



Welcome Artists – Demonstrators – Volunteers – Vendors!
Wyoming Discovery Days July 11-12, 2026

Set Up Instructions:

We recognize your investment to get here and participate. We want you to know that we value that commitment, and we have worked diligently to create an exciting festival — one that is worth your investment.

If you need help before Wyoming Discovery Days please visit our website at WyomingDiscoveryDays.com, email info@wyomingdiscoverydays.org or call Audra Dominguez at 904-874-2560.

General information: July 11th & 12th, 2026 in Hot Springs State Park, Thermopolis, WY
Hours: Saturday 10am to 7pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm

Fee: Free Admission to the state park and festival, thanks to our sponsors. Donations are welcome and appreciated! Vendors must pay a fee.

Check in: **NOTE***** Visit the information Teepee to check in and for general event information.
Check in Friday, July 10th, 1pm to 7pm and Saturday and Sunday before 9am.

Festival instructions:

Inside Hot Springs State Park – When you go under the railroad overpass, you are in the state park immediately. To your right is Days Inn. To your left is Best Western Parkway Plaza. Right beyond the Parkway Plaza building is a road that turns left and runs next to the Plaza. Turn on that road (north). On your right will be a circular parking lot. Continue to the street at the end of the parking lot. The new **unloading and loading zone** is now along this street across from the Teepee Pools. You must check in before you can unload. Once you have checked in you may drive into the unloading area. This area will be marked by orange cones. You may have to wait until your turn to begin unloading. Some help will be available to help move your booth and contents to your site. You must be set up by 9:00 a.m. each day. **Move your vehicle out of the unloading area when done unloading. The parking lot will be closed and only assigned food trucks and demonstration vehicles may park in the lot.**

To simplify the instructions:

- * All exhibits must be set up no later than 9 am Saturday and Sunday.
- * Exhibitors must provide their booth set-up, including appropriate tent, canopy or covering, tables, chairs, etc.
- * Exhibitors must be prepared for inclement weather. There is no rain date and no refunds will be given for weather related issues.
- * Exhibitors must be present at their booths throughout the festival to exhibit and sell their work personally.

Event staff, volunteers, musicians, demonstrators, storytellers, folk art, fine art, trading post and food vendors must check in at the information tent (tepee).

Unloading – Please wait to unload until you have checked in at the information tent. If you need help unloading, we will have people and equipment to help.

Break Down: Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 5pm. You are welcome to stay set up if you'd like as activities will take place Saturday.

Parking: Free in the park, but is not guaranteed to be close to your festival set up location, so give yourself extra time. Look for the shuttle to ride from parking lot to festival.

Food Permit: a Wyoming Temporary Food Permit is required if you are preparing and/or selling food. It must be posted at your booth. Please contact Jamie George, 307-864-2054 for a permit and instructions for serving food.

Licenses & Taxes: The total tax to be collected is 6% which you are responsible for submitting. Forms will be available at the Information booth.

During the Festival – If you need anything, you will find your answer at the information Tepee which will be located close to the Kiwanis Shelter. Programs with a map of booth and event locations will also be available at the information tent.

Security – You may leave canopies, tents, tables, chairs, coolers, tubs of supplies. But it is wise to secure small items you have for sale, such as jewelry, or special equipment you need for your work. There will be limited security overnight.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed to be brought onto the event grounds. Alcohol will be available for purchase during the event. If you have **pets**, please keep them on a leash and pick up after them. There is a designated dog area in the park near the railroad overpass/entrance.

Exit Survey – Wyoming Discovery Days committee is responsible for raising all the funds for the festival. We must report back to those who have provided funds — number of people who attended, what went well (or didn't), suggestions you might have. Please take the time to fill out a very short survey before you leave. Drop the survey at the information Tepee. **The survey is also available on-line at WyomingDiscoveryDays.org.**

Please respect the land and be a responsible user. Hot Springs State Park has an important history, and we wish to preserve it for future generations.

All participants must check into the information Tepee before you set up.

Demonstrators / Folk Master Craftsmen tent:

Folk Masters:

Featured Folk Masters are part of the Wyoming Arts Council Mentorship Program, others are local folk artists who have come to share their craft.

Booth Space: All demonstrating artists will be in a 20' x 20' tent. Your area will be approximately 8' x 8'. The Festival Committee will provide some tables and chairs. Please bring your own if you can. You may provide additional display furniture and awnings as needed. Bring your own table covering.

Musicians and Storytellers:

Check in:

You will need to move your vehicle after you unload. Parking is available within Hot Springs State Park.

Musicians: check in at the Pavilion one hour before your scheduled performance. There is limited time between performances, and sound check will be brief. If you have merch to sell during your set, we will have volunteers there to assist. Feel free to set out tip jars if you like.

Storytellers: check in 30 minutes before your scheduled performance.

Stage information:

Dancing may be on cement in front of the stage. There are no dressing rooms, but there is a state park storage closet off the stage and public restrooms behind the Pavilion. Waters will be provided.

Where in the world is Hot Springs State Park and Thermopolis, Wyoming?

Hot Springs State Park and Thermopolis, Wyoming, are in the north-central part of the state, about 120 miles south of Yellowstone, 90 miles south of Cody and 120 miles north of Casper. The town of Thermopolis is partly built on the state park lands. The central downtown Main Street (Broadway) is only a mile from the park entrance. We are easily found on interactive maps on the internet.

If you do not have access to an interactive map or if you need visual cues, here's how to get to Hot Springs State Park:

Travel instructions

A word of caution: You must go under a railroad overpass to get into the park. If your vehicle is over 12 feet high, you will need to take another route. Call for further instructions. Thermopolis Chamber of Commerce: 307-864-3192.

From the south (Casper, Shoshoni, Riverton, Lander, parts beyond) – Come through Wind River Canyon. Stay on highway 120 until you get to the one stoplight in town (about five miles).

Continue through the stoplight for about one mile. The road curves and splits. Stay in the right

lane and go past a small Visitor Information building (on your left). It houses the Chamber of Commerce, and you may wish to stop. If not, continue straight ahead.

From the north (Cody, Powell, Meeteetse) – Drive south on highway 120 to the one stoplight in town. Turn left and proceed as described above.

From the northeast (Worland, Basin, Buffalo, Sheridan) – From Sheridan, I-90 south to Sheridan, then southwest on Highway 16 to Worland. From Greybull on 16 E south to Worland. From Worland, Highway 20 south to Thermopolis. The last mile is uphill with a drop into the Basin. You can see the state park to your left. Highway speed drops drastically – watch! On the left side, take the first cutoff to your left and it will take you to the railroad overpass. The small building near the cut-off that says “Visitor Information” is the Chamber of Commerce. They are happy to help – they have lots of brochures on the community, the park and the festival. Otherwise, proceed under the railroad overpass.

Inside Hot Springs State Park – When you go under the railroad overpass, you are in the state park immediately. To your right is Days Inn. To your left is Park Plaza. You should see tents and signage just past the motels.

Thank you for coming to celebrate Wyoming with us! We value your time, effort, skills and participation.

-Wyoming Discovery Days Committee