East Carbon County’s Summer Adventure Guide

2019 ADVENTURE GUIDE TO EAST CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

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Though indigenous peoples had lived in this area for millennia, the first American pioneers arrived in east Carbon County in the 1870s. Enticed by the Upper North Platte River’s reliable water supply and the area’s abundant game and wildlife, these first settlers raised crops and livestock.

Miners and lumberjacks, drawn by the riches found in the surrounding mountains and plains, soon joined these homesteaders.

Like the Ute, Arapahoe and Cheyenne populations before, settlers and passers-through quickly came to appreciate area amenities such as natural hot springs, wild game and excellent fishing.

These remain attractions today. The region continues to support many of the same ranching families who originally settled the area in addition to a thriving outdoor recreation and tourism industry.

Opportunities for outdoor fun in east Carbon County abound: leisurely scenic drives, world-class fishing, hunting, rafting, paddling, camping, hiking and photography are all right out the back door.

Large game such as elk and moose roam the forests and enormous herds of pronghorn antelope dot the grasslands. Mule deer strut along town streets with stately dignity year-round and bald eagles routinely feast on fish plucked from the North Platte River.

With several museums, golf courses, art galleries, historic destinations and annual rodeos and concerts, there’s entertainment for every taste in east Carbon County. Stop by any time – just make sure you have an extra day or two to spare in case you end up staying longer than expected.
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Saratoga, known nationwide for its outstanding trout fishing, lives up to its slogan, “Where the Trout Leap in Main Street.” The North Platte River flows through the center of Saratoga and visitors from around the world come to enjoy excellent fishing, stellar mountain scenery, world-class trophy hunting and the relaxing mineral hot springs.

The municipal airport is paved, with a lit runway, beacon, and tiedowns for light aircraft and parking for larger planes. Saratoga Jet Center is a fixed-based operator supplying aviation fuels.

For road travelers, Saratoga is an hour-and-a-half drive west of Laramie via I-80, and lies 20 miles south of Walcott Junction, (exit 235 onto WYO 130/230). For a more scenic drive through the mountains, take WYO 230 southwest from Laramie to Mountain Home, change to Colorado 127/125, turn west on WYO 230 to Riverside, and then north on WYO 230/130 to Saratoga.

Two other scenic mountain routes are open in the summer only. WYO 130 over the Snowy Range, west of Laramie, is usually open Memorial Day weekend until October or November. Wildflowers and mountain lakes make it one of the most beautiful scenic byways in the country. WYO 70 over Battle Mountain Scenic Byway, west of Encampment to Baggs, opens around the same time as the Snowy Range Scenic Byway and crosses the Continental Divide.

Attractions in Saratoga include the Saratoga Museum, the National Fish Hatchery north of town, unique shopping and dining opportunities, and some of the best sunsets in the West.

The summer season is packed full of events including rodeos, a microbrew festival, a bull-riding competition, farmers markets and live music performances. Kathy Glode Park and Veterans Island have recreational playground equipment and picnic areas. Veterans Island also includes a skatepark.

Two other parks are located in the downtown area: Sweet Marie’s Park and Khe Sanh West American Legion Memorial Park on Bridge Street.

There is also a park just for pups, where four-legged friends can run in a large fenced area and get a drink of water. The Kaake Walk dog park is open to the public seven days a week.

Saratoga offers plenty of opportunities to shop in stores supplying western hospitality and unique gift items. Visitors can find the perfect item for any occasion.
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In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed a stone-encircled pool and the pools continued to grow in renown.

Few today believe that the springs can cure serious diseases, but they remain a popular balm for stresses and aches. Many repeat visitors and residents swear nothing soothes like a soak.

Since 1982, the hot springs have been owned and maintained by the Town of Saratoga. The town runs a heated bath house facility next to the pools with showers, toilets and a changing area.

Inside the hot pool, temperatures average around 108 degrees. For the brave, or reckless, there is a smaller pool known as “the lobster pot” near the south end that averages 91 degrees. A recently added “not so hot pool” is usually 95-100 degrees and suits those less heat inclined.

No alcoholic beverages or glass containers are allowed in the pool area. Doctors advise visitors to avoid the pool after consuming alcohol or while smoking because the constriction of blood vessels can lead to fainting. Visitors are strongly advised to bring water with them while soaking and should exit the pool if they begin to feel lightheaded.

Whether you’ve been out all day or are just nursing aching joints, there’s no better medicine at day’s end than a relaxing soak in Saratoga’s mineral hot springs. Located along the North Platte River, the hot springs are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They are also free to the public.

The springs were originally used by area Native American tribes, the Utes, the Arapahoe and the Cheyenne, who came from far afield to enjoy the springs they believed had healing properties.

As easterners settled the area, a smallpox epidemic ravaged native communities. When the hot springs failed to halt the disease, many natives came to view the springs as “Bad Medicine” and abandoned them.

The first pioneers had no such fears. As the springs popularity grew, local resident William Caldwell built a three-room house next to them, complete with hot tubs for weary travelers and soldiers from nearby Fort Steele. People suffering from rheumatism, blood disorders, eczema, stomach trouble, kidney problems and other ailments began flocking to Saratoga, which was originally named “Warm Springs.”
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Headlining this year’s show is Wyoming’s own Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band! Opening acts include Bakerville from NOWHERE, Oklahoma and the reunion of Saratoga’s hometown band, Rimrock! Nightlife will be in full-swing afterward at the Wolf Hotel, Duke’s Bar & Grill and the Rustic Bar.

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Saratoga Sun. This map is for reference purposes only and is not to scale
With a panoramic view of the Snowy Range Mountains as a backdrop, Saratoga Lake’s sandy beaches, wetlands, bird nesting area and two boat launches make it the perfect spot to while away a summer afternoon. Only 1.5 miles north of Saratoga on WYO 130/230, the lake is easily accessible to the conveniences of downtown Saratoga, but abundant wildlife and mountain vistas give the locale a rustic flavor.

The lake’s sandy beach is accessible from the south by heading east from town on Pic Pike Road, turning north on County Road 205 and turning left at the first dirt road. This is the place to go to work on a tan, fish with friends, build a sand castle or take a dip in the lake.

