/1	9,700	5	18	E,B (HPE), No water	\$10.00
	58	Vaughan Lake	6/15-11/1	9,500	6	18	E,B (HPE), No water	\$10.00

- ALL CAMPGROUNDS have toilets and water unless otherwise noted. THERE ARE NO electric or water hookups, or showers.
- OPENING and CLOSING DATES of campgrounds depend on weather conditions and snow removal. Please call district offices for confirmation of dates.
- STAY LIMIT in all campgrounds is 14 consecutive days.
- DOGS are allowed in campgrounds: however, they must be on a leash.
- HORSES are not allowed in campgrounds.

(R) RESERVATIONS may be made at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777, TDD: 877-833-8777.

- (A) ACCESSIBLE site(s) and toilet(s) available
- (F) FISHING
- (B) BOATING (HP=Hand-powered, E=Electric Motors allowed, IC=Internal Combustion Motors allowed)

Please note that some campgrounds may be affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic and sites may be impacted by ongoing removal of hazard trees or other maintenance work. Campgrounds treated for hazard trees may have little to no shade. For current information please call the ranger district office in the area you plan to visit.

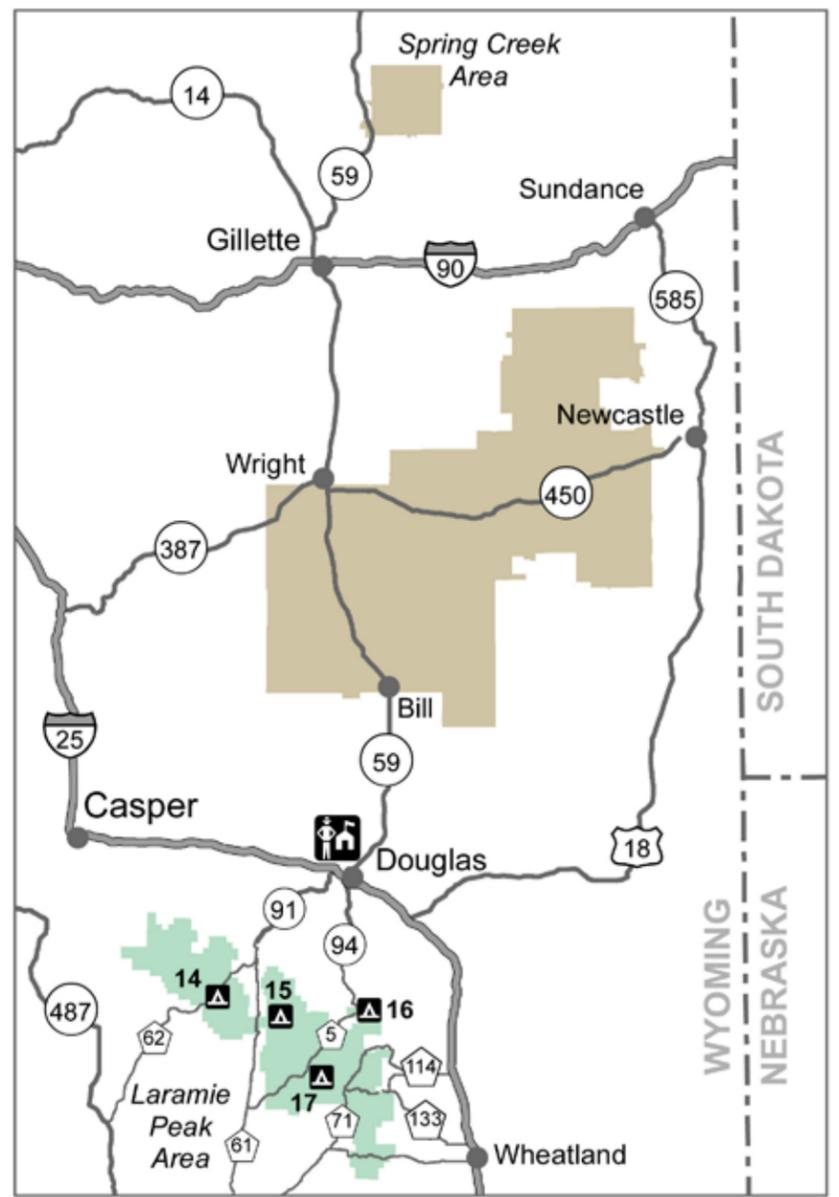
Area Map

Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests
Thunder Basin National Grassland

