

Welcome to northeastern Wyoming, one of the best parts of America. You'll discover a land rich in history, wildlife, minerals, national forests, ranching and friendly people. This part of America is home to Devils Tower National Monument.

In 1906, President Teddy Roosevelt designated Devils Tower as the nation's first national monument. Devils Tower could be called the nation's first natural monument. The "stock" that is now Devils Tower was formed by magma which cooled underground and was later exposed after millions of years of erosion brought on by the Belle Fourche River and the weather.

The rocks and boulders around the base of the Tower are actually broken pieces of columns having fallen from the sides. The Tower stands 865 feet high, and with Park Service registration, offers some of the best rock climbing of its type in the world. Devils Tower National Monument also has 7.4 miles of walking paths with great wildlife and bird watching, as well as a visitor center.

Devils Tower is perhaps best remembered for the award-winning 1978 movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which was filmed on-site and became a breakout hit for Steven Spielberg.

Find out more about Devils Tower National Monument at www.nps.gov/deto.

DEVILS TOWER



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Wildlife & Scenic Beauty

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Small town hospitality, ample amenities, rich history and nature's best await you in Devils Tower Country! Wyoming's territorial legislature, in an effort to grow the state, created Crook County in 1875. Their act, however, only created the county on paper and it was another 10 years before Crook County truly became a legal entity.

The Treaty of 1868, signed at Fort Laramie, prohibited white settlers from passing through the area without explicit permission from the tribes. Rumors of gold circulated in the 1870s. In 1874 General George Armstrong Custer led an expedition through the Black Hills. His confirmation of gold resulted in a rush of colorful characters pursuing the American dream and ushering in expanded conflicts between the United States Army and Native Americans.

Custer's accounts of the trip highlight the vast beauty as they arrived in what is today the Wyoming side of the Black Hills. Over 140 years after Custer's trip to the area, the beauty continues to awe area travelers. Devils Tower stands at the heart of Wyoming's Black Hills and is surrounded by lush flora and fauna not seen in other parts of Wyoming. Northeast Wyoming's wildlife – elk, turkeys, whitetail deer, mule deer, antelope and more – add yet another element to the beauty.

To learn more about the county's history and culture, download TravelStorysGPS onto your smart phone. An audio tour of the area is available.



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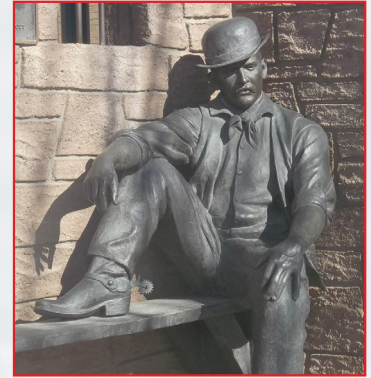
SUNDANCE

Experience the Old West

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Sundance, Wyoming – Where the Film Festival Isn't! *Get Real Sundance!*

Let the name Sundance evoke images of a rowdy Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid leading the Wild Bunch on the longest stretch of train and bank robberies in Old West history. Then imagine serene Native American villages camped at the base of the majestic Sundance Mountain where they performed their sacred Sun Dances. Immerse yourself in Sundance's true west story where outlaws weren't actors and North American cultures were on a collision course.



Get your photo taken with "The Sundance Kid," on the county courthouse lawn in Sundance!

This historic gateway Wyoming town is only 28 miles from America's First National Monument, Devils Tower. Sundance offers uncrowded, four season outdoor activities in over 125,000 acres of National Forest surrounding the community where fine restaurants & relaxing bars, motels & resorts and quaint retail shops await you at the end of the day.

Be sure to visit the Crook County Museum and have your picture taken with the Sundance Kid, in the town Where the Kid got his Name!

BEULAH

On the Banks of Sand Creek

First known as Sand Creek, the settlement that was Alex Moorcroft's homestead, is considered Crook County's first community. Some of the buildings in Beulah date back to the late 1800s.

Vore Buffalo Jump is located three miles from Beulah. A natural sink hole, the site was used for more than two centuries by Plains Indians to trap bison. The visitors center at the site details well-preserved layers of bones and artifacts chronologically deposited in the jump over time. The layers provide archaeologists a unique look into the dynamics of Plains Indian history and culture.

Historic Ranch A, a property with a very rich history and now owned by the State of Wyoming, is located just a short and scenic drive away, up the Sand Creek watershed. Fly fisherman consider Sand Creek to be a blue ribbon fishery.



