



Take a Walk in Evanston

There's a lot to see right in Evanston. Before heading out stop by the Evanston Chamber of Commerce and pick up two brochures that contain walking tours. One passes through historic downtown Evanston, and the other focuses on fascinating old railroad sites, including the only remaining intact roundhouse on the original Union Pacific Railroad line between Omaha and Sacramento.

Visit the Bear River

The Bear River flows right through the middle of Evanston, with a paved walkway providing easy access. The upper part of the river flows through Bear River State Park where you can see elk and bison. The park has a nature trail that winds past a marsh where you can see numerous species of birds, in addition to moose and deer. Next to the state park is Evanston's Bear River Greenway. Here you can float the new white-water park, fish, walk the trails, or take a paddle boat out on the Ice Ponds, which were built by Union Pacific to harvest ice in the winter to keep vegetables cool on their cross-country trips.

City Parks

Evanston has over 20 parks and outdoor-recreation areas for picnicking, family reunions, baseball or soccer games, or just letting the kids play.

Sulphur Creek Reservoir

Located south of town off Highway 150, this reservoir is popular for fishing, boating and windsurfing.

Mirror Lake Scenic Byway

This paved highway starts in Evanston and winds 78 miles over the Uinta Mountains to Kamas, Utah. It crosses a 10,620-foot-high pass. The numerous trails, lakes and campgrounds along the route provide great opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing, biking and sight seeing.

Historic Trails

History buffs can retrace the routes taken by the early Mormon pioneers, settlers headed for California and riders in the Pony Express. Parts of the old Lincoln Highway also remain. Pickup the "Tracks Across Wyoming" brochure at the Evanston Chamber of Commerce to see the path of historic trails that passed near town.

Wildlife Viewing

Wildlife is abundant in the mountains and plains around Evanston. Look for elk, moose, deer, antelope, coyote, fox and beaver. If you are a birder, watch for sage grouse, golden eagles, prairie falcons and more than 150 other bird species that are seen here regularly.



Horse Racing and Rodeos

Traditional Western sports are still very much alive in Evanston. Horse races are held many summer weekends at the nearby Wyoming Downs, plus off-track betting seven days a week. And check out the full schedule of "Wild-West" rodeos at the Uinta County fairgrounds.

Purple Sage Golf Course

Evanston's 18-hole course offers a refreshing challenge for golfers looking for cooler summertime temperatures, clear skies and no crowds. Stop by the Purple Sage Bar and Grill for lunch or dinner with a great view.

Visit a Guest Ranch

Nearby ranchers are opening their doors to guests who want a taste of the real Western experience. They offer such things as horseback riding, wagon rides and Western cooking classes. Check with the Evanston Chamber of Commerce for an updated list of guest ranches.

Day trips

If you're in the mood for a short drive, try Fort Bridger State Historic Site; Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area; Fossil Butte National Monument; Bear Lake; the Monte Cristo Scenic Drive; or the old charcoal kilns at the ghost town of Piedmont.

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