Saratoga Lake recreation area also boasts a campground operated by the Town of Saratoga. There’s water and restrooms at these 46 lakeside sites and, for a small fee, campers can use the electrical hookups provided. Campsites are open May 1 to October 30 as well as during the January Ice Fishing Derby.

The Storer-Saratoga Lake Wetland Project is immediately adjacent to Saratoga Lake and it’s where you’ll want to head if you’re a birdwatcher. The wetland project provides a safe nesting and brooding habitat for Canada geese, mallards, teals, wigeons and other types of fowl.

If you’d rather pick out a lure than focus a pair of binoculars, Saratoga Lake has plenty to offer you as well. The lake is full of hungry fish and, according to Mike “Hack” Patterson, of Hack’s Tackle and Outfitters, “You can pretty much use whatever you want,” to fish it. Flies, hardware and bait are all effective at the lake.

For fly fishermen, Hack recommends olive woolly buggers, damsel nymphs and scuds, Carey specials, half-backs and anything “buggy” looking in the spring. There’s no particular need to change things up during the summer months, but some prefer to transition to smaller nymphs, Copper Johns, hare’s ears and pheasant tails then.

“Keep it simple. These fish know what they want to eat. If one fly isn’t producing, switch to something else,” Hack suggests.

Large caddis, called sedges, hatch throughout the summer.

“Use Hornbergs or any other large dry fly to represent a caddis, and give it a lot of movement, twitch and strip out,” the outfitter recommends.

“The insects in the lake don’t change much during the year, so when you get to fall, keep using the same stuff you’ve been using.”

Fishermen are reminded that using live minnow bait isn’t allowed at Saratoga Lake, but spoon-shaped minnows or the ever-trustworthy Rapala can be substituted. Silver and gold are generally good colors to try, but experimenting with other hues can also be profitable.

Whatever the time of year, the key for bait fishermen is to keep it off the lake bed. A mini-marshmallow that’s been slid onto the hook next to the worm can help keep your bait buoyant enough to stay off the bottom.

No matter what your pleasure happens to be, no trip to Saratoga is complete without a visit to the lake. Grill some burgers, throw a frisbee or have a fire and gaze up at the stellar wonders that appear on a pitch black night 6,800 feet above sea level.
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One of the best kept secrets among fishermen is trout fishing in the Upper North Platte River, which has been designated by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department as a Blue Ribbon trout stream because of the population of trout that swim its waters. With an estimated 868 fish per mile, the river offers remarkable fishing opportunities for all sorts of fishermen, whether they prefer fly fishing or tackle and bait fishing.

The river is loaded with several trout species including brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout. Expert guide services located throughout the Valley offer guided fishing expeditions that provide some of the most enjoyable and relaxing fishing trips around ... and may just land anglers a once-in-a-lifetime trophy fish.

Wade fishermen will also find the Upper North Platte River to be a haven for their sport. Numerous public access areas are scattered along the length of the river from the Sierra Madre Mountains closer to Colorado, near the towns of Encampment and Riverside, to the high prairies near Saratoga.

The public access areas are: Six Mile Gap, Pickaroon, Bennett Peak, Treasure Island, Saratoga, Foote, Pick Bridge, Sanger access and Eagle's nest.

Always check water levels before going out on your own. Local landowners kindly request that visitors respect private property signs. Riverbanks and bottoms are private property, even though the water that runs over them is public.

Access areas closer to Colorado like Six Mile, Pickaroon and Bennett Peak are more remote with rugged terrain. Access points further down the river are much more open, less rugged and more accessible by vehicles.

One favorite of the local Upper Platte Valley fisherman is the Encampment River, which ties into the North Platte River just above the Treasure Island Access. For access information, consult the office of Wyoming Game and Fish by calling 307-326-5583, or one of the Valley’s fishing guides.

Licenses, conservation stamps, tackle, flies and bait can be purchased at any of the numerous fishing retailers in the Valley.
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Four miles northeast of Saratoga, just off WYO 130, lies the Saratoga National Fish Hatchery (SNFH), which is operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Hatchery sends trout eggs to fisheries across the nation and raises endangered toads native to Wyoming for conservation and release.

The hatchery is part of the National Fish Hatchery System which, according to the agency’s website, is “a network of field stations located throughout the nation that work with tribal, local, and state governments, other federal agencies, and foreign nations to conserve fisheries.”

SNFH is part of the National Broodstock Program. The program supplies eggs that are genetically sound and disease-free to hatcheries, states, tribes and research facilities. The eggs of trout harvested at SNFH are sent out and the fish spawned from them will go on to live in lakes and streams across the country.

The trout broodstock at SNFH are artificially spawned. In late fall, workers carefully squeeze the abdomens of trout, which causes females to release eggs and the males to release the milt that contains sperm.

The eggs and the milt are combined to fertilize the eggs. The eggs are placed in incubators where they develop until the eyes of the spawn are visible. At that point, the eggs are shipped out to their destinations across the country.

The SNFH also breeds tadpoles of the endangered Wyoming toad and the threatened Boreal toad. The tadpoles raised at SNFH are released into the toads’ native environment.

Visitors are welcomed for self-guided tours. The facility is open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and hatchery employees are available to answer visitors’ questions.
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Whether your idea of fun is a lazy afternoon on tranquil waters or a heart-pounding whitewater adventure, the North Platte River has what you’re looking for. With one of the most diverse ecosystems in southern Wyoming, the North Platte has a wide variety of wildlife to see and fish to catch.

One way to explore this unique waterway is by floating it on a boat or raft. Though the river can be tricky, and even dangerous in places, there are plenty of seasoned local guides who can help enthusiasts who are unfamiliar with the area.

Fishermen should be sure to pick up a current regulation guide to familiarize themselves with each area’s limits and regulations. It’s also important to note that each person in a boat or raft is required to have a life preserver.

Another consequential rule to remember is, that in the state of Wyoming, water flowing over private land is public, but the underlying river beds and adjacent shorelines are still considered private. Signs found along many portions of the North Platte indicate whether land is public or private and can be helpful to those floating the river. Public access to the North Platte is dependent on mutual respect between private property owners and the boaters and fishermen who float the river.

