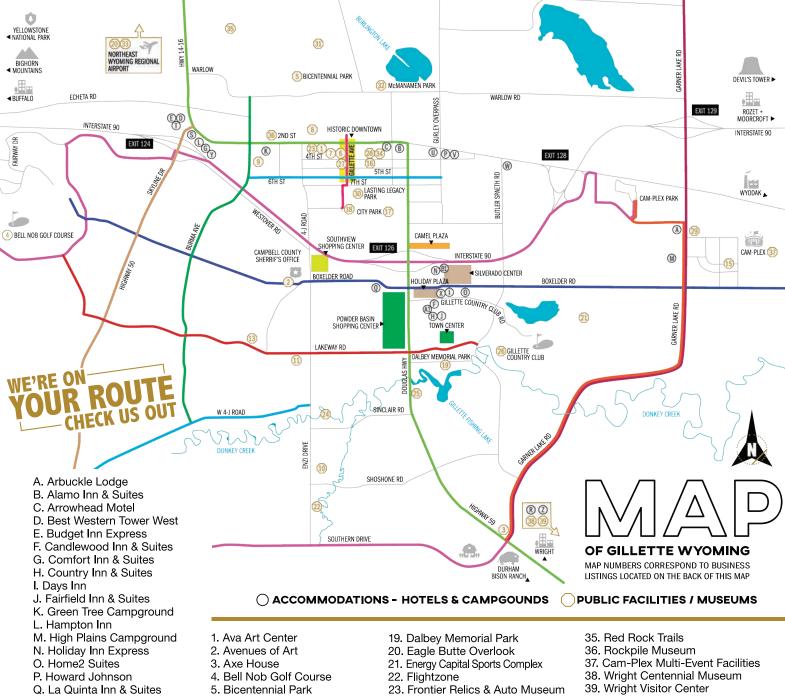


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Be sure to stop by the Visitor Center in the heart of historic downtown Gillette for visitor information and recommendations.





#### Welcome to Campbell County.

First, thank you for your interest in our little corner of Wyoming. Obviously, you are looking for a monumental vacation in one of the most wild and picturesque regions of the world. We happen to be sitting right in the middle of all this breathtaking natural beauty, history, wildlife and wide open spaces. Situated between Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Devils Tower National Monument (just an hour's drive from Gillette) and Yellowstone National Park, a visit to Gillette and Wright is the perfect stop for your trip out West. Find out why.









To learn more about Gillette & Wright, visit our website at:

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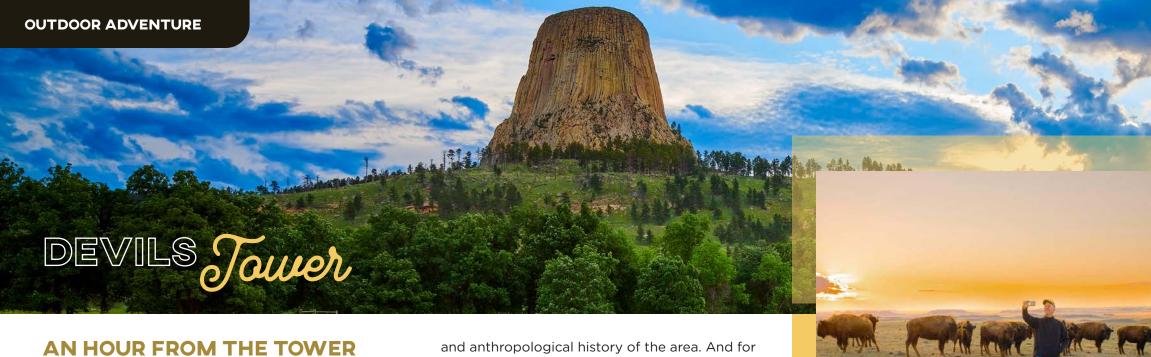
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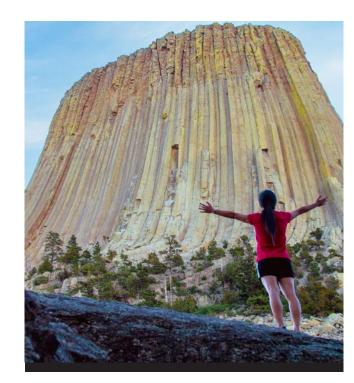


