



SWEETWATER COUNTY TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD

EXPLORE LOCAL WILDLIFE ALONG THE FLAMING GORGE SCENIC BYWAY ½ OR FULL – DAY ADVENTURE

Disclaimer: This is a true “off the grid experience,” and cell service is limited! Make sure you have extra water and food; a high-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicle with thick tires (and a spare tire) to traverse the dirt roads; extra fuel; GPS; and BLM map. Do not attempt to visit the area when conditions are wet. Let someone know where you are headed and when you plan to return.

You'll want to take your camera for this gorgeous drive! This byway offers spectacular views in addition to a wide variety of wildlife! There is plenty to see, if you have time, spend the full day enjoying Flaming Gorge Country. Along the byway keep an eye out for Pronghorn Antelope, Mule Deer, Osprey, Golden and Bald Eagles, Sage Grouse, Red-Tailed Hawks, Cottontail Rabbits, Gulls, Swallows, Common Loon, Sage Sparrows, Songbirds, Mourning Doves, Shorebirds, Fence Lizards, Ducks, Geese, Chuckers, Midget-Faded Rattlesnakes, and so much more! There are even Big Horn Sheep on the South side of the loop! The loop is 160 miles and takes about three hours. You can enter the byway off I-80 either in Rock Springs via HWY 191 S or Green River, WY via HWY 530.

Directions: From Rock Springs, go West on I-80, take exit 99 and turn left onto US HWY 191 S. You'll continue along this highway into Utah. The HWY will then intersect with UT HWY 44. Take a right and turn onto HWY 44. You'll follow this HWY until you reach Manilla, UT. When you come into Manilla, take another right onto HWY 43 (this will turn into HWY 530 once you cross the border into Wyoming). Follow HWY 530 North into Green River, WY. Once you reach Green River, you can get back on I80 East, and this will take you back to Rock Springs.

7:00a.m.

Before you leave town be sure to stop at [Cowboy Donuts](#) (1573 Dewar Dr. Rock Springs, WY)! They offer mouthwatering donuts & kolaches, yum! This local donut shop has even been featured on the Food Network!

7:15a.m.

Depart Rock Springs, headed West on I-80, and take exit 99 to head South on US HWY 191 to begin your journey along the Flaming Gorge Scenic Byway!



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7:45a.m.

Be sure to stop at the Flaming Gorge Gateway Sign (US HWY 191, mm 511), it's a great place for a photo op!

8:00a.m.

Stop at Firehole Canyon (US HWY 191, mm 513). This is your first opportunity to see the Flaming Gorge and some unique rock formations.

8:45 – 9:30a.m.

As you continue your journey along HWY 191 keep an eye out for big game such as deer and antelope, as well as raptors (birds of prey), this area has one of the largest concentrations in the Clay Basin area.

9:30a.m.

Arrive at Flaming Gorge Dam (US HWY 191, mm 393). Get out and enjoy the view. If you have time check out the visitor center.

10:30a.m.

Depending on how much time you've spent at each stop, enjoy a late breakfast or early lunch at [Red Canyon Lodge](#) (2450 Red Canyon Rd. Dutch John, UT). Be sure to drive over and see the Red Canyon overlook (UT HWY 44, mm 3.5)! Keep an eye out for Bighorn Sheep, they can also usually be seen in this area.

12:45p.m.

Stop at the Kokanee Salmon Interpretive Site in Sheep Creek Canyon (UT HWY 44, mm 22). In late September and early October, you can see the Kokanee Salmon Spawning.

2:00p.m.

Arrive in Green River, Wyoming refuel at [Don Pedros Mexican Restaurant](#) (520 Wilkes Dr. #10 Green River, WY)!



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What to Bring:

- Full Tank of Gas
- Spare Tire
- Comfortable Walking Shoes
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Jacket
- Water
- Snacks
- Bug-Spray
- Sunscreen
- Cellphone