Cody, Wyoming Relocation Guide

A Glimpse of the Real West

If you are searching for the real American West, look no further than Cody, Wyoming. Founded in 1896 by William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, this community of old and new reflects the vision of its founder. Through his personal exploits and his Wild West Show, Buffalo Bill became the world’s most well-known American. It is his name which represents the epitome of the Old West, and has provided a draw to this small western town where real cowboys still herd cattle but technology connects us to the global community.

The City of Cody lies about 25 miles east of the Shoshone National Forest, our country’s first national forest, and 52 miles east of the East Entrance to the world’s first national park, Yellowstone. Surrounded by some of the world’s most scenic landscape – set against the majestic backdrop of Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka and Beartooth Mountains, Cody is ideal for the outdoor enthusiast – camping, hiking, fishing, boating, hunting, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, golfing, as well as rock and ice climbing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and downhill skiing.

Panoramic views and abundant wildlife create some of the most extraordinary scenic drives anywhere. The Wapiti Valley, on the North Fork road to Yellowstone, South Fork of the Shoshone, and the Sunlight Basin are all home to wapiti (or elk), grizzly and black bears, bighorn sheep, mule deer, moose, bald eagles, and a host of other wildlife and birds.

A city of over 9,500 citizens, Cody is home to one of the country’s supreme cultural attractions – the five museums of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. Its almost 1/3 million square feet of exhibition space certainly makes it one of America’s largest museum complexes.

Adding to the flavor of the West is Old Trail Town, a collection of frontier buildings dating from 1879 to 1900, and the Irma Hotel, built by Buffalo Bill more than 100 years ago and named after his daughter. Cody is also rodeo! Billing itself as “Rodeo Capital of the World,” Cody provides a unique opportunity to capture the excitement of a real rodeo in a dramatic western setting. The Cody Nite Rodeo is the only rodeo in the country that runs seven nights a week, June, July and August. The Cody Stampede is one of the country’s premiere Fourth of July rodeo celebrations and has been playing host to the top cowboys and cowgirls for more than 80 years!

Inside this guide, you will find information about relocation, real estate, schools, health care and other topics to help you get the most out of living in Cody, Wyoming. Please refer to the Cody Chamber website www.codychamber.org for a complete listing of Chamber members.
Cody Snapshot

Latitude: 44° 31’ N
Longitude: 109° 01’ W
Elevation: 5,016 Feet

Mileage From:
Billings, MT – 105 miles
Bozeman, MT – 125 miles
Casper, WY – 210 miles
Denver, CO – 500 miles
Rapid City, SD – 392 miles
Salt Lake City, UT – 450 miles
Seattle, WA – 890 miles
Shoshone National Forest – 25 miles
Yellowstone National Park – 52 miles

Climate:
Average Annual Precipitation: 9.4 inches
Sunny Days: 300
Growing Season: 120 days

Average Temperature:
January: High of 35.4 degrees, Low of 13.6 degrees
July: High of 83.1 degrees, Low of 54.1 degrees

Average Wind Speed:
January, 7.8 miles per hour
July, 6.7 miles per hour
Annual, 7.4 miles per hour

Population (2010)
Cody 9,520
Park County 28,205

Population Distribution
Median Age 36.8
http://eadiv.state.wy.us/pop/ST_AS11_GP.htm

Real Estate Sales
Average Sales price – house in town: $186,865
Average Sales price – house out of town: $340,719
(Out of town homes often come with acreage, which increases prices considerably.)
Average Real Estate Rentals
Apartment: $400-$800
House: $1,000
Mobile Home: $500-$800

Cost of Living Index
Overall: 95
Food: 102
Housing: 88
Apparel: 104
Transportation: 100
Medical: 103
Recreation & Personal Care: 98