Devils Tower, one of nature's grandest rock formations, is a must-see during any visit to the West. Looming more than 1,200 feet above the serene Belle Fourche River and northeastern Wyoming plains, Devils Tower is rich with culture, history and pristine natural beauty. Several Native American tribes have deep ties to Devils Tower, and the legends surrounding its formation are as elegant and intricate as the rivets and grooves within the monument. After you've heard all of the lore, you'll find the geological explanations equally fascinating.

Your Devils Tower visit will not be short on activities. Whether you're looking to simply experience the breathtaking views or climb the Tower, the range of activities fits into any itinerary. You can choose between eight miles of trails near the monument to hike. Most visitors will take the 1.3-mile paved path that circles the formation, while other trails lead in and out of the surrounding forest and terrain. The area's wildflowers are exquisite, andwhile bird and animal lovers should always be on the lookout for wildlife. Those interested in a more structured, informational experience can take a ranger-led tour of the monument, which includes a 90-minute detailing the geological

and anthropological history of the area. And for the truly adventurous, Devils Tower is a climbing mecca.

Wildlife enthusiastslovers: Bbe sure to stop at the prairie dog town at the base of the Tower and view these native - (and super cute) - residents.







### WHERE THE BUFFALO ACTUALLY ROAM

With approximately 3,000 bison on 55,000 acres in the Wright area, Durham Ranch is one of the world's oldest and largest buffalo ranches. This historic complex raises bison holistically by maintaining large grazing herds while improving the rangelands on which they live. Tour participants can see special working facilities that Durham Ranch has been designing and developing since the 1960s. On-site catered ranch meals are available, and anyone who has never tried buffalo must take advantage of this opportunity. To book a tour, call 307-686-0040 or log onto VisitGilletteWright.com.

#### **HUNTING & FISHING**

With more pronghorn antelope than anywhere else in the world, Campbell County is on the wish list of hunters across the country. During your visit, experience the thrill of the chase in the cool, crisp Wyoming air. In addition to pronghorn, Campbell County offers world-class elk and mule deer hunting.

Fishermen flock to Keyhole Reservoir, located 30 miles east of Gillette, for world-class walleye, catfish, smallmouth bass and northern pike. If you are a serious fisherman, be sure to hire a local fishing guide to ensure a bountiful outing.

#### **GOLF**

Golf, anyone? Campbell County is home to three unique and challenging golf courses: In Gillette, Bell Nob Golf Course is a municipal, 18-hole championship course over 7,024 yards with a par of 72, plus a par 3, 9-hole course. Gillette Golf Club is a public 9-hole course. In Wright, you can hit the links at the 9-hole Hay Creek Golf Course.

#### HISTORIC RANCHES

If you enjoy agricultural tours, be sure to ask us about the Geis Cattle and Sheep Ranch tours! Call the Gillette Visitor Center at (307) 686-0040 for reservations and more details.







## Downtown GILLETTE

Downtown Gillette is where the saloon doors of the Old West swing open for a dramatic entrance into small-town Americana. Learn about the city's chronicles of gunslinging cowboys while experiencing the charm of a quaint but up-and-coming downtown on any of our historic walking tours.

Outside the Montgomery Bar, you'll see the spot where legendary outlaw Ray Montgomery pulled then-mayor Mark Shields out into the street to beat him up to take over as mayor in 1914. Tour the former City Hall, which held public meetings, dances, trials and funerals, sometimes all on the same day. Make sure to explore behind the building—there, you'll find a dent in the main iron door from the bullet of a jealous husband, who warned a man away from his wife with a pistol.

The contiguity between past and present is most obvious at the former Gillette Post Office. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and when you look inside, you can still see remnants of mail exchange like the preserved teller windows.

