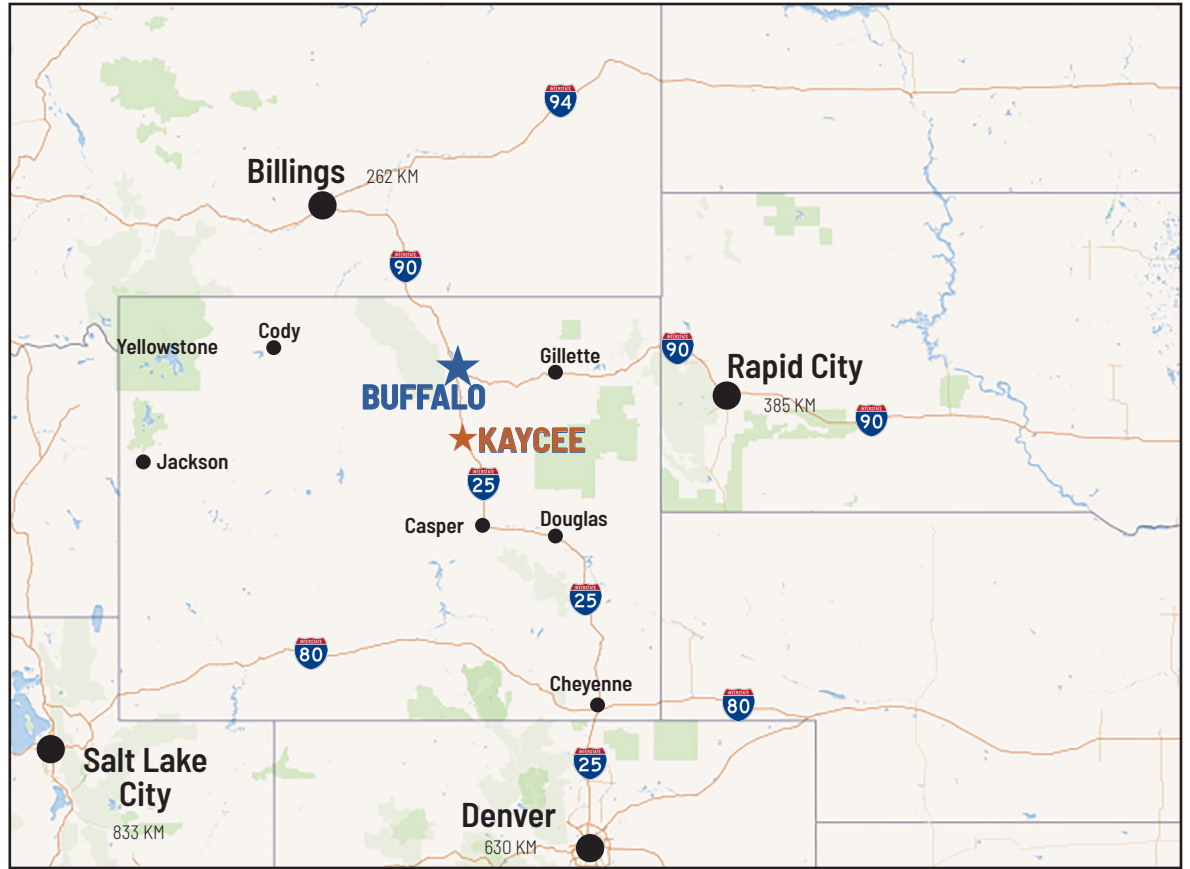


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Welcome to Buffalo & Kaycee in Johnson County, Wyoming

Buffalo Population: 4,415 people

Kaycee Population: 247 people

County Population: 8,447 people

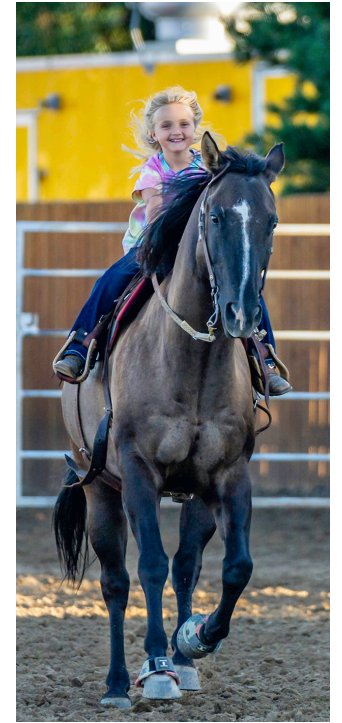
Square Miles: 4,175 (about 2 people per sq. mile)

Served by Interstate 90, Interstate 25, Highway 16

Distance to **Rapid City**, 385 kilometers (3 hours)

Distance to **Mount Rushmore**, 327 miles (3 hours, 13 minutes)

Distance to **Yellowstone National Park East Entrance**, 354 miles (4 hours, 15 minutes)