Wyoming 2012 Just the Facts
Governor: Governor Matt Mead
State Capital: Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking: 5th in 2011 - 6th in 2010 - 1st in 2009
Nicknames: Equality State - Big Wyoming - Cowboy State
State Dinosaur & State Fossil: Triceratops & Knightia
State Flower & State Tree: Indian Paintbrush & Plains Cottonwood
State Bird & State Fish: Western Meadowlark & Cutthroat Trout
State Butterfly & Reptile: Sheridan's Green Hairstreak & Horned Toad
State Mammal & State Gemstone: Bison & Jade
1st National Park: Yellowstone - Established March 1, 1872
1st National Monument: Devil's Tower - Established September 24, 1906
Admitted to Statehood - Date & Rank: July 10, 1890 - 44th State

Sources:
http://eadiv.state.wy.us/index.asp
**Education**

Cody is justifiably proud of its education system. One of the finest school districts in Wyoming is located in Cody. The Cody Middle School and Cody High School are accredited by the Commission on Schools of North Central Association of College & Schools. Cody High School is also accredited by the Wyoming Department of Education, North Central Accreditation Board and Rocky Mountain & National Associations for College Admission Counseling.

School District #6 operates five elementary schools, one middle school (grades 6-8) and one high school (grades 9-12). In 2007, Livingston Elementary was named a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School. Only 19 schools in Wyoming have received this honor over the past 25 years. The district has performed very well on the state PAWS testing system. In 2006, the district outperformed the state average on all testing subsets. The Wyoming Department of Education uses Cody materials for models of excellence throughout Wyoming.

Northwest Community College in nearby Powell, WY (22 miles east of Cody), one of seven community colleges throughout Wyoming, is a great place to launch your college education. With 1,770 students, small classes create opportunities for close support of student progress by 80 full-time and 70 part-time faculties. Northwest College offers more than 45 two-year programs, including a number at their satellite facility at the Cody Center, located in the Park County Complex. NWC has earned a reputation of quality with its strong academic programs, excellent instruction, attractive campus, and diversified extracurricular activities.

The University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY (450 miles south-east of Cody), is the crown jewel of Wyoming’s public education system. The state’s only four-year institution boasts 80 major buildings on a 785-acre campus and offers some 180 programs of study through six undergraduate colleges, the Graduate School, and the College of Law. UW has an outreach program in the Park County Complex, including video conferencing capability.

The five-museum complex of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center including its McCracken Research Library, the Park County Library, and nearby museums in Powell and Meeteetse add to the educational opportunities available to Park County residents.

Park County School District Enrollment: 2,149 (2008)  
Average Elementary Class Size: 15  
Beginning Teacher’s Base Salary: $43,000

Home Schooling is legal in the State of Wyoming.

*Higher Education Facilities & Enrollment*

Northwest College – Powell, WY (main campus)  
[http://www.nwc.cc.wy.us/](http://www.nwc.cc.wy.us/)

University of Wyoming – Laramie, WY  
[http://www.uwyo.edu/](http://www.uwyo.edu/)
**Cody Education Highlights**
Northwest College, Powell, WY and Cody Center
1 Private School
35 Day Care Centers & 4 Preschools
Adult Continuing Education Classes – NWC & UW Outreach
Emergency Medical Technical Program – West Park Hospital
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program – NWC
Park County Library – over 51,000 materials
McCraken Research Library – Buffalo Bill Historical Center
University of Wyoming Extension Classes – NWC (including some Masters degree programs)
and UW Outreach
School District #6 (Cody) has a 94% graduation rate
The Student/Teacher ratio is 12.9:1
Average ACT score in School District #6 is 22

**Health Care Services**
West Park Hospital offers the state-of-the-art in medical equipment and technology with 25-beds for acute care. Adjacent to the Hospital is the Long Term Care Center, with 94-beds as well as a 20-bed chemical dependency center (Cedar Mountain Center). West Park Hospital has adopted the Planetree philosophy as a model of health care. The Planetree model strives to enhance patient comfort by personalizing, humanizing and demystifying the health-care experience. In June of 2012 they opened their new addition. The layout of the new addition greatly improves patient privacy, with 12 new all-private emergency rooms, as well as separating public corridors from patient, staff and provider corridors. West Park Hospital also offers cancer treatment in the Big Horn Basin Cancer Center as a partnership with St. Vincent Healthcare out of Billings, Mont. Cody has a large, cutting-edge medical community not normally found in towns its size, anchored by West Park Hospital.