You'll feel the boundaries between time blur as you experience historically relevant and riveting stories about Old West lore in the freshly modern



For a more immersive, technological experience, download the free TravelStorys app This location-aware audio tour will automatically begin playing when your phone is in front of any of the ten stops along the tour. Just download the app, scan the QR code above or search for "Gillette" on TravelStorys.com.



setting of boutiques, shops and restaurants in Gillette's revived downtown. So, it's only fitting that the tours are available in one classic format and another that's much more contemporary. Enjoy the nostalgia of simpler times with the Campbell County Historical Society's free walking tour using a printed guidebook, which is available at the Gillette Visitor Center, located at 314 S. Gillette Ave.

Check out all the mobile itineraries on the website. Just pull them up on your smartphone, follow the tour and have a blast.

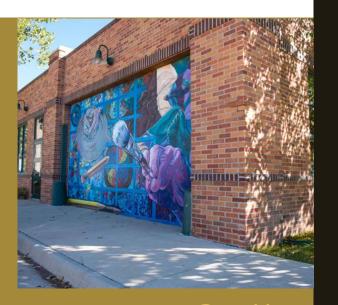
#### **BREW-MEAD-ERY TOUR**

If you are so inclined, enjoy a new tradition in Gillette, the Brew-Meadery Tour. In addition to the traditional bars and lounges in town, Gillette is home to two exceptional craft breweries and the first meadery in Wyoming.

Discover the local brews of Wyoming, which are guaranteed to please your palette. From Sheridan and Lander to Casper and Cheyenne, you can get a taste of them right here in Gillette. However, if you want to taste something new, head to 105 S. Warren Ave., where Big Lost Meadery and Brewery awaits. Big Lost is a homegrown



meadery and lounge specializing in handcrafted meads and great experiences. Visit Wyoming's first dedicated meadery for some of the freshest flavors of this honey-based alcohol. Grab a drink at the bar (where you'll sip mead from a steer horn just like the Vikings did thousands of years ago), then buy a bottle to take home as a souvenir. The folks at Big Lost also brew beer! Big Lost sells its tap beer at Pizza Carrello Restaurant at 601 S. Douglas Hwy.





## ARTS & Culture

#### **AVENUES OF ART**

Stroll along the Avenues of Art's outdoor art gallery located on 4-J Road (see map on page 2). The Mayor's Art Council implemented the Avenues of Art program, in which artists were given the opportunity to exhibit sculptures on our main streets that receive high visibility. Selected artists are paid a \$1,000 stipend for the loan of their sculptures to exhibit for one year, during which time it will be for sale to the public. In the last 15 years, 110 sculptures have been sold.

#### **AVA COMMUNITY ART CENTER**

The AVA Community Art Center is a member-based community center. AVA offers a spacious ceramics maker space, workshops in a variety of mediums, monthly exhibits, an Artisan Market and community outreach programs to help further inspire and connect artists within our community.

#### DALBEY MEMORIAL PARK

Dalbey Park, also known as "Fishing Lake" by the locals, is the perfect place to get some much-needed R&R. With fishing docks, walking paths, playground equipment, disc golf and more, Dalbey has it all. Just south of downtown, this nearby spot can fill your outdoor cravings. So, if you, your family or your little furry friends are looking for a not-so-far getaway, plan a trip to this gem in the heart of Gillette.

### SPLASH PAD AT THE ENERGY CAPITAL SPORTS COMPLEX

Does anyone else think it's hot out here?! The best way to cool off this summer under all that Wyoming sun is at the Energy Capital Sports Complex Splash Pad. This park has multiple water features and a conjoined ADA-compliant playground, ensuring some fun in the sun for everyone. This family-friendly, popular attraction has become a Gillette summer

staple for visitors and residents alike. Make sure to pop by the concession stand for tasty treats while taking your sunscreen breaks.

