

# ADVENTURE AWAITS *in Buffalo, Wyoming*

## A 3 DAY ITINERARY: DAY 1

Adventure awaits om Buffalo, Wyoming! Warmer weather opens up a plethora of activities to enjoy in the Bighorns and in town of Buffalo. Use this three-day itinerary to plan your perfect western getaway and explore northern Wyoming!



### 1. EXPLORE DOWNTOWN BUFFALO

Experience Buffalo's small-town atmosphere with local Art & Pottery shops on Main, Fort, and Lobban streets, clothing, antiques and specialty stores and a family owned sporting goods store.

Main Street also features the Official Longmire store, The Bucking Buffalo, owned by Craig and Judy Johnson; the author of the Longmire series of books and organizer of the Longmire Days held annually in July.

Have coffee, lunch and desert at some of the locally owned shops on Main Street, all within walking distance, and relax in Crazy Woman Square while taking in the murals painted by local artists.

#### Galleries & Shopping:

Potter's Depot • Crazy Woman Fine Art • Margo's Pottery • Powder River Art Gallery • Wyoming In Color • The Hitching Post Gallery • Treasure Chest Antiques & Collectibles • The Sports Lure • Reride Western Wear • The Bucking Buffalo • Silver Sage • and more!

### *Lunch, Coffee & Desert*

The Cold Dish - Ice Cream • 4th on Main - Western Family Dining • Busy Bee Cafe • Sagewood - Gifts & Cafe • Main St Diner - Lunch • Lickety Splits - Ice Cream • Lolly's Sugar Shack - Coffee & Sweets



### 2. HEAD FOR THE HILLS

**Crazy Woman Canyon: A Beautiful Mountain Drive Loop, Call the USFS for more info at 307-684-7806**

Take a drive on Hwy 16 West towards the Bighorn Mountains. Enjoy the views, take a hike at Hunter Corrals, Circle Park or Elgin Park, all trailheads nestled just 15-20 minutes away from downtown Buffalo.

About 25 minutes from Buffalo, a left turn at Forest Road 33 takes you past Muddy Guard Cabin and onto **Crazy Woman Canyon road**. This road winds its way down the canyon, offering scenery and a drive that are breathtaking, and brings you out at Old Hwy 87, south of Buffalo.

Listen to the beautiful sound of the water cascading through the rocks of Crazy Woman Creek or stop for a quick picnic at some of the campsites along the scenic road. (May-October, 4-wheel drive only)

**TA Ranch: Site of the Last Battle of the Johnson County Cattle Wars - [www.taranch.com](http://www.taranch.com)**

After passing through the canyon and driving about 6 miles through beautiful ranch country, you will intersect Old Hwy 87.

Take a right turn (South) and travel 3 miles to the historic TA Ranch. There you can find "bullet" proof history of the Johnson County Cattle War.

While you are there, take a tour under the old cottonwood trees, the barn and stay for an excellent supper at the old cookhouse with views toward the prairie that take you back in time.



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UPCOMING EVENTS!**

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# A 3 DAY ITINERARY: DAY 2



## 1. BREAKFAST & A WALK

[Download trail map](#)

After a great breakfast at the Busy Bee Café or Main St Diner, get some fresh air with a walk down Clear Creek Trail. Access this well-maintained, easy walking trail next to the restaurant, 4th on Main.

Follow the creek through the parks, across Klondike Rd and head West towards the mountains. This trail has plenty of benches to rest, take a deep breath and enjoy the views and you can walk for miles without leaving earshot of the babbling creek.



## Mountain Meadow Wool - [www.mountainmeadowwool.com](http://www.mountainmeadowwool.com)

22 Plains Dr - Just east of town on HWY 16 - Wyoming's only wool spinning mill, created to help revitalize the American wool industry, preserve the West, create American made high-quality products through eco-friendly operations and offer fair prices for ranchers.

- Family operated mill, started by two women who were determined to bring the wool industry back to life.
- Offering a once in a lifetime tour experience where you can take in the entire process from raw shorn wool to beautifully hand dyed finished yarn.
- Beautiful retail space where you always can find something to bring home.

You will never look at skeins of yarn the same way!

**Tours:** M-F 9 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.



## 2. GET SOME TOURING IN

**Jim Gatchell Museum - [www.jimgatchell.com](http://www.jimgatchell.com)**

On the corner of Main & Fort Street you can learn more about our local history at the Jim Gatchell Museum.

- Founded in 1957 upon the artifacts local drugstore owner Theodore James "Jim" Gatchell acquired over the years as gifts from notorious characters and Plains Indian friends
- Exhibits range from the Johnson County Cattle Wars, Bomber Mountain, the Indian Wars & more.
- Well-stocked gift shop... Bring something fun home with you!

