

**RV TRIPGEN**

The Complete Guide to  
RV Travel in

# Wyoming

Speed limits, towing rules, NPS reservations, wind closures, Teton size limits,  
and everything else you need to know before you cross the state line.

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Wyoming is one of the most iconic RV states in the country: Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Devils Tower, the Bighorns, and Flaming Gorge in one state. It's also the least-populated state in the Lower 48, which means empty roads and serious distances between services. Two real planning constraints dominate Wyoming RV travel: wind, which routinely closes I-80 between Laramie and Rawlins to high-profile vehicles for hours or days at a time, and the Yellowstone/Teton reservation system, which now books out 6-12 months ahead for peak summer. Plan around both and Wyoming delivers some of the best big-sky RV trips you can do in the West. The shoulder seasons (May, September) are the sweet spot before everything closes for winter.

## Wyoming by the numbers

<b>Boondocking + dispersed sites</b>	751
<b>Established campgrounds</b>	317
<b>Dump stations</b>	77
<b>Propane refills</b>	27
<b>Potable water fill-ups</b>	101
<b>Laundromats</b>	37
<b>RV showers</b>	45
<b>Verified-bad spots (overnight prohibited)</b>	35

Source: iOverlander community database (76% of Wyoming spots verified in the last 24 months).

## Driving rules

<b>Interstate (cars)</b>	80 mph (rural I-80 / I-25 stretches; 75 mph elsewhere)
<b>Interstate (trucks + towing)</b>	70 mph
<b>US/State highway (cars)</b>	70 mph
<b>US/State highway (towing)</b>	65 mph
<b>Built-up areas</b>	25-35 mph (posted)
<b>Drive on</b>	Right
<b>RV passenger seatbelts</b>	Required for front-seat occupants; under-18s in all seats
<b>Cell phone use while driving</b>	Texting banned statewide; some cities ban hand-held (Cheyenne, Laramie). Stay hands-free.

## Highways

### RV-friendly corridors

Highway	Note
I-80	Cheyenne west across the southern tier to Utah. Big-rig standard but the most wind-affected interstate in the country. Watch wyoroad.info wind closures (closures to "light/empty" or "high-profile" vehicles happen on dozens of days/year).
I-25	Cheyenne north to Buffalo, Sheridan, and on to Montana. Wind-exposed but less so than I-80.
I-90	Buffalo east through Sheridan and Gillette to South Dakota. Standard interstate.
US-26 / US-287	Jackson southeast through Dubois and on toward Lander/Casper. Togwotee Pass (9,658 ft) is the only sustained climb -- open year-round but chains in heavy snow.
US-191	Jackson north into Yellowstone (south entrance) and through Pinedale south to I-80. Easy.
US-14 / US-14A / US-16 (Bighorn crossings)	Three routes across the Bighorns; all three are scenic mountain passes. US-14A has the steepest grades.
US-30 / WY-789	Rawlins north to Lander and on to the Wind River. Standard.

### RV-restricted segments

Segment	Restriction
Grand Teton Inner Park Loop & access roads	Antelope Flats and some pullouts have 30-ft vehicle limits. The road to Jenny Lake is RV-accessible but tight at the visitor center.
Yellowstone Beartooth approach (US-212)	10,947 ft; switchbacks. Open late May to mid-October. Legal for big rigs but not pleasant for fifth wheels.
Chief Joseph Scenic Byway (WY-296)	8,000+ ft; switchbacks. Closed in winter. Rigs over 35 ft tough.
Mirror Lake Highway approach (WY-150)	Crosses into Utah; high-elevation, closed Nov-May.
South Pass City / Atlantic City spur (WY-28 access)	Dirt access roads to historic mining camps; not for big rigs.

## Mountain passes

Pass	Elevation	Note
Togwotee Pass (US-26/287)	9658 ft	Open year-round; chains in heavy snow.

Teton Pass (WY-22)	8431 ft	Open year-round but steep 10% grades both sides; trailers prohibited for the final climb in winter. Use US-26 through Hoback if towing.
Beartooth Pass (US-212)	10947 ft	Open late May to mid-Oct only.
Snowy Range Pass (WY-130)	10847 ft	Closed Nov-May.
Powder River Pass (US-16, Bighorns)	9666 ft	Open year-round; chains in storms.
Granite Pass (US-14, Bighorns)	8950 ft	Open year-round; chains in storms.
Burgess Junction / US-14A (Bighorns)	9430 ft	Steep 10% grades; mid-Memorial-Day to mid-Nov typically. NOT recommended for rigs over 30 ft.
South Pass (WY-28)	7550 ft	Open year-round; gentle grade.
Sherman Summit (I-80)	8640 ft	Highest interstate point in the US; open year-round but wind/ground-blizzard prone.
Sylvan Pass (Yellowstone east entrance)	8530 ft	Closes in winter (~Nov-Apr); avalanche control.

