

**Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites
and Trails Invites You to Join Us**

January 1, 2023

Bear River State Park - 1:00PM

Meet at Visitor Center, 1-2.5 mile(s)

Boysen State Park - 10:00AM

Meet at Park Headquarters, 1.5 miles

Buffalo Bill State Park - 9:00AM

Meet at Park Headquarters, 1-2 mile(s)

Curt Gowdy State Park - 10:30AM

Meet at Visitor Center, 1-2 mile(s)

Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park - 10:00AM

Meet at Platte River Shelter, 1-2.5 mile(s)

Fort Bridger State Historic Site - 10:00AM

Meet at Front Parking Lot, 1 mile

Fort Steele State Historic Site - 10:00AM

Meet at Visitor Center, 1 miles

Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site - 1:00PM

Meet at Main Parking Lot, 1 mile

Guernsey State Park - 10:00AM

Meet at Museum, 2-4 mile(s)

Hot Springs State Park - 11:00AM

Meet at Thermopolis Golf Course PL, 1-2 mile(s)

Keyhole State Park - 10:00AM

Meet at Big Kahuna, 1-2 mile(s)

Medicine Lodge State Archaeological Site - 10:00AM

Meet at Red Barn, 1 mile

Sinks Canyon State Park - 1:00PM

Meet at Popo Agie Campground, 2 miles

South Pass City State Historic Site 1:00PM

Meet at Dance Hall, 2 miles

Trail End State Historic Site - 10:00AM

Meet East Side of Kendrick Mansion, 1-2 mile(s)



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Bear River State Park

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Visitor Center, 1-2.5 mile(s)

Details:

Join Bear River State Park for First Day Hikes! During the hike, participants will get to engage in Animal Track Identification and some Winter Bird Identification. The duration of the hike will range from 1-2.5 miles depending on the ability and interest of the hikers as well as the weather. Please dress in warm winter clothes and appropriate shoes/boots as we will be hiking over packed snow. Refreshments will be provided at the Visitor Center for our participants by the Friends of Bear River State Park. Easy terrain, snow cover. For more information, please contact 307-789-6547 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Boysen State Park

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Park Headquarters, 1.5 miles

Details:

Join Boysen State Park for First Day Hikes! Enjoy a guided hike with our park staff to a special overlook above the park with stunning views of Boysen Reservoir! Participants will meet at Park Headquarters located at 120 Boysen Drive. Moderate to intermediate terrain. For more information, please contact 307-876-2796 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Buffalo Bill State Park

When:

January 1, 2023 at 9:00AM

Meet at:

Meet at Park Headquarters, 1-2 mile(s)

Details:

Join Buffalo Bill State Park for First Day Hikes! Participants can enjoy a 1-2 mile hike through Lake Shore Campground or West Trail for stunning views of Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Participants will meet at Park Headquarters located at 4192 North Fork Hwy. Easy terrain. For more information, please contact 307-587-9227 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Curt Gowdy State Park

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Visitor Center, 1-2 mile(s)

Details:

It's almost time for First Day Hikes! Curt Gowdy is once again participating, and we hope to see you too. Bundle up and head out to the park for a 10:30am hike around Kate's Trail. After the hike, head back into the Visitor Center and warm up with some hot cocoa and treats by the fireplace. Participants will meet inside the Curt Gowdy Visitor Center at 10:30AM. We will depart shortly after for Kate's Trail, a 1.5 mile loop on a concrete nature trail. Easy terrain. For more information, please contact 307-632-7946 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Edness K. Wilkins State Park

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Platte River Shelter, 1-2.5 mile(s)

Details:

Join Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park for First Day Hikes! Enjoy interpretation about the history of Edness Kimball Wilkins as we walk a 45 minute loop on the paved trails followed by a campfire with hot chocolate and snacks. Easy terrain. For more information, please contact 307-577-5150 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Fort Bridger State Historic Site

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Front Parking Lot, 1 mile

Details:

Join Fort Bridger State Historic Site for First Day Hikes! Enjoy a guided one mile hike around our site's grounds. The path is paved and will be cleared of snow; easy terrain. Warm drinks and snacks will be provided by Fort Bridger Historic Association. For more information, please contact 307-782-3842 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where: Fort Steele State Historic Site

