



CONNECT WITH YOUR PUBLIC LANDS

CAMPING AROUND CASPER, WYOMING

Public Land User Guide

CAMPING GUIDELINES

DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS AND DISPERSED CAMPING

DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS

- In most developed campgrounds, you may camp for up to 14 days before having to move at least 5 miles from your original spot. You may not return to that area for 28 consecutive days.
- When in a developed campground, please use the specifically marked sites.
- If you are camping in a developed site and are in a group with more than two vehicles or 10 people, please use a group site or two campsites.
- Money from fees charged at developed campgrounds are used to maintain these areas for everyone's enjoyment. Avoid a citation or fine by being responsible and paying your share.
- Please respect other campers and keep quiet hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., or those posted.
- Always build fires in the stove, grill, fireplace or ring provided in developed campgrounds. Do not burn trash or material that produces toxic or hazardous material. Never leave a fire unattended.
- Use the designated spots for your tent, trailer and other gear. If you leave personal property unattended for more than 24 hours in a day-use area it may be considered abandoned and disposed of by BLM.
- Horses, llamas and other livestock are not allowed in campgrounds or picnic areas unless BLM has provided facilities for that use.
- Most BLM sites are offered on a first come first served basis.

USING UNDEVELOPED AREAS FOR DISPERSED CAMPING

- In undeveloped areas, you may camp for up to 14 days before having to move at least 5 miles from your original spot. You may not return to that area for 28 consecutive days.
- Choose camp sites that have already been used or established.
- Camp at least 200 feet away from water sources.
- Use existing fire rings or camp stoves.
- Pack out what you pack in – including garbage & used toilet paper.
- Check current fire conditions and follow fire restrictions.
- In areas without toilets, use a portable latrine and pack out your waste. If you don't have a latrine, you will need to bury your waste in a 6- to 8-inch-deep hole at least 200 feet away from water sources, campsites or trails. It is recommended to pack out your toilet paper.
- In general, to access campsites, travel within 300 feet of existing roads, vehicles ways, and trails.
- Dispersed Camping may be closed or limited seasonally or as impacts or environmental conditions warrant.

Tread lightly on public land by picking up litter, avoiding travel that could damage the land, observing signs and posted areas, leaving all gates as you found them and asking permission to enter private land. You will enhance others' opportunities to enjoy public land in the future. Enjoy your camping experience. Thank you.

**14
days**

Is your campfire DEAD OUT?

It might look like your campfire is out.



But embers lie hidden underneath.



Wind re-ignites the embers, starting a

WILDFIRE!



Drown the campfire ashes with lots of water.



Stir, add more water and stir again. Be sure all burned material is out cold.



Feel materials with your bare hand. If it is too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

PLEASE NOTE! - Fire Restrictions greatly impact if you can have a fire, and if so where. It is your responsibility as a fire user to know what the current regulations are. Inappropriate fire use is not only punishable by law, but can also be the catalyst that starts a wildfire. Know before you start and check here for the latest restrictions on Public Lands:

www.blm.gov/Wyoming-Fire-Restrictions

CASPER-AREA CAMPGROUNDS

12 PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 100 DRIVING MILES OF DOWNTOWN CASPER

CAMPGROUND LESS-THAN 50 MILES:

Muddy Mountain

- (1) Lodgepole Campground - 18.5 Driven Miles
- (2) Rim Campground - 18.6 Driven Miles

Trappers Route/North Platte River Area

- (3) Golden Currant - 25.6 Driven Miles
- (4) Chalk Bluffs Campground - 26.6 Driven Miles
- (5) Buffaloberry Campground - 27 Driven Miles
- (6) Pete's Draw Campground - 32 Driven Miles

