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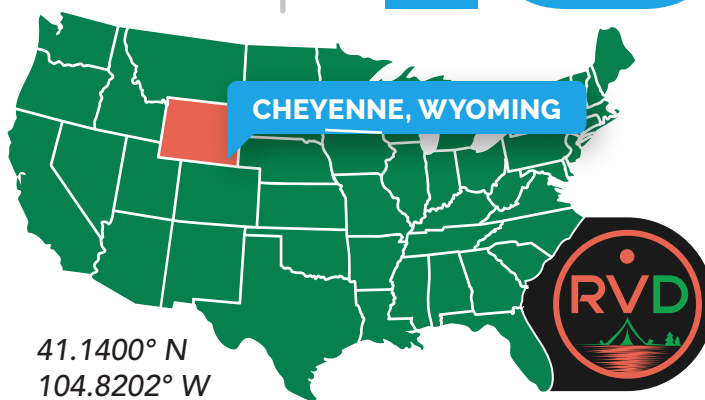
FIND ALL THE BIG BOOTS



EXPLORE THE NELSON MUSEUM OF THE WEST



VISIT THE COWGIRLS OF THE WEST MUSEUM



Few state capital cities are as charming as Cheyenne, Wyoming. It has the feel of a small town and the fun of the Wild West. Whether you're simply driving through or visiting for the famous Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo, you'll want to put these top 10 sites and experiences on your must-do list in Cheyenne.

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Do you remember how I said Cheyenne has a small-town charm? Guestbooks are the epitome of that. Every hotel, every museum, and every business has a guestbook for visitors to sign. Some go back more than 100 years

and have thousands of signatures. Some have very famous signatures. They'll ask you to sign several guest books, and you should happily sign each and every one. It's western hospitality at its best.

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What are the big boots? You can't miss them. At eight feet tall, dozens of these boots scatter around the city. Local artists have painted them, and businesses and individuals are still commissioning new boots. The theme

is "If These Boots Could Talk," and the story of each boot can be found in their free audio guide. Pick up a brochure at the train depot and try to see all the big boots while you're in town.

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You can't visit Cheyenne without experiencing the Wild West. The Nelson Museum of the West has more than 14,000 artifacts, including the 4,000-book library. This small but mighty museum honors the history and culture

of the west uniquely. Exhibits include artwork and weaponry from Native Americans, lawmen and outlaws, Eskimos and the Northwest Coast, cowboys, and more.

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Speaking of the Wild West, it never would've been the same without the women who made it theirs. This free museum highlights the legendary women of the west, including Sacagawea, Annie Oakley, Mary Carter, and

others you may have never heard of but should. This is the only museum in the world dedicated to cowgirls and women of the west, and it must be a priority stop on your trip to Cheyenne.

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ENJOY THE CHEYENNE BOTANIC GARDENS

The Cheyenne Botanic Gardens is the perfect place to spend a few hours anytime, whether visiting on a warm summer's day or in the dead of winter. The indoor conservatory features tropical plants, such as its 34-foot-tall palm tree, an orangery, and a bonsai house. Outside, you'll find nine acres of gorgeous landscaping, a year-round vegetable garden, and even a labyrinth garden. It's free to visit, and it's within walking distance of other parks and museums as well.



TOUR THE HISTORIC GOVERNORS' MANSION



EXPLORE TERRY BISON RANCH RESORT



VISIT THE WYOMING STATE MUSEUM



TOUR THE WYOMING STATE CAPITOL



ATTEND CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS

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Because it's no longer the official governor's residence, this historic mansion is open for free tours. It was the residence of Wyoming's first fami-

lies from 1905 until 1976. Today, each room is decorated with artifacts from a different decade, highlighting the mansion and residents' history.

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Want to see natural wildlife on a real dude ranch? You can do it at Terry Bison Ranch Resort. Take a tour on their ranch train, try your hand at horseback riding (or pony riding, for smaller visitors), or take a morning to

go fishing on the property. Once you've worked up an appetite, visit their Senator's Steakhouse and Saloon for a genuine taste of the ranch and the Wild West, including—you guessed it—bison.

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This free museum is a perfect introduction to the state of Wyoming, the town of Cheyenne, and the Wild West. Dating back to 1895, this museum is suitable for kids and adults alike, thanks to its hands-on exhibits and various historical artifacts. Their collec-

tions range from pre-history to the present and include anthropology, paleontology, the gold rush, women's rights, and more. This is also the place to get up close and personal with the most iconic animal in the region: the American bison.

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Fun fact: Wyoming was the first state to have a female governor, Nellie Tayloe Ross. Completed in 1890, construction on the capitol began when Wyoming was still just a territory. It's also one of only 20 State Capitol buildings desig-

nated a National Historic Landmark, a distinction awarded in 1987. Free tours are offered Monday through Friday, no reservations necessary, and it's conveniently located just steps from the Wyoming State Museum.

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Cheyenne has a lot going for it, but one annual event made it famous: Cheyenne Frontier Days. This nine-day rodeo festival brings more than half a million people into town each year—that's nearly the entire state's population! Its highlights include more than a week of events, concerts, a carnival, food, and so much more.

Can't make it to Frontier Days? No worries. Head over to the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum. Exhibits feature the best of the Old West and everything you want to know about the history of Cheyenne Frontier Days and its many rodeos and events through the years.

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WYOMING TAKES
YOU FROM THERE.

The very mention of Cheyenne conjures up cowboys, rodeos, and trains. You won't be disappointed in your visit because you'll find all three and more here.