

Wyoming's Platte County Ready to Welcome Travelers Impacted by the Yellowstone Flooding

Wyoming's Platte County, June 17, 2022 – Yellowstone National Park and its surrounding communities recently experienced heavy flooding, causing rockslides, damaged roads and extremely hazardous conditions that have closed the park for an unknown period of time. Visitors who find their vacation plans changed are encouraged to detour to Wyoming's Platte County in southeastern Wyoming as an alternative destination that's full of family fun and adventure all summer long!

Platte County is home to five charming and inviting small towns: Chugwater, Glendo, Guernsey, Hartville and Wheatland. It's the only county in Wyoming home to two state parks, the stunning and adventure-packed Glendo and Guernsey State Parks. Home to epic water sports and record-setting fishing, Glendo State Park also includes a 3D archery range, full-service marina, and over 500 tent and RV spots. The beautiful Guernsey State Park – also a national historic site – offers up fantastic views and can't-miss landmarks built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Enjoy swimming, cliff diving, horseback riding and so much more.

The town of Guernsey is not only beautiful (the Platte River flows right through town!), it's also full of historical gems. Visit the Oregon Trail Ruts – impressive 6-foot-deep ruts carved into sandstone by the thousands of wagon wheels that carried pioneers through the area as they journeyed west. Another unique landmark is Register Cliff, where these same pioneers carved their names into stone to commemorate their epic journeys. Close your own historic journey with a stop at the Guernsey Museum, float the river or visit the local park and pool for more fun in the sun.

Looking to satisfy your savory or sweet tooth? Hometown favorite Chugwater Chili (stop in for a free sample!), the truly western Stampede Saloon and Eatery, and the state's oldest operating soda fountain can all be found on Chugwater's quaint main street. If you want to experience the best steak of your life in the remnants of a rough-and-tumble mining town, Miner's and Stockman's Steakhouse & Spirits – Wyoming's oldest bar in Hartville, Wyoming's oldest town – serves world-class steaks and whiskey.

Wheatland is Platte's County's largest community, offering a wide variety of shopping, dining, and activities. Home to the Platte County Fairgrounds, visitors can enjoy the annual county fair and rodeo every summer, and the historic downtown is home to car shows and other fun festivals and events. Lewis Park is an outstanding recreational area, featuring a walking path, playground, tennis courts, basketball court, horseshoes, Frisbee and mini-golf courses, exercise stations and a brand-new pickleball court.

Turn a visit to Platte County into a game and win prizes for participating! The [“Road Trip Adventure Through Wyoming's Platte County”](#) passport is a free program that any local resident or visitor can sign up for, showing participants every exciting and unique experience Platte County has to offer in an easy, mobile-friendly way. Check in at certain locations to earn prizes and collect winnings at the Platte County

Visitor Center in Wheatland. Anyone looking to visit Platte County can get signed up today at <https://wyplatteco.com/roadtrip/>.

With 18 hotels – ranging from unique local gems to well-known chains – and more than 700 camping spots across the county, Wyoming’s Platte County is open and ready to welcome visitors for an unforgettable summer getaway! Learn more at WYPlatteCo.com.

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