When: January 1, 2023 at 10:00AM

Meet at: Meet at Visitor Center, 1 mile

Details: Join Fort Steele State Historic Site for First Day Hikes! Participants will meet at the Visitor Center for a one mile guided hike around the grounds. Easy terrain. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided for participants. For more information, please contact 307-320-3013 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where: Ft. Phil Kearny State Historic Site

When: January 1, 2023 at 1:00PM

Meet at: Meet at Main Parking Lot, 1 mile

Details: Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site will be participating in First Day Hikes this year! Hikers will meet in the main parking lot for a one mile hike around the parade grounds. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided after each hike sponsored by the Bozeman Trail Association. Easy terrain. For more information, please contact 307-684-7629 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Guernsey State Park

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Museum, 2-4 miles

Details:

Join Guernsey State Park for First Day Hikes! We will start at the Historic CCC Museum and hike by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) golf course; moderate to intermediate terrain. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact 307-836-2334 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Hot Springs State Park

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Thermop. Golf Course, 1-2 miles

Details:

Join Hot Springs State Park for First Day Hikes! Meet at the Thermopolis Golf Course parking lot at 11:00AM for a 1 to 2 mile hike; easy to moderate terrain. We will explore the new Runway Trail which connects the existing T-Hill and Roundtop Trails. Water and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact 307-864-2176 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Keyhole State Park

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Big Kahuna, 1 mile

Details:

First Day Hikes is back at Keyhole State Park! Meet at Big Kahuna at 10AM. From there, we will walk to the Cliffs Shelter where we will have warm refreshments and then hike back to Big Kahuna. There may be snow on the trail and we ask that everyone remember to dress for the weather. Easy terrain. For more information, please contact 307-756-3596 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Medicine Lodge State Arch. Site

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Red Barn, 1 mile

Details:

Medicine Lodge State Archaeological Site will be hosting a First Day Hike event! The hike is about 1 mile in length, fairly level and not strenuous. Hot drinks and will be provided to participants by Friends of Medicine Lodge! For more information, please contact 307-469-2234 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Sinks Canyon State Park

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at Popo Agie Campground, 2 miles

Details:

Sinks Canyon State Park will offer a free First Day Hike at 1PM on Sunday January 1st, 2023. Guests will meet at the Nature Trail in the Popo Agie Campground and enjoy a 2 mile hike around the Nature Trail and up to a beautiful overlook half way up the North Slope Trail. Moderate, snow covered terrain. Park staff will lead the hike and offer an interpretive program along the way geared for guests of all ages. Hot drinks will be provided! For more information, please contact 307-332-3077 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where: South Pass City State Historic Site

When: January 1, 2023 at 1:00PM

Meet at: Meet at Dance Hall, 2 miles

Details: Join South Pass City State Historic Site for First Day Hikes! Meet at the Dance Hall at South Pass City for a free hike along one of the 4 trails here at South Pass City. The hike includes a historic presentation and refreshments provided by the Friends of South Pass. Be prepared for South Pass! Good boots, snow shoes, Winter Clothes and a spirit of adventure. Moderate terrain. For more information, call 307-332-3684 or visit wyoparks.org.

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Where:

Trail End State Historic Site

When:

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Meet at:

Meet at East Side of Mansion, 1-2 mile(s)

Details:

Join Trail End State Historic Site for First Day Hikes! Enjoy a guided urban hike through the northwest corner of town that includes the Trail End grounds, and both new and historic neighborhoods in the area. Several stops along the route will be made to talk about local history. Comprised of relatively gentle slopes on city streets and paths, the trail should be fine for hikers of all ages, including those in strollers. The hike will conclude at the Kendrick Mansion, where hot cocoa and snacks will be offered. The weather on New Year's Day is usually below zero, so participants are urged to wear appropriate clothing, including gloves, hats, and comfortable boots. Photos of the event will be posted on Trail End's website trailend.org and social media outlets. For more information, contact Trail End at 307-674-4589 or Superintendent Sharie Shada at sharie.shada@wyo.gov.

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