



Wandering in Washakie County

DAY TRIPS

Southern Route

1. Duck Swamp Environmental Study Area
2. Jim Bridger Historic Trail I
3. Worland's Original Town Site
4. Gebo Ghost Town
5. Hot Springs State Park
6. Wyoming Dinosaur Center
7. Wind River Canyon Scenic Byway



Wind River Canyon

Begin your day by heading west out of Worland on US Highway 20. Just after crossing the Big Horn River, turn right onto WY 433. Go 2.4 miles, turn right into the parking area. The Interpretive signs will inform you about the Swamp Study area and about the explorer Jim Bridger. This site also includes a bathroom facility, picnic area, and boardwalk.

Next, turn left when you leave and go back to the junction of Hwy 20. Turn right onto US Highway 20 and go just a couple hundred yards to area #3. Turn right just before crossing Fifteen Mile Creek. The interpretive signs here tell about how our town was moved from one side of the river to the other and about the Wyoming sugar industry. When finished here, it's time to head to the ghost town of Gebo.

Turn right, back onto US 20, and travel South for 22 miles to the crossroad that goes to Kirby, Wyoming. Turn right and follow County Rd 18 for about 1.3 miles to a Yin the road. Bear left onto County Rd 30 and go about another 1.3 miles. Follow the signs to the site.

Leaving Gebo, turn right back onto US 20. Upon entering the town of Thermopolis, you will descend a small hill. Turn left onto Park Street and go under the railroad trestle. You are now at Hot Springs State Park. Here there is much to do: soaking at the State Bath House (no children), playing at the hot pools (Star Plunge or Teepee), walking the boardwalk, and watching the buffalo.

The Wyoming Dinosaur Center is located at 110 Carter Ranch Road. These directions begin from Hot Springs State Park. Go South on Buffalo Street, which will change its name to C Avenue. C Avenue will change into Carter Ranch Road (which is unpaved). The next portion of the loop is a scenic drive through Wind River Canyon. After leaving the dinosaur center, turn left onto East Fremont Street, then right onto Hot Springs Blvd, then left onto Broadway. Take Broadway west until you reach US 20 which is called 6th Street in this section of town. Stay on US 20 all the way out of the south end of Thermopolis. This scenic drive is appx 20 miles from Thermopolis to the Boysen State Park Marina. It may take an hour or more to drive it and drive back to Thermopolis if you stop at the pull-offs to look and take pictures.