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in the
Buffalo Bill Country



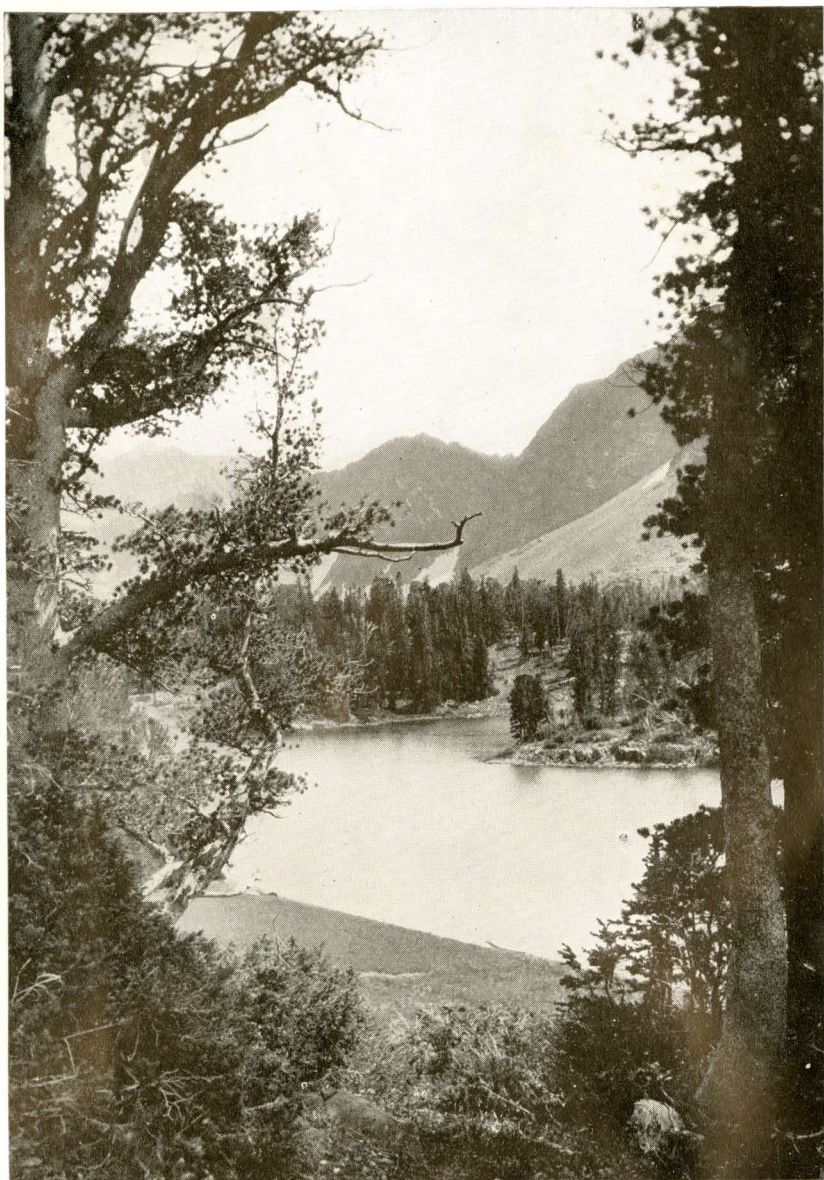
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"To breathe the pure mountain air of Wyoming's high places, to spend joyful days fishing and climbing the mountains afoot or on horseback, and to find surcease from care and business in the refreshing sleep which the keen Wyoming nights early induce."

IT'S BIG MEDICINE



The Buffalo Bill Country

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THE BUFFALO BILL COUNTRY

WHEN John Colter, Jim Bridger, Lewis and Clark, and other intrepid western explorers reached that section of the Northwest occupied by the Absaroka Mountains and what later became the Shoshone National Forest, they became wary, and the reason for this was that they hardly knew from one moment to the next when they would bump into a band of Indians only too ready to indicate by rather unmistakable—not to say extreme means, their hostility to any encroachment upon their domain by the white man.

There was nothing very surprising about the red man's attitude when one recalls that for a long time prior to the coming of the first whites various Indian tribes had warred against each other more or less incessantly for possession of this charmed land. Its grassy meadows, hidden valleys and great forests broken here and there by certain little parklike areas that made ideal camping places, abounded in deer, elk, moose, mountain sheep, beaver, otter, mink and other wild game tempting to the Indian palate and useful as to leather for various belts, straps, thongs, footgear, headgear and other articles of apparel; for tepee covering and blankets; useful as to teeth, bones and claws in the way of personal adornment; useful to hunt with the tiny feathered shaft for the sheer joy of the chase.

Hundreds of little streams that started in the eternal snows high up on the mountains and came rushing through the forests and tumbling over rocky ledges on their way down to the big river Shoshone, teemed with agile and toothsome trout.

Overhead eagles sailed majestically, and occasionally a warrior's craft would be rewarded by one of these whose wing and tail feathers represented the incomparable ultimate in good fortune.

It was an ideal country well known to Sioux, Crow, Blackfoot, Cheyenne, Nez Perce, Shoshone and other tribes, and well worth all the fighting that was required to maintain a foothold there.

And so the Indians came rather naturally by their custom of eliminating the stranger on sight and arguing about it afterward. But the white man's "heap shoot" sticks were convincing, and with this advantage together with the gold madness that swept over the west later there was no stopping him for good, although history reports that the Indians tried mighty hard.

So the explorers were followed by the miners, and the miners were followed by the rancher, who found here conditions so perfect that fortune smiled immediately and without any coaxing.

Buffalo Bill Cody who knew the west from Kansas to the Canadian border as few other men knew it, chose a site on the South Fork of the Shoshone River for his home ranch—the T E—and although the illustrious colonel joined the Indians and the buffalo in the happy hunting ground a good many years ago, the T E Ranch is still down there on the South Fork—one of the show places of the entire region.

Up on the North Fork he built his hunting lodge and long after the buffalo disappeared from the plains to the East and South he found live targets for his superhuman marksmanship with pistol and rifle. The little settlement where the ranchers came to trade grew and prospered, and quite naturally acquired the name "Cody, Wyoming" which it has borne with distinction these many years, meanwhile growing up to be a sizeable modern city whose name and location are probably better known than any place of like size in the world.

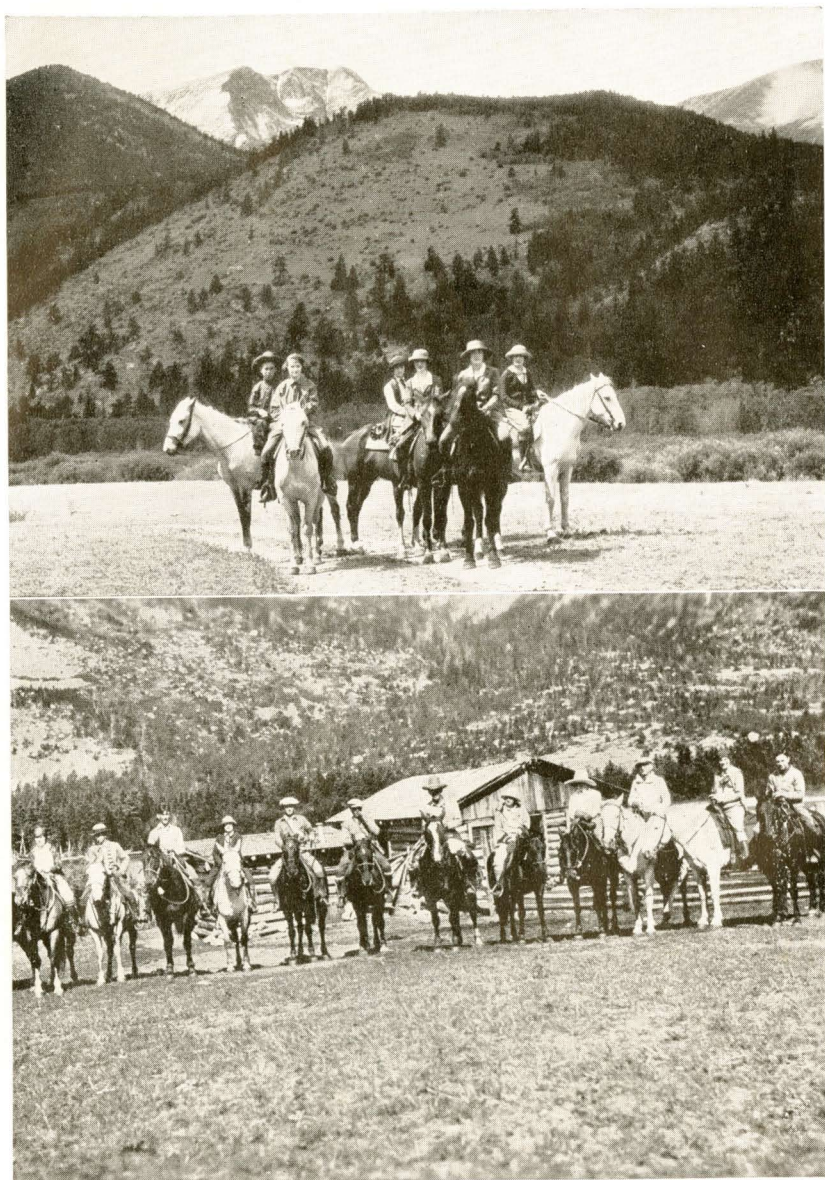


But to get back to the ranches and the ranchers. Guests came from time to time as guests will, and succumbed to the charm of this favored section of lofty mountains, immense forests, flowered valleys, fast-flowing trout streams and beautiful lakes. The Burlington Railroad was extended to Cody and the ideal climatic, scenic and recreational advantages of the region became better known. Lucky were those eastern people who numbered a rancher among their friends and won an invitation to come out for a vacation.

A ranchman on a visit back east made more new friends than a Ward Committeeman, and the desire on the part of Eastern folks to recreate on a ranch grew into a demand that culminated in the "paying guest" idea and the Dude Ranch was the result. One after another rancher threw open his gates to the entertainment of guests for which he was so well fitted by nature and custom, until in a little while the Dude Ranch came to be a great Wyoming institution, whose growth has been phenomenal.