CAMPGROUNDS GREATER THAN 50 MILES

- (7) Prior Flat Campground - 67 Driven Miles

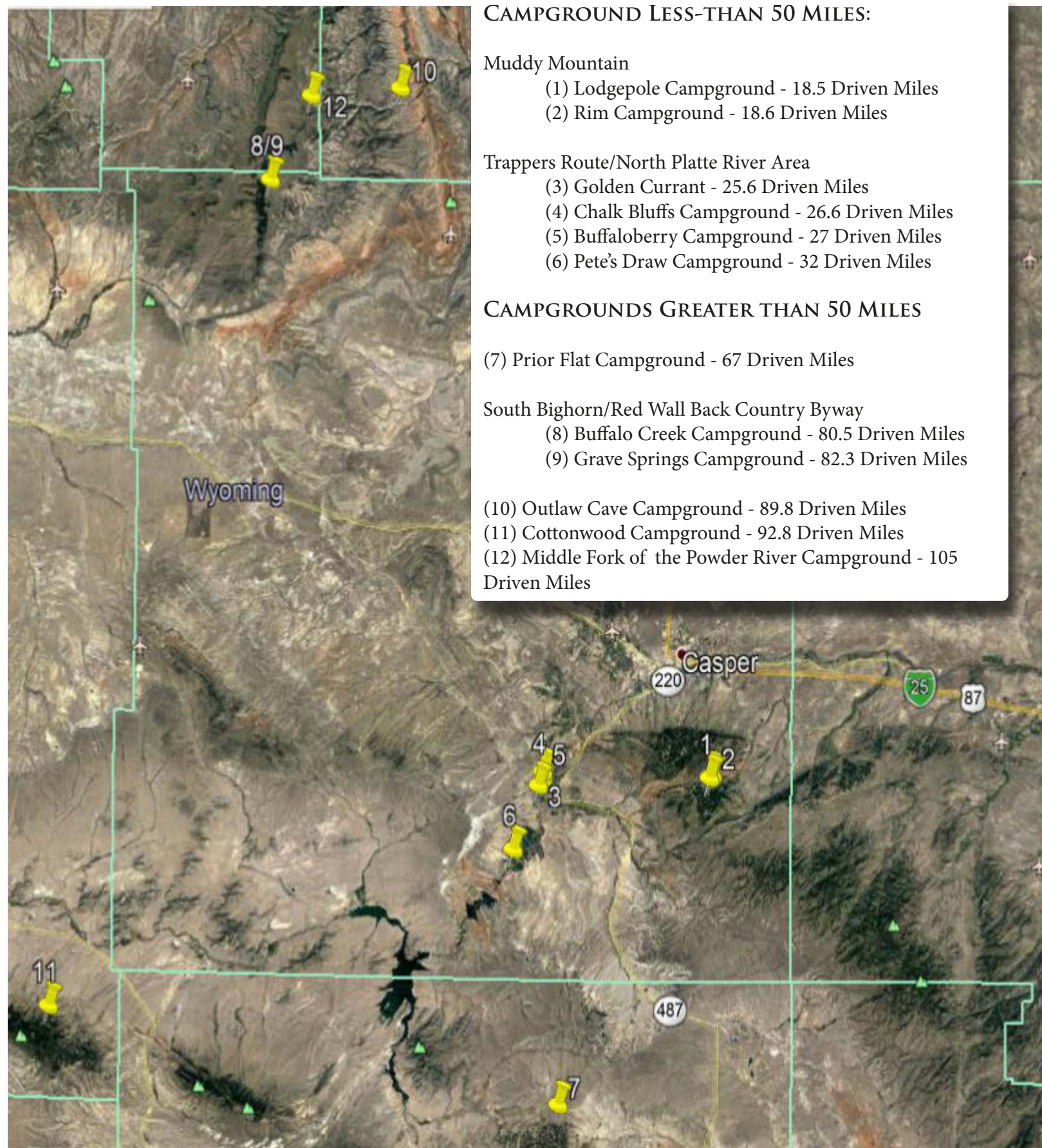
South Bighorn/Red Wall Back Country Byway

- (8) Buffalo Creek Campground - 80.5 Driven Miles
- (9) Grave Springs Campground - 82.3 Driven Miles

