



DAY TRIP TO PIEDMONT

From Evanston · Uinta County, Wyoming



RAILROAD AND
ROAD



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KILNS: STATE HISTORIC SITE

The kilns are a state historic site, open sunrise to sunset. The townsite buildings are on private ranch land.

The Piedmont kilns are 40 minutes from Evanston and take a morning: three and a half charcoal kilns of 1869, four signs and two picnic tables, with the empty townsite on ranch land along the county road. In summer, add Fort Bridger State Historic Site on the way back, whose museum has an exhibit on the kilns.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9:30 a.m. | Leave Evanston east on I-80. Take exit 24 and follow Piedmont Road south, about 40 minutes in all. |
| ☐ 10:15 a.m. | Walk around the kilns and read the four interpretive signs. |
| ☐ 11 a.m. | Drive on along the county road past the old houses on the railroad grade. Stay on the road. |
| ☐ Noon | Picnic at the tables by the kilns, then head back to I-80. |
| ☐ Afternoon | From May 1 to September 30, the Fort Bridger museum and historic buildings are open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., about three miles off I-80 at exit 34. The grounds are open all year, sunrise to sunset. Its page doesn't list the fee. |

Coming from Salt Lake City? It's a little over 2 hours on I-80. From October 1 to April 30, Fort Bridger's museum and buildings are closed to the general public; the state says they may open by appointment with advance notice.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The kilns in a row.** Each is about 30 feet high. Shoot along the line of beehives to show all three and the ruined fourth.
- **The ruined kiln.** The caved-in fourth kiln shows the thickness of the walls. Side light brings out their texture.
- **The townsite.** Use a long lens from the county road. The houses are on private land.
- **Drones.** The state's page doesn't mention them. Ask the office before you fly.



USGS topographic map, 1954 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	27 mi, about 39 min each way from downtown Evanston. From Salt Lake City: 108 mi, about 2 h 06 min.
OPEN	Every day, sunrise to sunset (Wyoming State Parks).
ADMISSION	The state's page lists no fee for the kilns.
ROAD	Leave I-80 at exit 24, Leroy Road. Cowboy State Daily (May 2025) describes the kilns beside a graded dirt road, County Road 173.
TIME ON SITE	The state gives none. The site is the kilns, the signs and the picnic tables.
RESTROOMS	The state's page lists none at the kilns. Fort Bridger lists restrooms.
FOOD AND WATER	None at the kilns. Bring lunch and water for the picnic tables.
PRIVATE LAND	The townsite buildings are on private ranch land. Look from the county road and leave gates as you find them.
CONTACT	Wyoming State Parks, 307-782-3842, the office for both the kilns and Fort Bridger.
WEBSITE	wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/places-to-go/piedmont-charcoal-kilns

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Stay out of mine shafts, tunnels and unstable buildings.
- 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 41.21778, -110.62778 • 41°13'04"N
110°37'40"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/wyoming/piedmont/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

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