#### **EVENTS AT THE CAM-PLEX**

The CAM-PLEX Multi-Events Facilities in Gillette provide over 1,100 acres of possibilities. In addition to the newly remodeled CAM-PLEX Heritage Center (Wyoming's premiere performing arts center), the facilities include a convention and exhibit hall, two large multi-purpose pavilions, indoor and outdoor rodeo grounds, RV campgrounds, a 21-acre park and a picnic area. Year-round entertainment includes performing arts theatre, Broadway plays, musicals, symphonies, rodeos and concerts featuring national recording artists. Whenever you plan your visit to Campbell County, there's sure to be something happening at the CAM-PLEX.

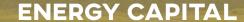
As the biggest multi-event space in the region, CAM-PLEX features exceptional venues, facilities and events. Past events include conventions such as the Pyrotechnics Guild International's Fireworks Convention, the National High School Rodeo Finals, motocross races, equestrian programs, hockey games, RV rallies, trade shows, live horse racing, sales, art exhibits, plays and much more. Visit cam-plex.com to see the entire calendar and purchase tickets to all upcoming events.





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## MUSEUMS



Known as the "Energy Capital of the Nation," coal from the Powder River Basin in Campbell County powers much of the country. In fact, the Powder River basin provides approximately 40% of our nation's coal. Experience the energy of Campbell County firsthand during summer coal mine tours, which are available seasonally at the Visitor Center.

The main reason, however, that Campbell County coal has always been in such high demand is because of its low sulfur content, which produces lower carbon emissions. Tour participants will drive alongside the massive equipment, witness reclamation processes that restore coal mining lands and see what makes Campbell County the Energy Capital of the Nation.

#### **ROCKPILE MUSEUM**

The Rockpile Museum in Gillette focuses on local and regional history with an emphasis on the culture and people of Campbell County. This is the local historic hub for residents and visitors as the museum collects, preserves and interprets the history of Campbell County and northeast Wyoming through exhibits and programs. Permanent and changing displays depict energy, railroads, educational information and important periods and developments. Be sure to grab a photo with the famous rock pile formation outside the museum. The Rockpile Museum is located at 900 W. 2nd St.

## WRIGHT CENTENNIAL MUSEUM

The Wright Centennial Museum provides a unique opportunity to witness Wyoming history spanning from the homestead era through the foundation

of Wyoming. Home to an original Jacob William Benson painting, sheep wagons, historic toolsand a special map of the area's centennial ranches, the Centennial Museum allows visitors to connect with the pioneer spirit that established our country. The Wright Centennial Museum is located at 104 Ranch Dr. in Wright.

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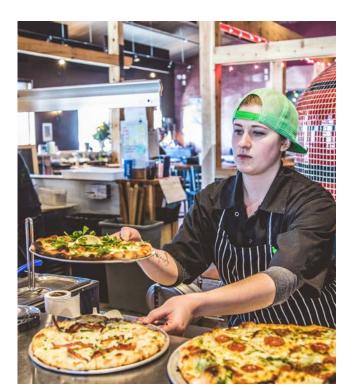
#### FRONTIER AUTO MUSEUM

Take a historical tour through a transportation museum in downtown Gillette. See the private collection of the Wandler family, who have been acquiring and restoring cars, vintage gas pumps, signs, antiques and collectibles for well over half a century. In addition, check out the attached Frontier Relics Antique Store. It's an amazing experience and well worth a visit. The Frontier Auto Museum is located at 211 W. 2nd St.









#### **PIZZA CARRELLO**

Fall in love with Pizza Carrello. Everything revolves around the gigantic, bright red wood-fired oven in the middle of the 140-seat dining room. Every dish has a wood-fired component, including charred greens in salads and pita bread wraps that come directly out of the oven. Enjoy an impressive variety of exotic cheeses and pizza toppings as well as a full-service bar offering local and regional beers that pair perfectly with each pie. Pizza Carrello has been voted "Best Pizza in Wyoming" by multiple publications and websites.