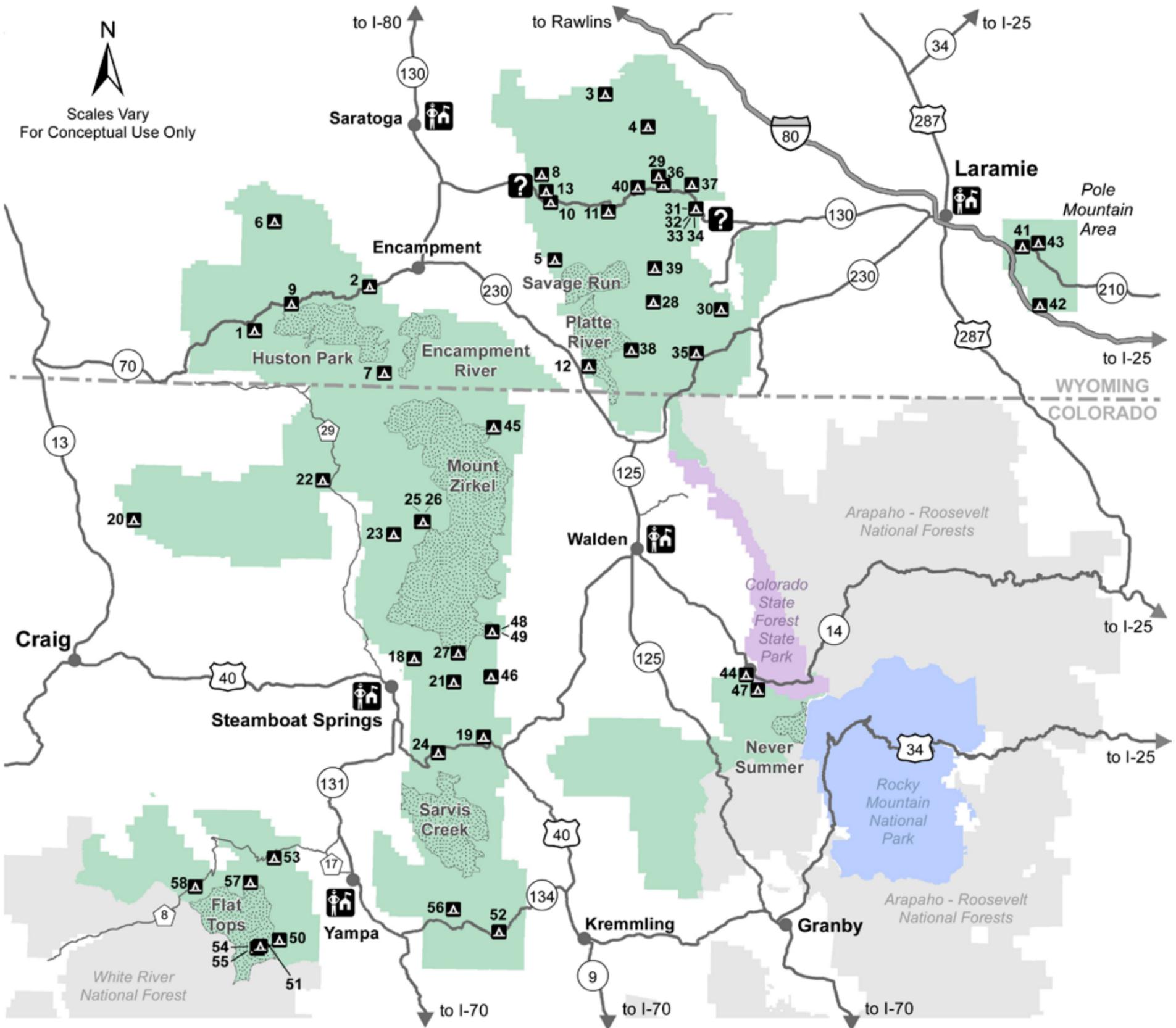


Legend

- Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests
- Thunder Basin National Grassland
- Wilderness (with name)
- Other National Forest
- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Colorado State Forest State Park
- ▲ Campground (with map number)
- 🏠 Ranger District Office
- ? Visitor Center



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Wilderness Areas ...



