



Fall for Adventure

DAY ONE

There's nothing more beautiful than fall in and around the Bighorn Mountains. The changing of the seasons sweeps in our indian summers with dramatic colors, mild fall days and beauty from every angle. From hiking to fishing, hunting, biking and horseback riding, look no further than Johnson County for a fall getaway you won't forget!

HIT THE TRAILS

If you're one for exploring new country, blazing trails, or sticking to established ones, you're in the right place. With miles upon miles of established hiking, biking and horseback riding trails available, Johnson County has no shortage adventure of to be found. From "close to" and "in town" trails to secluded trailheads miles from town, the options for a personalized trek are nearly limitless.

IN TOWN

Clear Creek Trail System offers 7 miles of multi-use, maintained trails winding it's way along Clear Creek. Starting on the east side of Buffalo, you can join the trail system all the way through town, including Main Street, Burritt and Klondike Road. This trail winds all the way up towards Mosier Gulch, where it meets up with the Mentok trail which takes you into Mosier Gulch and up to Grouse Mountain.

Hiking: This trail is especially great for an easy walk. Mostly flat, there are benches along the way to sit down and take in the beautiful views. And you'll likely run into deer and turkeys along the way.

[Gear, Tips & Advice - Sports Lure - Downtown Buffalo](#)
[Download a Clear Creek Trail System Map at](#)
www.jcrecreation.com/maps

Biking: Excellent for beginner to intermediate biking, all year round. Maintained and easy to access, you can wind your way along Clear Creek, take in gorgeous views and wildlife sightings, all while staying close to town. Meets up with the Mentock trail (considered the "signature trail"). Follow this all the way up Mosier Gulch, or up to the face of Grouse Mountain and over via switchbacks for an intermediate to advanced ride. Learn more on our blog - [Fat Tire Fantasy in the Bighorns](#)

OUT OF TOWN

Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area: **Hiking, Fat Tire Biking, Horseback Riding** - Close to town, just 6 miles northwest on French Creek Rd, this area offers 7,900 public acres with 2 entrances, each with equal diversity and opportunity. In any direction you choose to go, you'll experience beauty and likely see wildlife at the face of the Bighorns. Excellent for any of the above activities, game trails meet up with established trails for spectacular, personalized adventure. Or, hit the trailhead and wind your way up Firebox Canyon for incredible views through Sayles Creek and Rock Creek. Closed Jan 1 - May 14.

[Contact our local Game & Fish \(307-684-2801\), BLM \(307-684-1100\) and US Forest Service \(307-684-7806\) for maps, trails & advice. Or head to the Sports Lure, downtown Buffalo, for maps, gear and tips.](#)

Head into the Bighorns: Our mountains offer an abundance of trailheads and trails. Elgin Park, Hunter Corrals and Circle Park are all popular trailheads less than 15 miles up Hwy 16, and are excellent for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

HIRE AN OUTFITTER

Don't have your own horses? Our area boasts a number of outfitters offering day ride services, well into the fall months, weather depending.

- [Blacktooth Excursions](#) - 307-217-1140
- [Buffalo Mountain Outfitters](#) - 307-217-2539
- [South Fork Lodge](#) - 307-267-2609 - (Until Sept)

COVID-19 UPDATE

Businesses and public spaces are open, and welcoming visitors. It is recommended that patrons utilize face coverings when entering public space.





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Make another day of it, behind the glass. Head to the mountain or south to Outlaw Country. From bouldering to sightseeing to fishing, there's something for everyone to do!

HIT THE HIGHWAY

Crazy Woman Canyon: Crazy Woman Canyon is often referred to as one of our most beautiful, popular drives. Offering gorgeous views and excellent fishing, hiking, bouldering and horseback riding opportunities, the road winds along Crazy Woman Creek, that carved this canyon, from the top of the face to the bottom. With fewer travelers in the fall, you expect a more private cruise to enjoy the splash of colors thrown across the canyon walls by aspen groves. Just 18 miles south of Buffalo.

Elgin Park: Just 15 minutes up the mountain, Elgin Park offers a loop road (and trailhead) with expansive, open parks and gorgeous views of the peaks. Keep your eyes peeled, as you may catch a glimpse of moose grazing in the willows.

And So Much More: With (literally) hundreds of miles of wind-shield worthy roads and trails in the Bighorns, we can't cover them all. Talk to the Forest Service (307-684-7806) or the Sports Lure for more advice on scenic drives up the mountain.

UNLOAD THE ATV'S

Looking to put some tire tracks down in a different manner? Look no further. The Bighorns offer a plethora of atv friendly trails, dotted all over the mountain. From Loaf Mountain Lookout, to Elgin Park, Circle Park, Hunter Mesa, Hazelton, Battle Park, West Tensleep & beyond, you won't run out of 4 wheeling fun well into the fall season (weather depending).

Find a full list of maps and trails here: www.fs.usda.gov/activity/bighorn/recreation/ohv or call our local Forest Service office at 307-684-7806 for more information.

Head south to the Outlaw Country near Kaycee, WY for red rock scenery, fishing & history like you've never before seen:

Outlaw Cave: Just over 20 miles southwest of Kaycee, Outlaw Cave takes you to the land of Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid. Hike to the cave itself, take in pictographs, scenic views & history. Fish the Middle Fork of Powder River on your way there.

Hole-in-the-Wall: Located about 40 miles southwest of Kaycee, the "Hole" is a gap in the red rock where, legend has it, outlaws would sneak livestock or use as an escape route. From the parking area it's about a 3 mile hike. And it's well worth the trek. Advisable only during dry road conditions.

Get maps & info at: www.kayceewyoming.org or www.hoofprintsofthepast.org

DINING & LODGING

Visit our website at www.johnsoncountywy.com for a full list of dining and lodging options.