Sylvan Lake, on the Cody Road. Near the eastern edge of Yellowstone Park



Horseback riding is the chief diversion at all the Dude Ranches

THE DUDE RANCH

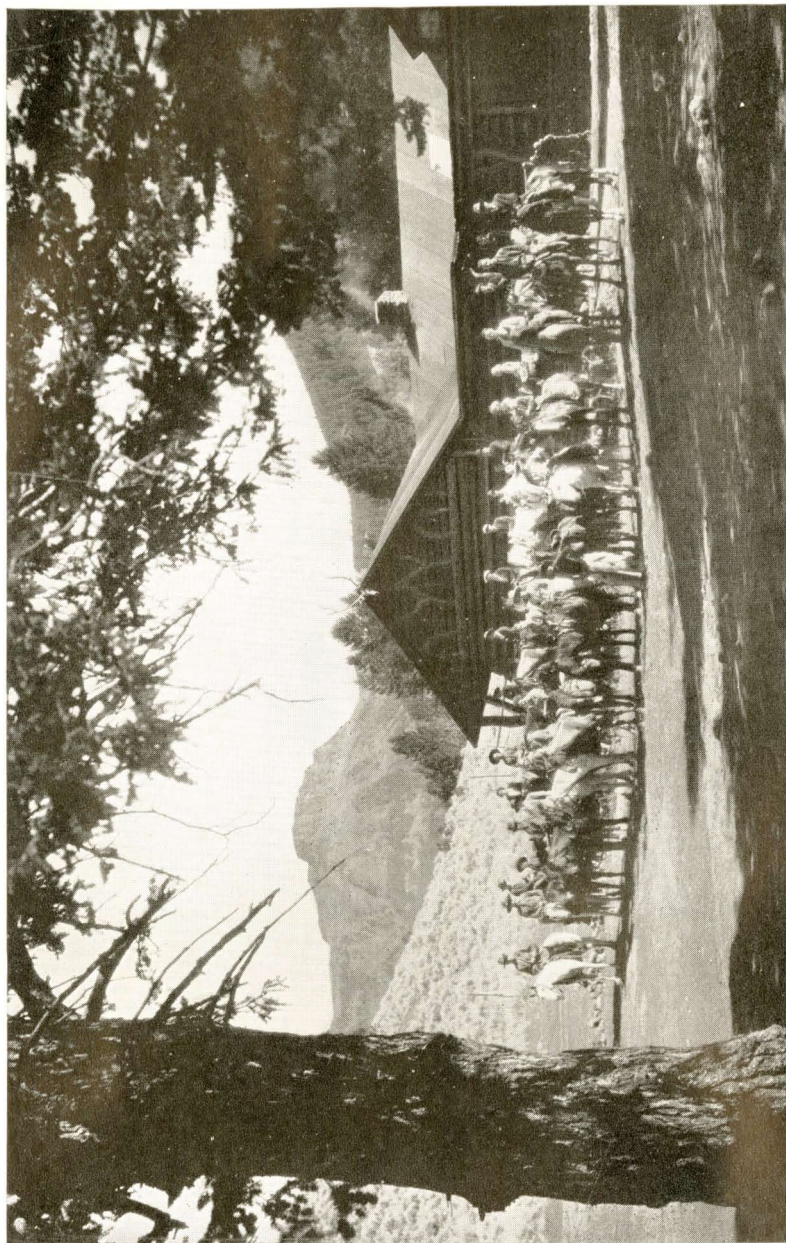
To many people they represent the very acme of vacation enjoyment and guests return year after year to partake of the wholesome food and equally wholesome hospitality dispensed by the boss of the outfit; to breathe the pure mountain air of Wyoming's high places, to spend joyful days fishing and climbing the mountains afoot or on horseback, and to find surcease from care and business in the refreshing sleep which the keen Wyoming nights early induce. *It's "Big Medicine!"*

The country is yet new. The call of the wild is insistently audible. The Indians still live nearby—the streams teem with wily trout; wild flowers bloom in the greatest profusion; almost every day is cloudless the summer through, and the opportunities to rest and recreate are boundless.

At the dude ranches one finds the sort of people most desirable—business and professional men, artists, and men and women of letters who here have found inspiration for some of their best work; here college folk spend ideal vacations, and women and children find the perfect combination of rest, play and healthful out-of-door life. A great majority of guests are easterners who become acquainted with the rancher through mutual friends. Wyoming always "gets" them. They get a whiff of Wyoming's clean health-giving ozone; acquire a becoming tan from Wyoming's everlasting sunshine; they find that the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man; eating becomes less a habit than an urgent and extreme necessity; the mountain trails they discover to be the best leg and lung developer known to science—and Wyoming has a million miles of free climbing. They stay and stay and come back next year for rest, for recreation, for entertainment of a sort possible only here; for horseback riding in western cowboy saddles, for range riding, for the round-up, mountain climbing, trail hiking and some of the finest trout fishing in the world.

The program of entertainment on a dude ranch ranges from riding or climbing all day right down to doing nothing at all. The pursuit of happiness is executed at one's own personal taste in gaits.

The ranches are usually the comfortable homes of the owners of large horse and cattle interests, established many years ago, that have been adapted to the accommodation of visitors, and are located principally along the South and North Forks of the Shoshone River. The other resorts were established especially for and with particular reference to the comfortable accommodation of summer visitors, who, in ever-increasing numbers are appreciating the benefit and enjoyment to be taken from an outing in this inspiring country. Sleeping accommodations are usually provided in comfortable log cabins, or in tent houses which many prefer during the summer months. There is usually a main building having a large living and recreation room, with fire place, window seats, and trophies of many a hunt. Meals are generally served in a common dining room in the main building, and the fare is plain but wholesome with



Off for a morning ride—Holm Lodge

considerable variety—plenty of fresh eggs, butter and milk, game in season, and fish as often as one wants to cast a line.

The visitor must necessarily expect to leave behind the luxuries of civilization, but is not required to "rough it," although he may have all the flavor and surroundings of "roughing it" with none of its hardships. The ranches and resorts are favorably situated and are usually surrounded by lofty forest-covered mountains, many of which are snow-capped and reach altitudes of from 11,000 to 12,000 feet.

The dude ranches of the Buffalo Bill country are listed on the following pages. It is suggested that you correspond directly with them regarding your reservation.

NORTH FORK RANCHES

Reached throughout the summer by motors of the Yellowstone Park Transportation Co., which operate over the road daily between Cody and Yellowstone Park. Cars leave Cody at 9:25 A. M. and, returning, reach Cody at 4:50 P. M.

The schedules of the Yellowstone cars do not permit of their making detours to the resorts, and in those cases in which the destination is some distance from the main road, guests must have arranged with the proprietor to be met at the nearest Cody Road point.

HOLM LODGE

Crossed Sabres Ranch



Located in the Shoshone National Forest, on the Cody Road to Yellowstone Park, fifty miles due west of Cody, Wyo., and only a few miles from the eastern entrance of Yellowstone Park.

It was built and is operated for the purpose of taking care of dudes—outdoor pleasure seekers from the east—in the best manner possible to give them the fullest measure of clean, healthful and restful vacation enjoyment—a paradise for children and a day dream realized for the busy and over-worked home-maker, office and professional men and women.

Do you know the joy of a horseback ride with companionable people to some magnificent viewpoint on the mountain trail? Do you know the flavor of bacon, coffee and just-caught mountain trout cooked over an open campfire? Would you enjoy riding for a week or ten days far in the wilds, camping each night after a day that has been more perfect than any previous one? Would you enjoy a while of just resting in a shady place, feasting eyes and soul on a panorama so magnificent that all the petty grievances of life melt away, where nothing matters but just to live and be a part of it all?

Holm Lodge affords you all of these opportunities. Its outdoor attractions are unsurpassed, yet equalled as to indoor comforts. Life is simple and informal. Outing clothes are in order at all times.



On the trail to Fish Hawk Glacier—A one-day trip from Holm Lodge
The horse is king at the dude ranches. This is the corral at Richard Ranch

The main building is of log and contains dining room, library and lounging rooms, having a unique and inviting fire place. The sleeping quarters are cabins and tent cottages scattered among the pines near enough to the main building to be convenient but far enough away from the main building and from each other to result in adequate privacy. All cabins are heated, well furnished and comfortable. And centrally located bathrooms afford plenty of hot soft water day and night. The dairy herd and ranch garden contribute largely to the excellent meals.

There are saddle horses for all and plenty of experienced guides. Nobody needs to hesitate about coming here on account of inexperience in riding, for the least experienced and those with none soon acquire proficiency under the tutelage of experienced and willing guides.

Telephone and daily mail service keep guests in touch with home.

Come on out and be a part of it for a while. You will neither regret nor forget it.

For rates, booklet, detailed information and references, please address, J. W. Howell Co., Cody, Wyoming.

RICHARD RANCH

3C Accommodations for 30 guests. Altitude, 6,000 feet. 25 miles from Cody, on the road to Yellowstone Park, this ranch is situated in one of the most beautiful spots in the Shoshone Valley.

It is a typical mountain hay-and-stock ranch—built for comfort—and one of the finest and largest on the Cody Road, at which the aim is to avoid as far as possible any suggestion of hotel life—making the ranch just a big home.

The ranch house contains a number of bright, well furnished guest rooms, bath rooms with hot and cold running water, living room, trophy room, dining room, and library, and in addition has log-cabin sleeping accommodations for a limited number.

With the exception of fruit and staple articles, the table is supplied from products of the ranch.

The surrounding country is threaded with numerous beautiful trails over which daily horseback trips are made under the escort of a competent guide. Fishing is splendid.

The Richard Ranch has telephone and daily mail and motor service to and from Cody during the Yellowstone Park season.

Mr. Fred Richard annually conducts three horseback trips through Yellowstone Park in July and August—each trip of 16 days' duration. The route taken avoids the beaten paths and follows trails leading to the haunts of wild game, and through some of the most remote and beautiful



Good horses, friendly guides and all Wyoming in which to ride—Richard Ranch
The Morris Ranch nestles in a valley under the protection of towering peaks

sections of the National Park. The camp outfits are thoroughly complete and comfortable so that women and children need not hesitate to join these expeditions which Mr. Richard's long experience as a guide well qualifies him to lead.

For illustrated folder, ranch rates, and information about big game hunting, address, The Richard Ranch, Cody, Wyoming.