See layers of bones and Native American artifacts that have been unearthed at the Vore Buffalo Jump near Beulah.

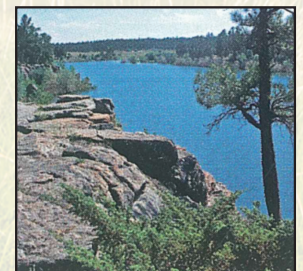
PINE HAVEN

Enjoy the Lake

PineHavenChamber.org

A must stop on your tour is Pine Haven and scenic Keyhole State Park. At the marina you can launch your boat into Keyhole Reservoir for a fun-filled day of water skiing, fishing, or exploring one of Wyoming's most scenic and sizable reservoirs.

Pine Haven is home to a golf course and a country club. Each year on Independence Day a fireworks display is held over the reservoir. Winter brings ice fishing, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing near the Pine Haven community and within the park surrounding Keyhole.



Enjoy a day at the lake, a day golfing, or a quiet and scenic hike at Keyhole State Park, a prime recreation destination.

HULETT

Experience Devils Tower

Hulett-Wyoming.com



Whether you're in town for the Hulett Rodeo, or just passing through, enjoy Hulett's rich western traditions and hospitality!

Only nine miles west of Devils Tower lies the Old West community of Hulett, Wyoming. Each year on the second Saturday in June, Hulett hosts one of northeast Wyoming's longest running rodeos, the Hulett Rodeo.

Downtown Hulett is home to the Hulett Museum & Art Gallery, preserving northeast Wyoming's rich history and

culture. Among the collections is a fantastic display featuring dinosaur bones.

There are several great hotels and many hometown restaurants from which to choose. Just a short drive away, families can enjoy a hike around Devils Tower. True adventurers can hire a guide and climb their way to the Tower's top!

A spectacular Fourth of July celebration and fireworks display is held each year in the Devils Tower community. The event is a local favorite!

Sportsmen visiting the area enjoy premier hunting. Turkeys are hunted in both the spring and the fall. Large game including elk and deer are pursued each fall. If you're looking for a little rest and relaxation, Hulett is your perfect vacation destination!

MOORCROFT

Texas Trail History

MoorcroftChamber.com

Moorcroft, Wyoming is located near the Belle Fourche River and along the route of the historic Great Western Cattle Trail. Moorcroft's history, however, is much more than trail dust! Moorcroft was once one of the largest livestock shipping points along the C.B. and Q. Railway. Visit the West Texas Trail Museum for a great look at area history!



Experience the colorful history of both Northeast Wyoming and the Texas Trail at Moorcroft's West Texas Trail Museum.

On the path to Keyhole Reservoir and Devils Tower, the cheerful community of Moorcroft is home to restaurants, motels, and gas stations which provide a great place to take a break during your travels. Surrounded by rolling hills and prairies, among purple sage, pure air and blue skies, you will still find Moorcroft is in the heart of Wyoming's best ranchland.

The town explodes with excitement each summer during the second weekend in July for the annual Jubilee Celebration. A parade, daily events and live music fill the downtown area. On the outskirts of town, cowboys and cowgirls perform in the community's annual rodeo.

Western tradition and cultural arts come alive at the Annual Heritage Round-Up, hosted each September on the second Saturday by the West Texas Trail Museum. Come enjoy Moorcroft, a town filled with western hospitality!

Accommodations & Dining

Guest Ranches

Alva	Diamond 7 Bar Guest Ranch	307-467-5612
Hulett	7W Ranch	307-878-4493
	Diamond L Guest Ranch	307-467-5236
	Lake Guest Ranch	307-756-3907
	New Haven Ranch	307-467-5663
Sundance	Kara Creek Ranch	605-269-2061