Cody’s comprehensive range of medical services
47 Physicians (covering 23 specialties)
9 Dentists
1 Orthodontist
7 Chiropractors
25-bed Critical Access Hospital
24 Hour Emergency Room & Ambulance Service
94 Bed Long Term Care Center
20 Bed Chemical Dependency Treatment Center
Cancer Treatment Center
Mental Health Center
Home Health & Hospice
2 Psychiatric Doctors
Radiology
Surgical Services
MRI Scanner
128-Slice CT Scanner & Nuclear Medicine
Regional Dialysis Unit
Women’s Health Pavilion
Urgent Care Clinic
Rehabilitation Services

West Park Hospital
707 Sheridan Avenue
307-527-7501, 800-654-9447
http://westparkhospital.org/

West Park Hospital – Urgent Care Clinic – Cathcart Health Center
424 Yellowstone Avenue
307-578-2903

The Bill and Joanne Price Medical Arts and Cancer Treatment Center
1025 9th Street
307-587-5622, 866-587-5622

Cedar Mountain Center: Chemical Dependency Center
307-578-2421, 800-775-6016

http://westparkhospital.org/area_clinics.html

Spirit Mountain Hospice
Located on Canyon View Avenue
307-578-2413
http://westparkhospital.org/hospice-house.html

**GOVERNMENT**
Cody is governed by a City Administrator, an elected Mayor, and six-member elected City Council.
Cody is the county seat of Park County. Currently, Park County is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, elected to four-year terms. Both City & County have Planning and Zoning Commissions that implement land use regulations. No Business License is required, however a Transient Business License is required in the city.

*Public Protective Services – Law Enforcement*
911 Emergency Services
Full-time City of Cody Police Officers
18 full-time Park County Sheriff’s Deputies (9 Cody based)

*Public Protective Services – Fire Department & Search and Rescue*
60 Volunteers (City & Rural Firemen) with 4 Fire Trucks & assorted support vehicles
28 Search & Rescue Volunteers with 2 Search & Rescue Vehicles
Government Agencies
County Seat: all county services
Bureau of Land Management
Wyoming Game & Fish
Shoshone National Forest
Bureau of Reclamation
Social Security
Wyoming National Guard
Employee Security Commission
Workforce Services, Northwest Region
U.S. Senatorial Office

Taxes
No corporate state income tax, no personal state income tax.
No inventory tax.
Park County has a 4% sales and use tax.
Property Taxes – average rate in Park County is 6.8997%
Unemployment Insurance – taxable base rate of $20,100. Tax rates by industry grouping – WY Dept. of Employment.
Workers’ Compensation – rates vary by occupation and can be found online at: http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/job-seekers-and-workers/workers-compensation/Pages/default.aspx

Tax Computation
Fair Market Value of Property x Level of Assessment (9.5% for residential and commercial property) x Tax Rate
Example: Tax on a commercial facility valued at $1,000,000 is as follows: $1,000,000 x 0.095 - $95,000
x 0.068997 = $6,554.00
State assesses agricultural lands at 9.5% of agricultural value, residential and commercial at 9.5% and industrial at 11.5% of fair market value.

Tax Burden as a Percentage of Income
Wyoming ranks 33rd in the nation at 10.1%. (U.S. Average is 10.6.)

