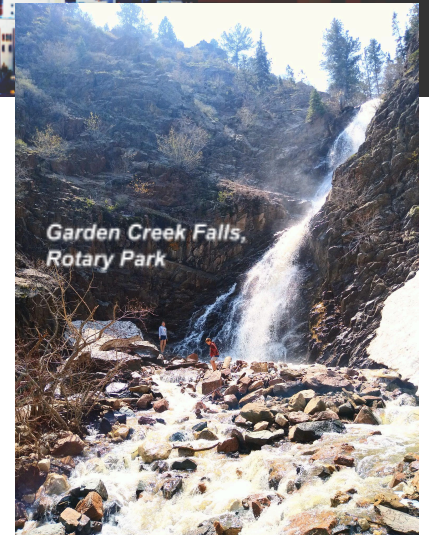


Casper, Wyoming



Between the North Platte River and Casper Mountain, at 5,150 feet above sea level, lies Wyoming's second largest city. As of 2020, 59,000 people called Casper their home, not including the adjacent smaller towns of Mills, Bar Nunn, and Evansville.

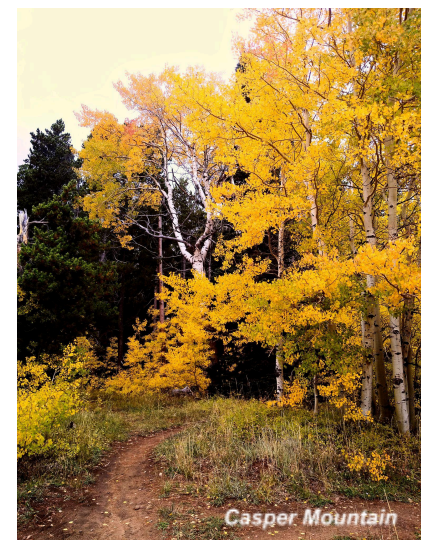
As part of the high plains region, Casper has a semi-arid climate that is hot and dry in the summer, with frequently mild springs and autumns. Winters are cold, though days below zero are rare. Snow is a normal part of Casper winters, but it frequently melts quickly in town.



In the city of Casper and surrounding towns, most amenities are available in the form of two Walmart Supercenters, Eastridge Mall, a number of outdoor malls, and a beautiful, thriving downtown area. Casper also has an abundance of [restaurants](#), both independently owned and franchises. Denver, CO is about a four hour drive to the south. Other services of note are the [Banner Wyoming Medical Center](#) and [Casper/Natrona County International Airport](#).

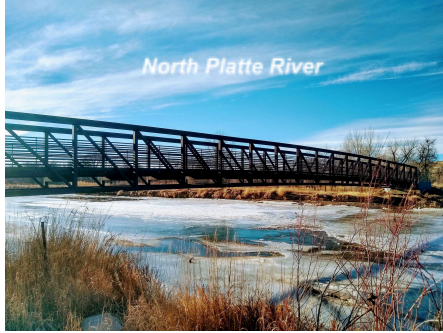
The [Natrona County School District](#) is a *school choice* district that services over 11,000 students. Some schools have dual language immersion programs. [Pathways Innovation Center](#), a vocational education program, is an extension of Natrona County's high school system. Private school and charter school options include [Paradise Valley Christian School](#) (preschool through 8th grade), [Casper Christian School](#) (6-12th grade), and [Wyoming Classical Academy](#) (currently K-9th grade), plus other secular and religious schools. Casper also has a thriving homeschool community. You can join and ask questions at this Facebook page, [Homeschoolers of Casper \(and surrounding areas\)](#). While there are [standards of curriculum](#) requirements, there is no reporting of any kind required in Wyoming.

Homeschool specific classes and services are available, and homeschoolers and private school students can participate in classes, services, and extracurriculars through the public school district.