## National parks + monuments

National Park / Monument	Entry fee	Reservation note
Yellowstone NP	\$35/vehicle (7 days), \$80 America the Beautiful annual	12 campgrounds; 5 reservable via recreation.gov (Madison, Canyon, Bridge Bay, Grant, Fishing Bridge RV) all booking 6+ months out. Fishing Bridge is the only hookup campground (50/30A) and books fastest. Others first-come; arrive by 0800 in summer. Bear-safe food storage strictly enforced.
Grand Teton NP	\$35/vehicle (7 days)	6 campgrounds; Colter Bay and Gros Ventre reservable, others first-come. Headwaters at Flagg Ranch and Colter Bay RV Park (concessioner) have hookups. Wildlife (bears, moose, bison) are routinely on campground roads -- give them 100 yards.
Devils Tower NM	\$25/vehicle (7 days)	Belle Fourche Campground reservable May-Sep; RVs to 35 ft. Climbers' camping closer to the tower; RV-friendly. Stunning at sunrise.
Fort Laramie NHS	Free entry	Day-use only; nearest RV in Guernsey State Park or Torrington.
Fossil Butte NM	Free entry	Day-use only; nearest RV in Kemmerer.
Bighorn Canyon NRA (Wyoming portion)	Free entry; camping \$15-30	Horseshoe Bend (MT side) and Barry's Landing reachable from Lovell. Mostly accessed from Montana.

## State parks

Wyoming operates 14 state parks plus historic sites. Most have basic RV sites without hookups; a few have electric (Glendo, Boysen, Buffalo Bill, Keyhole, Sinks Canyon). Reservable up to 4 months ahead via [wyoparks.wyo.gov](http://wyoparks.wyo.gov) or 1-877-WYO-PARK. Non-resident camping \$26-39/night with electric, \$16-22 primitive. Non-resident day-use \$9/vehicle.

## Boondocking + dispersed camping

**BLM:** Wyoming is roughly 50% federal land and BLM dominates the basins between mountain ranges -- the Red Desert, Bridger Basin, Bighorn Basin, and large stretches around Pinedale and Rock Springs. Free 14-day dispersed camping is the default outside developed recreation areas. The Killpecker Sand Dunes (NW of Rock Springs) is a popular free boondock. Carry water -- the basins are dry.

**National Forest:** Bridger-Teton, Shoshone, Bighorn, Medicine Bow-Routt, and Black Hills National Forests cover the mountain ranges. Free dispersed camping along forest roads; 14-day limit. Popular FR areas around Jackson (Bridger-Teton) fill summer weekends and many are increasingly restricted -- check Jackson Ranger District for current dispersed-camping closures. Fire restrictions Jul-Sep most years.

**Stay limit:** 14 days at any one location (federal rule, applies to BLM and NF dispersed).

## Tribal lands

Wyoming has 2 federally-recognized tribes co-managing one reservation: the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho on the Wind River Reservation in central Wyoming (around Fort Washakie / Ethete). Tribal land is sovereign; dispersed camping not permitted without permission. Tribal fishing permits separate from state. The Wind River Heritage Center and powwows (Sun Dance late summer; Eastern Shoshone Indian Days in June) are major events -- respect ceremony rules.

## Propane, dump stations, fuel

**Propane:** Reliable in Cheyenne, Casper, Laramie, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Gillette, Jackson, Cody, and along I-80/I-25. Sparse in the Red Desert (Rawlins is the last reliable westbound; nothing dependable for 100+ miles), the Wind River Reservation (limited stops in Riverton and Lander), and the western Bighorns. U-Haul reliable; many small-town hardware and ranch supply stores do refills.

**Dump stations:** Wyoming state parks all have free dumps for paid guests. Flying J / Pilot stops along I-80 and I-25 charge \$10-15. Jackson, Cody, Sheridan, and Cheyenne have multiple commercial options. Most Yellowstone-gateway campgrounds in West Yellowstone (MT) and Cody dump for guests.

**Fuel:** Diesel widely available along interstates. Long gaps to watch: I-80 Rawlins to Rock Springs (105 miles, multiple stations but wind-closure trap); US-26/287 Jackson to Dubois (60 miles over Togwotee, last reliable before WY-Wind River corridor); US-14 over the Bighorns (Greybull/Lovell to Sheridan is 100+ miles); WY-789/US-287 between Rawlins and Lander (90+ miles). Wyoming fuel taxes among the lowest in the country -- fill before crossing into Colorado or Idaho. Carry an extra 5 gallons for non-interstate routes.

## Weather windows

**Best months:** Mid-June through mid-September for the mountains. Daytime highs 70-85 F in summer; nights drop to 30-50 F at elevation even in July. May and September are the shoulder windows -- cold

nights but much less crowded.

**Avoid:** October through May for anything over 7,000 ft. Yellowstone interior roads close in November and reopen in stages through May (only the north loop and the route Mammoth-Cooke City stays open year-round, and only Mammoth-Tower in winter). Wyoming wind closures on I-80 happen any month but are worst Nov-Mar.

### Climate caution

Wyoming wind closures are the single biggest planning constraint. WYDOT closes I-80 to "light, high-profile" vehicles regularly between Laramie and Rawlins; closures to ALL traffic happen during ground blizzards Nov-Mar. Sign up for [wyoroad.info](https://wyoroad.info) alerts. A 40-ft motorhome with a slide is high-profile. Don't try to outrun a closure warning -- WYDOT will detour you off the interstate at the next exit.

## Emergency + road conditions

<b>State patrol</b>	Dial *HP (*47) from a cell phone for Wyoming Highway Patrol non-emergency
<b>Road conditions</b>	<a href="https://wyoroad.info">https://wyoroad.info</a>

## How RV TripGen helps

### I-80 wind-closure aware routing

RV Tripgen subscribes to WYDOT high-wind warnings and reroutes I-80 trips through I-25 + I-90 when closures to high-profile vehicles are forecast Laramie-Rawlins.

### Yellowstone/Teton reservation lead time

RV Tripgen flags any Yellowstone or Teton itinerary planned inside the 6-month reservation window and warns when Fishing Bridge RV (the only hookups) is already full for your dates.