- (10) Outlaw Cave Campground - 89.8 Driven Miles

- (11) Cottonwood Campground - 92.8 Driven Miles

- (12) Middle Fork of the Powder River Campground - 105 Driven Miles



LODGEPOLE CAMPGROUND

42°67'73.78"N, 106°26'35.85"W

CASPER FIELD OFFICE



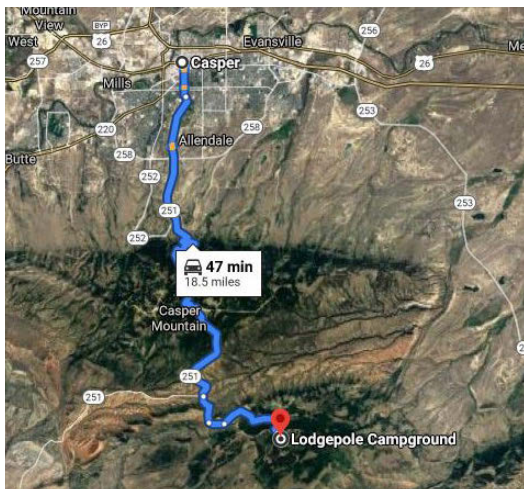
Lodgepole Campground, nestled under the pine trees of Muddy Mountain, provides 15 camping sites that include level tent pads and fire rings and a few pull-through sites for large trailers/RVs. Two double-vaulted toilets are provided for campers' comfort.

Two trailheads provide access to the Muddy Mountain Environmental Education Area's (EEA) ADA-accessible hiking trails linking campers to nearby Rim Campground and to over a mile of single track trails for hikers and assistive devices only.

Potable water is available.

FEE DESCRIPTION:

\$7.00/night and \$3.00/night for extra vehicle for camping. Access Pass and Senior Pass Holders receive half off camping rates. Cash or check is accepted.



Google Map

DIRECTIONS: *(Access Road Closed Seasonally for Winter)*

- From Casper, drive south on WY Highway 251 to the top of Casper Mountain, where the state highway ends but continues on as County Road 505.
- Continue for approximately 3 miles until the pavement ends, then continue an additional 2 miles to the intersection with Circle Drive (County Road 505).
- Continuing straight, follow the BLM gravel road for another 4.5 more miles to Muddy Mountain EEA.
- Upon entering the EEA, turn right and travel .20 miles to the campground on your left.

RIM CAMPGROUND

42°68'08.57"N, 106°25'85.58"W

CASPER FIELD OFFICE



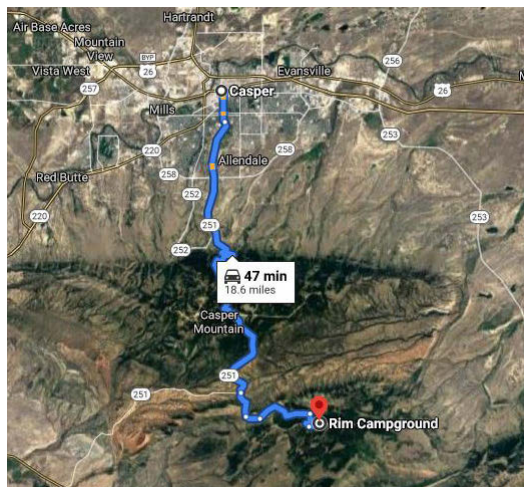
Rim Campground, nestled under the pine trees of Muddy Mountain and overlooking the valley below, provides 8 camping sites that include level tent pads and fire rings, with a few pull-through sites for large trailers/RVs. One double-vaulted toilet is provided for campers' comfort.

Two trailheads provide access to the Muddy Mountain EEA's ADA-accessible national recreation hiking trails linking campers to nearby Lodgepole Campground and to over a mile of single track trails for hikers and assistive devices only.

Potable water is not available at this campground, but is available at the nearby Lodgepole Campground.

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- Continuing straight, follow the BLM gravel road for another 4.5 more miles to Muddy Mountain EEA.
- Upon entering the EEA, continue straight and travel .25 miles to the campground on your left.

