

# WINTER ADVENTURE *in Buffalo, Wyoming*

## A 3 DAY ITINERARY: DAY 1

Take a walk into our Winter Wonderland! Johnson County and the Bighorn Mountains offer a variety of winter activities both on and off the mountain. From skiing to ice fishing, fat tire biking, snowshoeing, snow machining and ice climbing, there's no shortage of adventurous opportunities!



### FAMILY FRIENDLY DOWNHILL

Strap on those ski boots and hit the slopes at Meadowlark Ski Resort. A family friendly slope and lodge, Meadowlark sits nestled on Meadowlark Lake, near Powder River Pass, just 45 miles from Buffalo. Offering a variety of runs, including a bunny slope, and even a chair lift, it's a place the whole family can enjoy together. Come inside and warm up with hot cocoa and lunch, and sit by the cozy fireplace complete with picture windows overlooking the lake. Half day and full day passes and equipment rentals available. Learn More Here: [www.lodgesofthebighorns.com](http://www.lodgesofthebighorns.com) Equipment rentals available downtown at the Sports Lure as well.



### TOSS IN A LINE

Not much for skiing? Hit the ice, while the rest of your party skis. Meadowlark Ski Lodge sits right on Meadowlark Lake, a popular ice fishing destination for locals and visitors alike. Load up your sled and pull your gear out to your location of choice, set up camp and watch the skiers between bites.

#### Ice Fishing Options Close to Town:

- Lake DeSmet - 12 miles North of Buffalo
- Healy Reservoir - East of Town on Highway 16
- Buffalo Wildlife Preserve - South of Hart St on Stockyard Rd

Ask about these places and more, while you gear up at The Sports Lure, downtown Buffalo: [www.sportslure.com](http://www.sportslure.com)

### *Dining & Lodging:*

Meadowlark Lake Lodge - Weekend lodging available & dining  
[www.lodgesofthebighorns.com](http://www.lodgesofthebighorns.com)

Deer Haven Lodge - Lodging - check online for more info  
[www.lodgesofthebighorns.com](http://www.lodgesofthebighorns.com)

Downtown Buffalo & Kaycee - Visit [www.johnsoncountywy.com](http://www.johnsoncountywy.com)  
for a full list of Dining & Lodging options

### INTO CLIMBING?

Look no further than Ten Sleep Canyon, just a few miles from Meadowlark Lake, for some awesome ice climbing opportunities. Growing in popularity, this area offers three established climb areas, with multiple pitches. There are even guide services available. Head over the hill for some amazing views as you come down the canyon, and when you come back up, stop at Deer Haven or Meadowlark to warm up with drinks and dinner.



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# A 3 DAY ITINERARY: DAY 2

Make another day of it, on the mountain. From cross country to sledding for the kids and motorized sledding (snow machining) for the big kids, there's something for everyone to do!



## HIDDEN CROSS COUNTRY GEMS

Looking for cross country skiing opportunities? Look no further than Buffalo and the Bighorn Mountains. These areas offer skiing opportunities you might not expect. From groomed trails on the mountain to groomed trails on our local golf course.

**Mountain Trails:** Two separate trail areas offer maintained, well groomed systems and loops, both complete with vault toilets. Maintained by Powder Pass Nordic Club. Get more trail info at: [www.powderpassnordic.org](http://www.powderpassnordic.org)

### Pole Creek:

- 20 miles up Highway 16
- Beginner to Advanced
- Dogs Allowed

### Willow Park:

- 43 miles up Highway 16
- Intermediate to Advanced
- No Dogs Allowed

**In Town:** Hit the trail at Buffalo Golf Club (yep, the golf course), a 4-star rated, 18-hole public facility, just minutes from downtown Buffalo.