MORRIS RANCH



A pioneer dude ranch which operates all the year round. Altitude, about 6,000 feet. Accommodations for 40 guests. Located 18 miles west of Cody, at the junction between Trout Creek and the Shoshone River. Daily transportation to and from Cody, telephone and daily mail service.

This is not a mountain lodge, but a real horse and cattle ranch with all the atmosphere and color of the Wild West and the open range.

The main building is of log and has living room, dining room, library and lounge room which contains a fine collection of heads, hides, and other hunting trophies. It is electrically lighted and has running hot and cold water, tub and shower baths. In a semi-circle around the ranch house are the sleeping quarters, which consist of electrically lighted cabins and tent houses accommodating two persons, with certain larger quarters suitable for families of five and six.

Guests indulge in daily horseback trips over the range and into the mountains; and Trout Creek just at the edge of the ranch affords excellent possibilities for the angler; while a new and modern out-door plunge contributes something quite distinctive to the other various forms of entertainment.



An early morning scene at the Morris Ranch

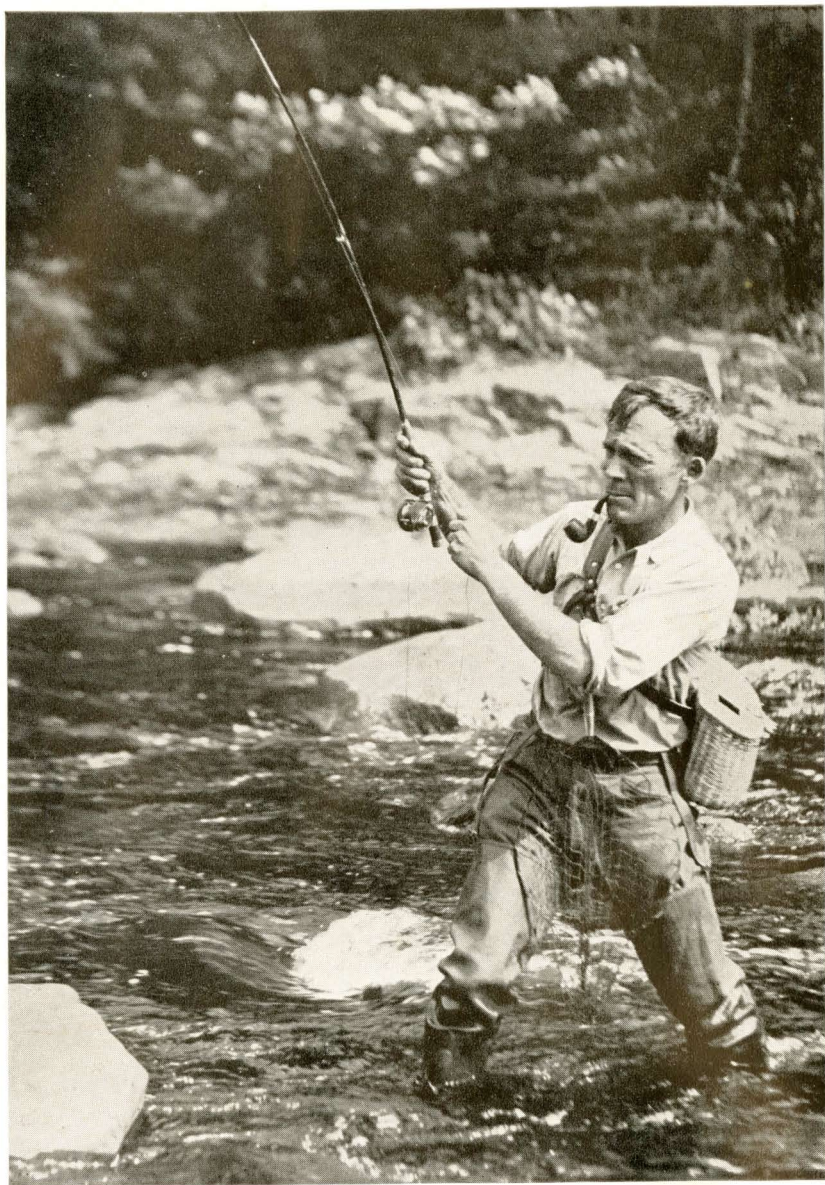


Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

Mr. N. Y. business man entertaining the mountain trout.

Early in August, Fred Morris, assisted by guides, horse wranglers, cooks, cowboys and camp tenders, conducts a 22-day horseback tour from the ranch to and through Yellowstone Park—visiting all the points of greatest interest and embracing numerous side-trips into the big game regions, particularly the Jackson Hole country. The trip is made in easy stages and ladies and children may undertake it without any fear of discomfort.

Mr. Morris has operated this ranch for many years and his place is well known by numerous eastern guests—particularly in New York and Philadelphia.

For booklet and details about the Yellowstone Park horseback tour or about big game hunting parties, address, The Morris Ranch, Cody, Wyo.

BLACKWATER LODGE

This place is situated at an elevation of 6,300 feet in the Shoshone National Forest, 36 miles west of Cody, and within 16 miles of the eastern boundary of Yellowstone National Park.

It looks out and up to a lofty skyline formed by the big peaks of the Absaroka Mountains which go up higher than 10,000 feet in this vicinity. Blackwater Creek flows through the property, joining the Shoshone River a few rods below, and just across the river, the Cody Road affords excellent transportation service—conveniently near at hand yet out of sight and sound.

Blackwater Lodge is owned and operated by Tex Wisdom, lately the chief Forest Ranger in the National Park Service at the Sylvan Pass (eastern) entrance of Yellowstone Park.

It offers high grade accommodations in the way of well-built log sleeping cabins either with or without bath; comfortable beds with spring-cushion mattresses; a large and inviting lounge room of logs with a sun room at each end; detached dining room and kitchen; bath house . . . good and ample facilities for solid comfort; excellent meals including an abundance of fresh vegetables, fruit, milk, cream, butter and eggs.

Located advantageously in the heart of the rugged and beautiful Absaroka Range, the ranch affords fine and constant opportunity for healthful recreation and western diversion . . . daily horseback riding over the mountain trails with experienced guides, longer trips to the haunts of moose, elk, deer, mountain sheep and other wild game which abounds within easy reach of the ranch; trout fishing, mountain climbing, spectacular scenery.

There is daily motor service to and from Cody and Yellowstone Park; daily mail delivery, telephone and telegraph service at all hours.

For additional information and exchange of references, address R. R. Wisdom, Blackwater Lodge, Cody, Wyo.



A horseback party blazing its own trail from the LV Bar Ranch

PAHASKA TEPEE



Directly on the Cody Road, 55 miles west of the town. In the Shoshone National Forest, just outside the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park.

This mountain resort occupies a beautiful site near the confluence of several mountain streams with the Shoshone River, and there is about the place a romantic lure born of its association with the late Col. Wm. F. Cody, who built Pahaska as his hunting lodge and gave to it his Sioux name, which means "long hair."

The lodge itself is a log structure of striking design, well built and comfortable. There are lodging accommodations in the main building and a number of snug, comfortable log cabins and cottages at the edge of the pine forest where guests find cozy summer quarters.

Trout are abundant in the several streams and here devotees of the art of Izaak Walton may give full rein to their loved sport.

Saddle horses are available at all times, with competent guides to conduct long and short excursions into the nearby mountain world. Regularly scheduled pack trips are made to Fish Hawk Glacier and to the Upper Lamar where the wild herd of buffalo ranges.

Telephone, daily mail and motor service to Cody.

For rates and further information, write to W. F. Wilkinson, Manager, Pahaska Tepee, Cody, Wyoming. From Nov. 1 to Apr. 15 address W. F. Wilkinson, Stewartsville, Mo.

LV BAR RANCH

Absaroka Lodge



This is a small log cabin community situated on Gun-barrel Creek amid the firs and pines of the Shoshone National Forest at an altitude of 6,500 ft. It is located 40 miles west of Cody, Wyo., 13 miles east of Yellowstone Park, and but an eighth of a mile off the Cody Road. It offers high grade accommodations for 20 guests.

Guests sleep in log cabins of various sizes, each equipped with a quick heating wood stove, comfortable clean beds and other necessary furnishings. Meals are served in the main building where there is also a large living room. Here before the open fireplace guests may gather when not desiring the seclusion of their own cabin, and here in company with the ranch family are spent many pleasant evenings of music, dancing, cards and other games.

Fresh milk and vegetables and fruit in season add to the attraction of the table and the individual preferences of guests are always considered.



Two views of life at the Four Bear Ranch
Dudes acquire amazing skill in rope twirling

Horseback riding is the main out-door recreational activity, and there is always at hand a string of sure-footed, gentle horses which have been proved on the trail. Guides are native mountaineers who each day take guests on short or all-day saddle trips along the mountain and forest trails. Many and varied are the trails leading out from the lodge and each invites you to healthful fun . . . interesting adventure.

Pack trips requiring several days in the saddle can be arranged to many points of interest. These trips have proved very popular with the guests, especially those fond of "roughing it." A guide and cook accompany every outfit and set up camp at each stop, preparing the meals and making the guests comfortable.

Another feature of the ranch is a boys' camp of six weeks, three of which are spent in the mountains on a pack trip. For this camp boys must arrive in Cody, July 2, where they will be met at the train, spending the day at the famous Cody Stampede or Rodeo, and driving out to the ranch that evening. Only boys from good families are accepted so there need be no concern as to their associates in camp.

The L V Bar Ranch is reached via the Burlington Railroad to Cody, Wyo., where guests are met and conducted to the ranch.

For ranch rates and information about big game hunting, address, The L V Bar Ranch, Wapiti, Wyoming.

FOUR BEAR RANCH



The route to the ranch leads west on the Cody Road through the mighty Shoshone Canyon and along the shore of the Shoshone reservoir to a point twenty miles west of Cody, where it turns on to a private road, over which a climb of 2,000 feet is negotiated in three miles, ending at a point on Jim Creek, where the ranch nestles in a mountain side just below timberline—a high vantage point from which the panoramic view across the Shoshone Valley to the Absaroka Range is truly inspiring.

Jim Creek and several other nearby mountain streams afford excellent trout fishing.

At this place everything in the way of mountain excursions on horseback is offered from short one-day trips or less to extended expeditions with pack outfits to remote and little-known regions—all under direction of painstaking and skilled guides.

