



HISTORY

The history of Buffalo Bill Reservoir and “Cody Country” is rooted in the rich lore of the old West. Buffalo Bill State Park was named for Colonel William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, famous as a wild west showman, promoter and developer. He first came to the region in the 1870s as a guide for a survey expedition and spent the next 20 years guiding and sponsoring hunting parties in the area.

“Buffalo Bill” Cody was influential in bringing irrigation and agricultural development into the area and founded the town in 1896 that bears his name. Some of the land now occupied by Buffalo Bill State Park was originally owned by Colonel Cody and was acquired from him by the federal government to implement the reservoir project.

Work began on the dam in 1905. When completed in 1910, it was the highest dam in the world at 325 feet. Buffalo Bill State Park was established in 1957 and provided recreational areas and facilities along the original shoreline. In 1993, an eight-year project was completed that raised the crest of the dam 25 feet and increased the reservoir storage capacity. The enlarged reservoir inundated the former recreation areas and required removal of the old park facilities. Buffalo Bill State Park has been redeveloped as part of that project.

RESERVE A GROUP FACILITY

Group picnic shelters are at Sheep Mountain and Bartlett Lane day use areas. Shreve Lodge provides a setting for group functions. Trout Creek Group Camping Area accommodates overnight use. Call Park Headquarters to reserve.

SURROUNDINGS

Mountains dominate the scenery at Buffalo Bill State Park. Shoshone Canyon, where the dam is located, is framed by Rattlesnake Mountain to the north and Cedar Mountain (also known as Spirit Mountain) to the south. Farther west, along the north shoreline, lies Logan Mountain. The north and south forks of the Shoshone River are divided by Sheep Mountain, while prominent on the southern skyline is Carter Mountain. All are part of the Rocky Mountain Absaroka (Ab-Sor'-ka) Range. Elevations vary from approximately 5,400 feet in the state park to more than 12,000 feet in the Absarokas.

FISHING

Licenses are available at Game & Fish Department offices or from local selling agents.

Buffalo Bill Reservoir, excluding South Fork and Diamond Creek Dike Ponds in Park County.

That portion lying west of a straight line connecting the mouths of Rattlesnake Creek and Sheep Creek (commonly known as Spring Creek) up the drainage to Gibbs Bridge is closed to fishing from April 1 through July 14.

The creel limit on trout (excluding lake trout) shall be three (3) per day or in possession. No more than two (2) shall be cutthroat trout; and, no more than one (1) trout (excluding lake trout) shall exceed eighteen (18) inches.

The creel limit on lake trout shall be six (6) per day or in possession. No more than one (1) lake trout shall exceed twenty four (24) inches.

North Fork of the Shoshone River Drainage from Newton Creek downstream to Gibbs Bridge (including Newton Creek) in Park County.

Closed to fishing from April 1 through June 30.

North Fork of the Shoshone River Drainage upstream of Gibbs Bridge in Park County.

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PARK RULES

- Obey signs, traffic barriers and speed limits
- Motorized vehicles shall be operated only on roads, trails or areas designated for such use. A valid driver's license or learner's permit is required.
- Use of firearms and fireworks is prohibited.
- Camping in designated camping sites is restricted to one camping unit (tent, travel trailer or motor vehicle designed for camping) plus two licensed vehicles (car or boat, RV trailer) plus a maximum of 10 people (immediate family members, kids, grandparents, etc. of permit holder) may exceed this number.
- Camping is permitted for a maximum of 14 consecutive days. Valid camping permits are required.
- Quiet shall be maintained in all camping areas from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- All pets must be kept on a leash
- Fires are permitted in provided fireplaces/grills and must be extinguished before leaving.
- Glass containers must be used in vehicles or camping structures.
- Fishing and boating are permitted subject to the regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
- No fishing within 20 yards of any boat ramp/dock or designated beach area
- Park dumpsters are for park refuse only – litter and trash must be disposed of in provided containers.
- A complete list of rules and regulations is available at the Park office.

PARK FEES

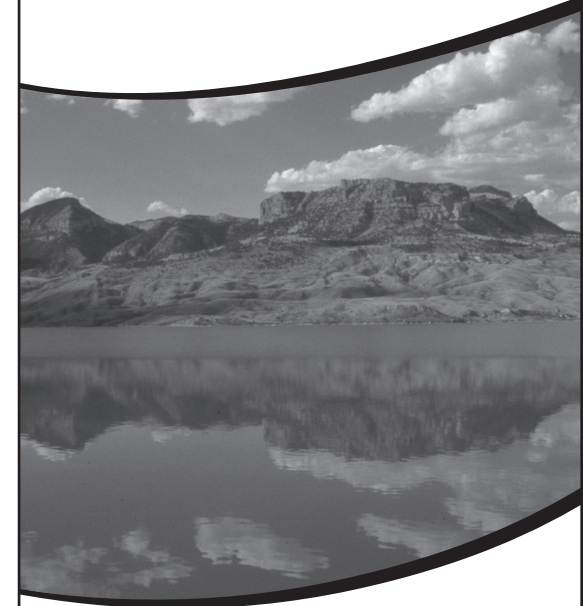
The daily use fee is \$4 per resident vehicle, or \$6 per non-resident vehicle, and is required to enter and use park areas and facilities. An annual daily use permit is available.

