



ROUTE 20 STATE PLANNER

Wyoming Route 20 State Planner

Plan the Route 20 crossing from the Nebraska line through Casper, Thermopolis, the Bighorn Basin, Cody, Wapiti Valley, and the Yellowstone East Entrance.



Lusk -> Casper -> Thermopolis -> Worland and Greybull -> Cody and Wapiti -> Yellowstone East Entrance

High Plains entry

Use Lusk and Casper to turn the Nebraska handoff into a practical eastern chapter.

Basin transition

Use Thermopolis as the destination anchor before Worland and Greybull keep the route practical.

Yellowstone gateway

Use Cody as the final base before Wapiti Valley and the East Entrance.

Use this planner for route shape, not live road or park status. Verify construction, weather, wildfire conditions, lodging, Yellowstone access, wildlife, and seasonal closures before travel.



Current Wyoming Route 20 guide

Scan for the state page, connected segments, trips, and place guides.

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How the Wyoming corridor works

EASTERN ENTRY

Lusk, Orin, and Glenrock

Move from the Nebraska handoff across the High Plains. Lusk is the first practical Wyoming stop before the route approaches Casper.

CENTRAL CROSSING

Casper and Shoshoni

Use Casper as the strongest city base for supplies, museums, river time, or an overnight; use Shoshoni as a practical junction reset.

HOT SPRINGS TRANSITION

Thermopolis

Treat Thermopolis as a destination stop for hot springs, paleontology, and canyon country before entering the basin.

BIGHORN BASIN

Worland and Greybull

Use the basin towns for practical services and a measured continuation toward Cody.

YELLOWSTONE APPROACH

Cody, Wapiti, and East Entrance

Use Cody as the main gateway base, then follow Wapiti Valley to the Yellowstone boundary.

My east-to-west chapter

My west-to-east chapter

Wyoming changes character repeatedly: High Plains, central city services, hot-springs country, Bighorn Basin, and the Yellowstone approach. Give each transition its own margin.



Choose the Wyoming chapter that fits

1. Lusk, Orin, and Glenrock

Use this for the cleanest Nebraska-to-Wyoming handoff and the eastern High Plains start.

Primary anchor

Fuel / services check

2. Casper, Shoshoni, and Thermopolis

Use this when the strongest city base and the Thermopolis destination stop form one central Wyoming chapter.

Primary anchor

Overnight / arrival plan

3. Thermopolis, Worland, and Greybull

Choose this for the basin crossing with deliberate service stops before Cody.

Primary anchor

Basin service margin

4. Greybull, Cody, Wapiti, and East Entrance

Use this for the Cody gateway and scenic Yellowstone approach.

Primary anchor

Park / wildlife check

My chosen lane

Keep the trip smaller than the whole state when needed.

Route section

Direction

Overnight base

Primary experience



PLACE ROLES

ANCHOR MAP

Use Wyoming stops for the job they do best

Lusk

Practical first stop after the long Nebraska run.

Glenrock

Smaller on-route connector between the High Plains entry and Casper.

Casper

Strongest practical city base for history, museums, river time, and supplies.

Shoshoni

Useful junction and reset point between Casper and Thermopolis.

Thermopolis

Hot-springs, paleontology, and canyon anchor at the basin edge.

Worland

Practical service stop between Thermopolis and Greybull.

Greybull

Useful basin junction for the final stretch toward Cody.

Cody

Primary western Wyoming base before the Yellowstone approach.

Wapiti

Scenic valley stop between Cody and the park boundary.

East Entrance

End of the east-side approach and handoff to Yellowstone planning.

My anchor hierarchy

Not every place needs equal time.

Overnight base

Walk / explore

Quick reset



TRIP SHAPES

WORKSHEET

Build a realistic Wyoming Route 20 plan

Eastern Wyoming weekend

Lusk through Casper to Thermopolis. Best for a focused eastern-to-central trip with two strong anchors.

Overnight base

Western Wyoming weekend

Thermopolis through Worland and Greybull to Cody. Best for hot springs, basin towns, and a gateway finish.

Final base

Yellowstone approach drive

Cody through Wapiti Valley to the East Entrance. Best as a separate scenic drive with park access verified.

Departure time

Whole-state crossing

Use multiple nights and protect Casper, Thermopolis, Cody, and the park boundary as separate decisions.

Night sequence

My plan

Choose one anchor and one backup per day.

Day 1

Backup

Day 2

Backup

Day 3

Backup

Final arrival or departure plan

What gets cut first



BEFORE DEPARTURE

[VERIFY LIVE DETAILS](#)

Wyoming current-condition and arrival checks

High Plains and central

- ☐ Construction and closures
- ☐ Fuel range and service plan
- ☐ Wind, storms, smoke, or heat
- ☐ Casper lodging / supplies plan
- ☐ Long-drive daylight margin

Basin and Cody

- ☐ Thermopolis arrival plan
- ☐ Worland / Greybull service stops
- ☐ Cody lodging and parking
- ☐ Wildlife and visibility margin
- ☐ One optional stop to cut

Yellowstone approach

- ☐ East Entrance status
- ☐ Park roads planned separately
- ☐ Seasonal access and weather
- ☐ Wapiti Valley wildlife caution
- ☐ No rigid park arrival time

Reservation and contact notes

Lodging

Primary experience

Roadside / emergency contact

Exit and fallback notes

Latest acceptable arrival

One stop to skip

Lower-effort backup

Final trip summary

One page, one state chapter.

Direction and route section

Overnight base

Primary anchor

Backup



Continue with the current Wyoming state page

Use the online state guide for the five route sections, three Wyoming trip plans, Cody gateway material, and Yellowstone handoffs.

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