Accommodations for twenty are of the type characteristic of the dude ranch—log cabins and tent houses for individuals or for families.

Fall hunting trips are a specialty. The ranch furnishes excellent and experienced guides, as well as all camping equipment, the hunter being asked to furnish his own guns and ammunition. The very best of references can be given by those who have hunted under our guidance in past years.

For illustrated booklet, rates, and references, address, S. S. Kensel, Manager, The Four Bear Ranch, Cody, Wyoming.



Thirty minutes from the Rim Rock Ranch
The inviting lounge at Elephant Head Lodge

RIM ROCK RANCH



Rocking
Lazy A

Here is a new ranch resort established just this year with all new buildings and equipment for the accommodation of about a dozen guests. To his new place the owner, Mr. Earl A. Martin will bring much of "knowing how" to make his guests comfortable and well-entertained, based upon his previous dude ranch experience.

Rim Rock Ranch is located 26 miles west of Cody and about one mile south of the Cody Road.

The main lodge of logs, with large lounge room, open fireplace, dining room and kitchen, occupies a clearing among the trees. Guest cabins have advantageous sites in the woods nearby, on either bank of Canyon Creek which hustles through the ranch grounds on its way down to join the Shoshone River just below.

Horseback riding doubtless will have first place in the recreational life of the guests, for in one direction lie miles of open, sage-covered range and strangely eroded regions called "badlands," while in the opposite direction the winding trails lead up into the big mountain masses that invite you to thrilling adventure.

Mr. Martin promises a two-day camping trip with pack outfit to all guests at no extra cost. Other and longer such trips can be readily arranged to suit individual guests or groups.

For rates and detailed information, address Earl A. Martin (mail), Wapiti, Wyoming (telegraph), Cody, Wyo.

ELEPHANT HEAD LODGE

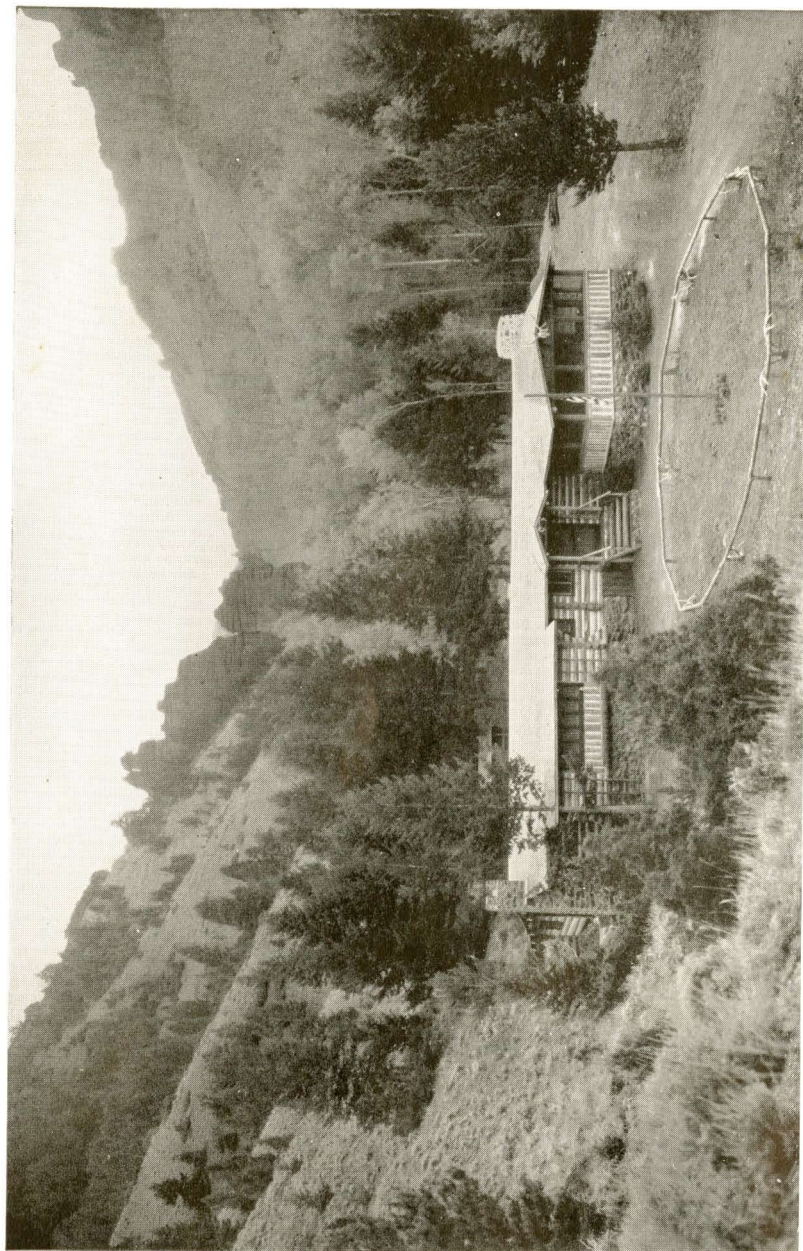


Situated on the Cody Road, 41 miles from Cody, Wyoming, and 12 miles from the Eastern entrance to Yellowstone Park at an elevation of 6,500 feet.

The Lodge gets its name from a nearby huge rock formation shaped in striking likeness to an elephant's head.

It is a small place—accommodations limited to the requirements of 18 or 20 guests—and should not be confused with a hotel or a tourist resort. The atmosphere is western, friendly and home-like, and the aim is to bring together a group of congenial people who will be happy in the informal life of the mountain country. To assist them in the enjoyment of all the pleasures and benefits of outdoor life with real western hospitality is the keynote.

Guests are made comfortable in small sleeping cabins placed snugly among the big trees near the main lodge. The main building is a log structure of rustic design, thoroughly inviting with its sunny dining room



Lazy bar H Ranch, surrounded by the mountain world of the ABSAROKAS

which is connected by means of a patio with a light and commodious lounge on the walls of which hang many mementoes of the late Col. W. F. Cody . . . interesting to the visitor and cherished by the owner of this lodge, his niece.

Horseback riding is the chief recreational activity and it ranges from short trips of an hour or a day to pack trips through Yellowstone Park or over the game trails into remote regions. Riding, hiking and fishing keep one busy all day. And in the evening there are cards, dancing and games in the lounge for all who wish to enjoy these.

The days are warm and pleasant and the nights are cool and refreshing. Special attention is given to well cooked and appetizing food. Hot and cold shower baths are available at all times. The charges are moderate and cover all expenses for meals, lodging, saddle horse and guide. There is uninterrupted telephone communication with Cody, and daily mail service excepting Sunday.

For further information and booklet, address, Mrs. H. W. Thurston, Cody, Wyo.

LAZY BAR H RANCH

HA summer and winter resort of Old Time Western atmosphere and modern convenience, located at an elevation of 6100 feet in the Absaroka Range of the Rocky Mountains, only 25 miles from the Eastern Entrance of the Yellowstone Park and an equal distance from Cody—one of the few remaining typical Western towns.

The ranch house, although only two-tenths of a mile from the famous "Cody Road" to Yellowstone, is not visible from the highway and affords perfect privacy and complete quiet for the visitor. It is of log construction, one of the largest of its kind in the West, with dining room, lounge, reading and writing rooms and guest accommodation with private bath, all electrically lighted. The entire ranch house is typical of Western life, with its Navajo rugs, Indian curios, hunting trophies, huge fireplaces and unusually comfortable furnishings.

Guest accommodations are: rooms with bath in the main ranch house; detached single cabins with bath; double cabins with connecting bath; cabins with lavatory and connecting bath . . . all having porches and electric light.

The aim of the ranch is to make the guests happy among real Western folk. The service is attentive, but not obtrusive. Home cooked meals, served family style, an abundance of fresh vegetables, fruits, real milk and cream—and the purest of mountain water, icy cold, coming from a spring on the ranch premises.

Entertainment includes horseback riding, mountain climbing, motor-ing, camping, shooting, hunting, fishing and Rodeo. There is no extra

charge for instruction in riding or target shooting. Pack trips or saddle horse trips for boys, girls or mixed groups may be arranged at special prices, to the Jackson Hole Country, Cooke City, Grasshopper Glacier and Yellowstone Park.

One of the specialties of the ranch is big game hunting, for elk, deer, bear, moose, mountain sheep and for antelope in certain years. Hunting and pack trips may be taken in easy stages for parties which include ladies, and Mr. Morris personally takes charge of all trips. For information regarding licenses, open season and rates, address the ranch.

Weekly shopping trips in the ranch car can be made to Cody, where any necessities may be purchased. Daily mail, telephone and telegraph service.

Guests limited to twenty. Rates and booklet upon application.

Address Leonard C. Morris, Lazy Bar H Ranch, Cody, Wyoming.

THE CIRCLE H RANCH

"Through the Rockies on Horseback"



The Circle H Ranch is situated on the shedwaters of Big Creek, at an elevation of 6500 feet, 30 miles from Cody, along the Yellowstone Highway, then into an unsurveyed wilderness of pine timber and aspen thickets, alongside mountain springs. Formerly a pioneer homestead marked by a polaris survey, with allowances for the magnetic attractions of the North Star, the enclosure designated by chiseled mounds of stone and monuments of porphyry and granite boulders.

"Budd" Hall is an experienced host who has lived the life of a cowboy since coming to the West on a spring bear hunt many years ago, and for the past ten years has "wrangled" the youngest dudes of all, boys over ten years of age.

At the beginning of the season a score of tepee tent cabins are outlined against a majestic mountain background of toppling crags and towering peaks, but the real recreation begins when the packtrains start out to scale the mountain ranges, through the big game regions of the Shoshone National Forest, along the blazed trails of Yellowstone Park, and over the Continental Divide. It is then they feel the normal thrills of the silences and receive an endowment of more than physical power under nature's discipline, returning with tanned faces reflecting the vividness of rarefied mountain atmospheres.

For the older ones who feel the urge for the primitive sport of hunting in the hills, here is welcome throughout the big game season. Hunting breakfasts of sourdough cakes and dinners of baked beans and venison, with evenings around campfires or pine-fumed fire-places, listening in on radio broadcast from home or the bugle of the bull elk in his native haunts. Here indeed is genuine recreation in the remote solitude of the forest.

