



This is the West

Escape to our Landscape...

Steamboat Springs' Cultural Landscape

Agri-Culture: Wild West Events

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Agri-Culture: Preserving the Wild West

Since the late 1800s, Steamboat Springs has been a ranching community. Once the railroad was built Steamboat Springs was the westernmost point of the Denver, Salt Lake and Pacific Railroad, by 1913 more cattle were shipped from Steamboat Springs than any other point in the United States.

Tourism took over as the mainstay of the economy, and although things changed, the ranching community has met the challenges in creative ways to preserve their land and way of life.

Community Agricultural Alliance

The Community Agricultural alliance was founded in 1999 to ensure that the agricultural community can adapt to changes in the local and regional economy and still be active and vital in the Yampa Valley for years to come. Their mission is to preserve the Valley's agricultural heritage through a Land Stewardship Network, Promotion of Agricultural Products and Education and Outreach. The Community Agricultural Alliance sponsors several events and participates in many more, to support their mission of the education and bringing together of agricultural producers and the public.

www.communityagalliance.org

Ranching & Tourism

In the Yampa Valley there are more five generation ranches than five star hotels. Several area ranches continue to sustain their ranching through offering other activities. Here are a few examples...

Bar Lazy L Family Inc.

Bar Lazy L. Family Inc. is a family owned and operated working ranch since 1939. The ranch is currently raising the 7th generation of a "native" Routt County family. The ranch offers dinner sleigh rides in the winter as well as year round day rides, horseback rides, private fishing, photography trips, weddings and reunions.

www.steamboatcchamber.com

Saddleback Ranch

It's hard to tell what the five generation Iacovetto family enjoys more, taking care of cattle on their 8,000 acres, or finding more ways to attract visitors. Cattle drives allow them to hit two birds with one stone. Real life city slickers (the movie was the inspiration) can spend a half-day bringing the cows home. Also, this past winter, Saddleback added the Yee-Haw tubing hill complete with tub-tow lift, groomed slope and hot chocolate hut. Saddleback can accommodate a variety of special events year round with indoor and outdoor facilities and activities.

www.saddleback.net

Hogue Ranch home of the Three Quarter Circles Brand

The Hogue Ranch has run stock under the Three Quarter Circles brand for 87 years and is a member of the National Sporting Clays Association and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Their course is headquartered in a spacious yurt on a mesa overlooking the Yampa Valley with 12 log shooting platforms. It is designed to accommodate beginners, seasoned competitors or sportsmen who simply want to sharpen their marksmanship. It can be modified daily to accommodate individuals or a team, camaraderie or competition, sport or training. www.3qc.net

Heritage Ranch Tours~ July 1 & 6

Locals and Guests are invited to visit local working ranches and tour our cultural countryside with local historians. Learn about the rich ranching heritage of Routt County and its residents with hands on experiences. Each tour will be different, determined by the location and the tour guides, and may include stops at cattle, sheep, horse, bison and elk ranches throughout the County. The tours will start at 1:00 p.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. Prices: \$50 per adult; \$10 for children 7-12; 6 & under are free. The price includes Routt County's signature Routt-Beer Floats. www.steamboatsummer.com