#### THE PRIME RIB

New breweries, pizzerias, steak houses and ethnic restaurants have changed the city's landscape. But in the midst of all of this change, one restaurant has stayed the same. With consistently outstanding food, drinks and service over the past three decades, The Prime Rib

Enjoy perfectly roasted prime rib, locally raised bison and the largest private wine cellar in Wyoming (and maybe the entire Rocky Mountain Region). Be sure to try their Chorizo Stuffed Dates—it's an appetizer to die for.

#### THE COOP

What happens when Costa Rican, Mexican and American food come together in a rotisserie chicken restaurant? Well, once the love and friendship are added in, you get one of the most unique and original eating establishments in Wyoming. The Coop specializes in Costa Rican-style whole rotisserie chicken as well as numerous Mexican and South American delicacies. The chicken and empanadas alone are worth a road trip, and every meal is served with flavored rice and a bowl of black beans.

#### RAIL YARD

Looking for some of the best food in Gillette, Wyoming? Visit the Rail Yard for some local hospitality, a comfortable atmosphere and outstanding food. They offer delicious steaks, heavenly seafood, savory pasta and a well-rounded American menu that'll bring a smile to your face. For those looking to pair their meal with a craft beer, be sure to check out the monthly beer dinners or stop in during happy hour for some sweet deals. hether you're looking for the perfect lunch spot, a Sunday brunch location or an evening getaway with your spouse, the Rail Yard is the place to be.

## POKEY'S BARBECUE AND SMOKEHOUSE

It's BBQ, Wyoming style! Stop by Pokey's Barbecue and Smokehouse for all the meat you can eat. They offer beef, pork and even bison from their local bison ranch. Pokey's offers a wide variety of other fixings ranging from wings and seafood to steaks and salad, which means there's something for everyone. Don't forget to satisfy that sweet tooth with one of their mouth-watering crisps or cobblers before heading out.





#### **MUCH MORE**

There are over 70 restaurants in Gillette and Wright. Get the full list by scanning the QR code.



of town, you won't be short on activities. Wright's Centennial Museum captures Wyoming's broad history, ranging from pioneer spirit to the energy industry. If you're looking for leisure, schedule a tee time on the 9-hole Haycreek Golf Course or catch a rodeo or other ag-related event at the Southern Campbell County Agricultural Complex.

When you're ready to chow down, head to the Open Range Steakhouse for a steak so flavorful it could only be made in Wyoming. For a real party on your vacation, schedule a visit during Wright Days in late June. Dive into the mud volleyball pit, run or walk a 5K, watch a movie in the park or enter mayhem with the famed demolition derby. Bring the family for an outdoor celebration of summer in Wright.

#### **REC CENTER**

Just because you're on vacation doesn't mean you have to skip exercise, and with Gillette's stateof-the-art recreation center, you'll want to hit the

#### **ANNUAL EVENTS**

June-July: Tuesday in the Garden, Downtown

Thursday Nights

**September:** Gillette Main Street Brews and

Cruise

October: Gillette Main Street Boofest, Trick

or Treat Main Street

**November:** Gillette Main Street Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday, Gillette Festival

of Trees

**November-December:** Festival of Lights **December:** Gillette Main Street Holiday Ice Fest, Gillette Avenue Parade of Lights, New Year's

Eve Buck and Ball

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gym during your visit. The 190,000-square-foot facility features a 42-foot climbing wall that resembles the Devils Tower Monument. You'll also find three basketball courts, four racquetball courts, a six-lane 200-meter track and five indoor tennis courts. With weight rooms, a cardio area, a variety of fitness classes and a kids' zone with babysitting to boot, a good sweat session will fit right into your itinerary.

### **ENERGY CAPITAL SPORTS COMPLEX**

Gillette continues to invest in its youth, recreation and visitor opportunities with the Energy Capital Sports Complex. This facility comprises 320 acres of land that has been developed into four state-of-the-art competitive softball fields. Offerings include batting cages, a water splash pad, an ADA-compliant playground and more.

#### THE TOWN OF WRIGHT

Located 40 miles south of Gillette on Hwy. 59, Wright is the perfect stop for a visitor looking to experience small-town Wyoming life. An overnight stay is the perfect addition to a trip to Campbell County.