Daily mail and motor service during summer over Yellowstone Highway.

For further information, address Manley E. Hall, Wapiti, Wyoming.

SOUTH FORK RANCHES

THE South Fork of the Shoshone River flows through a beautiful valley replete with the romance of frontier days. It was on the South Fork that Col. Cody maintained for many years the famous T E Ranch where, during his life, was kept a rare collection of trophies—heads, hides, saddles, spurs, pistols, lariats, bows and arrows, Indian war clubs, and various other kindred mementoes of the hunt, and of his thrilling adventures as a cowboy, guide, hunter, and scout.

Closely following the river, the South Fork road, flanked by majestic mountain ranges, stretches through the fertile valley in a southwesterly direction—toward the Teton National Forest and the Jackson Hole country—the most famous big game region in the United States.

Transportation from Cody is via auto-stage or by special ranch auto arranged for in advance.

ALDRICH LODGE



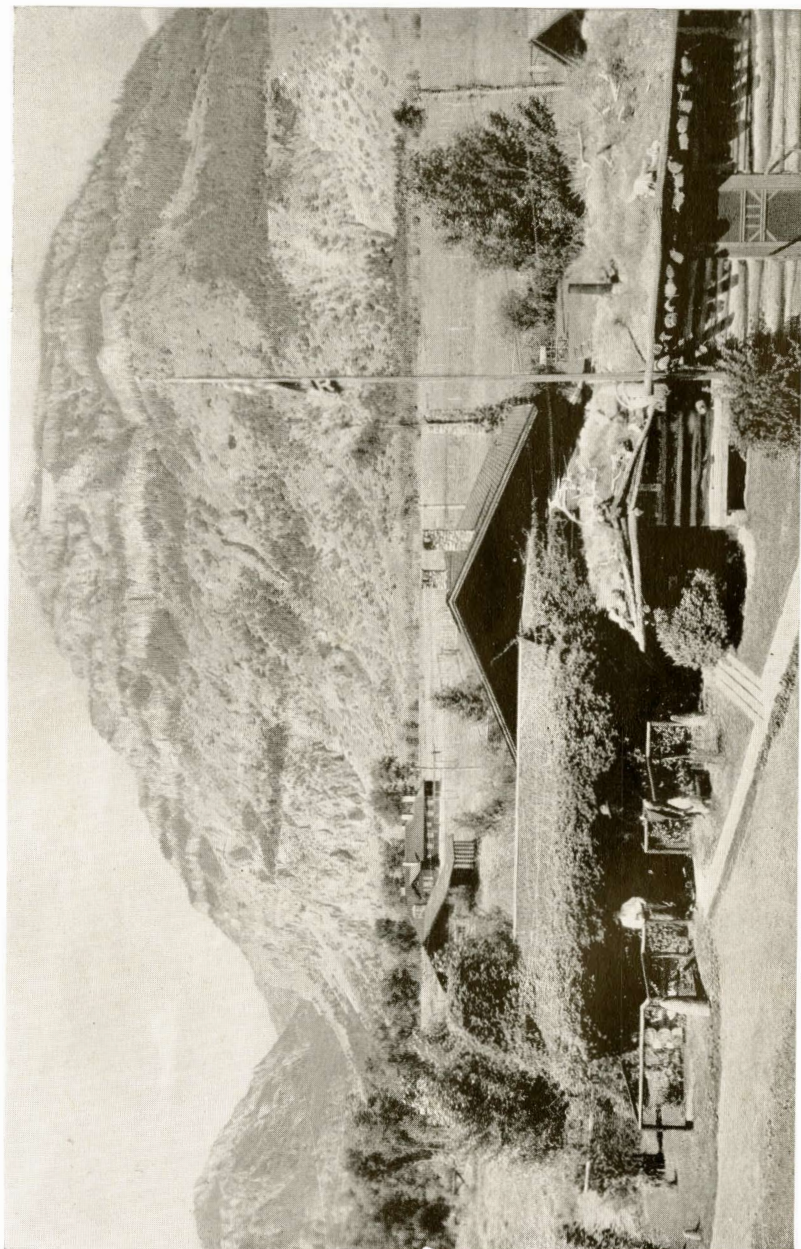
Quarter Circle
AH brand

Altitude, 6,200 feet; 30 miles from Cody. This is an old-time stock ranch, located in the heart of a region famous for the grandeur of its mountain scenery. It is, to use the words of Mr. Sam Aldrich, "Right up against the Shoshone ranges of the Rockies—the foothills being just outside the fence in the rear, the Shoshone River flowing along in front just beyond the porch of the ranch house." There are accommodations for 30 guests.

Several small streams join the Shoshone near the lodge, and trout fishing is considered excellent.

There is an air of charm and solid comfort about this ranch. The stone ranch house, with its big fire place, easy chairs, well-stocked library, and porch swings, looks and is comfortable; and the guests' quarters—attractive cabins situated in the nearby cottonwood park are inviting, indeed. Pure mountain spring water piped into the ranch for domestic purposes. Hot and cold water in the tub and shower baths add greatly to the comfort of guests.

Happy days are spent in the saddle over mountain trails, hiking in the foothills, fishing, kodaking, riding for stock, watching the branding, bronco-busting, and in the evening there is dancing, cards, reading, and, to the accompaniment of a roaring fire, perchance an entertaining tale of frontier days. Everyone enjoys the popular all-day rides with campfire luncheons, that are arranged for, two or three times a week. All guests who remain at the Lodge for four weeks or longer will be given a three days' pack trip if they so desire, and at no extra expense.




General view of Valley Ranch—big, pleasant—a symbol of western adventure and romance

Camping trips with pack outfits or with mess-wagons, and hunting parties for the open season, arranged as desired.

For descriptive booklet, rates and any desired details, address, S. W. Aldrich, (mail) Ishawooa, Wyoming; (telegrams) Cody, Wyoming.

VALLEY RANCH

 Forty-three miles from Cody on the South Fork. Altitude about 6,800 feet. Accommodations for 70 guests.

This is an old-time, out-in-the-open western ranch of about 1,000 acres of meadow and timber land, where guests have an opportunity of witnessing the daily conduct of real ranch work, embracing branding, range riding, bronco-busting, the round-up, etc.—all in addition to mountain trail riding, fishing, camping, and other delightful and health-building experiences which only life on a western ranch affords.

Guests are quartered in comfortable cabins of varying size to accommodate one to six persons, and the ranch is equipped with modern bath-houses with tub and shower, hot and cold water, electric light, and swimming pool. The atmosphere and style of the ranch is essentially democratic—old clothes and the ability to fit into the surroundings are all that are necessary.

Although "cut-throat" and speckled trout are plentiful in the Shoshone River nearby, arrangements are sometimes made for fishing-camping trips with guide to the headwaters of the river. Pack train and hunting parties, in season, with complete outfit, including guides, cooks, horse-wranglers, horses, tents, etc., are conducted over the Deer Creek Trail, which begins on this ranch and leads to the Thorofare Country and along the Yellowstone River to the Teton big game country, and pack train trips to Yellowstone Park are arranged as occasion warrants. Small private parties, rather than large public expeditions, are the rule, and early application for membership is, therefore, advisable.

Valley Ranch has daily-except-Sunday mail and express service, and telephone.

Winter School for Boys

For the past few years the Valley Ranch has successfully conducted a school for boys which combines the best in educational facilities and healthful out-of-door western ranch life. The faculty is a group of well-known college men selected from eastern schools and colleges who prepare the boys for College Entrance Board examinations held at the school in June.

Recreational pursuits are riding, polo, trapping, pistol and rifle range work, pack train trips, and other usual outdoor sports.



Interest centers around the corral at Valley Ranch, or any ranch

Horseback Trip in the Rockies for Eastern Students

Each summer the Valley Ranch conducts a special 600-mile horseback and camping trip through the Wyoming mountains and Yellowstone Park for eastern school boys and for eastern college girls and young women. The parties are organized in the East and proceed from New York on or about July 1 in special Pullman sleepers through to Cody via Chicago, in charge of competent men and women directors.

As the number which may be conveniently accommodated on such a trip is necessarily limited, no time should be lost in seeking registration for young people who love the outdoor western mountain world, and who wish to participate in the thrill and exhilaration which only such a trip offers.

For descriptive folder, rates, and further information, address, I. H. Larom, Valley Ranch Co., Valley, Wyo., or Julian S. Bryan, Valley Ranch Co., 2044 Grand Central Terminal, 70 East 45th St., New York City.

THE A 2 Z RANCH

A2Z The old N E Ranch is now owned and operated by the Valley Ranch Company. Mrs. E. C. Brown, the original owner and settler, with twenty years of successful experience in the caring for ranch guests, will be in charge during the summer.

The A 2 Z Ranch is located about forty miles south of Cody, Wyoming, on the South Fork of the Shoshone River and some three and one half miles distant from the Valley Ranch and Post Office.

The buildings are all picturesque old western log type. The main group consists of a large comfortably furnished living room with open fireplace, bookshelves, piano, etc., writing room, dining room, kitchen, etc. From the rustic porch may be seen a large sweep of rolling open range surrounded by rugged mountains, with snow capped Crater Mountain as the keystone.

The guest cabins are located so as to insure privacy, yet convenient to the main buildings, and vary in size from one to four rooms. The largest of these can accommodate a family of five or six persons comfortably.

The A 2 Z Ranch particularly appeals to people who wish to lead a quiet, easy-going life, without frills, electricity and social activity. Old clothes, good horses, fine fishing and excellent ranch meals are the order of the day. The number of guests average about twenty and are carefully selected so as to insure a congenial group. The rates are moderate and include personal saddle horse.

Guests of the A 2 Z Ranch are welcome at the Valley Ranch a few miles across the South Fork and have the privileges of the swimming pond, recreation cabin, tennis court and evening entertainment at the larger ranch, if they so desire.



Old clothes, good horses, green meadows, lofty sky-line—A2Z Ranch

Special attention is given to pack outfits, fishing trips and hunting parties. Boulder Basin, South Fork and Deer Creek trails are adjacent to the ranch, leading into a vast area of wilderness country noted for its elk, moose, mountain sheep, bear, deer and trout. The Southeast corner of Yellowstone Park is about thirty miles distant via Deer Creek Pass and the Thorofare Country.

The table is plentifully supplied with fresh vegetables, milk, cream, butter and eggs.