With the passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964, Congress created the National Wilderness Preservation System and designated certain lands as wilderness areas. These areas are managed to

preserve their natural conditions and wild character for present and future generations. They possess outstanding ecological, geological, scientific, educational, scenic, or historical values. All or parts of ten wilderness areas are located on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests. Additional information is available from ranger district offices and online.

The SAVAGE RUN WILDERNESS is located on the Laramie Ranger District. Elevations vary from 8,000 to 10,000 feet. Steep-sided canyons are located at low elevations while rolling, plateau-like terrain can be found at higher elevations. The Savage Run Trail traverses the wilderness along Savage Run Creek.

The PLATTE RIVER WILDERNESS is located on the Laramie, Brush Creek/Hayden and Parks Ranger Districts and has an average elevation of 7,700 feet. The Platte River is a blue ribbon trout fishing stream and is a popular waterway for rafting and kayaking.

The ENCAMPMENT RIVER WILDERNESS Area is on the Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District and has an average elevation of 7,800 feet. The Encampment River flows through a narrow rugged canyon and varies from narrow, rushing rapids to calm, smooth stretches. The hike along the river offers views of historical mines and cabins.

The HUSTON PARK WILDERNESS AREA is on Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District. The terrain rises to an elevation of 10,500 feet and contains alpine bogs, spruce-fir, lodgepole pine and aspen forests. The Huston Park Trail, augment of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, traverses the wilderness and offers panoramic, high-country views.

The MT. ZIRKEL WILDERNESS Area is on the Hahns Peak-Bears Ears and Parks Ranger Districts. The wilderness area is home to the headwaters of the Elk, Encampment and North Platte Rivers and some 70 lakes, high mountain peaks (including the 12,180 foot-tall Mount Zirkel for which it is named) and a portion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. It encompasses the rugged Sawtooth Range and portions of the Park and Sierra Madre ranges.

The SARVIS CREEK WILDERNESS is on the Yampa Ranger District. The rugged, heavily-wooded terrain rises from 7,004 to 10,734 feet, Visitors may enjoy a tumbling waterfall, a moist meadow or historic logging camp remains by following the Sarvis Creek Trail and the Silver Creek Trail.

The FLAT TOPS WILDERNESS is shared by the Yampa Ranger District and the White River National Forest. Elevations range from 7,640 to 12,354 feet. This is the third largest wilderness area in Colorado.

The NEVER SUMMER, RAWAH, and NEOTA WILDERNESS Areas are shared by the Parks Ranger District with the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests, with access also possible from Rocky Mountain National Park and Colorado State Forest State Park.



BACKCOUNTRY ETHICS

Wilderness areas are for your use and enjoyment, but you must do your part to protect them. Practice Leave No Trace techniques to prevent and minimize your impact on the land and to other visitors. More information is available at [www: LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org).

Camping – Choose an existing campsite at least 200 feet or posted distance from lakes, streams and trails.

Campfires – Use a camp stove instead of a fire. If you must have a fire, be at least 200 feet or posted distance from lakes, streams and trails; use an existing fire ring or build a low-impact mound fire.

Sanitation – Bury human waste six to eight inches deep and at least 200 feet from lakes or streams. Do all washing with biodegradable soap at least 200 feet from lakes or streams. Pack out all garbage and leftover food.

Trails – Stay on existing trails and avoid shortcutting switchbacks.



WILDERNESS REGULATIONS

Regulations are in effect to protect the land and the primitive experience. Wilderness regulations vary between areas. Contact the ranger district office in the area you plan to visit for more information. The following regulations apply to all wilderness areas on the national forests.

Motorized/Mechanized Equipment – All forms of motorized equipment and mechanical transport are not allowed. This includes bicycles, motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, aircraft, game carts, chain saws etc.

Group Size – Group size may not exceed a combination of 25 people and livestock with the maximum number of people being 15.

Pets – Pets must be kept under voice or leash control at all times to prevent harassment of wildlife and other visitors.

