

Outdoor Adventure Haven



Lander: Wyoming's Outdoor Adventure Haven

The town of Lander offers the peace and tranquility of a remote mountain town with enough excitement and adventure to keep you entertained for days.

Epic rock climbing, hiking, backpacking, and fishing await you in and around this town's prized state park: Sinks Canyon. Here you'll (willingly) get lost in fields of endless wildflowers, hike to summits offering stunning views, and rock climb your way up towering crags that offer a rare thrill, only to be experienced in Wyoming's Wind River Range. Home to the annual International Rock Climbers Festival, it is no wonder that thousands of accomplished rock climbers flock to this area of the state on a regular basis.



Sure, you've got world-class rock climbing right at your finger tips, but what every visitor (self-proclaimed rock climber, family vacationer, or otherwise) will for sure experience is this town's inviting atmosphere and warm hospitality. "Lander is one of those special places people choose to visit because they feel welcome from the instant they step foot in our community," said Gary Michaud, City Resource Coordinator of Lander, Wyoming. "Our city is centrally located in an extremely scenic part of the state, offers quality local restaurants, a great shopping experience, and award-winning microbrews." Community, among Lander's glorious mountain views, is one of the key elements that makes this town all that it is.

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Run into Wild Iris Mountain Sports (or any other store for that matter!), and the employees will offer up need-to-know tips to get you up that challenging route, point out the best hiking and camping spots, and show you what you need to experience all this area has to offer. The same goes for any one of the town's delicious little foodie hot-spots. While Lander may be coined as a "climber's town," we argue that foodies from rivaling cities will be pleasantly surprised at what this town has to offer from a culinary standpoint. Gannett Grill is a must for anyone looking for a chill, laid-back atmosphere with a local, grass fed all-beef burger that will knock your socks off. You'll be hard pressed to leave this place without conversing with a local and subsequently making a new friend. Looking to start your day of adventure off right? Make your way to the Middle Fork for the best cup of french press coffee you've had in years and a decadent side of beignets (fried donuts). If you're traveling in the summertime, we recommend sitting out by the patio where you'll enjoy the fresh breeze and the peaceful sound of the creek right along the picket fence that encloses this delightful little area. After you've indulged, set out to do some exploring. After all, it is Lander, and all of this beauty is just waiting to be discovered.



Hike, bike, climb, run, walk, drive, ride, or wander. Whatever your fancy, just make sure you get outside. The Wind River Mountains are easily one of the most incredible sights in the entire state, but the vastness and remoteness of this range can be overwhelming. It's hard to decide where to go and what to do first! For some guidance, check out one of the area's local outfitters, or stop by Wind River Outdoor Company. Better yet, stay at a dude ranch nearby, like Allen's Diamond Four Ranch, where you'll get to go on a guided pack trip to drink in the area's majestic surroundings. Need an exciting excuse

to get away and experience Lander for real? The town has several annual events that bring out the charm and vibrancy of the Wind River Country. Climb with the pros at the International Climbers Festival, or drink in the city's local art at Lander Riverfest where original, handcrafted art is sold and entertainment, demonstrations, food, and live music are in plenty. What are you waiting for? Grab your backpack, hiking shoes, a tent, and your carefree spirit, and throw caution to the wind as you explore one of Wyoming's best kept secrets: Lander, Wyoming. We'll see you there!

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