GOLDEN CURRANT CAMPGROUND

42°66'45.99"N, 106°63'23.46"W

CASPER FIELD OFFICE



Golden Curreant Campground located along the North Platte River is the perfect place to go if you want to picnic, bank fish or tent camp.

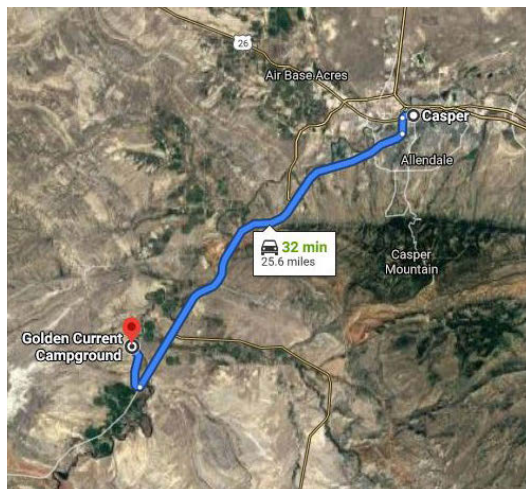
The campground offers a parking area, vault toilet, four overnight tent camping sites, a short pedestrian trail, fire rings and picnic tables.

There is no water available at this campground. Overnight use is restricted to tent camping only. Campsites are first come, first served.

FEE DESCRIPTION:

\$10 per night for overnight camping.

Access Pass and Senior Pass Holders receive half off camping rates.



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DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, head west on WY Highway 220 for about 20 miles.
- Turn right onto County Road 316 and travel 2.7 miles to the turnoff on the right.

CHALK BLUFFS CAMPGROUND

42°67'56.86"N, 106°62'36.43"W

CASPER FIELD OFFICE



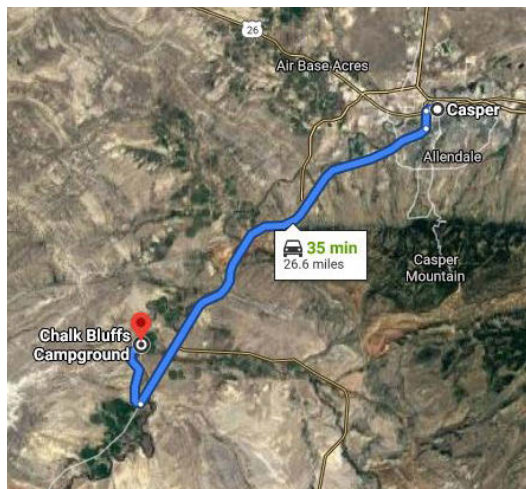
Chalk Bluffs Campground has an access road and parking area, vault toilet, 11 overnight camping sites with tent pads, picnic tables, fire rings, RV parking, boat ramp (drift boats) and a parking area large enough for vehicles and drift boat trailers.

No potable water is available in this campground. Campsites are first come, first served.

FEE DESCRIPTION:

\$10 per night for overnight camping.

Access Pass and Senior Pass Holders receive half off camping rates.



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DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, head west on WY Highway 220 for about 20 miles.
- Turn right onto County Road 316 and travel for 3.7 miles to the turnoff on the right.

BUFFALOBERRY CAMPGROUND

42°68'25.59"N, 106°62'32.71"W

BLM CASPER FIELD OFFICE



Buffaloberry Campground is a great site for picnicking, bank fishing and camping. It is about 12 miles from Alcova.

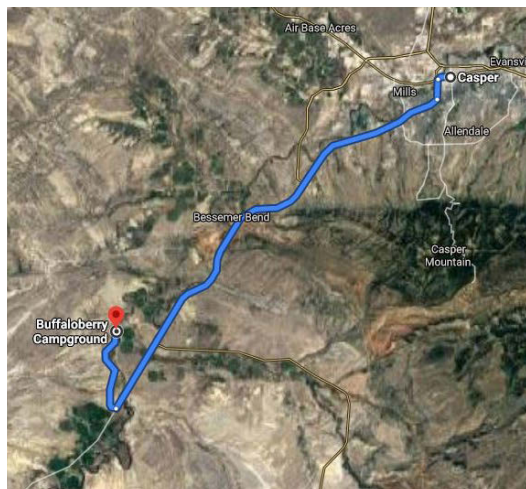
It features four overnight camping sites with tent pads, picnic tables, fire rings, a vault toilet and parking. Overnight use is restricted to tent camping.

