



DAY TRIP TO HEART MOUNTAIN

From Cody · Park County, Wyoming



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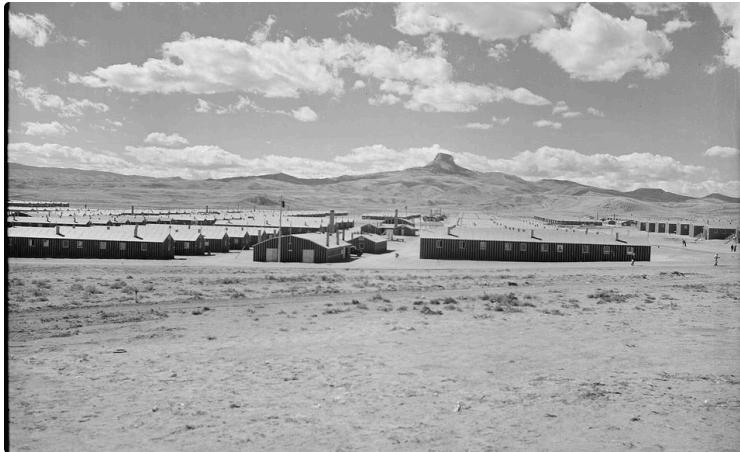


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INTERPRETIVE CENTER

National Historic Landmark. The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation runs the interpretive center and walking trail on land it owns beside Bureau of Reclamation land.

The interpretive center is 19 minutes from Cody, so a visit fits in a morning. Give the exhibits and oral histories time, then walk the short trail across the road from the hospital buildings. In winter the center opens only Wednesday to Saturday, so check the day before you go.

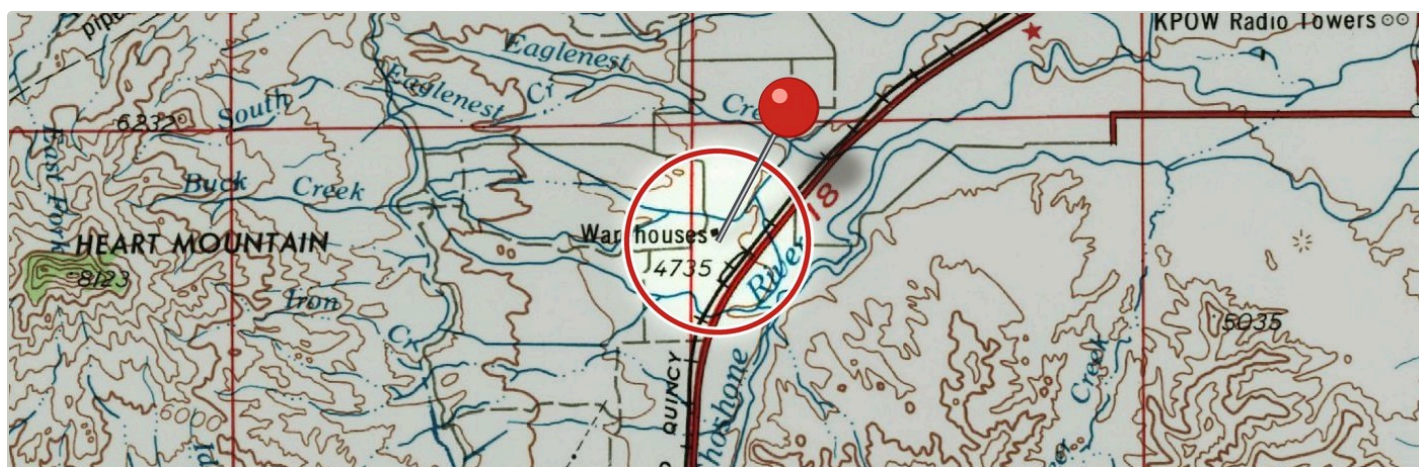
A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ 9:40 a.m. Leave Cody on US 14A. The drive is 13.5 miles, about 19 minutes. Turn at the brick chimney and two large trees onto Road 19.
- ☐ 10 a.m. The interpretive center opens. Take an audio guide and give the exhibits and oral histories most of the morning.
- ☐ 12 p.m. Walk the quarter-mile Setsuko Saito Higuchi Interpretive Trail, across the road from the hospital buildings and the chimney.
- ☐ 12:45 p.m. Drive back along US 14A toward Cody or on to Powell for lunch. The Foundation notes that barrack-shaped sheds and barns along the highway are camp buildings sold after the war.

In winter the center is closed Sunday to Tuesday (and Wednesday from January 7 to March 30, 2027); the Foundation says it opens by appointment on closed days. Coming from Billings? The routed drive is 97.5 miles, about 1 h 55 min. The annual Pilgrimage is at the end of July; the 2027 dates are July 29 to 31.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The hospital chimney.** The tall brick stack is the landmark the Foundation tells drivers to look for at the Road 19 turn. It stands beside the boiler house.
- **Heart Mountain.** The camp's photographers framed the barracks against the peak to the west. Stand on the trail and look the same way.
- **People.** This is a memorial, and the Pilgrimage brings survivors and their families. Ask before photographing other visitors.
- **Drones.** The Foundation's pages don't mention them. Ask before you fly.



USGS topographic map, 1955 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	14 mi, about 19 min each way from downtown Cody. From Billings: 97 mi, about 1 h 55 min.
OPEN	October 14, 2026 to January 6, 2027: Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. January 7 to March 30, 2027: Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31 to May 11, 2027: Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. From May 12, 2027: daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
ADMISSION	\$14 adults, \$12 seniors 62 and over and students, \$10 ages 10 to 17, free under 10. Foundation members free.
TIME ON SITE	The Foundation doesn't give a figure.
GUIDES	Free audio guides in English, Japanese, Spanish and German. Museum videos are subtitled.
ON FOOT	The Setsuko Saito Higuchi Interpretive Trail is a quarter-mile paved path. The center, the original barrack and the trail are wheelchair accessible, and manual wheelchairs can be borrowed.
FOOD AND RESTROOMS	The Foundation's visit and accessibility pages don't mention a café or restrooms. Eat in Cody or Powell.
PETS	Allowed on the outdoor grounds, not in the center. Service animals welcome.
PHOTOGRAPHY	The Foundation's pages say nothing about photography or drones. Ask at the front desk.
WEBSITE	heartmountain.org

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 44.67167, -108.94639 · 44°40'18"N
108°56'47"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/wyoming/heart-mountain/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.