



FEES & PERMITS

Daily Use Fees must be paid for each day, per person. Annual Daily Use permits may be purchased at parks, selling agents around the state or at www.wyo-park.com. Please call, check our website at wyoparks.org, or follow us on Facebook for more information on prices and operating hours.

RULES

- Pets on leash are welcome.
- Cooking in grills permitted (no open fires).
- Bicycles must stay in main parking lot.
- No alcohol
- No horses
- No fireworks
- No overnight camping
- No throwing of objects such as Frisbees, balls, horseshoes, rocks, etc.
- PLEASE OBSERVE HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGNS. Violators will be towed at owners' expense.
- Special events must be approved 30-days in advance. Contact site office at 307-782-3842.



The past comes alive through costumed interpreters, museum displays, and a reconstruction of Jim Bridger's trading post.



Fort Bridger State Historic Site is administered by the Division of State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails; Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources.



HISTORY

"I have established a small fort, with a blacksmith shop and a supply of iron in the road of the emigrants on Black Fork of Green River, which promises fairly..."

Thus spoke Jim Bridger in a letter he dictated to would-be suppliers in 1843. While that small fort lasted a little more than a decade, Bridger's words would prove prophetic. Not only did the location "promise fairly," it proved to be one of the main hubs of westward expansion used by mountain men, Indians, emigrants and Mormon Pioneer, the U.S. Army, Pony Express, Overland Stage and Union Pacific Railroad. Even during the 1900s The Lincoln Highway, Highway 30 and Interstate 80 crossed in or near Fort Bridger.

Established by Jim Bridger and Louis Vasquez in 1843 as an emigrant supply stop along the Oregon Trail, it was obtained by the Mormons in the 1850s, and then became a military outpost in 1858.

After the Fort was abandoned in 1890, most of the wooden structures that remained on fort property were sold and moved off the grounds. Those that remained fell into disrepair. Eventually, various groups and individuals took interest in preserving and restoring what remained. In 1933,

the property was dedicated as a Wyoming Historical landmark.