Ranch Rodeos All Summer Long

New, Free Admission Rodeo Series:
Range War once a month from June to August

Johnson County Cowgirls

Kaycee Friday Night Rodeos

Lee Martinez Memorial Xtreme Bulls each May

Johnson County Fair & Rodeo in August



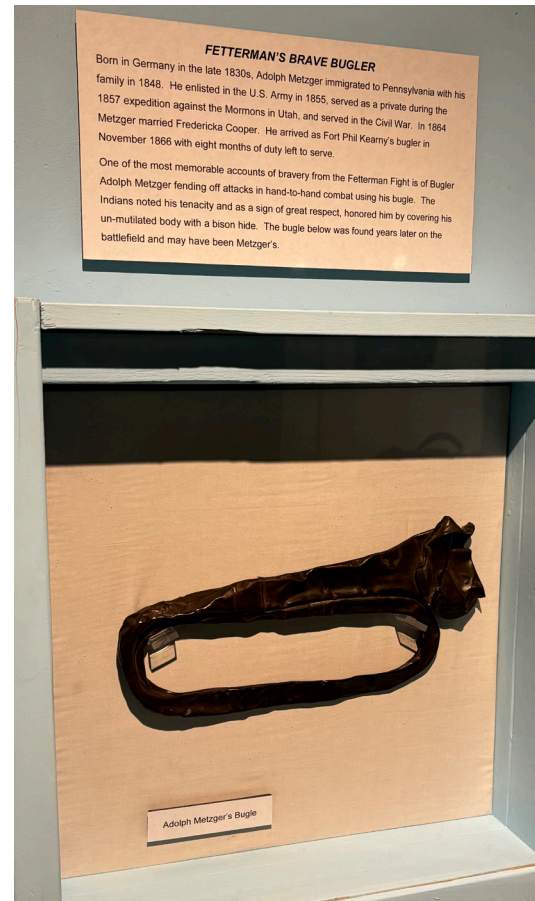
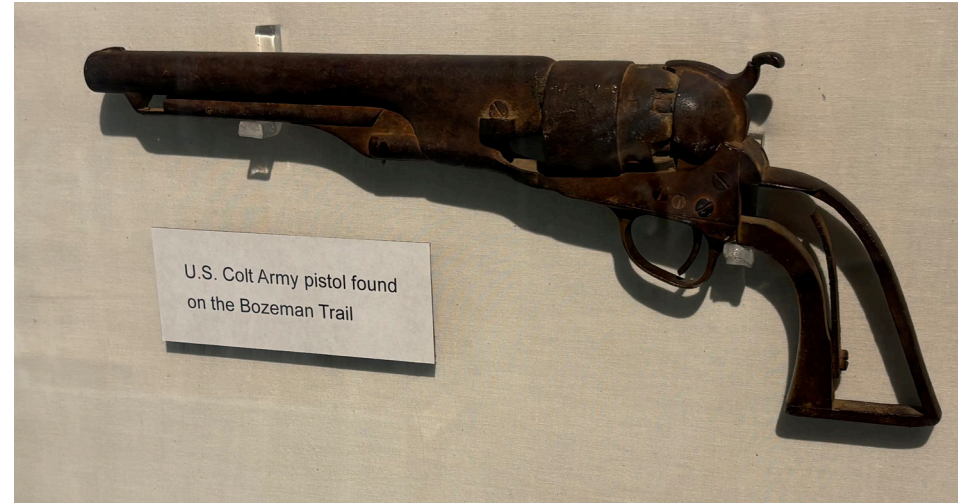


Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum

Jim Gatchell was a pharmacist who opened his business around 1900.

He had grown up on a reservation and could communicate with various Indian tribes. They saw him as a trusted friend and gifted him with items.

Local residents also began giving Gatchell gifts, leading to the large collection that resulted in the museum opening in the 1950s.





Fort Phil Kearny was Largest Stockaded Fort in the West

This was the largest stockaded fort in the west when it was built in 1866.

It protected travelers along the Bozeman Trail from Wyoming to the gold fields of Montana.

Red Cloud's War included many battles, most famously the Fetterman Fight near the fort, and the Wagon Box fight.

The fort was abandoned and burned in 1868.

It is now a state historic site. The historical fiction book *Ridgeline* chronicled life at the fort and the events of the Fetterman Fight.

The fort offers programs throughout the year, including hikes, bird walks, wildflower walks, history presentations, and more.





Clear Creek Trail System Connects Downtown to Foothills

This long linear trail system connects Buffalo to the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains.

It is possible to walk or bike more than 10 miles from downtown to the top of Grouse Mountain Trail and onto Brush Creek Trail.

The trail includes some paved sections, some wide pathways and old roadbeds, but also challenging sections with roots, rocks, and elevation gains.

The Bighorn Mountains contain hundreds of miles of additional trails in the National Forest.