Generally, the river flows best for fishing and rafting during June and July. By these months, the water has usually stabilized from spring and early summer run-off, and fishing is good for both spinning tackle and fly-fishing.

In addition to life preservers, boaters should take along sunscreen, plenty of water, a dry bag with warm clothing and perhaps a wetsuit. North Platte water remains cold late into the summer and those floating should be prepared.

Floaters can launch from 14 public access points, from the Routt Launch access in Colorado to Fort Steele just North of Interstate 80 in Wyoming. Trips can range from three to four days from Routt to Fort Steele, or less than an hour from Saratoga to the Foote access.

Float times vary depending on how high the river is running, so some flexibility should be built into the timetable of any trip. Floaters are also reminded that canoes are prohibited between the Routt access and Six-Mile Gap unless the floater has written permission from the USFS to canoe this section.
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Watercraft coming into Wyoming from March 1 through Nov. 30 must undergo a mandatory inspection by an authorized inspector prior to launching in state waters.

According to the Wyoming Game and Fish website, [www.wgfd.gov](http://www.wgfd.gov), any person transporting a watercraft who did not encounter a mandatory aquatic invasive species check station prior to reaching a state water may launch without further inspection if the watercraft has a properly affixed seal applied by an authorized inspector and is accompanied by a seal receipt during transit. The person transporting the craft may remove the seal immediately prior to launching on the destination water and must retain the seal and seal receipt while on the water.

If your watercraft has been in a water infested with zebra/quagga mussels within the last 30 days, it is required to undergo a mandatory inspection by an authorized inspector prior to launching during all months of the year. Waters positive for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are often posted at boat ramps and launches. A list of waters known to be infested and other information is available on the Wyoming Game and Fish website.

If your watercraft came into Wyoming from Dec. 1 through the last day of February, has not been in a water infested with zebra/quagga mussel within the past 30 days and did not encounter a mandatory aquatic invasive species check station prior to reaching a water of the state, you may launch without inspection.

### Boat Inspections

All boaters must stop at established check stations. Check stations are established at ports of entry, border locations or boat ramps. They are set up to ensure watercraft are drained, cleaned and dried before launching. Inspections are also available at WGFD Regional Offices during business hours.

All watercraft must have a valid Wyoming AIS decal before boiling on any waters in the state. Decals are available for $10 online, at regional offices and at automated license selling agents.

To have your boat inspected in Saratoga, make an appointment with Hack’s Tackle at 307-326-8923.
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With the Sierra Madres to the south and the Snowy Range rising up in snow-capped glory to the east, the Platte Valley is right next door to a veritable alpine playground. Easily accessible trails and picnic areas allow beginning hikers to enjoy the region’s unique beauty while remote wilderness areas and peaks provide a challenge to even the most experienced mountaineers.

The Snowy Range Scenic Byway linking Saratoga to the town of Centennial is only open between Memorial Day Weekend and late fall, but it is well worth the wait. The drive is one of the most beautiful in the country and provides access to many trails, peaks, pristine lakes and alpine meadows. Along this route, anglers can fish in remote Mirror, Lookout and South Gap Lakes while hikers can make an ambitious attempt at summiting Medicine Bow Peak, which rises to 12,013 feet above sea-level.

Wildflowers, spruce-fir forests and stunning panoramic views provide ample rewards for those willing to attempt the physically demanding trek.

Compared to better-known national parks, neither the Snowy Range nor the Sierra Madres are teeming with people, so those wishing to truly immerse themselves in solitude can find it in southern Carbon County.

The Sierra Madre Mountains are even less visited than their Snowy Range counterparts. These mountains, straddling the Continental Divide, form part of North America’s tectonic backbone. They, too, offer myriad opportunities for camping, backpacking, mountain biking and hunting.

Particular highlights include Green Mountain Falls, the Encampment River Wilderness and Bridger Peak.
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SWEET MARIE'S BAKESHOP
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In the summer months, eastern Carbon County explodes with color as dozens of wildflower species bloom. Depending on the season, wildflower enthusiasts will encounter everything from blue columbines and marsh marigolds to the poetically named Jacob’s Ladders and Indian Paintbrushes, the Wyoming state flower.

Picking wildflowers is illegal, but there are no rules against taking photos or making mountain-side memories. In any case, the plants are more readily enjoyed alive in their natural environment than they are when slowly dying inside a vase. Miner’s Cabin Trail near Libby Flats offers some of the best opportunities to see and learn about the wide array of wildflowers found in the area. The easy one-mile hike has many interpretive signs and also features historic mines and cabins for history buffs.
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Wyoming’s outdoors are full of natural beauty and plenty of opportunities for recreation, but they are also home to several large carnivores such as brown bears. Tourists should use caution while exploring wild areas. Here are some tips to keep in mind.

WHEN HIKING:
- Always look for signs posted at trail heads that may warn you of recent bear activity. Pay attention to your surroundings and look for fresh tracks or scat. Make noise when hiking to avoid surprising a bear and hike in groups when possible.
- Leave your dog at home if you can. They can draw bears back to you. If it’s not possible, keep your dog on a leash.
- Have bear spray handy at all times.
- Bears are often active around dusk and dawn, so be extra cautious at those times.
- Animal carcasses can be food for bears for days; stay clear of them.
- If you see a bear cub, find another way. The mother is nearby and will be defensive.

WHEN CAMPING:
- Keep food in a bear locker or vehicle.
- Use bear-proof garbage cans for your trash.
- Maintain a clean and odor-free camp.
- Be mindful of streams, garbage cans, animal carcasses or anything that may attract bears when choosing your camp site.
- Anything that smells sweet or has food odors (food, cooking utensils, lotions and bath products and even clothes with food odors) can attract bears. Store these things in a bear-proof container.
- Cook 100 feet away from your camp and don’t eat in camp.
- Pack out all trash. Bears have a keen sense of smell and can find even buried trash.

Be Bear Aware
**BRUSH CREEK/HAYDEN RANGER DISTRICT**

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- All Campgrounds have toilets and water unless noted. There are no electrical hookups or showers.
- Opening dates of campgrounds depend on weather conditions and snow removal. Please call district offices for confirmation of dates.
- Stay limit in all campgrounds is 14 consecutive days.
- Dogs are allowed in campgrounds; however, they must be on a leash.
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The history of Grand Encampment, as it was originally named, is influenced by mining and forestry more than downstream communities like Saratoga. Trappers and trailblazers like Jim Baker were the first Anglos to visit the Encampment area. Although they built cabins scattered in the mountains, these early mountain men didn’t establish permanent communities.