State Incentives
No corporate state income tax, no personal state income tax.
Community Development Block Grants administered by Wyoming Business Council.
  ➢ Provides grants to local governments for community and economic development projects.
  ➢ Provides convertible loans to grants based on job creation.
Partnership Challenge Loan Program administered by Wyoming Business Council.
  ➢ Provides low interest loans to community development organizations.
  ➢ Provides gap financing for projects with the Wyoming Business Council participating with a commercial lender.
Industrial Development Revenue Bonds. Cities and counties may issue tax-exempt bonds to provide financing for manufacturing.
Industry & Workforce

Cody is the regional center for financial and retail business, cultural activity, and medical services in Northwestern Wyoming. Cody has a balanced, stable and growing economic base, and is the second largest tourist destination city in Wyoming. Park County has historically been a leading producer of gas and oil in Wyoming and a strong leader in agriculture employment. Wyoming is a right-to-work state.

Local industries include: Oil/mining, tourism, irrigated farming, livestock/ranching, gypsum plant, government services, logging/lumber mill, plastic injection molding, and hunting/fishing/outfitting.

Major employers

1. West Park Hospital
2. Park County School District #6
3. Powell Valley Health Care
4. Park County School District #1
5. Northwest College
6. Buffalo Bill Historical Center
7. Wal-Mart Store #186
8. Blair Hotels
9. Marathon Oil
10. Y-Tex Corporation

Median Household income: $53,802

Economic Characteristics available online:
http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/56000lk.html
**Important Information**

**Utilities**
Electric Suppliers: City of Cody, Rocky Mountain Power
Natural Gas Supplier: Energy West
Water Suppliers: City of Cody, Northwest Rural Water District
Sewer: City of Cody Treatment Plant (Lagoon/Aeration System)
Solid Waste Disposal: Available

**Communications**
Newspaper: Cody Enterprise (twice-weekly)
AM Radio Stations: KODI, KPOW, KZMQ
FM Radio Stations: KTAG, KLZY, KZMQ, KCGL
FM Public Radio Stations: KEMC, KUWP
Cable TV/Telephone Providers: Optimum, CenturyLink, TCT
Local Internet Providers: Optimum, CenturyLink, TCT, Tri-Tel, Visionary Communications.
Cellular Providers: Cellular Plus (AT&T), Let’s Talk Cellular (Verizon), Union Wireless
First Class U.S. Post Office
Western Union
Shopper Guides: Buyer’s Guide, Penny Pincher

**Transportation**
Air Services: Yellowstone Regional Airport (COD) Located to the east side of Cody.
Runway: 8,276 x 100 ft. asphalt
Fixed Base Operators: Choice Aviation, Spirit Mountain Aviation
Car Rental: Avis, Budget, Dollar, Hertz, Thrifty. All are located at Yellowstone Regional Airport.
Rail Service: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Spur
Ground Services: LP Transportation, Phidippides Shuttle & Tours, Cody Cab, Bighorn Taxi Services

**Highway Routes**
Distance from Cody to I-90 – 100 miles
U.S. Highway 14
U.S. Highway 16
U.S. Highway 20
U.S. Highway 212

**Truck Services**
Custom Delivery Service, Dick Jones Trucking

**Parcel Services**
United Parcel Service (UPS) Regional Distribution Center
Federal Express
The UPS Store
**Parks & Recreation**
Recreation opportunities are almost limitless in Cody. Cody is located 52 miles from the East Entrance to Yellowstone National Park and just 25 miles away from the Shoshone National Forest.

* Cody itself offers:
  - 22 City Parks
  - 8 Ball Fields
  - 6 Tennis Courts
  - 8 miles of Multiple Use Trails
  - Paul Stock Aquatic and Recreation Center
  - Victor J. Riley Ice Arena & Community Events Center
  - 18-hole Championship Golf Course
  - 4 Screen Movie Theater
  - Rodeo Grounds
  - Cody Shooting Complex
  - Multi-Sports Center
  - Shoshone River Way
  - Alpine & Nordic Ski Areas
  - Equestrian Park
  - Bowling Alley

*Outdoor Activities*
In Cody and within minutes of town, find blue ribbon trout stream fishing, hiking, trophy hunting, skeet, trap, sporting clays, cowboy action & target shooting, river rafting, water skiing, scenic drives, snowmobiling, windsurfing, biking, horseback riding, camping, boating, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, canoeing, white water kayaking, rock climbing, mountain climbing, ice climbing, rodeos and golfing.

