Regardless of your interests, you are certain to find something in the Laramie area that captures your imagination and fills your free time. See below for some of our highlights of the area!

If you are an outdoor recreation enthusiast, it’s hard to find a place that beats the proximity and abundance of opportunities of the Laramie area. Happy Jack, Vedauwoo, Snowy Range, and Curt Gowdy State Park are four areas that are each within an hour of campus.

**Activities in Laramie**

As a college town, the University is at the heart of the Laramie community. UW competes in the Mountain West Conference, with our Division I athletic teams garnering tremendous statewide support and attendance at athletic events. The University also brings in several high-profile music and entertainment acts throughout the year, while also putting on high-quality student classical music, theatre and dance performances. Other favorite Laramie activities of our staff include shopping in the vibrant Downtown Laramie District, visiting our many local museums, walking the beautiful Laramie Greenbelt Trail, enjoying our numerous city parks, shopping at our weekly Friday Farmer’s Markets and celebrating Laramie Pride during the annual Jubilee Days.

**Proximity to Colorado**

While we certainly enjoy the small-town charm of Laramie, we also enjoy being close to larger areas in Colorado. Fort Collins is one hour away, and Denver is just over two. This provides the best of both worlds - you get the lower cost of living, slower pace, and charm of small-town living, while still being proximate to the resources of larger metropolitan areas.

**Dining Options**

Laramie has a vast array of dining options to suit any palate. Our staff’s favorites are below:

- **Best Vegetarian** - Sweet Melissa’s
- **Best Thai** - Anong’s Thai Cuisine
- **Best Mexican** - Corona Village
- **Best Sushi** - Mizu Sushi
- **Best Pizza** - Crowbar
- **Best Sandwich** - Alibi Pub
- **Best Breakfast** - Prairie Rose Café
- **Best Brunch** - Crowbar
- **Best Wings** - Double Dubs (Food Truck)
- **Best Seafood** - Off the Hook (Food Truck)
- **Best Appetizers** - Altitude Chophouse & Brewery
- **Best Coffee** - Coal Creek Coffee Co.
- **Best Cocktails** - Front Street Tavern
- **Best Beer** - Library Sports Grille & Brewery