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## **Your Guide to Exploring Fall in the Country's Eighth-Largest County**

*Sand dunes, petroglyphs and wild horses in Southwest Wyoming*

**September 13, 2023—Rock Springs, Wyoming**—From Flaming Gorge Reservoir to the ancient spires of Boar's Tusk, [Sweetwater County](#) in southwest Wyoming is the prime location for fall adventure with crisp temperatures, autumn foliage and abundant things to do.

"This region of Wyoming has some of the best outdoor amenities for fall travel," said Jenissa Meredith, CEO of Sweetwater County Travel & Tourism. "From kayaking the Green River to spotting migratory birds at Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge and enjoying the offerings of our communities, it's the perfect destination for a weekend getaway."

With five communities – anchored by Rock Springs and Green River – and hundreds of thousands of acres of open space, there are seemingly endless options for indoor and outdoor recreation. If you're ready to make the most of this season, here are six ways to explore southwest Wyoming:

### **1. See the Past at White Mountain**

An important link to the region's history, the [White Mountain Petroglyphs](#) have rock art panels that date back 200-1,000 years. It's believed that this area was an important location for several Native American tribes, with many leaving behind depictions on white sandstone walls. Respectful visitation is encouraged.

### **2. Surf and Sled in Wyoming**

The second-largest active sand dune field in the world is found right here in southwest Wyoming. Spanning 109,000 acres and reaching heights of more than 100 feet, the [Killpecker Sand Dunes](#) are a site to behold. Within the dunes are 11,000 areas of dedicated open play space, which means you can ATV, surf and sandboard to your heart's content. Rentals of all kinds are available in the nearby community of Rock Springs; you're also welcome to bring your own.

### **3. Watch Rock Springs Grizzlies Take the Ice**

The Rock Springs Grizzlies are kicking off their [inaugural season](#) this month and will take to the ice at the Rock Springs Family Recreation Center. Part of the National Collegiate Development Conference, their season runs from September-March and they'll face off against teams from Idaho, Utah and Colorado.

### **4. Get off the Grid**

After a busy summer, you may want to [get away from it all](#) and soak up some peace and quiet, Wyoming style. If you're ready to unwind, take to the waters of Flaming Gorge Reservoir, drive Pilot Butte Wild Horse Scenic Loop or explore the crossroads of the California, Oregon and Mormon trails on the Bridger Valley Historic Byway.

### **5. Taste the West**

From ice cream at the Farson Mercantile to a full-fledged steak dinner at Boar's Tusk Steakhouse, Sweetwater County's [culinary scene](#) has an array of offerings. While you're here, fuel up on perfectly prepared donuts at Cowboy Donuts, dig into brick-stone pizza at Boschetto's European Market, savor trout at Eve's and enjoy house-made pastries at Get Real Coffee.

### **6. Explore Local Museums**

October is National Museum Month and Sweetwater County has local museums that tell the story of this region and its history. The museums tell the story of the heart, grit and passion it took to develop the area as the Union Pacific railroad moved through, mines were developed and a culturally diverse workforce brought it to life. Museums to explore include the Community Fine Art Center, Rock Springs Historical Museum and Sweetwater County Historical Museum.

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### **About Sweetwater County Travel & Tourism**

Sweetwater County Travel & Tourism administers the Sweetwater County Lodging Tax. The lodging tax funds local events, provides visitor services funding to the Rock Springs and Green River Chambers of Commerce and funds event recruitment, as well as out-of-county event marketing for the Sweetwater Events Complex.

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