SAFETY

- Preplan your route and make a responsible person aware of your plans and expected time of return. Carry appropriate topographic maps and compass and know how to use them.
- Sign in at trail registers.
- Prepare for weather extremes. Bring the equipment necessary to stay warm and dry. Lightning is common in the summer. Avoid exposed areas, lone trees and shallow caves during storms.
- Hazardous organisms exist in backcountry water. Water from all backcountry sources should be treated before drinking it.
- Carry first aid and emergency supplies and know how to use them.
- Sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended.
- Cell phone service is either unreliable or nonexistent in remote areas.

FEDERAL PASSES

Annual Day Use Pass (for the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests)

- Available to anyone.
- The cost is \$30/year.
- Good from January 1 – December 31 each year.
- Good for day use fees such as trailhead parking, picnic grounds and boat ramps on the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests.

INTERAGENCY RECREATION PASSES

These Interagency passes offer unlimited coverage of entrance and standard amenity recreation fees on public lands managed by the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Pass covers pass holder and occupants of a single private vehicle, or pass holder and three additional persons 16 and older where per person fees are charged. There is no fee for children 15 and under.

Interagency Annual Pass

- The cost is \$80 for one year from month of purchase.
- This pass is available to the general public.
- Covers entrance and standard recreation fees.

Interagency Senior Pass

- The cost is \$10 and the pass is valid for lifetime.
- This pass is available to seniors 62 years old and older.
- May entitle pass holder to 50 percent off of certain fees - check with agency.

Interagency Access Pass

- This pass is free.
- The pass is available to citizens with permanent disabilities. Proof of disability required at time of request.
- May entitle pass holder to 50 percent off of certain fees – check with agency.

What is not covered – expanded amenity fees such as camping, RV hookups, boat launch, tours or concessionaire fees.

CABINS & LOOKOUTS

There are three facilities available for rent on the Laramie Ranger District: Spruce Mountain Lookout Tower, Keystone Ranger Station and Little Brooklyn Lake Guard Station.

On the Douglas Ranger District, the La Prele Guard Station can be rented.

On the Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District five facilities can be rented: Jack Creek Guard Station, Jack Creek Crew Quarters, Sandstone Cabin, Snow Survey Cabin and Brush Creek Barracks (winter only).

The Seedhouse Guard Station on the Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District is available for rent.

The Grizzly Creek Guard Station on the Parks Ranger District is available for rent.

Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Recreation Service at (877)-444-6777, TDD: 877-833-8777, Intl: 581-855-3639;

MAPS AVAILABLE

The following maps are available at ranger district offices, by phone order or by mail. These maps show important information such as public and private land delineation, wilderness, roads, access to public lands, streams, lakes, campgrounds, picnic grounds, trails and travel regulations. Map formats and prices are subject to change.

- Routt National Forest – \$10 plastic.
- Medicine Bow National Forest – \$10 plastic.
- Thunder Basin National Grassland – \$10 plastic.
- Other Forest Maps in Rocky Mountain Region, \$9 paper and \$10 plastic.
- Motor vehicle use maps (MVUMs) are available for most ranger districts. These maps are free and show complete, up-to-date information on where motorized vehicles may go.

To order a map by phone, call the district where you are going (listed on the front page of this guide.) Credit cards are accepted. To order maps by mail, send a check or money order payable to USDA Forest Service for the amount of the map(s), (there are no additional shipping or handling charges), along with the names of the maps, your mailing address and your phone number to the ranger district where you are going.

Additional maps may be available. For more information contact the ranger district in the area you plan to visit.

Plastic maps are folded and are water and tear resistant.

SAFETY

Campfires – Fires may be limited or prohibited at certain times, due to dryness and other weather conditions. For current restrictions, please contact the district office in the area you plan to visit. You are responsible for knowing these restrictions and keeping your campfire under control. Do not leave fires unattended and be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving or going to sleep.

Pets and Animals – Pets must be leashed in campgrounds and day use areas. In other forest and grassland areas they must always be under control, by voice or on a leash. Under no circumstances is chasing/harassing of wildlife allowed.



Fireworks – The possession and use of fireworks or other explosives is prohibited on National Forest System lands.