In the 1870s, ranches were established along the Encampment River and its tributaries, which brought families and new businesses to the area. The tie-hack industry developed when the Union Pacific Railroad came through southern Wyoming and crossed the North Platte at Fort Steele, downstream from Encampment.

Entire families spent the winter isolated from town in mountain tie camps where men cut timber. In the spring, they returned to lower elevations and floated huge timber rafts downriver to be loaded on trains at Fort Steele.

Forestry remained important to the economy following the end of the tie industry and there were several local timber mills.

At the end of the 19th century, copper was discovered in the Sierra Madre Mountains, which resulted in the construction of a 16-mile aerial tramway from the mines to a smelter on the bluffs above the Encampment River. Only the foundations are visible today.

The boom was short-lived, and many of the miners moved on following the fall in copper prices. However, some area ranches remain in the families of the original homesteaders.

Several original buildings still stand and some have been updated to restore their historic grandeur. More information about historic structures can be found at the Grand Encampment Museum located in town.

The Grand Encampment Opera House is a pillar of pride for the community and it underwent an extensive renovation in 2011.

The Opera House is now the epicenter of the community, hosting concerts, plays, weddings, dances, funerals and other community events. It is enjoyed by young and old alike.

Visitors can enjoy a hike around the Encampment River Trail, with a trailhead located at Oddfellows Campground south of town.

The Encampment River can be floated at certain water levels and local outfitters will guide this exciting stretch of river.
The Upper North Platte River Valley has long been known for its hiking, floating, fishing and hunting. Over the last few years, however, another outdoor pastime has become increasingly popular in the area: disc golf. The southern Valley towns of Encampment and Riverside both sport a nine hole disc golf course that host the Mother Mountain Anglers’ “Tale of Two Cities” tournament, this year scheduled for June 29.

Disc golf borrows heavily from the game with which it shares a name; golf. The object of the game is to complete the course in the fewest number of throws. Play on each hole begins at the tee and ends at the target. After the throw from the tee, each successive throw is made from where the disc landed with the previous throw.

According to the Professional Disc Golf Association, most disc golf courses are laid out in wooded areas that provide plenty of unique terrain and obstacles. The courses in Encampment and Riverside are no exceptions. The course at Grand View Park, next to the Grand Encampment Museum, provides a certain amount of difficulty. At Rick Martin Memorial Park in Riverside, however, disc golfers will find plenty of challenges due to numerous mature trees that stand between the tee and the target. Those familiar with the game, or the course, will be able to utilize the course to their advantage, however.

Whether an expert at the game or just starting out, spending some time on either of these two courses is an ideal way to spend a morning or an afternoon. For more information, call Mother Mountain Anglers at 307-710-3074.
A visit to the Good Times Valley would not be complete without stopping in Riverside, a place that welcomes visitors with small town charm and friendliness, activities and beautiful vistas. The town is located at the junction of WYO 70 and WYO 230.

The town was established in 1902 and previously had two other names; Swan and Doggett.

Since 2005, the town has hosted its annual Riverside Party Day, offering a day of food, music and socializing to residents and visitors alike. The Party Day is held in Riverside’s Rick Martin Park, a shady, tree-filled park named after the town’s first casualty of the Vietnam War.

This year, the festivities will take place Aug. 17 in the park. A barbecue dinner will be served at 4 p.m., and at 5 p.m. there will be live music performed by the High Plains Tradition Bluegrass band, a traditional Bluegrass band that has played in the U.S., Canada and Ireland.

There is no charge for visitors to enjoy Riverside Party Day, eat dinner or attend the concert.

Riverside also offers other amenities to travelers including bars and restaurants, overnight camping, rental cabins and a sporting goods retailer. Visitors to the town can also visit the Indian Bathtubs a short distance outside the town. These natural bowl-shaped rock formations become natural bathtubs when filled with rain water.

The Encampment River, a treasure for local fishermen, runs through the town and there is public fishing access at Finch Memorial Park.
Indian Bathtubs

Countless hiking trails can be found throughout the county that cater to skill levels from the novice to the advanced. One trail that is a joy for both sits just outside the small town of Riverside.

The Indian Bathtubs Trail is a three-quarter mile trail with a trailhead alongside Carbon County Road 211, commonly referred to as Blackhall Mountain Road.

A bit more than a half-mile east of Riverside along Wyoming Highway 230, keep an eye out for a sign reading “Blackhall Mountain Road.” Turn right onto the road to arrive on CCR 211. About a mile from Highway 230, drivers will see a turnout with a sign for the Indian Bathtubs trailhead.

The trail may not look like much at first as it runs alongside a juniper tree growing out of a small rock formation. At the top of the hill, however, hikers will be greeted by a rock strewn path that slopes down towards East Cottonwood Creek. Remember to be cautious as this part of the trail has a steep drop-off.

After dropping into the cottonwoods that surround the creek, hikers cross a bridge and begin the climb towards the Indian Bathtubs. The rock formation will not be hard to find as it sits near the end of the trail.

While there, hikers can climb on and around the formations and marvel at the depressions worn into them. Directly across from the tubs sits “Chair Rock,” named for its chair-like formation.

Once hikers finish enjoying these ancient rock formations, they only need to head back the way they came to return to their vehicles.

Encampment River Trail

The Encampment River Trail is a 16 mile long trail that has two trailheads, one south of Encampment (Commissary Park Trailhead) and the other south of Riverside (Purgatory Gulch Trailhead). Hiking from the Commissary Park Trailhead to the Purgatory Gulch Trailhead takes the hiker alongside the beautiful Encampment River and leads them into the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest.

To access the Commissary Park Trailhead, follow Wyoming Highway 230 as it heads through Encampment and becomes Highway 70. Turn right on 6th Street and then left on MacFarlane Avenue. Half a mile after turning onto MacFarlane Avenue, turn left onto Carbon County Road 353.