Guests will be met at Cody depot by appointment. Mail service daily except Sunday. Telephone and telegraph service. Address all Western communications to the A 2 Z Ranch, care of I. H. Larom, Valley, Wyoming, or make reservations direct through Julian S. Bryan, Valley Ranch Company, Room 2044, Grand Central Terminal, 70 East 45th St., New York, N. Y. Ranch booklet and rates will be sent on request.

MAJO RANCH

One of the old original frontier-day ranches situated amid the towering peaks of the Rockies—some of them having an altitude of 12,000 to 13,000 feet and snow-capped the year round. This place is 50 miles from Cody on the South Fork of the Shoshone—altitude 6,500 feet, and has accommodations in the way of one, two and three-room log bungalows for 25 guests.

The Shoshone River and smaller nearby streams afford excellent trout fishing and the surrounding mountainous region is threaded with numerous trails over which guests make daily horseback trips under the escort of experienced guides.

Riding, hiking, and every sort of out-of-door activity is encouraged at the Majo Ranch, which is well equipped to handle pack train expeditions to Yellowstone Park, Jackson's Hole big game country—elk, deer, Rocky Mountain sheep, and bear hunts arranged in season.

All details upon application. Address, Peter L. Nordquist, Prop., Majo Ranch, Valley, Wyoming.

CAMP TRAILS TOUR

Furnishes an educational as well as an attractive vacation for a limited party of boys each summer, going through the Yellowstone National Park and the Wyoming Rockies on horseback, camping out and sleeping under the stars.

We follow the game trails, which take us into the most interesting and picturesque wild country of the West, seeing sights and scenery that the tourists never see. We see the elk, deer, coyote, antelope, moose, buffalo, beaver, bear—black, brown and the grizzly, the elusive Rocky Mountain sheep—the Bighorn in their native haunts.

We shall see the famous terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs, the Norris Geyser Basin, the Paint Pots, the Upper Geyser Basin, Old Faithful as well as all the other geysers along with the boiling hot water pools. We shall journey up the Firehole River, across the mighty Tetons, seeing Jackson's Hole, Bridger Lake, the Thorofare Country, Yellowstone Lake, the Grand Canyon, the Fossil Forests, Grasshopper Glacier, and the famous Shoshone River.

O Boy! The fishing we get on these inland lakes and crystal clear, ice cold mountain streams. It's "Big Medicine."

The party is out 7 weeks under the supervision and direction of men who know the country and are identified with well known schools in the Southwest and are thoroughly experienced in camp life and the direction of young men.

For information and details regarding the trip address, June 15th to September 1st, Camp Trails, Cody, Wyoming. September 1st to June 15th, Dale R. Nuss, Supervisor, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. E. S. Briggs, Advisor, Durant, Oklahoma.

BOBCAT RANCH



Adjoins the old Buffalo Bill Ranch, the T E, along the South Fork of the Shoshone River, at an altitude of 6200, gradually ascending toward Citadel Mountain to 12,000 ft., along the home-made part of the old Ishawooa Trail which is the main artery into the big game hunting grounds of the Thorofare Country.

Carl Downing has spent most of his life in these mountains, first as a cowboy with the Buffalo Bill outfit; in later years as guide and trapper. Stops on outings will be made along his line of trapper cabins leading away from his ranch home on the edge of the Shoshone National Forest at the foot of the mountains, from which he will outfit.

Mr. Downing will feature the shorter and less expensive trips from the ranch out into the elk, deer, bear, and mountain sheep ranges, taking only fresh light supplies instead of the heavy equipment of the long pack train.



This View of the Main Lounge Room at the Double Dee Ranch
Implies Solid Comfort, Doesn't it?
The Guest Cabins are Equally Inviting

Bobcat Ranch is in the beautiful rugged and isolated country to which Colonel Cody (Buffalo Bill) went for rest after his travels round the world, now devoted largely to game sanctuary and recreation.

For further information, rates, and literature, please address, Carl Downing, Ishawooa (via Cody), Wyoming.

The Double Dee Ranch



The Double Dee Ranch is located on the edge of the Shoshone National Forest, fifty-five miles south of Buffalo Bill's home town, Cody, Wyoming, in the heart of the picturesque cattle country of the old West, where Indians, cattle round-ups and western activities are still the order of the day.

The Ranch is tucked away in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains which rise to a height of 13,000 feet behind it, providing magnificent scenery and one of the most diversified playgrounds in all the West.

A guest at the Double Dee has the best of fishing, riding, climbing and pack-horse trips in the wilderness world of the Shoshone Forest. Cattle round-ups with branding and other work long associated with a western cattle ranch take place at the very doors of the Ranch, and extended trips to the feeding grounds of the buffalo, antelope and other game animals may be arranged. Grasshopper Glacier, Yellowstone Park and Jackson's Hole are within easy riding distances.

For the hunter the Ranch offers spring bear hunting, and elk, sheep, deer and moose hunting in the Fall. The largest herd of antelope in the world graze on the plains below the Ranch.

The ranch house, sleeping cabins and other buildings of the Double Dee Ranch are built of logs and the main house is a veritable club. Here are rooms equipped for dancing, reading and recreation. All of the cabins are well furnished, comfortable and in keeping with the atmosphere of the West. The accommodations at the Ranch are limited to fifteen persons.

For descriptive booklet address The Double Dee Ranch, Pitchfork, Wyoming.



Simon Snyder and guests ford Trail Creek
 This fishing group from the L bar T will do its best, but the trout will
 have to wait their turn

SUNLIGHT RANCH



Forty-five miles northwest of Cody—is situated in the Sunlight Valley of the Shoshone National Forest. Guests are met with automobile at Cody. The ride to the ranch is full of interest and from some of the high places on the way affords an unbroken view of some of the most beautiful mountain scenery to be found anywhere.

The ranch is a homelike place possessing comfortable accommodations for about 25 guests and offering everything in the way of horseback riding, hiking, trout fishing, and other healthful out-of-door pursuits under the personal supervision of Mr. Simon Snyder, a well-known hunter and guide who has had many years of experience as a forest ranger.

During the summer, pack-train expeditions to points of interest in the Granite Range, to Grasshopper Glacier and to Yellowstone Park are arranged to suit the wishes of guests, and there is also planned a special 500-mile pack trip for eastern boys—details of which, and as to hunting expeditions in the famous Teton big game country, may be had by addressing Simon Snyder, Painter (via Cody), Wyoming.

L—T RANCH

This Ranch is located on Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone, sixty miles northwest of Cody and fourteen miles southeast of Cooke, Montana, at an elevation of sixty-eight hundred feet.

The Clarks Fork Valley is one of the most beautiful in Wyoming. On the west is the Absaroka range, dominated by Mountains Index and Pilot, twin peaks, twelve thousand feet high; on the east the Bear Tooth Mountains topping a fine open range; and on the northeast the "Granites"—inaccessible, snow-covered, and austere; and Clarks Fork, a lovely, rushing mountain stream and one of the best trout streams in the country.

The L-T Ranch is located on the edge of a beautiful pine forest that stretches for miles up and over the mountains. The main ranch house has a large dining and living room for guests. Cabins for two or more people are scattered through the pine grove, each cabin complete with porch, comfortable beds, stove for cool nights, and camp furniture. The cabins are over one hundred feet apart. There are two bath houses, each equipped with hot and cold water, and shower baths. The drinking water is pure, from a mountain spring high above the ranch.



Sunlight Valley from the viewpoint of the L bar T

The meals are excellent, with great variety for so remote a place—plenty of fresh milk and butter. The whole place has an air of comfort and refinement.

The location of the L-T is very unusual in many ways. The valley at the Ranch is quite wide, insuring cool days and nights in hot weather. It is ten miles from the nearest point that can be reached by automobile. The possibilities of horseback rides are unlimited—rugged trails for the adventurer, charming trips for hours or days that are possible for less experienced riders, and all and everywhere beautiful views and rushing streams.

From the L-T Ranch pack outfits can reach Yellowstone Park, going over passes ten or twelve thousand feet in elevation. In fact, it is at the doorway of all that is lovely in the Absaroka Ranges.

Spring hunting for bear, and fall hunting for elk, mountain sheep, deer, and bear; fine horses and saddles; experienced guides and hunters; complete and comfortable camp equipment—all these things are available at the L-T.

As there are accommodations for only twenty guests at the ranch, anyone interested in the ranch, the pack trips, or the hunting should apply promptly.

Mail address from June to November, Cooke, Montana; from November to June, Crandall, Wyoming. Lawrence W. Nordquist.

LOG CABIN RANCH



Quarter Circle
Lazy Open A

Situated in the Sunlight Valley section of the Shoshone National Forest at an elevation of 7,000 feet above sea level, 48 miles northwest of Cody, Wyoming, and 20 miles from the eastern boundary of Yellowstone National Park.

Guests are quartered in comfortable log cabins surrounding the main ranch-houses. Two bathrooms, each containing a shower, are situated conveniently nearby. The best of well cooked meals are served here, featured by fresh vegetables, buttermilk and cream and fresh eggs and chickens.

Gentle, well-broken western horses are available by all guests and personal attention is given children and inexperienced riders. A western guide is provided with parties wishing to make all-day trips from the ranch over the numerous charming trails radiating in every direction from the ranch property through the deep pine and spruce forests and up the slopes of the snow-capped mountains.

Sunlight River which runs through the Ranch teems with trout and affords fine fishing.



Camp Senia, "under the towering walls of Silver Run Mountain"

Pack trips ranging from a few days to several weeks' duration with full camp equipment and supplies are easily arranged and as the Log Cabin Ranch is located in the heart of the big game country where mountain sheep, elk, deer and bear abound, hunting expeditions naturally occupy a permanent place in the fall activities of the ranch. For detailed information and descriptive booklets address: Dewey S. Riddle, Painter postoffice, Sunlight Valley (via Cody), Wyoming. Highest references given and expected from guests.

CAMP SENIA



Heart T

One of the most picturesque resorts of its kind—is tucked away in the big pine timber of the Beartooth National Forest, close up under the towering walls of Silver Run Mountain, whose lofty peak is nearly 13,000 feet above sea level.

