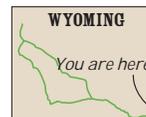


ROCKIES TO TETONS



This route traces a path between two of the most iconic and majestic mountain ranges in the United States: The Rockies and Tetons. Wind through Wyoming and experience the recreational and historical activities provided by this contoured land.



Next, travel along the **Snowy Range Scenic Byway**, open from late spring through mid-November. It starts in Centennial and crosses the Medicine Bow Mountain Range.

Detour on your way to Rawlins to **Seminole State Park** north of I-80, surrounded by white sand dunes and home to thousands of prong-

horn, the **Seminole Mountains**, **Seminole Reservoir** and the "Miracle Mile" of the North Platte River.

Or head south to explore **Saratoga and Encampment**. Saratoga is perhaps best known for its **Mineral Hot**

Springs, but also draws folks to blue-ribbon trout fishing on the **Freestone River**. Encampment rests at the base of the **Sierra Madres** and is the gateway to the **Medicine Bow Forest**. The 114-year-old **Grand Encampment Opera House** still presents melodramas, plays and dinner theaters.

ROUTE A

RAWLINS TO LANDER

Rawlins dates back to when tracks were first laid for the **Union Pacific Railroad** in Wyoming. It's the center of a thriving sheep and cattle industry and is best known for the **Wyoming Frontier Prison**. Known as the "Old Pen," this museum is said to be haunted with history.

A break from the interstate will take you on **Hwy 287** to the **South Pass City State Historic Site**. North of the historic **Oregon Trail**, the city was built in 1867 during the gold-mining boom.

Stop at **Sinks Canyon State Park**, a geologic phenom

where the **Popo Agie River** vanishes into a cavern and reappears in a pool a half mile down the canyon. **Lander** has several ways to stretch your legs in the **Wind River Range**: mountain climbing, fishing, miles of hiking trails and the **Beaver Creek cross-country skiing trail system**.

LANDER TO RIVERTON

Northeast of Lander is the town of **Riverton**, home to the 1838 **Mountain Man Rendezvous**, a gathering of Native Americans, fur trappers and mountain men. Test your modern-day skills at the **Wind River Casino**. In summer, it hosts a weekly **Northern Arapaho Experience**, where traditional dances are performed.

RIVERTON TO DUBOIS

Next up is **Dubois**, the perfect Old West town. Stop at the **National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center**, which tells the story of one of Wyoming's signature animals — the **Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep**.

DUBOIS TO YELLOWSTONE

From **Dubois**, head to the **Moran Junction** on **Hwy 26**, where you'll choose your final destination: **Grand Teton National Park** or **Yellowstone National Park**. **Grand Teton National Park's** peaks are popular with climbers, hikers and photographers. **Yellowstone National Park** has served for generations as a sort of living museum, its natural splendors giving visitors an up-close-and-personal glimpse of what the continent was like in the days before recorded history.

ROUTE B

RAWLINS TO ROCK SPRINGS

From **Rawlins**, instead of heading on a northerly track, you can opt to go west on **I-80** through the wide-open lands of the **Red Desert** and **Great Divide Basin**, home to a plethora of wildlife. See if you can spot the world's

only desert elk herd or the largest herd of pronghorn in the area around **Wamsutter**. Farther down **I-80**, stop off at the **Point of Rocks Stage Station** just south of the highway, where you'll find the abandoned yet only-remaining intact station on the **Overland Trail**. There's a building to explore, then walk a quarter-mile down the trail to view a fenced-in collection of 19th-century gravesites.

Continue on to **Rock Springs**, a former coal-mining town where the infamous outlaw **Robert Leroy Parker**, aka **George "Butch" Cassidy**, earned his moniker while working as a butcher. For a glimpse of local life in the old days, visit the **Rock Springs Historical Museum**, or swing by the **Community Fine Arts Center** to admire works from renowned artists like **Norman Rockwell**.

ROCK SPRINGS TO PINEDALE

As you depart, overshoot **Rock Springs** by a few miles for a detour southwest to **Green River**, which makes an ideal base for exploring **Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area** or **Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge**. Circle back to follow **Hwy 191** north toward the **Killepecker Sand Dunes**, a sprawling natural sandbox that's popular with both off-road vehicle enthusiasts and hikers who take to the trails around **Boar's Tusk** — the core of an ancient volcano. Also nearby are the **White Mountain Petroglyphs** hundreds of etchings into sandstone cliffs.

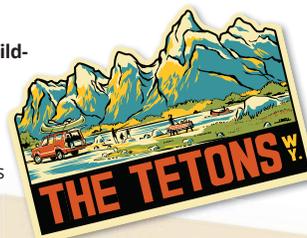
PINEDALE TO JACKSON

Once you arrive in **Pinedale**, consider staying at one of the welcoming dude and guest

ranches for a real taste of Old West character. Check out the collection of old-school rides at **Buckys Vintage Snowmobile Museum**, or the **Museum of the Mountain Man's** fur-trading relics. From there, jump back on **Hwy 191** and make your way to **Jackson**, cutting through the southern end of **Bridger-Teton National Forest**.

JACKSON TO TETONS/YELLOWSTONE

A stop in the recreation hub of **Jackson** situates visitors to take advantage of outdoor activities year-round. **Jackson** is home to the **National Elk Refuge**, a safe haven for thousands of elk each winter. **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort** is famous for its skiing, but summer months are wonderful for outdoor activities like whitewater rafting on the **SNAKE RIVER**, arts and dining. Go north again to reach the end of your route at either the ethereal mountain landscape of **Grand Teton National Park** or **Yellowstone's** legendary landmarks.



Route Overview

Route A: Rawlins to Lander & Beyond
Distance: About 469 miles
Estimated Drive Time: 7.75 hours

Route B: Rawlins to Rock Springs; Rock Springs to Pinedale & Beyond
Distance: About 452 miles
Estimated Drive Time: 7.5 hours

FROM LEFT: VEDAUWOO RECREATION AREA, MATTHEW IDLER; DUBOIS NATIONAL BIGHORN SHEEP CENTER, JEFF VANUGA.