After turning onto CCR 353 and following the road for 1.8 miles (keeping to the left), hikers will arrive at the Commissary Park Trailhead and can park in the Encampment River Campground.

To access the Purgatory Gulch Trailhead, hikers will head east through Riverside and turn onto Carbon County Road 211, also known as Blackhall Mountain Road. Follow the road for approximately five miles before turning right onto BLM Road 409.1B and follow the road for a little over a mile and a half.

After following the road, hikers will find themselves at the Purgatory Gulch Trailhead at the edge of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest.
The Snowy Range is one of our most beautiful local features and one of the best ways to experience these magnificent mountains is to drive the Snowy Range Scenic Byway. The winding mountain highway section, part of Wyoming Highway 130, is the second forest road in the U.S. to be named a National Forest Scenic Byway.

The byway is usually open by Memorial Day weekend until mid to late fall. The road winds through forested areas then crosses the summit of the Snowy Range, offering a panorama of alpine ecosystems and imposing granite mountain faces. As the byway progresses, visitors are afforded views of forested glens filled with wildflowers and argent lakes. Lake Marie is at the foot of the 12,013 foot-high Medicine Bow Peak. As the highest peak in the range, Medicine Bow towers above the lake below. Travelers can easily stop to walk a paved trail around Mirror Lake and Lake Marie to stretch their legs and enjoy scenic views.

Part of one of the state’s loop tours, the Snowy Range and Laramie Plains Loop connects the Platte Valley with the mountainside community of Centennial, continues on to Laramie, home of the University of Wyoming, continues though the ranching towns of Rock River and Medicine Bow, then passes through the coal mining town of Hanna before continuing on WYO 130/230 back to Saratoga in the Platte Valley.

Several hiking trails are accessible from the Byway, including one that leads to Medicine Bow Peak. There are also picnic and camping areas, as well as observation areas and interpretive centers. There are also visitor’s centers run by the U.S. Forest Service at both ends of the Byway where visitors can get information about activities available in the Medicine Bow National Forest and the Snowy Range Scenic Byway.

Just west of Encampment is Wyoming Highway 70, also known as the Battle Mountain Highway or the Battle Highway. The road winds though the Sierra Madre Mountain Range, over the Continental Divide and passes through Savery, Dixon and Baggs. The route was named a Wyoming Scenic Byway in 2012.

The byway leads to several areas of note, including Battle Lake, where Thomas Edison once fished in 1878, and Aspen Alley. Aspen Alley is one of the largest aspen groves in the U.S. During fall, the Aspen Alley explodes into reds, yellows and oranges.

The Sierra Madre area is also home to many species of wildlife including bighorn sheep, moose, deer and elk. It is also possible to see mountain lions and bears.

The road passes near several abandoned mining towns and crosses the hikeable Continental Divide at an altitude of 9,915 feet. The road is a seasonal closure road and is usually open from Memorial Day weekend until sometime in mid or late fall.

Visitors are advised to obey speed limit signs carefully and pay attention as wildlife will often cross the road.
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The town of Hanna is an example of Carbon County’s diversity.

Hanna is the gateway to the activities in north Carbon County including the famous fisherman’s paradise of Miracle Mile. Boating and fishing enthusiasts flock to Seminoe State Park to enjoy summer days on the Reservoir. In the fall, Shirley Basin offers great guided and unguided big game hunting opportunities. Geocaching is also becoming popular in the area.

There are campsites around town along with an RV Park.

The Hanna Recreation Center has an Olympic-sized pool and features a skateboard park, racquetball courts, weight room, aerobic room, saunas, baseball fields, picnic area and indoor and outdoor basketball courts making camping in town much more comfortable.

A rare Rotary Locomotive is on display outside the recreation center. Close to the recreation center is the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) park that has a self-propelled howitzer on exhibition.

A grocery store, gas station and a few bars that serve food complete the town when visitors stop in.

Mining was the mainstay of the town for many years, lying in the center of one of Wyoming’s largest and richest coal fields. History buffs will enjoy the Hanna Museum, which offers an excellent background on the coal company and ranching town of Hanna. There are three memorials built to honor miners lost in two explosions—one in 1903 and the other in 1908 which took the lives of 228 miners.

In the older part of town, examples of railroad company homes are visible. The Hanna museum has one of these homes on its grounds so a visitor can witness how early settlers lived.

The former town of Carbon’s cemetery is only a couple miles away. There a visitor can witness the location of the first mining town in the area, before the coal tapped out there.
Enjoy your Summer of 2019!

Getting to Seminoe Reservoir or the North Platte River’s famous fishing spot, the “Miracle Mile,” is an adventure worth taking.

After driving through Hanna, which is a good place to get supplies before starting your trek, leave town via the road which leads past the Hanna mines. Slated for reclamation, the remnants of one of the most productive mines of the 1980’s can be seen.

The paved road becomes hard pack and gravel about two miles from the mine and the scenery that unfolds at this point is worth the drive.

Ranch lands on County Road 291 (also known as the Hanna Leo Road) present spectacular rock formations that make a visitor want to stop and take pictures almost every mile of the 21 it takes to get to the Seminoe boat ramp. The journey takes about 45 minutes—without taking pictures.

Be prepared for cattle to be alongside the road—sometimes wanting their photo taken, sometimes not—but always ready to cross in front. Staying on County 291 is key until you come to Shiners Point Road which is on the left. Go down 2.3 miles and the boat ramp appears. It is free to launch a boat at this public ramp which features a restroom and beaches all around.

The Miracle Mile, a stretch of North Platte river past the Kortes Dam, is considered one of the finest trout fishing spots in the region. If you have stopped at Seminoe, go back to County 291 and turn left. The scenery stays beautiful and untamed as you go 1 1-and-a-half miles until you bear left onto Bennett Mountain Road. The windy road will go about 6 1/2 miles before bearing left on Kortes Camp Road for a little over a 1/2 mile. A left at Kortes Dam Road has you go about 1 1/2 miles to the Kortes Dam. The journey from Seminoe boat ramp to Kortes Dam takes about 45 minutes even though it is only about 22 miles.