Its accommodations for fifty guests consist of log cabins and bungalow tents, surrounding a rustic log main building with reading room, camp store, club room with massive stone fire place, and large open porch. Dining room and kitchen are in a separate building, as, too, are laundry and shower baths. The furniture—dining tables, chairs, book cases, card tables, etc., are of rough pine and old hickory—in keeping with the atmosphere of the place; the food is the best of mountain fare, served in abundance and variety, while the bright sunshine, pure mountain air, and beautiful surroundings are a constant invitation to healthful out-in-the-open life, which may be enjoyed quietly or in the more strenuous ways of mountain climbing, horseback riding, fishing, etc.

The way to Camp Senia is via Billings, Mont., thence via Northern Pacific Ry. to Red Lodge, Mont., where guests are met with automobile and escorted to the pack station—eleven miles distant—whence the journey to camp is completed by a one-mile horseback ride.

Pack-train trips of long or short duration to rugged and little-known parts of the Beartooth Mountains are arranged in thoughtful detail to suit the wishes of the guests, and hold an important place in the eventful camp life. Ladies and children are encouraged to visit Camp Senia and share in the wholesome enjoyment of camp life and pack trips with the complete assurance of full comfort.

You will like Camp Senia. There are no formalities or conventionalities. You don your boots, breeches and a flannel shirt, fill your lungs with pure mountain air and all out doors is yours. If you want to hike or ride miles over fine saddle trails in an area unexcelled for scenic grandeur, its meadows carpeted with wild flowers and, far above, peaks snow capped in August; if you want to see some of the most rugged mountains in the



The view of the Beartooth Range seen across Green Lake from Richel Lodge where outdoor appetites make eating an extreme and urgent necessity

United States; the pink snow and the only grasshopper glaciers in the world; or if you want to feel the thrill of a husky trout fighting on your line in any of our trout-filled lakes and streams, then come up to Camp Senia this summer.

Camp Senia is under the personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Croonquist, who invite correspondence and exchange of references with all who are interested in a 100 per cent vacation of the sort possible only in the great mountain world.

Address, A. H. Croonquist, Camp Senia, via Red Lodge, Montana.

RICHEL LODGE



Lazy M R Bar

One of the most attractive dude resorts in the Beartooth National Forest is Richel Lodge, 7000 feet above sea level and entirely surrounded by the lofty peaks of the Beartooth Range.

The main lodge is a large log structure having a commodious club room made especially inviting by a large fireplace, where one can enjoy music, cards, reading or dancing in the little dance hall just off the club room. The lodge also contains a spacious and inviting dining room having its own cheerful fireplace, and a number of sleeping rooms with hot and cold water and bath. Other sleeping quarters are in the form of one and two room cabins grouped in the woods around the main lodge. Electric power is generated on the premises by a rustic water wheel driven by the fast-flowing water of Rock Creek.

Horseback riding and fishing are the chief diversions and a great variety of one-day trail trips are available while fifty alpine lakes and a number of trout streams within a radius of twenty miles assure excellent sport for the angler. Yellowstone Park is 60 miles from Richel Lodge by trail and pack trips are arranged for camping expeditions to this famous wonderland and also to one of the strangest phenomena in the world,—Grasshopper Glacier.

The mountain climber, the botanist, geologist and fossil hunter, both amateur and professional, has an almost virgin field for study in this vicinity.

Realizing that good food is essential to a perfect vacation, Richel Lodge specializes in excellent meals with plenty of fresh vegetables, milk, cream and eggs.

For additional information and reservations please address Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richel, Red Lodge, Montana.



Camp Sawtooth is within easy distance of mountain lakes
where a fly is a curiosity to the trout

CAMP SAWTOOTH



Lazy F J Bar

every hand.

This is a comfortable, well-equipped mountain camp which occupies a beautiful scenic location at the base of Sawtooth Mountain in the Shoshone National Forest. Its elevation is 8500 feet and there is never a time when snow cannot be seen on the summit of the lofty peaks one sees on

If you enjoy rugged mountain environment, you'll enjoy Camp Sawtooth; and if you love to fish you will have the experience of a lifetime here, for the camp is situated eleven miles beyond the last highway in a region marked by deep cut canyons, alpine lakes and fast flowing trout streams which offer peerless sport for the angler.

Excellent accommodations for 25 guests are to be had in a main building of log construction and a number of small individual cabins, and hot and cold showers are conveniently near at hand.

Camp Sawtooth is amply equipped with full facilities to operate pack trips to Yellowstone Park, the Grasshopper Glacier country and to little known sections of the mountain world in the Montana Rockies.

For detailed information address: F. I. Johnson, Camp Sawtooth, Red Lodge, Montana.

T CROSS RANCH



Surrounded by mountains with rocky peaks and pine-clad slopes interspersed with open parks, the T Cross Ranch has every natural advantage.

It is situated in the Washakie National Forest—part of a vast wilderness area that extends many miles northward and endlessly westward a country of mountains and forests where wild game abounds; of silvery lakes and flashing trout streams a region of great scenic grandeur.

To the north lies the rugged Absaroka Range, and to the south the Wind River Range. Their skyline is the Continental Divide marked by the big peaks that go up beyond 13,000 feet. To the west lies the Jackson Hole country and the magnificent Teton Range. A hundred miles to the northwest is Yellowstone National Park. Down the Wind River is the Shoshone Indian Reservation, and eastward lies the open, rolling, typical Wyoming range country.

Horse Creek, a tributary of the Wind River flows through the ranch property which consists of open meadows surrounded by pine woods which form an ideal setting for the tiny village of individual ranch "homes" in the form of attractive, well-constructed and well-furnished



"Ragged Top" from Five Pockets—Near the T Cross Ranch

log cabins which are equipped with hot and cold running water, tub and shower baths every facility for one's convenience and perfect comfort.

A limited number of guests can be accommodated and can have a splendid time horseback riding in the mountains or over the trails that thread the open range country; to Ramshorn Basin, Five Pockets, Twilight Falls, Hermit Butte, Spring Mountain, many a lake and trout stream.

Each summer, early in July, a pack trip for boys and another for girls leaves the ranch for a 20-day adventure that embraces the Absaroka Mountains, Continental Divide and the headwaters of the Yellowstone, the Snake and the Shoshone Rivers. A circuit is made of this district, a virgin wilderness of pine forests, jagged peaks, glaciers, waterfalls, lakes and streams—a great fishing and game area of sensational mountain scenery.

The T Cross Ranch is owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cox. Charles Pelton is foreman and head guide. Every detail looking to the comfort, well-being and recreational enjoyment of guests is given careful and experienced supervision, and a pleasant, comfortable, interesting and altogether worth-while visit is assured.

Ranch booklet and any additional information desired will be sent gladly by Robert S. Cox, Dubois, Wyoming, or Dr. W. E. Barnard, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York.

THE BUFFALO BILL COUNTRY

There are so many interesting things to see and do in this Cody country that it would require volumes to treat with them all in the detailed manner which they deserve. But after all it isn't necessary to do this here and now because your host, the dude rancher, will show them all to you, and that beats any amount of mere description.

However this booklet would be incomplete to a fault without some reference to the following:

THE SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST

It is the oldest forest in the United States and with its neighbor, Yellowstone National Park, represents a second line of defense for wild creatures in their native haunts. The Absaroka Mountains extend through the forest from north to south. They contain some of the most rugged country in the world and herein lies the forest's chiefest charm since despite the remarkable system of horseback and foot trails built by the United States Forest Service, much of it remains virtually unexplored because of its inaccessibility.

Some idea of the immensity of the forest can be gained from the official estimate that it contains more than two billion feet of timber suitable for commercial purposes.



Rangers patrol the Shoshone forest



Much of the Shoshone National Forest has been scarcely explored
The Buffalo Bill Museum at Cody

But important as the great forest is as a source of commercial timber, it is infinitely more important as a chief factor in regulating the flow of thousands of streams which have their source here. Through retarding the run-off from melting snows and rains it not only prevents erosion and floods in the spring but also makes possible a constant flow of water during the summer when it can and must be used for irrigation purposes. Through irrigation projects of the United States Reclamation Service, the Shoshone River today furnishes water to about a hundred thousand acres of formerly arid land and through other projects contemplated will supply water to an additional one hundred thousand acres.

Yet without impairing in any way its amazing economic value, the Shoshone National Forest offers to the summer visitor boundless opportunity for out-of-door recreation. There's a million miles of free mountain climbing here and no "keep off the grass" signs. On the contrary hundreds of miles of trails encourage the visitor to indulge in this best of leg and lung developers known to science.

The streams and lakes are regularly stocked with trout and the fishing is excellent. Here remains one of the few places in America where big game abounds.

Most of the dude ranches in this, the Buffalo Bill country, are situated within the Shoshone Forest.

THE BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

This is a new American shrine built within the city limits of Cody, through the public-spirited vision and characteristic enterprise of the Cody family and the people of Buffalo Bill's home town.

It is fashioned of logs, a replica of the old home ranch (the TE) on the south fork of the Shoshone River and contains price'ess relics, trophies and other mementoes of the great hero of the plains. Here are preserved for posterity, heads, hides, antlers and many another trophy of the hunt; warclubs, warbonnets, moccasins, blankets, bows and arrows, pistols and other objects harking back to the time when encounters with Indians were all in the day's work for the youthful frontiersman; boots and spurs, saddles and bridles, lariats, worn sombreros and gauntlets—old time things bearing the marks of hard usage.

When you stop to think about it here is a unique circumstance. All this collection of interesting data and objects—enough to fill an entire museum—all intimately associated with the life and exploits of just one man. It is probable that there has been no other figure in American history whose life of thrilling adventure has so caught and held the public imagination as that of Col. Wm. F. Cody—Buffalo Bill—boyhood's hero the world over.



The Great Shoshone Canyon and Irrigation Dam
on the Cody Road to Yellowstone Park

THE CODY ROAD

Cody is "rail's end" of the Burlington Railroad and the eastern end of the Cody Road which is recognized by all travel-wise people as the ideal route to or from Yellowstone National Park.

