



DAY TRIP TO SHERMAN

From Laramie · Albany County, Wyoming



RAILROAD AND ROAD



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RUINS ON PRIVATE LAND

Foundations and a cemetery on private land, per a page with photos from 2001; the Ames Monument beside them is a state historic site open daily (Wyoming State Parks, read October 29, 2026; a visit video posted August 2026).

Sherman is a short drive from Laramie, and the monument takes an hour or so. The ruins of the town are on private land; you see the townsite from the monument grounds.

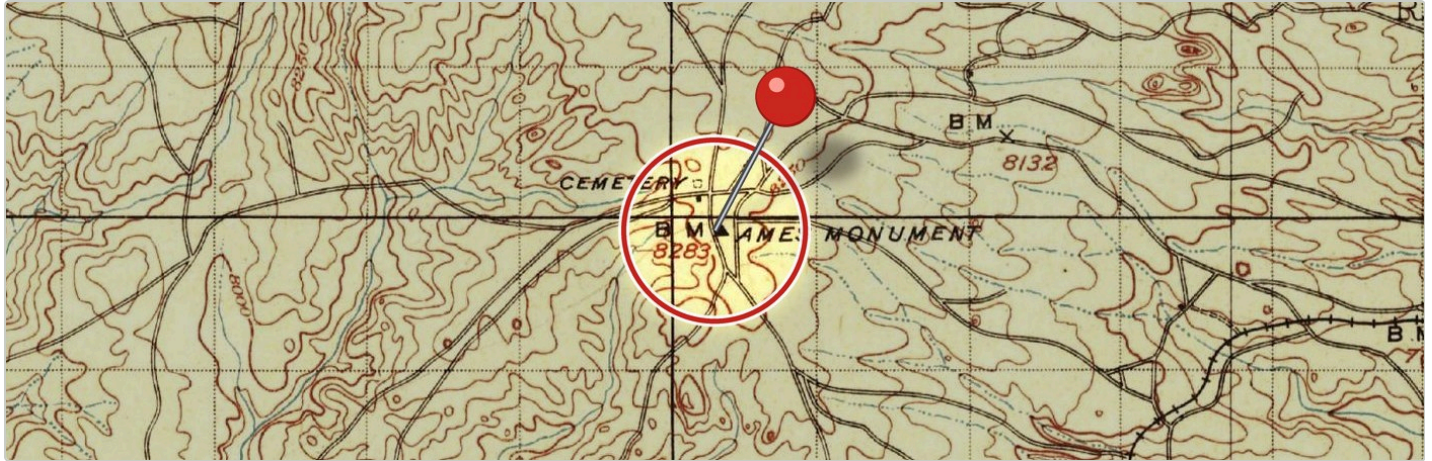
A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ **Morning** Drive I-80 east from Laramie, about 25 minutes, and follow Monument Road to the pyramid.
- ☐ **Morning** Walk around the monument and read its markers. Look for the two medallions of the Ames brothers.
- ☐ **Late morning** Look out over the townsite and the old railroad grade from the monument grounds.

Sunrise and sunset light suit the pyramid; the grounds close at sunset.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The pyramid against the sky.** The plain is flat and open; step well back to show how alone it stands.
- **The medallions.** Each sits high on its face. A short telephoto from the base works best.
- **The old grade.** A long lens from the monument picks out the grade's straight line across the grass.



USGS topographic map, 1905 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	19 mi, about 25 min each way from downtown Laramie. From Denver: 131 mi, about 2 h 23 min.
OPEN	Ames Monument State Historic Site, daily from sunrise to sunset (Wyoming State Parks).
ADMISSION	Wyoming State Parks lists no fee for the site on its page; check its Permits & Fees page before you go.
ACCESS	The townsite foundations and cemetery are private property. Stay on the monument grounds without the owners' permission.
FACILITIES	The state's page lists only historical features. Bring water and layers: the site is above 8,000 feet and always windy.
CONTACT	Wyoming State Parks, 307-745-6161. Address: 210 Monument Rd, Buford, WY 82052.
WEBSITE	wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/places-to-go/ames-monument

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 41.13110, -105.39820 • 41°07'52"N
105°23'54"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/wyoming/sherman/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

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