Bark Beetle Epidemic – Visitors need to be aware that the mountain pine beetle epidemic has increased the risk of falling trees. Trees impacted by bark beetle appear red or have no needles. Remember: look up, look down, look around. Please be aware of your surroundings while visiting areas affected by the epidemic. Campers should avoid camping or parking near dead trees. Please check our web page for updates and closures: <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>

In General – Emergency services in remote settings are not readily available. It is your responsibility to know the hazards and to use the proper safety procedures and equipment to minimize the inherent risks associated with your activities. Do not expect to rely on cell phones in emergency situations. Be advised that cell phone service is either unreliable or nonexistent in remote areas.

ROADS AND WEATHER

Road Info

Wyoming: (888) WYO-ROAD (in state)
(307) 772-0824 (out of state)
www.wydotweb.state.wy.us

Colorado: (877) 315-7623 (in state, but not in Denver)
303) 639-1111 (Denver or out of state)
www.cotrip.org

Weather Info

Wyoming: www.crh.noaa.gov/cys
Colorado: www.crh.noaa.gov/den

FOREST PRODUCT PERMITS

Permits are required to remove forest products. For more information call ranger district offices.

- Firewood
- Tree transplants
- Posts and poles
- Christmas trees
- Ferns
- Mushrooms
- Rocks



Visitor Guide

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Thunder Basin National Grassland



Welcome to Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland! Visitor opportunities abound on the 2.9 million acres of National Forest System lands.

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests extend from north central Colorado to central Wyoming. The National Forests encompass portions of many mountain ranges including the Gore Range, Elkhead, Flat Tops, Parks Range, Medicine Bow Mountains, Sierra Madre and Laramie Range.

The National Forests provide year-round recreation opportunities for nearly three million annual visitors. They also provide wildlife habitat, timber, forage for livestock and are a vital source of water for irrigation, domestic use and industry.

The topography varies greatly within the National Forests. Elevation ranges from 5,500 feet to 12,940 feet. The climate ranges from semi-arid at low elevations to colder and less arid in the high country. Frost may occur at any time, and visitors to the higher elevations should be prepared for harsh weather, including snow and high winds, even during the summer months.

Different Ranger Districts administer different areas of the National Forests. References to these districts appear on a map and in other sections of this guide. For specific information about the area you plan to visit, please contact the Ranger District in that area.

The Thunder Basin National Grassland is located in northeastern Wyoming in the Powder River Basin between the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills. Elevations on the National Grassland range from 3,600 feet to 5,200 feet and the climate is semi-arid.

The National Grassland provides unique opportunities for recreation including hiking, sightseeing, hunting and fishing. There are no developed campgrounds; however, dispersed camping is allowed.

The National Grassland abounds with wildlife year-round, provides forage for livestock, and is underlain with vast mineral resources. Land patterns are very complex because federal, state and private lands are intermingled. The Douglas Ranger District administers the Thunder Basin National Grassland.

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Laramie, WY 82001
Jackson Street
Thunder Basin National Grassland
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests
From: U.S. Forest Service

Cooperating Organizations



Rocky Mountain Nature Association
PO Box 3100
Estes Park, CO 80517
(970) 586-0108
www.rmna.org



Wyoming Department Of Game & Fish
5400 Bishop Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82006
(307) 777-4600
www.gf.state.wy.us



Yampatika
PO Box 773342
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
(970) 871-9151
www.yampatika.org



Colorado Parks & Wildlife
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 80216
(303) 297-1192
www.wildlife.state.co.us

Supervisor's Office/Headquarters

2468 Jackson Street
Laramie, WY 82070-6535
(307) 745-2300
www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/

Brush Creek-Hayden

Ranger District

2171 South Hwy.130, PO Box 249
Saratoga, WY 82331
(307) 326-5258

Douglas Ranger District

2250 E. Richards Street
Douglas, WY 82633
(307) 358-4690

Hahns Peak/Bears Ears

Ranger District

925 Weiss Drive
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487-9315
(970) 870-2299

Laramie Ranger District

2468 Jackson Street
Laramie, WY 82070-6535
(307) 745-2300

Parks Ranger District

100 Main Street, PO Box 158
Walden, CO 80480
(970) 723-2700

Yampa Ranger District

300 Roselawn Street, PO Box 7
Yampa, CO 80483
(970) 638-4516