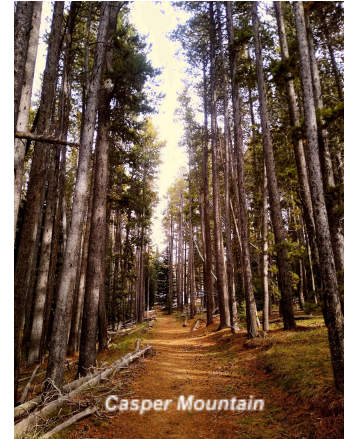
“[Casper College](#) is a public, comprehensive two-year institution with a primary focus on student success that provides learning opportunities to enrich the lives of our students and community.” Services include an Accelerated College Education Program for high schoolers, continuing education classes for the community, scholarships, athletics, clubs, and online classes.

Casper has plenty of [parks](#), including looped trails, playgrounds, and off-leash dog parks, as well as an extensive [trail system](#), both paved and dirt. Many interconnect with the various parks throughout town. For more

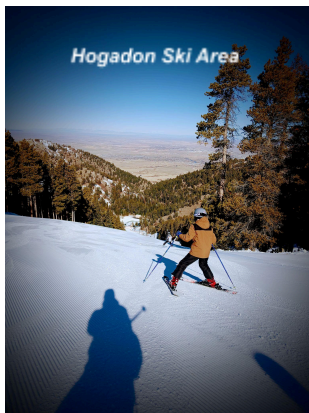


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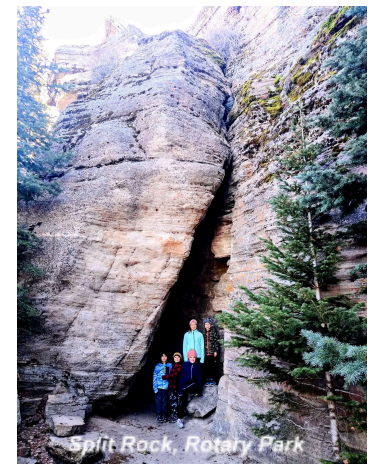
[Casper Mountain](#), rising to 8,130 feet as the southern border of Casper, boasts a number of campgrounds and parks, such as [Casper Mountain County Park](#) and McMurry Park (10+ miles of biking and hiking trails, primitive campgrounds, and world-class cross-country ski and snowshoe trails with a short lighted loop), [Rotary Park](#) (4.5 miles of hiking trails, including views of Garden Creek Falls, Split Rock, and panoramic views), [Archery Range](#) (3D archery target range, hiking, biking, camping, and snowmobiling), and [Hogadon Basin Ski Area](#). You might see a number of [wildlife](#), but no [grizzly bears](#)! For more information on local trails, check out [Central Wyoming Trails Alliance](#) or [Visit Casper](#).



Other fantastic places to note: [Muddy Mountain](#) (south of Casper Mountain), [Alcova Reservoir](#), [Fremont Canyon](#), and [Pathfinder Reservoir](#) (west of Casper), [Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park](#) (a few minutes east of Casper), [Glendo State Park](#) (1 hour east of Casper with 40+ miles of trails), [Duncan Ranch Trail System](#) (south of Glenrock), [Ayres Natural Bridge](#) (east of Casper), [Hell's Half Acre](#) (west of Casper), and the [North Platte River](#), which runs along the north edge of town, and is popular for [world-class fishing](#) (such as [Miracle Mile](#) west of Casper) and summer tubing.



There is so much to do in Casper! [Museums](#) (there are a lot and some are free!), [recreational facilities](#), [outdoor pools](#), [The Science Zone](#), [Jump Craze](#), [Green Acres Corn Maze](#), [Golf Courses](#), [Wyoming Game and Fish Historical Center](#), shooting ranges, etc. [David Street Station](#), [Central Wyoming Fair and Rodeo](#), and [Ford Wyoming Center](#) put on events throughout the year, from concerts and parades, to farmers' and vendors' markets. Other events to note are the [Fat Fish Racing](#) mountain bike racing series, [road running](#) and trail running ([Skunk Hollow](#) and [Night Crawler](#)) events, [fishing events](#), hunting classes, [rodeos](#), [cross-country ski lessons](#), etc.



And [Hunting](#). It is common for Wyomingites to take off at least a week from work for elk hunting in the fall.