Campsites are first come, first served. There is no potable water available at this campground.

FEE DESCRIPTION:

\$10 per night for overnight camping.

Access Pass and Senior Pass Holders receive half off camping rates.



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- From Casper, head west on WY Highway 220 for about 20 miles.
- Turn right onto County Road 316 and travel for 4.2 miles to the turnoff on the right.

PETE'S DRAW CAMPGROUND

42°57'94.60"N, 106°68'54.75"W

CASPER FIELD OFFICE



Pete's Draw has both a day-use and overnight camping area to enjoy hiking, wildlife viewing, picnicking, fishing, boating and camping.

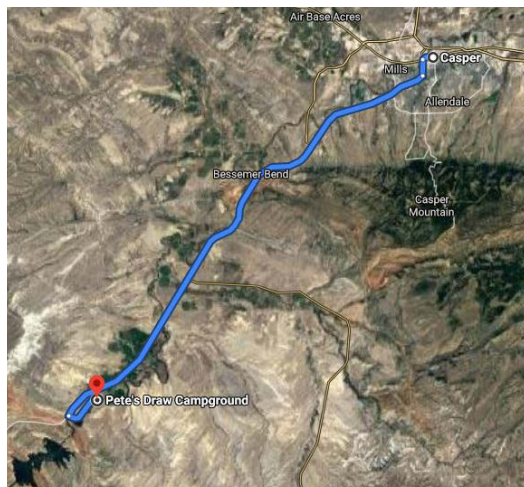
There's a parking area, vault toilet, seven overnight campsites with picnic tables, fire rings, shelters, tent pads, and RV parking, trash receptacle, and a hardened pedestrian trail. No potable water is available at this campground.

Campsites are first come, first served. No overnight parking is allowed in the day use area. This campground receives heavy visitation in the spring and early summer months.

FEE DESCRIPTION:

\$10 per night for overnight camping.

Access Pass and Senior Pass Holders receive half off camping rates.



Google Map

DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, head west on WY Highway 220 for approximately 24 miles and turn left onto County Road 412 (Grey Reef Rd).
- Travel for two miles and take a right and continue for .1 miles to the camp.

PRIOR FLAT CAMPGROUND

42°24'18.36"N, 106°58'44.21"W

RAWLINS FIELD OFFICE



Prior Flat Campground has 15 campsites and a vault toilet on about 9 acres. It has one pull-through, picnic tables, fire rings/grills and parking spurs. The campground is located at the foot of the Shirley Mountains, a remote range between the Medicine Bow and Ferris Mountains.

Visitors will enjoy the aspen, limber pine, lodgepole pine, and big sagebrush, as well as opportunities to view pronghorn, mule deer, elk, coyotes, grouse and golden eagles. The Shirley Mountains offer fantastic hunting opportunities and fishing in Sage Creek.

Typical season of use lasts between June 1st through November 15th. The roads become impassable after heavy rain and snow melt. No horses are allowed in the campground.

FEE DESCRIPTION:

No fees associated with this campground.



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DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, take WY-220 southwest for 18 miles, then turn left onto WY-487 S.
- Follow WY-487 for 26.5 miles, then turn right onto WY-77 S for 11.8 miles (please note that parts of this road may be closed at times).
- Take a right onto Shirley Basin Rd (County Road 102), travel 8.8 miles then turn left onto Prior Flat Rd.
- Campground is just up the hill about 1/4 mile.