Trails are groomed and free. Head into The Par & Grill, for great food and drinks when you're ready for a break. [www.buffalowgolf.com](http://www.buffalowgolf.com)



## SNOW MACHINING

Nothing says winter time in Wyoming like snowmachining in the Bighorns. Folks come from hundreds of miles to cruise our trails. The Bighorns offer miles of marked, snow machine trails...and guess what? One of the more popular starting places is, you guessed it, Pole Creek parking area. Excellent parking, right next to marked trails, you can start here with an adventure for the whole family.

Meadowlark & Deer Haven Lodges are also snow machining hot spots that offer lodging, food some rentals. Visit [www.lodgesofthebighorns.com](http://www.lodgesofthebighorns.com) for more info.

## SLEDDING

While there are tons of hills to sled down in the Bighorns, there are two quite popular sledding areas just up the mountain from Buffalo. And one just happens to be at the Pole Creek cross country parking area.

**Pole Creek:** This hill offers great parking, easy access and even porta potties. Fun for the whole family, and just next to the cross country trails, it's the perfect base camp for a family adventure on the hill.

**Sourdough:** Slightly closer than Pole Creek, Sourdough offers great hills, easy access and great parking. Unfortunately, no porta potties are available, however this is still a popular sledding destination for locals & visitors alike.

## Gear, Tips & Advice

For information about rentals, maps, tips & advice visit Sports Lure in Downtown Buffalo: [www.sportslure.com](http://www.sportslure.com)



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Looking to keep it closer to town? We've got hiking, snow shoeing and fat tire biking opportunities galore, both in town and just minutes away. Make it a half day, or a full day with lunch downtown at one of our many fine restaurants.



## IN TOWN WINTER ACTIVITIES

Clear Creek Trail System offers 7 miles of multi-use, maintained trails winding its way along Clear Creek. Starting on the east side of Buffalo, you can join the trail system all the way through town, including Main Street, Burritt and Klondike Road. This trail winds all the way up towards Mosier Gulch, where it meets up with the Mentok trail which takes you into Mosier Gulch and up to Grouse Mountain.

**Hiking:** This trail is especially great for an easy walk. Mostly flat, there are benches along the way to sit down and take in the beautiful views.

**Snowshoeing:** Hit the cross country trails at Buffalo Golf Club. Groomed and maintained, this little gem is just minutes from downtown and is complete with dining & drinks.

**Fat Tire Biking:** Excellent for beginner to intermediate biking, all year round. Maintained and easy to access, you can wind your way along Clear Creek, take in gorgeous views and wildlife sightings, all while staying close to town. Meets up with the Mentock trail (considered the "signature trail"). Follow this all the way up Mosier Gulch, or up to the face of Grouse Mountain and over via switchbacks for an intermediate to advanced ride. Learn more on our blog - **Fat Tire Fantasy in the Bighorns**

**Resources:** Contact our local Game & Fish (307-684-2801), BLM (307-684-1100) and US Forest Service (307-684-7806) for maps, trails & advice. Or head to the Sports Lure, downtown Buffalo, for maps, gear and tips.



## OUT OF TOWN WINTER ACTIVITIES

Our area is chock full of places to get out and get into the fresh winter air and scenery.

### **Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area:**

Snowshoeing, Fat Tire Biking - Close to town, just 6 miles northwest on French Creek Rd, this area offers 7,900 public acres with two entrances, each with equal diversity and opportunity. Strap on the snowshoes for a gorgeous hike. In any direction you choose to go, you'll experience beauty and likely see wildlife at the face of the Bighorns. Excellent for fat tire biking, game trails meet up with established trails for spectacular, personalized biking adventure.

Closed January 1 - May 14

**Smith Trust-Bull Creek:** Snowshoeing, Fat Tire Biking - This area offers 2,700 public acres worth of another perspective of the face of the Bighorns, just a few miles south of town on Klondike Road. Running all the way to the face and Mosier Gulch, this area is wide open, with rolling hills all the way up to the face. Wildlife abounds and even some cattle if you're there at the right time.

## Gear, Tips & Advice

Visit Sports Lure - Downtown Buffalo

Download a Clear Creek Trail System Map using the QR code >>



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