

REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS

TIME AND ESTIMATED MILEAGE FROM SHERIDAN, WY

I BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST 35 MILES, 40 MINUTES

Established in 1897. Elevations range from 5,000 feet along the sagebrush and grass-covered lowlands at the foot of the mountains, to 13,189 feet on top of Cloud Peak, the highest point in the Bighorns. Within the forest is the Cloud Peak Wilderness. There are 1,500 miles of trails in the forest, along with 32 campgrounds, Medicine Wheel, lodges, and three scenic byways.

2 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK 200 MILES, 4 HOURS

The nation's first national park was established in 1872. Nearly 3,500-sq.-mile wilderness recreation area atop a volcanic hot spot, featuring its most famous geyser, Old Faithful.

3 GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

350 MILES, 6.25 HOURS

Wyoming's second national park features the magnificent Teton range, the valley known as Jackson Hole, the resort community of Jackson, and some of the finest wildlife viewing in the world.

4 DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT 165 MILES, 2.5 HOURS

An astounding geologic feature that protrudes out of the prairie surrounding the Black Hills. It is considered sacred by Northern Plains Indians and indigenous people.

5 MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL 245 MILES, 3.5 HOURS

A massive sculpture featuring 60-ft-high granite faces depicting U.S. presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

6 THERMOPOLIS HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK

ABIGO MILES, 3 HOURS

The hot springs flow at a constant temperature of 135° Fahrenheit. Offers free bathing at the State Bath House, where temperatures are moderated to a therapeutic 104°F. The petroglyph site at Legend Rock, some 25 miles away, is also part of the park.

1 LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD MONUMENT 71 MILES, 65 MINUTES

Preserves the site of the June 25-26, 1876, Battle of the Little Bighorn, near Crow Agency, MT. Serves as a memorial to those who fought in the battle: George Armstrong Custer's 7th Cavalry and a combined Lakota-Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho force.

8 BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA 115 MILES, 2.25 HOURS

Established in 1966, following the construction of the Yellowtail Dam. Straddles the border between Wyoming and Montana. About one third of the park is located on the Crow Indian Reservation. One-quarter of the Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range lies within the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.