

Montana to Wyoming June 2026

([Google Earth Overview](#))

- Highlighted trails are the ones we did on this trip!
- Other ones listed were options.

Sun 6/14 – Get to Bozeman → Big Timber (Elevation: 4091ft)

Arrive BZN 7:40pm

Get Avis Rental: Intermediate SUV

Grab Dinner in Livingston

Stay Big Timber (Super 8 by Wyndham Big Timber)

Weather Big Timber: [HERE](#)

Mon 6/15 – Explore Crazy Mountains (~8000ft) , get to Red Lodge (5588ft)

- Breakfast at Big Timber Bakery
- Hike in the Crazies Hike: [Blue Lake](#) or [Twin Lakes](#)
 - 1hr drive, gravel road
 - Weather the Crazies: [HERE](#)
- Drive back to Big Timber and check out East Rosebud Lake
 - Hike Option: [Rimrock and Rainbow Lakes](#) (15mi, 2398ft, 4.9*, 8065ft)
 - As far as we wanna go (waterfall before Elk Lake at 3 miles in)
- Dinner in Red Lodge
 - Carbon County Steakhouse: Upscale western dining.
 - Red Lodge Pizza Co: Very popular, good for a post-hike carb load.
 - Bogart's: Mexican/American, lively atmosphere.
 - [Black Canyon Bistro - Elevated Montana Staples](#)
- Stay Red Lodge ([Historic Pollard Hotel](#))
- Weather Red Lodge: [HERE](#)

Tue 6/16 - Drive Beartooth Highway (10900ft) to Cooke City (7,608ft)

- Hikes (in order from Red Lodge toward Cooke City):
 - [Beauty Lake Trail](#): (4.4mi, 610ft, 4.7*) - This is the one we ended up doing because the water crossings on Becker Lake trail were too high/fast. We still had water crossings on this trail but they were manageable. We were post-holing through through snow for the last mile of the trail.
 - [Rimrock and Rainbow Lakes](#) (15mi, 2398ft, 4.9*, 8065ft) - good trail conditions; estimate 7-7.5 hours to do
 - [Becker Lake Becker Lake via Beartooth High Lakes](#) (8.0mi, 700ft, 4.9*, 9827') - nothing new on trail conditions since 2025; 4 hours to complete; mostly flat
 - [Lake Fork Trail to Lost Lake](#) (10.3mi, 1329ft, 4.7*, 8628ft) - good trail conditions; estimate 4-5 hours to do

- [Gardner Lake](#) (1.6mi, 574ft, 4.7*, 10600ft) - trail conditions fine. Start high and descend. 1-1.5 hours to do.
- [Island Lake to Night Lake](#) (8.8mi, 980ft, 4.8*, 9750ft) - mostly flat; 3.5-4 hours to do
- [Beartooth High Lakes Loop](#) (7.7mi, 1161ft, 4.8*, 10027ft) - nothing new on trail conditions since 2025; 3.5-4hr to do; go counter-clockwise
- [Woody Falls](#) near Cooke City (2.7mi, 853ft, 4.7*, 8400ft) - scramble and straight up
- Weather Lamar Valley: [HERE](#)
- Dinner Cooke City
 - Log Cabin Cafe (Silver Gate): Famous for breakfast, but check if they are doing dinner. Rustic and charming.
 - Beartooth Cafe (Cooke City): The go-to spot for a burger and beer.
 - Miners Saloon: Good atmosphere.
- Stay Silver Gate ([Silver Gate Lodging](#)) - Tiny Home

Wed 6/17 - Lamar Valley (6400ft) and Yellowstone Lake (7733ft)

- Lamar Valley Sunrise (best time for wolves/bears) - [hike toward South Lower Cache Creek 3L2](#) - good trail conditions reported
- [Mt Washburn Trail](#) (7.1mi, 1404ft, 4.8*, 10400ft) - Last miles still has packed snow but crossable and moderate
- Yellowstone Canyon Hiking
 - [Inspiration Point and Red Rock point on North End](#)
- Hayden Valley
- 7-8pm Lake Cruise (#20271528)
- 830pm Dinner Lake Yellowstone Lodge
- Stay Yellowstone (Lake Yellowstone Lodge)

Thur 6/18 - Drive to Tetons (hike to 9200ft) and Stay in Jackson (6237)

- Breakfast at Lake Yellowstone Lodge or after driving to Coulter Bay
- Drive to Tetons
 - String Lake for Photos
- Hikes:
 - [Amphitheater Lake](#) and/or [Delta Lake](#) or [Connect both?](#) – good trail conditions; hard around 5 hours to do
 - [Cascade Canyon](#) via Jenny Lake Boat
- Stay Jackson ([Antler Inn](#))
- Weather Jackson: [HERE](#)

Fri 6/19 - Drive to Alpine (5,633ft) and onward to Wind Rivers (7175ft)

- **Drive in Alpine**

- Check out “Lunch Counter” and “Big Kahuna” rapids on Snake River
- Quick stop at Hoback Junction
- Greys River Trail
- Fly Fishing or River Rafting?

- ~~[Alpine Outfitters](#) (Snake River near Jackson or Salt River near Alpine or Green River near Pinedale)~~

- Drive to Hot Springs
 - [Astoria Hot Springs](#) (right on road)
- Lunch in Pinedale
 - Wind River Brewing: Excellent food and beer.
- Sunset Hike
 - [Sacred Rim](#) (3.3mi, 554ft, 4.8*, 9708ft) - beautiful, some downed trees. Don't miss turn out otherwise end up towards Photographer's Point.
 - [Photographers Point](#) (9.5mi, 1138ft, 4.8*, 10400ft) –
- Grocery shop for Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner/Breakfast
- Stay outside Pinedale ([VRBO](#) Cabin)
- Weather Pinedale: [HERE](#)

Sat 6/20 - Wind Rivers

- Breakfast at house.
- Drive to Green River Lakes Area
 - [New Fork Lakes Trail](#) - 3mi, 4.6*, 278ft - Trail we ended up doing due to weather (thunderstorms!)
 - [Green River Lakes Loop](#) - 6.3mi, 495ft , 4.8*, 8149ft - can't currently complete the whole trail due to downed trees/flooding. Start left and turn around at the wetlands.
 - Continue further on [Highline Trail](#) (to under Square Top is 7mi 1 way)
 - Side Trip to [Clear Creek Canyon](#)
- Dinner at Bear Den Restaurant in Daniel, Wyoming
- Stay outside Pinedale ([VRBO](#) Cabin)

Sun 6/21 - Get home to Pups

- Breakfast at house
- Drive to Jackson

Fly at 1:35pm → SAN 3:06p