It extends from Cody eighty odd miles westward to the edge of Yellowstone Lake and the motor trip by which it is negotiated reveals a true cross-section of the West's most fascinating scenic charm. There is nothing at all ordinary or conventional about this Cody Road, aptly described as "the most scenic 90 miles in America." First comes the breath-taking six-mile Gorge of the Shoshone River through which the Cody Road winds and twists on a shelf blasted out of the solid granite wall of Rattle Snake Mountain. Midway of the canyon (and at its narrowest point) the United States Reclamation Service has built a colossal concrete wedge—the Shoshone Dam. Yellowstone motorists stop here so that one may catch his breath while inspecting the gigantic dam behind which the water is piled up to within a few feet of the crest, (—and lose his breath again upon looking down the other side to the tiny ribbon of water more than 300 feet below—).

Then on—more tunnels, more canyon with its almost perpendicular walls; the road winds around the shore of a great lake and enters the ranch country; the canyon walls give way to lower and remoter cliffs in whose curiously eroded crests we see fantastic formations silhouetted against the sky—an elephant's head, the palm of a hand, Punch and Judy, Thor's anvil, a St. Bernard dog and scores more—a queer, crazy country.

On and on runs the Cody Road; into the dude ranch region and for forty miles through the vast Shoshone National Forest to the edge of the Park. Luncheon at Sylvan Pass Lodge and we whirl away again through the jack pines into Yellowstone; up the seven-mile hill to the snow on Sylvan Pass where the Cody Road crosses the Absaroka Range. On and on—mountains, forest, stream, waterfalls, a herd of elk, perhaps a bear, the Grand Tetons—a thrill a minute, and finally through the pines a glimpse of beautiful Yellowstone Lake—the end of the Cody Road and the beginning of new "adventures in wonderland."

The Cody Road may be included in any Yellowstone Tour and completes 100% of its possibilities. It represents a wholly plus value—Ninety Miles of scenic charm unsurpassed in all America and costs not a cent extra.



Upper Picture is Leonard Morris of the Lazy Bar H Ranch
on a famous mount
Off and on at the Cody Stampede

THE CODY STAMPEDE

THERE is no more fitting place in America for a real old-time Western Stampede than in Buffalo Bill's home town at the foot of the mountains—and so each year—during the first week of July—the cow-punchers from the plains, the rangers from the mountains, and the Indians from their reservations foregather at this historic place on the bank of the sacred Shoshone River and “rip up the sod”—exhibiting their traditional ability in riding bucking broncos, bull dogging, steer riding, fancy roping, horse races, trick riding, and the numerous other feats of skill and daring which go to make up such an event.

There is always a keen competition at the Cody Stampede and the best riders, ropers and bulldoggers come from all over the West to attend, but the boys who usually walk off with the money are the ones who have grown to manhood here in this vast cow country. Have lived their lives in the saddle and “know their stuff.” Due to this there is lots of real western humor bunched in with the seriousness of the events and an entire lack of professionalism.

The horses who come out of the chute with buckaroos on their backs at the Cody Stampede are not the professional buckers who do their stuff daily at Madison Square rodeo or at any of the events staged in the cities, but just plain salty broncs from the Shoshone valleys. They're hard “to sit” and make the boys ride their best.

The stampede Committee extends a cordial invitation to everybody, everywhere, who thinks he or she can ride or who has a horse which can run, to come and show what they can do.

The event, which is open to all, attracts many visitors, and people traveling through Cody at about that time will do well to plan their trip in such a manner as to be on hand for this thrilling and colorful exhibition.

ACCOMMODATIONS AT CODY

Overnight accommodations are available at the new Burlington Route Inn, which is the starting point for automobiles for Yellowstone Park and intermediate ranches and mountain resorts along the Cody Road. Persons making Cody their headquarters for short trips into the mountains may secure accommodations at the Irma Hotel (named for a daughter of the late Buffalo Bill), Chamberlin Hotel, Hart Mountain Inn, or Ainsworth Inn.

BIG GAME HUNTING

The Absaroka Mountains, extending in a general north-and-south direction through the whole of the Shoshone National Forest, and occupying likewise large areas of the Teton and Washakie National Forests are America's best big game country. As to quantity and variety



Northwest Wyoming affords the finest big game hunting on the continent

of game animals, it outranks all other areas. Elk, deer and moose are increasing rapidly. Bear, bob-cat and other predatory animals are plentiful. Adjoining Yellowstone Park, where game is protected the year round, the Absaroka country is assured of wild game indefinitely.

It is the only region excepting Alaska, where the Bighorn sheep can be hunted with success and the hunters say that these are now holding their own.

The main highways along the north and south forks of the Shoshone River afford quick and easy access by motor from Cody to the very edge of the big game country. Many a fine specimen has been brought down within a two-day pack journey from the road.

Those who make a specialty of conducting and guiding big game hunting parties are: Ned Frost, Cody, Wyo.; J. W. Howell, Cody, Wyo.; Fred Richard, Cody, Wyo.; W. H. Huntington, Painter, Wyo.; Peter Nordquist, Valley, Wyo.; Hilles Jordan, Cody, Wyo.; Max Wild, Valley, Wyo.; Tex Kennedy, Cody, Wyo.; Monte Jones, Cody, Wyo.; Chas. H. Pierce, Ishawooa, Wyo.; Cecil J. Huntington, Cody, Wyo.

These parties have for years made the outfitting and guiding of such hunts a special business, have extensive outfits of saddle and pack horses, tents and mess wagons, are thoroughly posted as to the game laws and license fees and may be depended upon to give service. They are also equipped to conduct pack trip parties to and through Yellowstone Park.

Merchants in Cody carry a full line of everything in the way of gear, equipment and supplies that are necessary or desirable.

The cost of a big game hunt will vary, according to the size of the party, two, three or four (exclusive of guides, etc.), and according to time occupied—two to four weeks. The services of licensed guides, necessary saddle and pack horses, large sleeping tents with stove, large mess tent, good "grub," cook and helpers are included. Visitors are expected to provide their own togs, guns and ammunition.

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the magnificent Wind River Canyon; Casper, of oil fame; Cheyenne, Wyoming's historic capital city, and Northern Colorado (making side trip to Rocky Mountain National-Estes Park, if desired), to Denver. Reverse the trip, if you prefer.

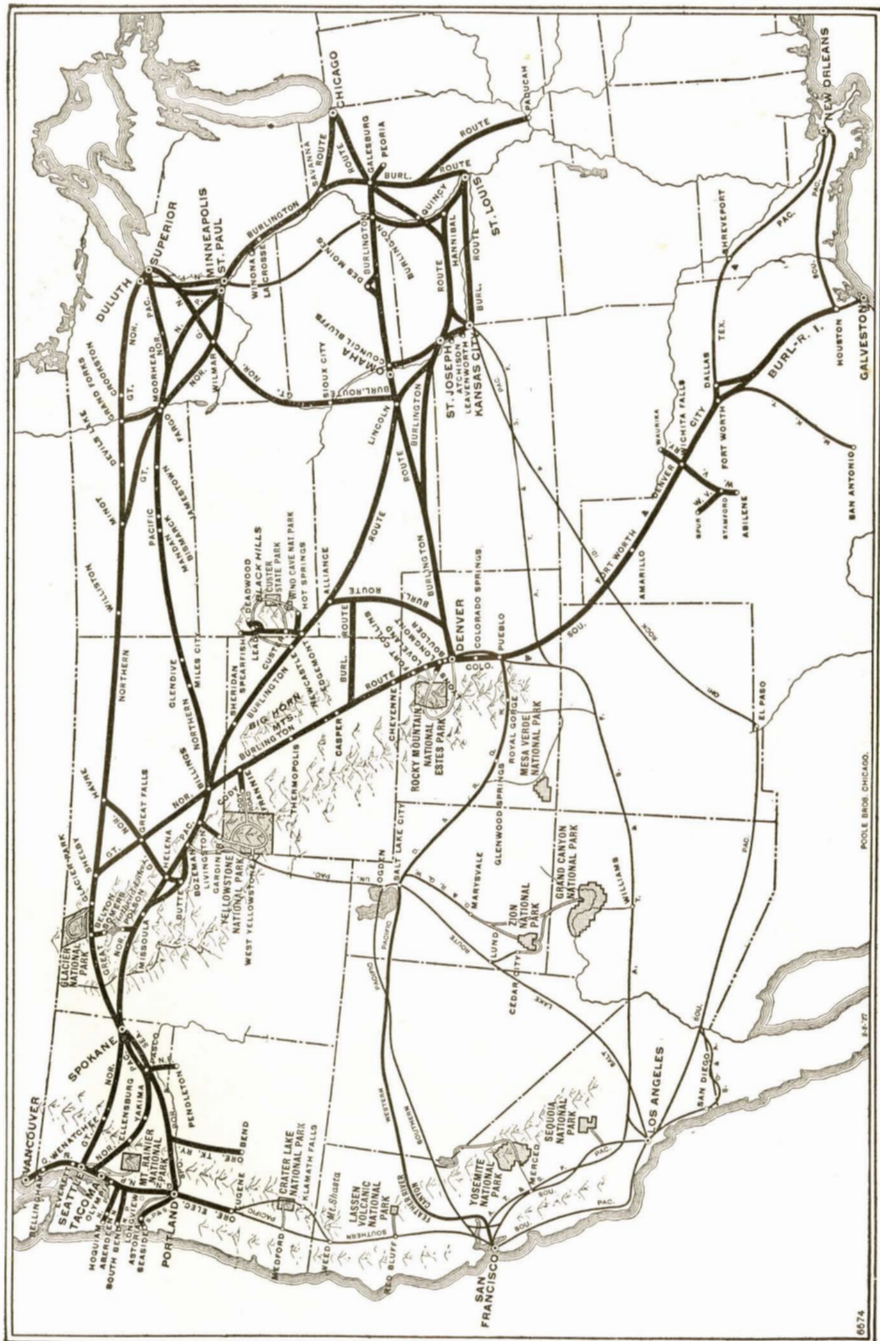
Passengers from Chicago, St. Louis and East also have the option of traveling via the Burlington's famous Mississippi River Scenic Line which follows the picturesque shore of the Father of Waters for three hundred miles through a region of great charm—to St. Paul and Minneapolis, thence via Northern Pacific Railway to Billings, Mont., beyond which the Burlington is used to Cody.

During the summer months there is through sleeping car service from principal Burlington points to Cody, so that the entire trip may be made without changing trains.

Summer excursion tickets to Cody are on sale daily throughout the summer at all railway ticket offices in the United States and, happily, such tickets may be routed in either or both directions via Denver, Colo., at no extra cost.



A baby deer poses for his picture



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