Crazy Woman Canyon Is One of Wyoming's Best Scenic Drives

This 13.2-mile dirt road is one of the most scenic drives in Wyoming. High clearance vehicles recommended but most cars can navigate it well. No trailers or oversized vehicles.

The canyon is surrounded by high cliffs, and a creek runs along the road most the way, with large boulders having fallen from the cliffs.

The roads were created in the 1930s as part of a New Deal project.

A round-trip loop includes Crazy Woman Canyon and Highway 16 back down the Bighorn Mountains through Mosier Gulch.

Fishing, camping are popular summer activities.





Fun on the Water in Johnson County

The county has a number of streams and alpine lakes for trout fishing or just cooling off in the water. Some of those locations are not far from downtown are far off Highway 16 with the Clear Creek.

Middle Fork of the Powder River near Kaycee also is famous for its fishing.

In addition to alpine lakes in the mountains, there are some large lakes nearby, including Lake DeSmet and Healy Reservoir.

Fishing equipment rental is available through the Sports Lure in downtown Buffalo. Another company, SUP Wyoming, rents paddleboards, efoils, and kayaks with delivery to nearby lakes.





Bighorn Mountains Offers Unspoiled Natural Playground

These beautiful mountains — once called the Shining Mountains by Native Americans for their snow-capped appearance through much of the year — form the western edge of the county.

Management of the Cloud Peak Wilderness and Bighorn National Forest keeps the area largely primitive. There are areas for multiple-day hiking and camping trips, including to the highest summit on Cloud Peak (4,016 meters). There are 13 mountain peaks of more than 3,700 meters.

The site of a World War II plane crash (Bomber Mountain) is another popular hiking destination.

The mountains are a great spot for fishing, camping, and hiking.





Hole in the Wall/Outlaw Canyon: Follow Butch Cassidy's Footsteps

The southern part of Johnson County features a well-guarded lush valley that was a den of criminal activity with cattle rustlers and outlaws hiding away from law enforcement.

Butch Cassidy and Hole in the Wall gang were said to hang out in this area, plan their escapades, and meet back at the Hole in the Wall after.

Outlaw Canyon includes caves that were said to provide hiding spots.

The Hole in the Wall now has a trail while Outlaw Canyon has a unique campground on the rim and trails to the Powder River's Middle Fork for great fishing.





Downtown Buffalo: Unique Shops, Restaurants, Gathering Places

One of the cutest downtown districts in all of Wyoming, this historic area is anchored by Occidental Row, which features a historic hotel and saloon. Local shops and eateries fill the downtown.

Clear Creek runs under Main Street and alongside a public square.

There are several sculptures and murals with public art in downtown Buffalo.





Longmire Days & More

Each summer, Buffalo celebrates Longmire Days with characters from the popular neo-Western coming to town to greet fans and ride in parades.

Other events in Buffalo include Saturdays in the Square, a free concert series. A summer art festival shows off a variety of artwork and also features live music.

There are parades for Longmire Days as well as the Johnson County Fair & Rodeo and the annual Christmas celebration.







Hotel Accommodations: From Boutique to Brand Name

With about 500 hotel rooms, Buffalo offers a variety of experiences ranging from well-known brands to boutique hotels and one-of-a-kind experiences:

Historic Occidental Hotel & Saloon: 18 rooms with antique furnishings but modern conveniences

Boho Buffalo Inn: Seven-room bed-and-breakfast in a former doctor's home and office

Hampton Inn & Suites: High-quality brand name franchise on a creekside property

SureStay Plus by Best Western: Comfortable accommodations in well-known brand name

Holiday Inn Express: Pool and quality accommodations

And many more, including mid-20th century motor courts such as Blue Gables, Big Horn Motel, Z Bar Cabins, and Jet Motor Inn.





Guest Ranches Offer a Variety of Memorable Experiences

Johnson County has several ranches with overnight stays, ranging from ranches on the plains to cabins and lodges in the mountains:

TA Ranch: Historic working ranch where the Johnson County War siege took place

Klondike Ranch: Scenic ranch near the Crazy Woman Canyon

Folded Hills Ranch: Great mountain views in a relaxing environment

South Fork Mountain Lodge: Creekside mountain lodge with a popular restaurant

Paradise Guest Ranch: Historic mountain ranch nestled in the Bighorns

HF Bar Ranch: Located along Rock Creek in the foothills northwest of Buffalo

Spear-O-Wigwam: Hemingway slept here, in a remote far north part of the county.





RV Parks & Campgrounds Located Conveniently Close to Towns

While the Bighorns offer the chance for some dispersed camping, there are eight improved campgrounds in the county:

KC RV Park, off Interstate 25 in Kaycee

Powder River Campground, on the south end of Kaycee's downtown

Buffalo KOA Journey, Deer Park, and Indian Campground, along Hart Street in Buffalo.

Lakestop Resort and Johnson County's Mikesell-Potts Recreation Area, at Lake DeSmet

Bighorn View RV Park, opened last year just east of Buffalo just off Interstate 90.

