



Wandering in Washakie County

DAY TRIPS

Southeast Off-Road

If you would like to get really great background information for the type of area that this day trip encompasses, visit the Washakie Museum and view "The Great Basin" exhibit.

Heading out of town to the East on US Highway 16, the first stop is located about 2.5 miles out. Look for the sign on the south side of the highway. Travel the dirt until you arrive at the interpretive sign.

To explore the Honeycombs Wilderness Study Area, Castle Gardens and the Big Cedar Ridge Plant Fossil Area, return to US 16 and turn right. Go about 13 miles to Blue Bank Road (also called BLM 1411). These driving directions will be on how to get to Castle Gardens and Big Cedar Ridge Plant Fossil Area, but 3 miles in, you will be traveling along the eastern edge of the Honeycombs Wilderness Study Area for about 4.75 miles. Vehicle travel inside the Honeycombs area is prohibited, but there is much to see by hiking around.



Castle Gardens

After turning onto Blue Bank Rd, go 1.2 miles and turn left at the T. Go .4 miles then turn right. Go 1 mile to the intersection of Blue Bank Rd and W-T Stock Drive, bear right to stay on Blue Bank Rd. Continue on Blue Bank Road until you come to the intersection of Two Mile Hill Road and turn left onto it. Go about 3 miles to the intersection of Ficus Road. Bear left to stay on Two Mile Hill Road. At the T intersection, turn left and go about 1 mile to arrive at Castle Gardens.

To continue to Big Cedar Ridge, retrace your path out to Blue Bank Road and turn left. Continue driving for about 6.5 miles to arrive at the plant fossil area interpretive signs (they are on the west side of the road).

To return to civilization, head back the way you came on Blue Bank Road.

As with any travel, be sure to have prepared appropriately and have considered the weather.

1. Colby Mammoth Kill Dig Site
2. Honeycombs Wilderness Study Area
3. Castle Gardens
4. Big Cedar Ridge Plant Fossil Area

Castle Gardens has a picnic area with parking, tables, grill, fire ring and vault toilet.