Paul Stock Aquatics & Recreation Center
1402 Heart Mountain Street
(307) 587-0400

Cody Shooting Complex - [http://www.codyshootingcomplex.org](http://www.codyshootingcomplex.org)
61 County Road 7WC

802 Meadow Lane
(307) 587-5688
Friends of Big Horn Lake
223 Hwy 32 (Lovell, WY)
(307) 754-5736

808 Meadow Lane
(307) 527-6241

Sleeping Giant Ski Area - http://www.skisg.com
348 North Fork Highway (Wapiti, WY)
(307) 527-8988

The Nature Conservancy
1128 12th St, Suite A
(307) 587-1655

Trout Unlimited
East Yellowstone Chapter 540
P.O. Box 3008
Cody, WY 82414

Wapiti District Ranger
203A Yellowstone Avenue
Cody, WY 82414
(307) 527-6921

Wild Sheep Foundation - http://www.wildsheepfoundation.org
720 Allen Avenue
(307) 527-6261

Yellowstone National Park Service
P.O. Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
(307) 344-2013

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Bank of the West
1130 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 587-2243
http://www.bankofthewest.com

Big Horn Federal Savings Bank
1701 Stampede Avenue, (307) 587-5521
http://www.bighornfederal.com
First Bank of Wyoming - Cody Office
1507 8th Street, (307) 587-3800
https://www.FirstBankofWyoming.com

Pinnacle Bank
1702 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 527-7186
http://www.wypinnbank.com

Sunlight Federal Credit Union
1702 17th Street, (307) 587-4915
http://www.sunlightfcu.org

US Bank
1132 Beck Avenue, (307) 527-9621
http://www.usbank.com

Valley Federal Credit Union
1902 Cougar Avenue, (307) 587-2274
http://www.valleyfcu.com

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
1401 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 527-2620
https://www.wellsfargo.com/

**Moving & Storage**

C & L Storage
P.O. Box 935, (307) 272-8011

Cook Moving & Storage
2214 Big Horn Avenue, (307) 587-3500

**Cody Realtors**

American West Realty
1527 Rumsey Avenue, (307) 587-9608
http://www.americanwestrealty.com

Ann M. Flack, Associate Broker – Peaks To Prairie Realty
1276 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 250-7369
http://www.codywyomingproperties.com

Canyon Real Estate
1128 12th Street, (307) 527-7092
http://www.canyonrealestate.net
Cody Country Real Estate
1128 12th Street, (307)587-2803
http://www.codycountryrealty.com

Coldwell Banker Antlers Realty
802 Canyon Avenue, (307) 587-5533
http://www.codywyomingrealestate.com

Coldwell Banker Antlers Realty - Bev Richard, Broker Associate
802 Canyon Avenue, (307) 587-5533
http://www.realtorbev.com

Coldwell Banker Antlers Realty, Inc. - JoAnn Humphries, Broker Associate
802 Canyon Avenue, (307) 587-5533
http://www.codyrealty.com

Cowboy Realty
1737 Sheridan Avenue #302, (307) 587-8014
http://www.cowboyrealty.net

Eagle Real Estate, LLC
1234 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 587-5266
http://www.eaglerealestate.com

Hill Real Estate
1139 Rumsey Avenue, (307) 587-4993
http://www.hillrealestatetedy.com/

Kruger Land Consulting
37 Musser Road, (307) 587-9077
http://www.krugerlandconsulting.com

Peaks to Prairie Realty LLC
1276 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 587-8778
http://www.peakstoprairierealty.com

Prudential Brokerage West, Inc.
1432 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 587-6234
http://www.codyliving.com

Sage Realty
1131 13th Street Suite 103, (307) 587-4764
http://www.codysage.com
Sommers & Voerding, Inc.
1025 12 Street, (307) 587-4959
http://www.realestatecodywyoming.com

Sunlight Real Estate, LLC
961 12th Street, (307) 587-0047
http://www.sunlightrealestate.com

