# HISTORIC GILLETTE

# BEST OF CAMPBELL COUNTY

## Drive the Art & History Trail!

You aren't the first traveler to explore Wyoming. In the 1860s, scouts blazed a route through Campbell County to guide settlers as they opened up the west. In many places, you can still see the ruts left by their wagon trains. And Wyoming is still welcoming travelers, as you and your family blaze your own trail from Mount Rushmore to Yellowstone. Stop along the way to see wildlife history, and have a great meal or two, in Gillette, and Wright, Wyoming. Share the wide-open range with 3,000 head of bison and countless pronghorn antelopes. See the surface mines that earned us the nickname "The Energy Capital of the Nation." And celebrate our legacy in the galleries and museums that preserve local lore, and move it forward with new works and discoveries.

Combine all that with iconic national parks and monuments, and it becomes clear: You'll make your own kind of history on a visit here. Memories are like those wagon-wheel ruts: They last.

*Roam Safe. Health is our #1 priority.*

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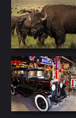

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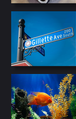
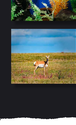


**02. Amber Waves of Grain** GO



**03. Campbell County Time Machine** GO

**04. State of the Arts** GO

**05. Just for kids—and (Grand) parents** GO

**06. History on-the-Hoof** GO

## Time Travelers Welcome!

# ENERGY CAPITAL OF THE NATION

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Coal is the bedrock of Campbell County. It drew settlers and industry, and drives economic innovation today. Live that legacy in the places that preserve it.

### Rockpile Museum

From fossils to rifles to Victrolas, this history lives here.

### Wright Centennial Museum

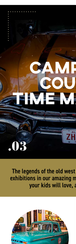
Meet the pioneer women who tamed the west and made this land their home.

### Buckskin Mine Tour

Dig up tickets and more information at the Gillette Visitor Center.

### Gillette Brewing Company

After a day viewing the sights, have a meal that will satisfy your energy needs.



# AMBER WAVES OF GRAIN

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Our rolling grasslands sustained nomadic Native Americans, millions of bison, and the first homesteaders. Settle into an environment like no other.

### Thunder Basin National Grasslands

Amber waves flow here. Experience it on our driving tours and hiking trails.

### Douglas Railroad Interpretive Museum

Who doesn't love a train? See the iron horses that settled a nation.



### Upton Bed Onion Museum

The history of the native people in this area, and the frontier life that followed.

### The Coop Restaurant

Cowboy chuckwagons had nothing on this place. Rotisserie chicken, open night.

# CAMPBELL COUNTY TIME MACHINE

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The legends of the old west live amidst the artifacts and exhibitions in our amazing museums. It's a history lesson your kids will love, and you'll learn from.

### Frontier Auto Museum & Frontier Relics

Classic cars, throwback signs, and road-trip history, lovingly preserved.

### Historic Downtown Walking Tour

Step-by-step through a century of gunslingers, pioneers, and coal miners.

## CAMPBELL COUNTY HISTORY:

*Learn about our impressive energy and DIY your own history tour.*

Explore the Map →

# STATE OF THE ARTS

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A land this beautiful, with a legacy this rich, is a natural draw for artists and interpreters. And maybe you (and your kids) have a masterpiece in you, as well?

### Avenues of Art Walk

Stroll among a hundred artworks sponsored by the city of Gillette.

### AVA Community Art Center

Exhibitions, artisan sales, and workshops to craft your own designs.

### The Artist Connection Pick & Paint Pottery

Select a vase, bowl, or coffee cup, and make it truly your own.

### Hands on Pottery

Picture your kid's handprint on their own keepsake creation.

# JUST FOR KIDS—AND (GRAND) PARENTS

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Sometimes, kids just need to work off a little energy. Here they can do that while learning about the stars, bouncing skyward on a trampoline, or enjoying an educational adventure.

### Adventurarium

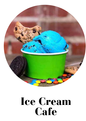
Sixty interactive displays to bring out your kid's inner Einstein.

### Gillette Planetarium

Join us under the dome for a spectacular sky show.

### Flight Zone

You'll believe your kid can fly, when they bingo on boing!



### Ice Cream Cafe

Brain and body fun can make a kid scream. For ice cream!

# HISTORY ON-THE-HOOF

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Millions of bison once roamed the west, populating the plains and sustaining native people. Now you can be part of the bison revival, right here in Campbell County.

### Durham Bison Ranch

Mingle with a herd of 2,000 animals on 55,000 acres.

### Wildlife East Wildlife West

The deer and the antelope play. You can, too.

### Wildlife Loop Tour: Custer State Park

More wildlife—only a scenic, short drive away.

### Pokey's BBQ and Smokehouse

Trust us: You'll want to return to Gillette for dinner.

## OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE: PRESERVED

*A part of the world that is so beautiful that much of it has been preserved forever. It's all here, from the world's first national park to the film location of a sci-fi classic.*

### Devils Tower

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### Wind Cave

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### Mount Rushmore

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### Yellowstone

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