RV Parks & Campgrounds

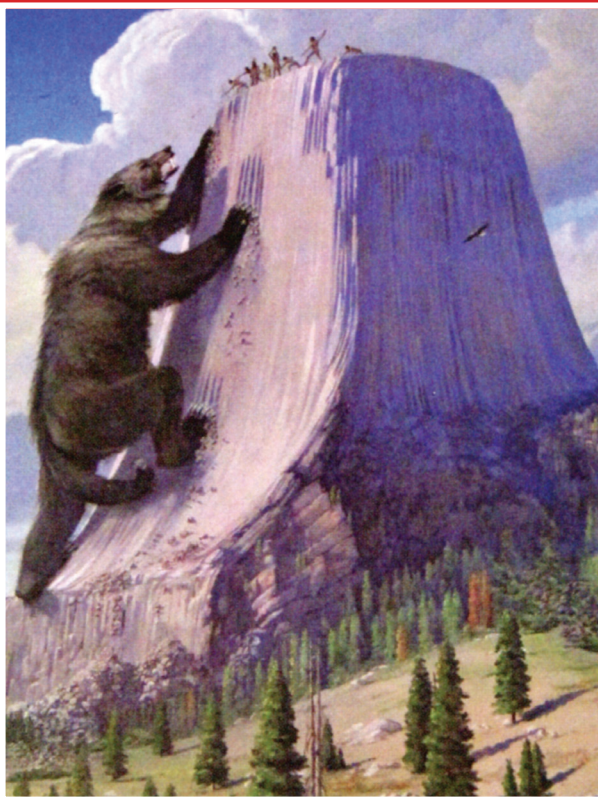
Beulah	Redwater Creek Campground	307-283-1906
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Devils Tower	Devils Tower KOA	307-467-5395
	Devils Tower View	307-467-5737
Hulett	River View RV Park	605-591-9895
Keyhole	Keyhole Marina, Campground	307-756-3411
Pine Haven	Cedar Ridge RV Park	307-756-3443
Sundance	Mountain View Campground	307-283-2270

Lodging

Aladdin	Bunkhouse B&B	307-283-3542
	Aladdin Motel	307-896-2100
	JC Stage Stop B&B	307-896-9134
Devils Tower	A Quiet Canyon at Devils Tower Bed and Breakfast	307-282-0771
	Devils Tower Lodge	307-467-5267
	Sawin' Logs	866-328-5328
Hulett	Best Western Devils Tower Inn	307-467-5747
	Hulett Motel	307-467-5220
	Motel Pioneer	307-467-5656
Moorcroft	Cozy Motel	307-756-3486
	Moorcourt/The Hitching Post	307-756-3206
	Rangeland Court Motel & RV Park	307-756-3595
	Wyoming Motel & Camping Park	307-756-3452
Pine Haven	Empire Guesthouse & RV Park	307-756-3454
Sundance	Arrowhead Motel & Budget Host	307-283-3307
	Bear Lodge Motel	307-283-1611
	Bear Lodge Mountain Resort	307-283-3235
	Best Western Inn at Sundance	307-283-2800
	Deane's Pineview Motel	307-283-2262
	Rodeway Sundance Mountain Inn	307-283-3737

Restaurants

Aladdin	Cindy B's Café	307-896-2100
Beulah	Buffalo Jump Saloon & Steakhouse	307-643-7173
Devils Tower	Cattle Kate's Café at Devils Tower KOA	307-467-5395
	Devils Tower View	307-467-5737
Hulett	Red Rock Café	307-467-5551
	Hitchin' Post	307-467-5353
	McAvoy's	307-467-5773
	Ponderosa	307-467-5335
	R Deli	307-467-5960
Moorcroft	Donna's Diner	307-756-3422
	Hub Café	307-756-3929
	Subway	307-756-3899
Pine Haven	R Place Bar & Grill	307-756-9707
	Pine Haven Supper Club	307-756-3818
	Anchor Bar/Landing Restaurant	307-756-9554
Sundance	Longhorn Saloon & Grill	307-283-3644
	Higbee's	307-283-2165
	Subway	307-283-3400
	Dog Pound	307-283-3124
	Maw & Paw's Barr-B-Q	307-283-3777



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Native American Legend

Many Native American legends have been passed down through time, but this version from the Kiowa Tribe seems to be the most popular.

One day an Indian tribe was camped beside the river and seven small girls were playing at a distance. The region had a large bear population and a bear began to chase the girls. They ran back toward their village, but the bear was about to catch them. The girls jumped up on a rock about three feet high and began to pray to the rock, "Rock, take pity on us; Rock, save us."

The rock heard the young girls' pleas and began to elongate itself upwards, pushing them higher and higher out of the bear's reach. The bear clawed and jumped at the sides of the rock, but broke its claws and fell to the ground. The bear continued to jump at the rock until the girls were pushed up into the sky, where they are, to this day, in a group of seven little stars (the Pleiades constellation). Marks from the bear's claws still line the sides of Devils Tower.

As one looks upon the Tower and contemplates its uniqueness, it isn't hard to imagine this legend as fact.

Explore Crook County