The camping fee is \$10 per resident vehicle or \$17 per non-resident vehicle (includes daily use fee.) An annual camping permit is also available for Wyoming residents.

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WYOMING STATE PARKS, HISTORIC SITES & TRAILS

Buffalo Bill State Park



Welcome to an area where outdoor recreation is a way of life, where opportunities abound for camping, picnicking, boating and fishing.

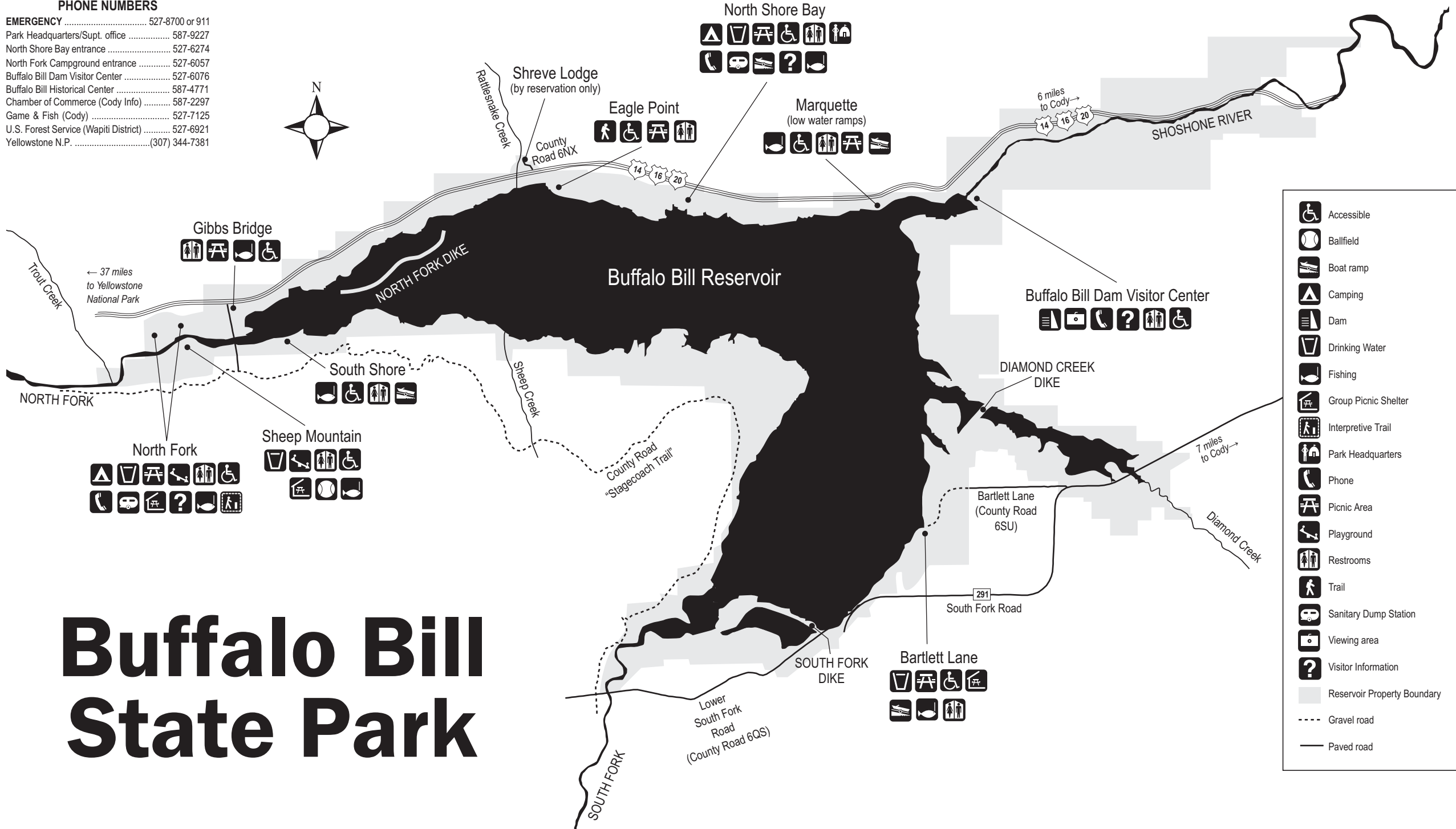
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Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails

Buffalo Bill State Park is administered by the Division of State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails, Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources.
<http://wyoparks.state.wy.us>

PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 527-8700 or 911
 Park Headquarters/Supt. office 587-9227
 North Shore Bay entrance 527-6274
 North Fork Campground entrance 527-6057
 Buffalo Bill Dam Visitor Center 527-6076
 Buffalo Bill Historical Center 587-4771
 Chamber of Commerce (Cody Info) 587-2297
 Game & Fish (Cody) 527-7125
 U.S. Forest Service (Wapiti District) 527-6921
 Yellowstone N.P.(307) 344-7381



Buffalo Bill State Park

- Accessible
- Ballfield
- Boat ramp
- Camping
- Dam
- Drinking Water
- Fishing
- Group Picnic Shelter
- Interpretive Trail
- Park Headquarters
- Phone
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Trail
- Sanitary Dump Station
- Viewing area
- Visitor Information
- Reservoir Property Boundary
- Gravel road
- Paved road