Before coming to the dam, there are picnic tables and camping areas to use along the river. The Miracle Mile is beautiful to see whether you are a fisherman or not.
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Medicine Bow was founded in 1868 as a Union Pacific watering station along the Medicine Bow river. These stations often became local supply depots and trading posts. Built in 1911, the three-story Virginian Hotel was the largest hotel between Denver and Salt Lake City at the time. It features four Antique Suites and twenty-six rooms along with one of the finest old-time western bars in Wyoming. A National Historic Landmark, the Virginian is a must-see in town. The hotel also has RV parking.

The Medicine Bow Museum is located in the old railroad depot built in 1913 after a fire destroyed the original depot earlier that year. The Owen Wister Cabin and Monument are located next to the museum.

The Monument, made of petrified wood, was erected in 1939 as a tribute to Owen Wister.
and his book “The Virginian.”

Owen Wister made several trips west and, for 15 years, kept a series of diaries. They contained a full and realistic account of his western experiences with cattle thieves, ranchers, cowboys, saloons and Native Americans. He used these colorful events to provide the material for his western novel, “The Virginian,” published in 1902. The first Western ever written, the novel brought world wide recognition to Medicine Bow and made famous the phrase “When you call me that, smile.”

There is a lake near the town of Medicine Bow set out on the prairie that, for a couple decades, was so well known for its fishing, anglers from Colorado made a pilgrimage to fish its waters. Medicine Bow old timers will tell you of a time a fishing derby on Fathers Day was a mainstay of the town’s celebration.

Unfortunately, survival of stocked trout was poor from about 2006 through 2010, due to low water levels and poor water quality. Fish biologists reduced the number of trout stocked annually during this time. However, with improved water conditions over the last few years, fish biologists have been working to reestablish this fishery.

It seems to have worked as the lake was stocked with rainbow, cutthroat and tiger trout and there are tales of some 20 inch trout being caught there today.

According to the fishing site, fishidy.com, if you are fishing East Allen Lake in early spring or late fall you can expect good fishing for rainbow and cutthroat trout that average 14 inches.

The lake has a mixed reputation about how good the chances are of catching fish, but locals are known to say you have to have a level of skill as a fisherman to catch the finny creatures.

East Allen is off Medicine Bow-McFadden Road, which starts right at the Medicine Bow Museum. You cross the railroad tracks and drive about five miles. There will be signs indicating how to get to public fishing areas. The road goes through private lands, so vehicles should stay on the designated road. There is also a small campground near the lake.

Is East Allen Lake a forgotten treasure or a place that doesn’t yield much? No matter the answer, the lake is beautiful—sitting in the middle of a windswept landscape and very accessible from the town of Medicine Bow. East Allen Lake is definitely worth checking out if you are in the area.
Elk Mountain Museum

303 Oak St., Elk Mountain
Cost: Free/Donation
Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tues. to Sat.
May 26 through October 9

Starting its fourth year of operation, the Elk Mountain Museum, located one block east of the historic barn on Main Street, is a great place to find local historic artifacts including a rare 1940’s muskrat coat made from muskrats trapped at Bloody Lake. The horse-drawn mail wagon and an area highlighting past and present veterans and military personnel are some sights.

Grand Encampment Museum

807 Barnett Ave., Encampment
Cost: Free/Donation
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tues.-Sat.
Noon to 4 p.m. Sun. & summer holidays
May 26 through October 9

Named the Wyoming office of tourism’s “Attraction of the Year” for 2011, the Grand Encampment Museum (GEM) truly is the gem of southern Wyoming. The grounds host 18 historical buildings that illustrate the stories of the diverse groups who make up the colorful history of the area.

The museum features original area structures including homestead cabins, a one room school house, a tie-hack cabin, a mercantile store, a saloon, an old time newspaper office, a doctor’s office and a forest service cabin.

The historic tramway stands testament to Encampment’s copper boom in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Also on display is the two story outhouse built so workers could use the facility when snow drifts covered the first level in winter. The 65-foot fire lookout tower is perfect for viewing Valley panoramas. Arrangements can be made for sunrise or sunset photo shoots from the tower for a fee.

Daily tours take from one to two hours and give you admittance to the buildings.

For more information, call 307-327-5308 or visit www.GEMuseum.com.
Hanna Basin Museum

502 Front St., Hanna
Cost: Free/Donation
Summer Hours:
1 to 5 p.m., Fri. to Sun.

The Medicine Bow Museum honors those men and women who made possible America’s Industrial Revolution: railroaders, coal miners, timber workers, ranchers and homesteaders of Carbon, Hanna and the North County. Through photographs, primary accounts and meaningful artifacts, museum visitors will gain insight and understanding into these often unacknowledged Wyoming heroes.

Saratoga Museum

104 Constitution Ave., Saratoga
Cost: Free/Donation
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thurs.-Mon.
May 28 through October 1
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Housed in a Union Pacific Railroad depot, the Saratoga Museum is filled with geological, paleontological and archaeological treasures. Those interested in the more recent past can pore over the Homestead Exhibit. This section tells the story of the diverse peoples who settled the Valley. Wyoming’s largest jade boulder on display is outside, alongside a restored sheep wagon, a blacksmith shop, a caboose and a memorial garden.

Contact the Museum at 307-326-5511 or visit www.saratoga-museum.com.

The Museum is on Front Street, adjacent to the present railroad. Walk through the main building, the Old Community Hall or an authentic coal camp cottage next door.

Also, a mural illustrates a timeline from early Carbon City to the wind turbines of today.

For more info call, 307-325-6465 or visit hannaasinmuseum.com.

Medicine Bow Museum & Visitor’s Center

405 Lincoln Hwy., Medicine Bow
Cost: Free/Donation
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9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun.
May 25 through September 2

The Medicine Bow Museum is housed in the Union Pacific Railroad Depot and is filled with local and regional artifacts. The museum has artifacts and information about Native Americans that once called the area home, homesteading, ranching, the original U.S. Mail air route, the UP Railroad and, of course, “The Virginian,” the first western novel ever published.

Outside, the grounds feature a sheepherder’s wagon, an old time coal bin, an outhouse, numerous farming and ranching implements and a wooden cabin that was built by Owen Wister, the author of “The Virginian.”

