

Cody, Wyoming Small Town-Big Adventures



Cody, Wyoming is a small town that was founded by Buffalo Bill Cody. The town of Cody was incorporated in 1901 and was one of the last frontiers in the lower 48 states. In 1900 there were more than 300 settlers that immigrated to Cody, but there was an issue, lack of water. Water was an issue because ranchers and farmers had a rough time trying to make a living. Buffalo Bill decided it was a brilliant idea to build a canal right through Cody which happened in 1895. This helped the ranchers and farmers. The Buffalo Bill reservoir was a basin at one point. A dam was completed in 1910 and filled the basin, bringing water and power to Cody and beyond.



Locals cliff jumping into the reservoir

City of Cody

Cody is governed by a Mayor that is elected by the people. The town also has six council members that are elected to serve three wards. They have meetings on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:00P.M and can be found on local news channels. It is very common for many citizens to attend these meetings.

Teddy Roosevelt on an Expedition in Yellowstone Park



Theodore Roosevelt was president when Cody was founded. Roosevelt came to Cody and went on an expedition in Yellowstone National Park.

Business of Cody

The oldest business in Cody is the “Cody Enterprise”. It is biweekly newspaper that was founded in 1899 by Buffalo Bill Cody. The largest business in Cody is tourism.

Tourism

There is an endless array of activities that draw tourists to Cody. Some of the annual events are:



Annual Cody Pow Wow

This event is held the 3rd weekend in June at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West grounds. Native Americans from all around the U.S. to compete in various events.



Cody Night Rodeo

The Cody night rodeo takes place every summer from June 1 to August 31. The Cody Stampede Rodeo is the biggest rodeo of the year that happens on July 1, 2, 3 and 4th. Contestants from all around the world compete at these events. The 4th of July is a grand experience complete with many parades, craft booths, local singing talent, and much more, culminating with fireworks on the night of the 4th. Tourists arrive annually and the city’s population swells to overflowing.



Buffalo Bill Center of the West

The Buffalo Bill Center of the West has many annual events including the Buffalo Bill Invitational Shootout and the Rendezvous Royale. This museum is connected with the Smithsonian it has five museum under one roof. You can check out their web site at www.centerofthewest.org. The Cody Firearms Museum is one of the largest and most important collections of American and European firearms to be found in the United States. The other four include the history of Cody and Buffalo Bill, The Plains Indian Museum, The Whitney Western Art Museum, and the Draper. "The Draper Natural History Museum is your premier scientific resource for Greater Yellowstone wildlife and ecology of Natural History." It is not uncommon for people to spend two days here because there is so much to see and do. Your admission tickets are good for two days of exploration.



The Cody Ice Climbing Festival

The President's Day weekend event is known as the CODY ICE CLIMBING FESTIVAL. Ice climbers come from all over the world to the South Fork Valley to climb 300 various waterfalls.



Spelunking

Spelunking (caving) in Sprit Mountain another hair-raising activity. This is a year round hobby in which, I am particularly fond of.



Hunting and Fishing

Hunting and fishing is well known for both local and national sport hunters. There are outfitters to guide these interests. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy hunting black bear, mountain lions, moose, elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, numerous small game and fly fishing.

Hiking and Horseback in the Back Country



The back country is something that both tourists and locals enjoy. Hiking, backpacking, horseback pack trips, winter snowshoeing and skiing are among the activities that are enjoyed.



The Heart Mountain Interpretive Center

In the not so distant past, we confined our American Japanese citizens in internment camps. One such camp was located near Cody and a museum was constructed to help people remember this unfortunate part of our history. It is open in the summer months and accurately depicts the Japanese plight.



Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone is one of the most exotic places on Earth filled with wildlife, geysers, water falls, lakes, rivers mountain ranges and much more. Anyone who comes to this area would be sold short if they didn't spend some time in this fabulous first established National Park.

In conclusion, there are many more activities not even mentioned. You can spend weeks in Cody and the area and still not see and do it all.



The Irma Hotel

The oldest building in Cody, Buffalo Bill Cody constructed and named after his daughter Irma.

The hotel is still in use today and you can stay here by calling (307) 587-4221 or visiting their website. The Cody Visitor Center also has many lodging venues available at:

www.codychamber.org/visitorcenter.

One can take a beautiful drive into Cody or fly into the Yellowstone Regional Airport located in the City of Cody.

This is definitely a small town with many big adventures to be experienced.

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