**Hours:** Mon-Sat: 9-5 p.m. | Sunday: 12-5 p.m.



## 3. STEP INTO THE OCCIDENTAL

To finish the afternoon, step back in time at the Historic Occidental Hotel. A family friendly Saloon & Grill, have a drink and appetizers at the famous bar and raise your glass to historical frequenters the likes of Butch Cassidy and the Hole in the Wall Gang, Calamity Jane, Buffalo Bill, Tom Horn, the young Teddy Roosevelt... and many more.

If you happen to be there on a Thursday at around 7 pm, don't miss out on the famous **Thursday Night Jam**, comprised of local bluegrass musicians and the occasional traveling artist. It's a Buffalo Institution and a real experience of the West: [www.occidentalwyoming.com](http://www.occidentalwyoming.com)

*Get Your Dining On:*

And finally, just walk a few steps and experience the Historic Virginian Restaurant which is part of the Occidental Hotel. Whether you're in the mood for scallops, beef or bison steaks, proprietor, Jennifer Johnson, is there to make sure that you have a fantastic meal. View all dining options at [www.johnsoncountywy.com/dining/](http://www.johnsoncountywy.com/dining/)

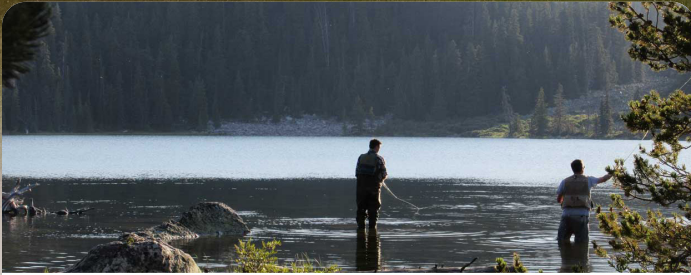


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# A 3 DAY ITINERARY: DAY 3



## 1. FISHING, HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

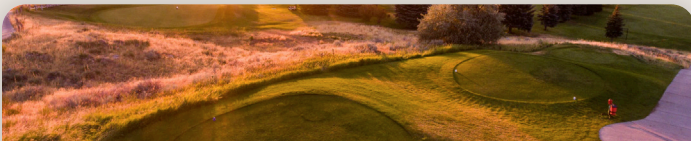
Trailheads like Circle Park, Hunter Corrals or Elgin Park are only 20-30 min away from Buffalo and offer exceptional hiking, biking & horseback riding opportunities.

If you would like to enjoy all of this on a guided horseback ride, there are several options to join a small group for a couple of hours to experience the ride of a lifetime! Outfitters such as Blacktooth Excursions, Southfork Mountain Lodge and Buffalo Mountain Outfitters offer guided horseback rides.

Experience some of the best fly-fishing streams and mountain lakes, in addition to great hiking and mountain bike trails in the Bighorn Mountains.

Tie Hack Dam & Reservoir, just 12 miles up the mountain on Hwy 16, offers excellent fishing, hiking, camping and even boating opportunity, with easy access.

Gear up at the Sports Lure, downtown Buffalo, open on weekends. Contact the USFS for maps and info: 307-684-7806



## 2. HIT THE GREENS

If you like to play golf, Buffalo Golf Club is a hidden gem just minutes from downtown. A 4-Star rated, 18 hole public facility, it's earned the reputation of one of the top courses in the state: [www.buffalowgolf.com](http://www.buffalowgolf.com)

The fees are economical and the food at the Clubhouse Grill, when you need a break, is yummy and plentiful!



## 3. TOURS

Johnson County has no shortage of touring opportunities. From guided tours of the Bighorns, to the Hole in the Wall Country near Kaycee and the historic Fort Phil Kearny.

Fort Phil Kearny Interpretive Center, just 12 miles north of town, offers guided tours of the battlefield and archaeological sites, some even with dramatized accounts of historical events: [www.fortphilkearny.com](http://www.fortphilkearny.com)

Hoofprints of the Past museum offers an impressive collection of historical artifacts from the surrounding area: [www.hoofprintsofthepast.org](http://www.hoofprintsofthepast.org)



## 4. HIT THE LAKE

In the summer months, head just north of town to **Lake DeSmet** for some fun in the sun. Offering ample fishing, swimming, boating and camping opportunities, it is neighbored by the Lake Stop Resort where you can enjoy a snack, sit at outside tables on the patio and take in great views of the lake.

Bring your own kayak or paddleboard (or rent one locally) as yet another recreational option.

- Visit Buffalo's outdoor swimming pool, two blocks West of Main Street (June-early August)
- Visit our State of the Art Library, fun and educational sections for kids and adults alike - [www.jocolibrary.org](http://www.jocolibrary.org)
- Enjoy the old fashioned candy store at the historic Occidental Hotel, wonderfully decorated and fun for the entire family
- Experience the Creekside Clubhouse (behind Bozeman's Trail Steakhouse), play a round of Mini Golf - [www.creeksideclubhouse.com](http://www.creeksideclubhouse.com)
- Indulge in some of the best ice cream at the Creekside Clubhouse or journey downtown to find icy desserts at Lickity Splits or the frozen yogurt bar at The Cold Dish inside Rerides.

*For the kids!*



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