

Sugarloaf Campground



10,800 feet

Location/Map: West of Laramie; Page 338

Usage: High

Sites: 16

Cost: \$10

Facilities/Services: Fire rings, picnic tables, water, and pit toilets

Managing Agency: USDA Forest Service (Medicine Bow National Forest)

Reservations: Call 877-444-6777 or visit www.reserveusa.com

Season: Open mid-July through mid-September

Suitable RV Length



Medium (20-30 feet)

Campground Directions

From Centennial, drive west on HWY 130 for 11 miles to the Sugarloaf Recreation Area turnoff. Follow the road for a mile to the camp.

Campground Description

This top-of-the-world campground is sure to freeze out all but the most prepared campers, even in July. If you can bear the climate of this high alpine country, you'll be able to brag about camping at Wyoming's highest campground. You'll also be rewarded with unsurpassed views of the Snowy Range. Nearby Sugarloaf Mountain rises to 11,398 feet—a measly 600 feet higher than the campground itself. Beside the campground is Libby Lake and Lewis Lake, both within easy walking distance. The camp is open less than two months out of the year and fills nearly every night during that time. Trees are scrubby and struggle to survive so don't expect to find much privacy. Tents and small camping units are the best choices for this campground. Don't forget your warm clothes.

Recreational Opportunities

Scenic Driving: The Snowy Range Scenic Byway runs 29 miles over the Medicine Bow Mountains and reveals some of Wyoming's most beautiful and accessible alpine country. At the crest of the range, drivers will find clear fishing lakes, meadows of alpine wildflowers, and sheer mountain cliffs.

Fishing: Two scenic lakes, Libby and Lewis, are located a short walk from the campground. Both alpine lakes have splake, brook, and cutthroat trout.

Trails: Two incredible trails depart from the nearby trailhead. The Medicine Bow Peak-Lakes Trail travels 1 mile to a major three-way junction. Turn left and you'll follow the family-friendly Lakes Trail for 1.7 miles to the Mirror Lake Picnic Area. Turn right and you'll huff-and-puff your way up to the top of Medicine Bow Peak (12,013 feet). It's not much over a half mile to the top, but it's a steep climb that feels longer.

The other route at the trailhead heads northeast for a short distance to a junction. The trail to the left travels a couple of miles to South and North Gap Lakes. Stay right and you'll follow the Lost Lakes Trail. Lost Lake is less than 2 miles farther, but there are some gorgeous lakes before it. The trail ends at Brooklyn Lake Campground, a little over 3 miles from the junction.

Picnicking: A beautiful picnic area is located at Libby Lake near the campground.

Field Notes

This campground is a little too exposed for my liking, but everyone I have talked to who has stayed here has loved it, especially if it snowed on them in July or August.



The Snowy Range is southeastern Wyoming's premier recreation area