BUFFALO CREEK CAMPGROUND

43°43'85.41"N, 107°22'19.29"W

CASPER FIELD OFFICE

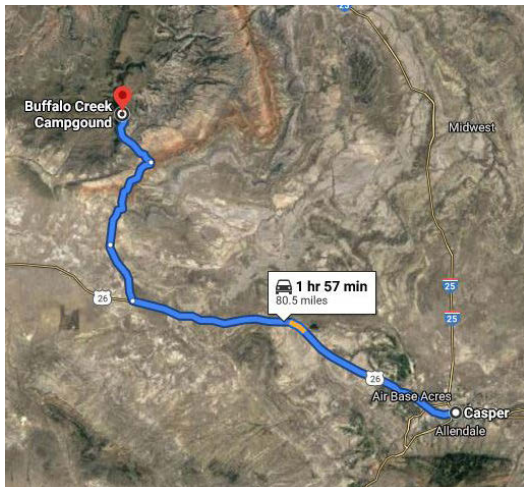


Buffalo Creek Campground is located off of the scenic South Bighorn/Red Wall Back Country Byway. It has four camping sites, a vault toilet, and fire rings.

The Buffalo Creek Campground is about 24 miles north of Arminto.

There no fees associated with this campground. Potable water is not available.

Campsites are first come, first served.



Google Map

DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, Take US-20/26 West for 48.7 miles.
- Turn right onto Arminto Rd.
- From Arminto, take the South Bighorn/Red Wall Back Country Byway north for 13.5 miles to Bighorn Mountain Road.
- Turn left and go 9.5 miles north to the campground on the left.

GRAVE SPRINGS CAMPGROUND

43°46'15.23"N, 107°22'79.47"W

CASPER FIELD OFFICE



Grave Springs Campground to the Grave Springs Campground can camp, hunt, and picnic. The site also offers excellent small stream fishing and wildlife viewing.

The site has 12 camping sites with RV parking and tent pads, two tent-only camping sites with parking and tent pads, a vault toilet, tables, and fire rings.

There are no fees associate with this campground, nor is there potable water available at this campground.

Campsites are first come, first served.



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- From Casper, Take US-20/26 West for 48.7 miles.
- Turn right onto Arminto Rd.
- From Arminto, take the South Bighorn/Red Wall Back Country Byway north for 13.5 miles to Bighorn Mountain Rd.
- Turn left and go 12 miles north to the campground on the left.

OUTLAW CAVE CAMPGROUND

43°58'90.20"N, 106°94'73.40"W

BUFFALO FIELD OFFICE

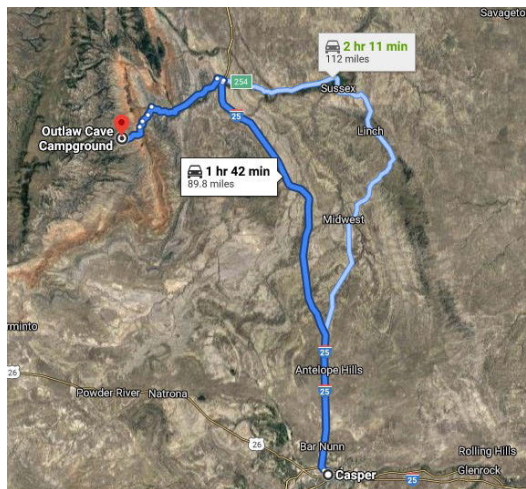


Outlaw Cave Campground is located in the Middle Fork Powder River Recreation Area. This remote country, with its red wall and deep canyons, was a favorite hiding place of Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch. The area includes two caves and a corral used by the robbers to store their loot.

The Middle Fork of the Powder River, a 12-mile long, blue-ribbon trout stream, also flows through the site. Additionally, the area is an elk and deer winter range.

The campground is a fee-free site and is first come, first served. It includes 12 rustic camping spaces and one vault toilet. There is no water and no trash collection; please pack out all garbage.

Note: Outlaw Cave Road is closed during the winter from January 1 through April 14.