The Museum has recently been named an area visitor center and looks forward to adding the Dinosaur Bone House to the grounds this summer.

For more information, call 307-379-2383 or visit www.medbowmuseum.com.
The Platte River Valley offers excellent opportunities for biking, whether a rider wants to stay around the area or they are passing through on a trans-national trek.

The TransAmerica Trail stretches 4,228 miles from Yorktown, Virginia to Astoria, Oregon. The trail also passes through the North Platte Valley. The Carbon County portion of the trail begins at the Wyoming-Colorado state line on Highway 230. It then goes through the towns of Riverside and Saratoga before going on to Rawlins and points beyond.

For riders passing through the Valley on their way to one of the coasts, or just for casual riders out in the valley for the weekend, there are plenty of opportunities to stop and relax. Saratoga offers several restaurants, bars and wide variety of shopping. For long-haul trail riders there are even special camping areas specifically for bike tourers. Other campgrounds outside town, as well as those in the nearby Medicine Bow National Forest, make an excellent scenic backdrop for bike tourists to take a load off.

Road biking and touring are not the only biking in the Valley. A wide variety of trails in the Medicine Bow National Forest are also open to bikes. Long-distance tourers could challenge themselves by going riding up to Medicine Bow Peak where lakes, forests and mountain glens filled with wildflowers abound. There are plenty of unpaved trails snaking through the forest for those who prefer mountain biking to long-distance riding on paved roads.

Riders who pass though—especially those doing long-range touring—should make sure to carry spare parts and tools for their bikes. Wyoming is beautiful, but remote, and there are very few services available outside of larger towns and cities, which are few and far between. Riders should also bear in mind that during the warm summer months it is important to carry water. Besides the air being thinner at the high altitudes common in Wyoming, high altitude also causes dehydration to set in quicker.

Well prepared bicyclists are sure to find plenty of riding opportunities, as well as lots of scenic beauty to enjoy as they pedal their way across the country, or even just ride from one side of town to the other.
The Town of Elk Mountain

The small, but beautiful, town of Elk Mountain is rich in history. Its 1,156-foot high namesake, Elk Mountain, is named after Sioux Chief Standing Elk. The town itself is a quiet community of cottonwood-lined streets. Much of the historical significance of Elk Mountain lies in the development of a transportation network linking the east and west coasts. The Medicine Bow River was once a major crossing for immigrants and stage travelers.

Elk Mountain’s first mercantile store was constructed in 1902. The structure is in current use as a café. The Elk Mountain Hotel was built on property previously used by the Overland Stage Station. The building’s architecture is Victorian style, commonly found on the frontier in the 1900s. Next to the Hotel once stood the Garden Spot Pavilion, which was host to such notable entertainers as Louis Armstrong, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and Lawrence Welk.

The picturesque Elk Mountain Church and Museum should be seen, along with the unique truss bridge by the cemetery.

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307-326-8360

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950 Hugus Ave. Saratoga, WY 82331
307-326-8232

First Baptist Church of Saratoga
802 W. Main Ave. Saratoga, WY 82331
307-326-8162

Platte Valley Christian Center
111 N. 7th St. Saratoga, WY 82331
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513 S. 1st St. Saratoga, WY 82331
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1302 S. River St. Saratoga, WY 82331
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510 Freeman Ave. Encampment, WY 82325
307-327-5756

St. James Episcopal Church
822 McCaffrey Ave. Encampment, WY 82325
307-327-5558

Hanna

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307-325-9541

Hanna Hills Church
205 Main St. Hanna, WY 82327
307-220-1597

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512 Wyoming St. Medicine Bow, WY 82329
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307-327-5151

Lazy Acres Campground  
110 Fields Ave. Riverside, WY 82325  
307-327-5968

Riverside Garage & Cabins  
107 Riverside Ave. Riverside, WY 82325  
307-327-5361

Spirit West River Lodge  
313 Shoshone Ave. Encampment, WY 82325  
307-327-5753

Vacher's Bighorn Lodge  
508 McCaffrey Ave. Encampment, WY 82325  
307-327-5110

Whispering Winds Bed and Breakfast  
Encampment, WY 82325  
307-327-5683

**Medicine Bow**

The Virginian Hotel  
404 Lincoln Hwy. Medicine Bow, WY 82329  
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Summer Events

MAY

♦ Saratoga

♦ Encampment/Riverside
May 25: C.J. Box Book Signing. New York Times bestselling author C.J. Box signs books beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Grand Encampment Museum.

JUNE

♦ Saratoga
June 1: Hi-Water Hoedown at The Yard. The 10th Annual Hi-Water Hoedown will feature the musical stylings of J Shogren Shanghai’d, Jalan Crossland and the Lonesome Heroes. Admission is $15 at the door with concert goes 13 and under free. Gate opens at 5 p.m., music begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m.
June 15: C.J. Box Book Signing. Local New York Times bestselling author C.J. Box will be signing books at the Saratoga Museum from noon to 1 p.m.
June 19: Benefit Concert starring Gema Pearl and her all star band. Grammy-nominated vocalist Gema Pearl will hold a benefit concert at the PVCC beginning 7 p.m.
June 28-29: Platte River Rodeo Association Rodeo. A two-day rodeo featuring barrel racing, bronc riding, team roping, steer wrestling and bull riding. Kids’ activities often include mutton bustin’ and steering riding. Held at 7 p.m. both nights at the Buck Springs Rodeo Arena. Admission is $7 with kids 6 and under free. Call Terri Hinkle at 307-329-8159 for more information.

♦ Encampment/Riverside
June 12, 14 & 15: Melodrama. Come to the Grand Encampment Opera house at 7 p.m. all three nights to boo the villain and cheer the hero, or cheer the villain and boo the hero, during this audience-participation-encouraged play.
June 15-16: Woodchoppers Jamboree and Rodeo. Entering it’s 59th year, watch as loggers from across the country descend upon Encampment to let the sawdust fly as they compete for the title of Rocky Mountain Champion Lumberjack. With the use of power saws, axes and hand saws, male and female competitors cut down “trees,” chop logs and saw squared wood blocks. At the same time, cowboys keep a tight grip on bucking bulls and bronca. Event sponsored by the Encampment-Riverside Lions Club.
June 29: Mother Mountain Anglers “Tale of Two Cities” Disc Golf Tournament. In its 3rd year, the competition will feature 27 holes total with nine in Encampment at Grand View Park, nine in Riverside at Rick Martin Memorial Park and nine at the Old Peryam Stage Stop outside Riverside. The registration fee of $35 includes lunch, tournament shirt and music by MountainUs after the tournament. Starts at 10 a.m.
June 29: “Summit to Headwaters” Music in the Park. The reggae band MountainUs returns this year to help kick off the Music in the Park series, hosted by Mother Mountain Anglers at Grand View Park in Encampment. Music begins at 6:30 p.m.