The Donley Team Real Estate Group
1401 Rumsey Avenue, (307) 587-3883
http://www.realestatecody.com

Western Real Estate of Wyoming, Inc.
1143 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 587-5584
http://www.westernre.net

**Places of Worship**

Assembly of God
1532 Bleistein Avenue, (307) 527-7339

Christ Episcopal Church
825 Simpson Avenue, (307) 587-3849

Christ The King Lutheran Church
1207 Stampede Avenue, (307) 587-3025

Christian & Missionary Alliance Church
147 Cooper Lane E, (307) 587-3418

Church of Christ
1826 Stampede Avenue, (307) 587-3311

Church of God of Prophecy
1825 Rumsey Avenue, (307) 587-7031

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
1719 Wyoming Avenue, (307) 587-3855

Church of the Nazarene
808 Skyline Drive, (307) 587-4397

Cody Bible Church
2137 Cougar Avenue, (307) 527-4488
Cody Christian Church
2637 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 527-7431

First Baptist Church
801 Gerrans Avenue, (307) 587-3687

First Presbyterian Church
2025 23rd Street, (307) 587-2647

Grace Baptist Church
4 South Fork Road, (307) 587-6262

Jehovah Witnesses of Cody
1201 29th Street, (307) 587-4931

Living Fortress Foursquare Church
725 19th Street, (307) 527-4444

Mountain View Community Church
2926 Big Horn Avenue, (307) 587-5437

New Hope Southern Baptist Church
2202 Cougar Avenue, (307) 527-4063

Saint Anthony of Padua
1345 Monument Street, (307) 587-2567

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship
1825 Rumsey Avenue, (307) 587-7871

Trinity Lutheran Church
3401 Sheridan Avenue, (307) 587-2436

United Methodist Church
1405 Beck Avenue, (307) 587-4430

Victory Fellowship Church
3219 E. Sheridan Avenue, (307) 527-6231

Wapiti Valley Church
3122 North Fork Hwy., (307) 587-4789

Yellowstone Baptist
99 S. Fork Road, (307) 587-5995
**Arts & Culture**

*Attractions*
Buffalo Bill Dam Visitor Center
Buffalo Bill Historical Center
Buffalo Bill’s Irma Hotel
Cody Cattle Company
Cody Country Art League
Cody Dug Up Gun Museum
Cody Gunfighters
Cody Murals Visitor Center
Cody Nite Rodeo
Cody Trolley Tours
Dan Miller’s Cowboy Music Revue
Historic Downtown District
Red Canyon Mustang Trips
Tecumseh’s Old West Miniature Village
Old Trail Town
Wild Sheep Foundation

*Annual Events*
Antique Gun Show
Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale
Buffalo Bill Invitational Shootout
Buffalo Bill Historical Center Patrons Ball
Cody Country Christmas
Cody High Style
Cody Wild West Days
Ice Waterfall Festival
Plains Indian Powwow
Wild West Balloon Festival
Winchester Gun Show & Auction

*Entertainment/Culture*
Art Galleries
Cody Country Art League
Community Concert Series
Concert and Theater Productions
Four Screen Movie Theater
Museums
Park County Arts Council
Seminars
Shakespeare in the Park
Special Exhibits
Variety of Restaurants and Bars
Variety of Specialty Stores
**Numbers You Will Need - All Area Codes are 307**

*Driving & Vehicles*
- Park County Treasurer: 527-8630  
  (Bring Proof of insurance and vehicle title to obtain license plates.)
- Wyoming Department of Transportation: 587-3346  
  (To obtain Wyoming driver’s license)

*Employment*
- Wyoming Work Force Services, Regional Office: 587-4241
- Vocational Rehabilitation: 527-7174

*Key Services*
- Park County Clerk: 527-8600  
  (Voter registration)
- Park County Public Library: 527-1880
- Park County Extension Office: 527-8560
- West Park Hospital: 527-7501