Google Map

DIRECTIONS:

- From I-25, take exit 254 and head west on WY-191 for about 1 mile.
- Turn left onto WY-190 W (Barnum Rd) and travel about 16 Miles to Barnum.
- Turn left onto Bar C Rd (sign for Middle Fork Powder River Management Area). This road is an improved all-weather access road and travels through the private Hole-in-the-Wall Ranch. Please respect private property rights and all posted signs.
- Follow this road about 2 miles to the boundary of the management area and another 5 miles to the campground.

COTTONWOOD CAMPGROUND

42°36'24.00"N, 107°68'45.60"W

LANDER FIELD OFFICE



Cottonwood Campground is a developed camping site in a semi-alpine setting located on Green Mountain.

The site features 18 campsites, fire rings, water, picnic tables, vault toilets, garbage collection, and can accommodate large recreational vehicles.

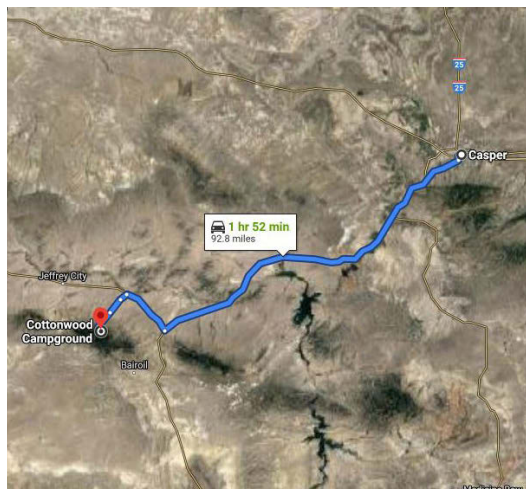
Season of use runs June 1 to October 31. The Green Mountain Loop Road above the campground is open June 15 - December 1.

FEE DESCRIPTION:

\$6 per night

Access Pass and Senior Pass Holders receive half off camping rates.

Campsites are first come, first served.



Google Map

DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, drive southwest on WY-220 for 82.9 miles.
- Turn right onto US-287N and go 10.3 miles until Green Mountain Rd.
- Turn left onto Green Mountain Rd and drive 9.9 miles to the campground on the right.

MIDDLE FORK OF THE POWDER RIVER

43°57'72.78"N, 107°14'00.94"W

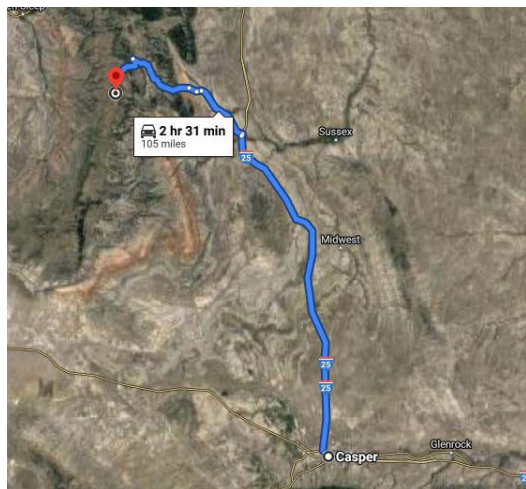
BUFFALO FIELD OFFICE



Middle Fork of the Powder River, set aside a blue-ribbon trout stream, is a remote and picturesque campground featuring five camping sites with fire rings, a restroom, and potable water.

Use of the area is free with a 14-day limit on camping (as on all public lands).

The campground, located at an elevation of 7,500 feet, is open from May through September.



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DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, travel west on US Hwy 20/26 for about 45 miles.
- Right right onto Arminto/Lost Cabin Rd (CR 104) for 8.5 miles and continue onto Buffalo Creek Rd for another 14 miles.
- Turn left onto Bighorn Mountain Rd for 15 miles.
- Continue on Hazelton Rd for 8 miles; the campground is on the right.

Please note that while this campground is only a bit more than 100 miles driving, it is very remote and can take 2.5 hours or more to get to the location.