June 29: Saratoga Museum Trek: Exploring Saratoga Cemeteries with Dick Perue. Local historian Dick Perue will guide a trek covering the cemeteries of the area. Trek begins at 10 a.m. and admissions are by donation.
**Saratoga**


**July 3: Community Picnic.** Catch up with old friends or make new ones at Veterans Island.

**July 4: Independence Day Celebration.** An old-fashioned parade with vintage cars, silly costumes and fire trucks winds through downtown Saratoga at 11 a.m. Fireworks begin at dusk. Visit www.saratogachamber.info for more information.

**July 5-7: Festival of the Arts.** Local and regional artists will gather at the Platte Valley Community Center.

**July 6: Saratoga Days.** Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band return for this music-filled event in downtown Saratoga. Opening acts include Bakerville and the reunion of Saratoga’s own Rimrock. Music starts at 3 p.m.

**July 20: Hunt for History Fundraiser.** Tour Saratoga and learn about its history from local historians while having fun at the same time. Event begins at 11 a.m., $30 admission per family or team.

**Encampment/Riverside**

**July 4: Fireworks Display.** Gather at McClure Field with Encampment residents to watch their Independence Day fireworks. Display begins at dusk, weather permitting.

**July 19-20: Grand Encampment Cowboy Gathering.** This fun-for-all-ages annual event is held in Encampment the third full weekend of July. The poetic and music stylings of cowboy artists along with a dutch oven cook-off, stick horse rodeo and a campfire jam are just some of the things to enjoy at this event. See www.grandencampmentgathering.org for more information.

**July 26-28: Mountain Man Rendezvous & Living History Day.** The grounds of the Grand Encampment Museum come alive with history as local black powder enthusiasts recreate the days of the Mountain Men with primitive camping, authentic costuming, traders row, black powder shoots and tomahawk throws. Call Josh Saier at 307-326-5503 or Joe Morrison at 307-329-7944 for more information. The Grand Encampment Museum will be presenting Living History Day reenactments and demonstrations all day. Visit www.GEMuseum.com for more information.

**July 27: Upper North Platte Ranch Rodeo.** This Working Ranch Cowboys Association sanctioned event takes place at the Encampment-Riverside Lions Club rodeo grounds and includes ranch bronc riding, wild cow milking, stray gathering, trailer loading and team sorting. Event starts at 3 p.m.

**Hanna**

**July 4: Community BBQ and Baseball with Fireworks.** Join the residents of the town of Hanna in celebrating America’s birthday with two American classics: barbecue and baseball. Stick around until later to catch the town’s fireworks display, weather permitting.

**July 27: King Coal Day.** Come to Hanna to discover why coal is still king. Festivities include a pancake breakfast, mini triathlon, parade,
classic car show, barbecue, mud races, craft and vendor fair, Texas Hold’em tourney, a glow walk/run, watermelon eating contest, horseshoe tournament, community dinner and a street dance.

**AUGUST**

**Saratoga**

**August 3:** Saddle Up with Joe Pickett. Fans of C.J. Box’s 19 book series can join the Saratoga Museum for a night of trivia, dinner and raffle prizes centered around the Wyoming game warden. Tickets are $45 and event begins at 6 p.m.

**August 10:** Snow Range Duathlon. The Snowy Range Duathlon is a bike, hike/run, bike race of 22.13 miles that will test your stamina and steer you through some of the most beautiful country the Rocky Mountains has to offer. Call Joe at 307-326-7822 for more information.

**August 17:** Steinley Cup Microbrew Festival and Chili Cook-off. The 24th annual competition brings together the top professional microbrewers in Wyoming in search of the coveted Saratoga Steinley Cup and is Wyoming’s official state microbrewery competition. Live music and a chili competition/tasting complete the event held rain or shine. The event is held at Veterans Island, near downtown Saratoga. Make a weekend of it and bring the whole family. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 307-326-8855 for more information.

**August 24:** Saratoga Bullfest. An exciting bull-riders-only event, Bullfest will feature the region’s top cowboys and begins at 7 p.m. at the Buck Springs rodeo grounds. Kids under 12 free.

**AUGUST**

**Encampment/Riverside**

**August 3:** 13th Annual Community BBQ and Music in the Park Event. Join neighbors and friends at the Annual Community BBQ at 4 p.m. in Grand View Park. Jake Clayton will return to Encampment this year with his multi-instrumental Nashville sound. No charge for the barbecue or concert, though feel free to bring a dish of your own.

**August 17:** Riverside Party Day. Riverside residents put on this annual party at Rick Martin Memorial Park which features a barbecue and concert. Colorado-based High Plains Tradition Bluegrass Band will return this year. Food at 4 p.m. with music starting at 5 p.m.

**August 24, 25, 27, 29 & 31:** 6th Annual Silver Spur Firearms Training. Join John Russo and his staff of professional police officers for training in various firearms ranging from a defensive pistol to a conceal carry course. Each session is $50 per person. For more information, call (307) 327-6505.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Encampment/Riverside**

**September 7 & 8:** Copper Days Festival and Dance. Antique tractors on display and tractor pulls have made this event in Encampment a family favorite for other thirty years. Sponsored in part by the Encampment Chug ‘n’ Tug Tractor Club, this event is held the weekend after Labor Day. For more fun, come enjoy a polka dance Saturday evening. Please call the Chamber of Commerce at 307-326-8855 for more information.

**OCTOBER**

**Saratoga**

**October 31:** Halloween Walk. Held in downtown Saratoga, kids can trick or treat at local businesses. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 307-326-8855 for more information.
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