## GETTING AROUND BY LAND

Arriving from the east, west or north: Use Interstate 90. Arriving from the south: Use Interstate 25, then exit to Wyoming Highway 59.

#### **BY AIR**

The Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport features daily direct jet service to and from Denver on United airlines, operated by SkyWest Airlines. There is also free parking and free Wi-Fi. Visit www.iflygillette.com for more information and to reserve a flight.



SkyWest Airlines
For reservations:
(800) 221-1212
www.united.com
www.iflygillette.com

## VEHICLE RENTAL

Avis Rent-A-Car – Airport (307) 682-8588 (800) 331-1212

Enterprise Rent-A-Car 603 E. 2nd Street (307) 686-5655 (800) 736-8222

Hertz Rent-A-Car Located at Airport (307) 686-0550

Priceless Car & Truck Rental of Gillette 513 E. 2nd Street (307) 363-4388 www.pricelesscarrental.com

## BUS CHARTER INFORMATION

Coach America/
Powder River Transportation
1700 East U.S. Hwy. 14-16
(307) 682-0960

**HOTELS & MOTELS** (307) 682-9341 56 **Alamo Inn & Suites** 608 E. 2nd St. **Arbuckle Lodge** 1400 S. Garner Lake Rd. (307) 685-6363 86 **Arrowhead Motel** 202 S. Emerson St. (307) 686-0909 2105 Rodgers Ave., at I-90 & 14-16 (307) 686-8600 (800) 466-8356 **Baymont by Wyndham Best Western Tower West Lodge** 109 N. U.S. Hwv. 14-16 (307) 686-2210 (307) 670-8134 (800) 709-6123 **Budget Inn Express** 2011 Rodgers Dr. (307) 682-6100 (877) 226-3539 83 **Candlewood Suites** 904 Country Club Rd. (307) 685-2223 (800) 424-6423 **Comfort Inn & Suites** 1607 W. 2nd St. (307) 682-0505 **Country Inn & Suites** 2597 S. Douglas Hwy. (307) 682-3999 (800) 329-7466 **Days Inn** 910 E. Boxelder Rd. **Fairfield Inn & Suites** 2577 S. Douglas Hwy. (307) 682-1717 (307) 686-2000 (800) 426-7866 **Hampton Inn** . . . 211 Decker Ct. (307) 686-9576 (866) 690-9800 83 **Holiday Inn Express** 1908 Cliff Davis Dr. . . . . . . **Home2 Suites by Hilton** 1120 E. Boxelder Rd (307) 257-7040 99 **Howard Johnson** 1004 E. Hwy. 14-16 (307) 682-2616 75 . . . **LaOuinta Inns & Suites** 450 Boxelder Rd. (307) 686-6000 . . . M & A Motel 109 Rampart Dr., Wright (307) 464-1115 **Marriott TownePlace Suites** . . . . (307) 682-1464 85 . . . 1715 W. 2nd St. **Mustang Motel** 922 E. 3rd St. (307) 682-4784 31 (307) 682-5111 (800) 524-9999 **National 9** 1020 Hwy. 14-16 National 9 519 Latigo Dr., Wright (307) 464-1510 **Quality Inn** 409 Butler Spaeth Rd. (307) 682-4757 **Red Lion Hotel Gillette** 2009 S Douglas Hwy (307) 686-3000 (307) 682-8078 (800) 800-8000 Super 8 208 S. Decker Ct. Travelodge 2307 Wyoming Ave. (307) 686-5099 (307) 685-2700 (800) 288-1000 Wingate by Wyndham 1801 Cliff Davis Dr. **Wright Hotel** (307) 464-6060 300 Reata Dr., Wright **RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS** 1000 McIntosh Ln., Rozet **All Seasons RV Park** (307) 686-2552 **Green Tree's Crazy Woman** 1001 W. 2nd St. (307) 682-3665 **High Plains Campground** 1600 S. Garner Lake Rd. (307) 687-7339 Sagebluff RV Park 56 S. Boulder Circle, Wright (307) 464-1305

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