MIRACLE MILE

42°12'31.00"N, 106°52'33.00"W

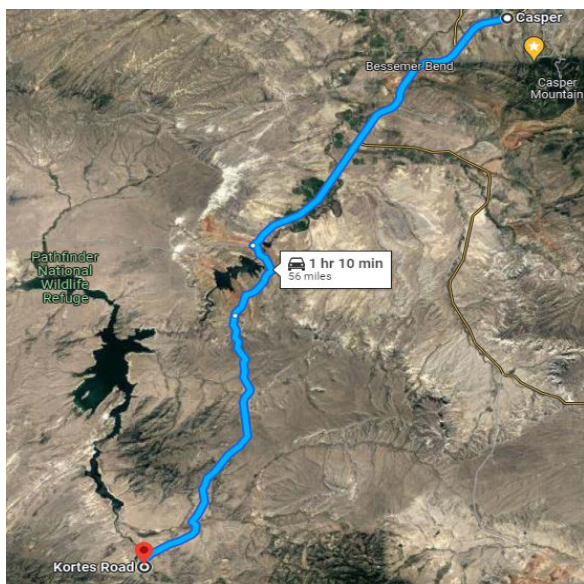
RAWLINS FIELD OFFICE



Miracle Mile extends downstream approximately 5.5 miles from Kortes Dam to Pathfinder Reservoir.

The “Mile” fishes great year-round due to cold water releases from Kortes Dam. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department stocks the area, and available species include rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout, as well as walleye. In 2018, the Game and Fish reported populations of 10,000 fish per mile.

Located approximately 55 miles southwest of Casper, or 34 miles northeast of Rawlins in Carbon County, the Miracle Mile provides a barrier-free fishing pier, restrooms and 11 primitive campsites.



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DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, take Hwy 220 southwest to Alcova, about 25 miles.
- Turn left onto Kortes Rd (CR 407) and continue for approximately 30 miles.
- Turn right for 0.5 miles to reach the Miracle Mile Bridge Parking or continue left on Kortes road to access areas further upstream.

GOLDENEYE RESERVOIR/BURLINGTON LAKE

43°0'52.00"N, 106°42'46.00"W

CASPER FIELD OFFICE



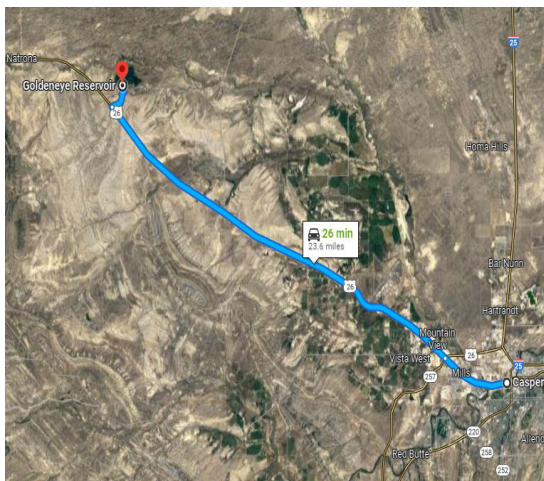
Goldeneye Reservoir / Burlington Lake is located on 1,153 acres consisting of 733 acres of BLM-managed public lands, 280 acres of State land and 140 acres of private land. The lake was originally constructed by Burlington Railroad.

The area attracts wildlife such as deer, antelope and waterfowl, and the fishing here offers good sized trout and walleye. The lake bottom is mossy, so a boat helps if open-water fishing.

The one mile gravel road off Hwy 20/26 takes you to the recreation facilities with a boat ramp, vault toilets, and picnic and parking areas.

DAY USE ONLY/NO FEE

There are no campsites and dispersed camping at the recreation area is not allowed. Free dispersed camping is allowed, however, on BLM lands between Hwy 20/26 and the recreation area.



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DIRECTIONS:

- From Casper, travel northwest on US Hwy 20/26 for about 22 miles.
- Turn right on the access road and follow the road for 1.2 miles to the boat ramp and parking area.