SPECIAL EVENTS

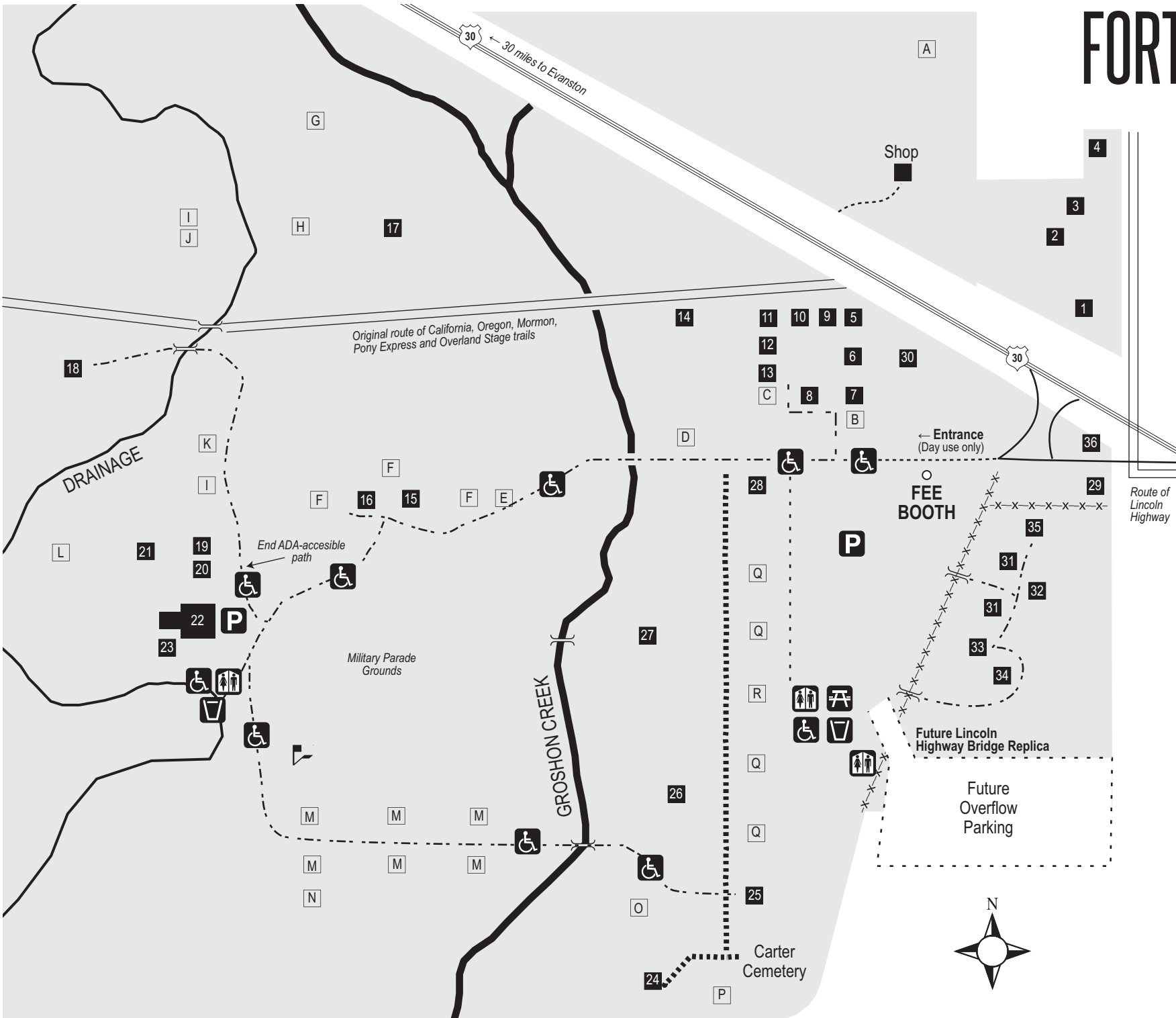


- First Day Hike on January 1st - Walk a mile at 1 pm.
- Easter Egg Hunt the Saturday before Easter Sunday 10 am
- Memorial Day Flag Raising and 21-Gun Salute - call for time
- 4th of July Family Event immediately following the parade in town
- Annual Mountain Man Rendezvous, held every Labor Day weekend - features Native American Dancing, Black Powder shooting competitions, musical entertainment and shopping at a pre-1840s open-air Trader's Row.

LOCATION

Take Exit 34 then 2.5 miles off of I-80 in southwestern Wyoming .

FORT BRIDGER HISTORIC SITE



Existing Structures

- 1. Site Offices (1880s Commissary)
- 2. Homestead Cabin
- 3. Curatorial Area (1880s QM Storehouse)
- 4. 1880s Oil House
- 5. Carter's Warehouse
- 6. Carter's Mess Hall
- 7. Post Trader's Store
- 8. School House & Wash House
- 9. Ice House
- 10. Stock Shelter & Chicken Coop
- 11. Pony Express Barn
- 12. Carriage House
- 13. Carter's Freight Wagon
- 14. Grave of Thornburgh the Dog
- 15. 1887 Guard House
- 16. Sentry Box
- 17. Historic Trails Marker
- 18. Jim Bridger's Fort (replica)
- 19. 1868 Guard House
- 20. 1867 Commissary
- 21. Mormon Wall Remnant
- 22. Museum (1880s Barracks)
- 23. Archaeological Exhibit
- 24. Ranch House
- 25. 1884 Commanding Officer's Quarters
- 26. Sun Dial
- 27. Bandstand (reconstructed)
- 28. 1858 Officer's Quarters
- 29. Local Pyramid Monument
- 30. Pony Express Monument
- 31. Black & Orange Lincoln Highway Motel
- 32. 1930s Residence
- 33. Historic Light Plant
- 34. Historic Outhouse
- 35. Black & Orange Office
- 36. Jim Bridger Statue

Former Structures

- A. Stables, Corrals, Wagon Sheds
- B. East Wing of Trader's Store
- C. W.A. Carter's Residence
- D. Officer's Quarters
- E. Band Quarters
- F. Infantry Barracks
- G. Blacksmith
- H. Fuel/Coal Store House
- I. Laundress Quarters
- J. Bakery
- K. 1858 Guard House
- L. Powder Magazine
- M. Infantry Barrack / Mess Hall / Kitchen
- N. Root Cellar
- O. Military Administration Building
- P. Hospital
- Q. Officer's Quarters
- R. Original Commanding Officer's Quarters

ADA
 Drinking water
 Parking
 Picnic area
 Restrooms
 Boardwalk
 Bridge
 Dirt road
 Path/Trail
 Paved Road
 Site boundary

PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 911
 Site offices (307) 782-3842