*Media*
- Appaloosa Broadcasting: 764-3771
- BigHorn Radio Network: 578-5000
- Cody Enterprise Newspaper: 587-2231
- Yellowstone Gate: 213-9818

*Education*
- School District #6: 587-4253
- Northwest College, Powell: 754-6000
- Northwest College, Cody Center: 587-3376
- University of Wyoming Academic Outreach Center: 754-6203
- Buffalo Bill Historical Center: 587-4771

*Government*
- Park County Assessor: 527-8650
- Park County Sheriff: 527-8700
- Cody City Hall: 527-7511
- Cody City Administrator: 527-7511
- Cody Police Department: 527-8700
- Park County Fire Department: 527-8700

*Utilities*
- City of Cody: 527-7511  
  (electricity, sewer, trash, water)
- Northwest Rural Water District: 527-4426
- Rocky Mountain Power: (888) 221-7070
- Energy West: 587-4281
- CenturyLink: (800) 244-1111  
  (cable TV, phone and internet)
- Optimum: (877) 273-7626  
  (cable TV, phone and internet)
- TCT West: 568-3357  
  (cable TV, phone and internet)
Local Websites of Interest

City of Cody
http://www.cityofcody-wy.gov/

Cody Country Chamber of Commerce
http://www.codychamber.org

Cody Enterprise Newspaper
http://www.codyenterprise.com/

Forward Cody
http://www.forwardcody.com/

Park County Official Site
http://www.parkcounty.us/

Park County Travel Council
http://www.yellowstonecountry.org/

Park County School District #6
http://www.park6.org/index.cfm

Park County Library
http://parkcountylibrary.org/

Paul Stock Aquatic & Recreation Center
http://www.facebook.com/codyreccenter

Wyoming Business Council
http://www.wyomingbusiness.org/

Wyoming Game & Fish

Wyoming Job Service
https://www.wyomingatwork.com/

Wyoming State Data Center
http://eadiv.state.wy.us/wsd/wsdc/wsdc.html
**Cody is Bear Country**

**Be Bear Aware! Knowledge is your first line of defense in bear country.**

Know your bears (grizzly vs. black bear).
Always carry bear pepper spray and know how to use it.
Read all signs and postings at trailheads.

**Ways to Avoid Bear Encounters on the Trail**
- Make noise to alert a bear of your presence.
- Hike in a group of two or more.
- Avoid hiking during dusk/dawn.
- Avoid dense brush, berry patches, and areas where seasonal food sources are available to bears.
- Watch for bear signs: be alert and avoid area of present!

**Viewing of Roadside Bears**
If you have the opportunity to view a bear that is using the roadside, please enjoy this experience and view the bear from a distance. Don’t be fooled, bears that can be seen from roadways are not tame! DO NOT approach or feed roadside bears.

**Tips for Responsible Viewing of Roadside Bears**
- Do not feed or approach any wild animal.
- Keep a safe distance; stay at least 100 yards away.
- View bears from the safety of your car.
- Use binoculars, telephoto lenses, or spotting scopes.

**Living in Bear Country**
While living in bear country, it is your responsibility to understand that certain items around your home may attract grizzly/black bears to your residence. Bears are attracted to human food, garbage, birdseed, pet food or livestock feed, and fruit bearing trees or shrubs. Bears that gain access to unsecured attractants can develop destructive and potentially dangerous behavior and will often stay in the area. These bears may cause property damage and can create human safety issues.

**Do your part to stay safe and keep wild bears wild!**
Keep attractants stored and unavailable to bears by following these easy steps:
Secure garbage and livestock grain in bear-resistant container or building.
Discontinue use of birdfeeders during the active periods (April-October) or hang feeders 10 feet high and four feet from any vertical structure.
Feed pets and store pet food indoors.
Keep BBQ grills clean or store in secured building.
Pick all ripe fruit promptly and keep the ground clear of fallen fruit, secure fruit producing trees and shrubs with electric fencing.

For more information visit:
http://www.centerforwildlifeinformation.org/BeBearAware/bebearaware.html