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The Mini Page

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Next Week:
Oklahoma

Wonderful Wyoming



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Mini Fact:

Wyoming is known for its wildlife, pioneer museums, hot springs and famous national parks.

Places to see

Yellowstone's wonders include Steamboat, the largest geyser in the world; Obsidian Cliff, a mountain made of black glass; and Morning Glory Pool.

Wind River Indian Reservation is thought to be the site where Lewis and Clark's guide, Sacagawea, is buried.

Fossil Butte National Monument holds one of the world's best deposits of freshwater fossil fish.

Jackson Hole is one of many areas known for its skiing. It is a valley that looks like a hole in the middle of the surrounding mountains.

The Texas Trail was used by cowboys herding cattle from Texas to Wyoming in the late 1800s. The "Cowboy State" is one of the nicknames for Wyoming.

Animals

Wyoming has many animals, including fish, 400 species of birds and more than 100 mammal species. Grizzly and black bears, elk, bison, moose, pikas, red foxes, mountain lions, bald and golden eagles, squirrels and beavers are some of the animals that call Wyoming home.



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Devils Tower

Devils Tower became the first national monument in 1906. This column of rock rising above the plains was a landmark to pioneers traveling west. In the 1977 movie "Close

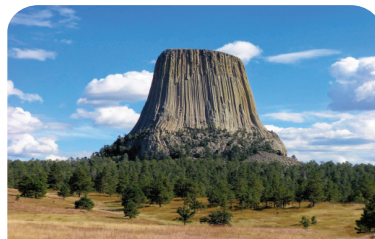


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Encounters of the Third Kind," aliens also used it as a landmark.

The tower is considered a sacred place to Native American tribes and stands 1,267 feet above the Belle Fourche River. Another name for Devils Tower is Bear Lodge. This site is often used for ceremonial rituals, including sweat lodges, sun dances, prayer and artifact offerings.

The tower is made of a type of granite, and it is not sparkly because this granite does not contain quartz.

Nearly 500,000 people visit the tower each year to sightsee, photograph it and even climb it. Devils Tower is reported to see 5,000 to 6,000 climbers per year. In June, the area is closed to climbers for Native American ceremonies.

Prairie dogs live near the base of the tower, and birds and chipmunks live on the top of the tower, or the **summit**.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/3Prgc08

At the library:

- "The Ultimate Guide to Wyoming for Kids" by Lance Johnson

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Wyoming are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

BEARS, COWBOY,
DUNE, EAGLE,
ELK, FISH, FOSSIL,
FOXES, MOUNTAINS,
OUTDOORS, PARK, PIKA,
SACAGAWEA, SAND,
SKIING, SQUIRRELS,
TETON, TOWER,
WYOMING.

S R A E B E H D U N E V S U O
E T T O A O U T D O O R S S V
A H E O K E W C D P Z A E L K
G M S T W Y W I P R D X T E K
L D T I O E N A J E O N G R R
E F Y M F N R L G F W N R R A
B U I C O W B O Y A I M A I P
S N I A T N U O M I C E J U F
G P I K A N D O K Z E A Y Q X
Y L I S S O F S S A N D S S K



Cook's Corner

Bacon and Cheese Grits

You'll need:

- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup grits, instant
- 1/4 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- dash of pepper
- 4 slices bacon



What to do:

1. In a medium pot, stir milk and chicken broth and bring to a boil.
2. Add grits, reduce heat to medium, and stir until soft.
3. Remove grits from heat and add cheese, salt and pepper.
4. Place bacon on a plate and cook on high in a microwave oven for 3 minutes.
5. When cool, crumble bacon and sprinkle over grits. Serve in bowls. Makes 4 servings.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.



1. Area of land set aside
for beauty and recreation
(5-letter plural noun)

□ □ □ □ □

2. Business of digging pits
or tunnels to get minerals
(6-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □ □

3. Warm-blooded animals
with a backbone, skin and
hair (7-letter plural noun)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

4. Outside a building;
in the open air
(8-letter adverb)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

1. Two national _____ in Wyoming are Yellowstone and Grand Teton.
2. _____ produces coal, uranium, oil and gas in Wyoming.
3. _____ like bears, bison and mountain lions live in Wyoming.
4. Visitors in Wyoming often see antelopes and elk _____.

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Study the
definition. When
you know the
missing word,
fill in the letter
boxes and the
sentence blanks.

Answers: Parks, Mining, Mammals, Outdoors.

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Mini Jokes



Will: What do you call a
happy cowboy?
Wan: A jolly rancher!

Waverly: What dinosaur would you find at a
rodeo?

Wade: A Bronco-saurus!

Eco Note



Climate change, habitat disruption and emerging diseases are creating new challenges for both snakes and the people who encounter them, according to two recent studies. Researchers led by the World Health Organization found that warming temperatures are driving some venomous snakes into new regions, potentially raising the risk of snakebites for people in parts of Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. At the same time, scientists studying wild snakes in the southeastern United States found that fungal, bacterial and parasitic infections are becoming increasingly common, with some rattlesnake species particularly vulnerable to serious illness.

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