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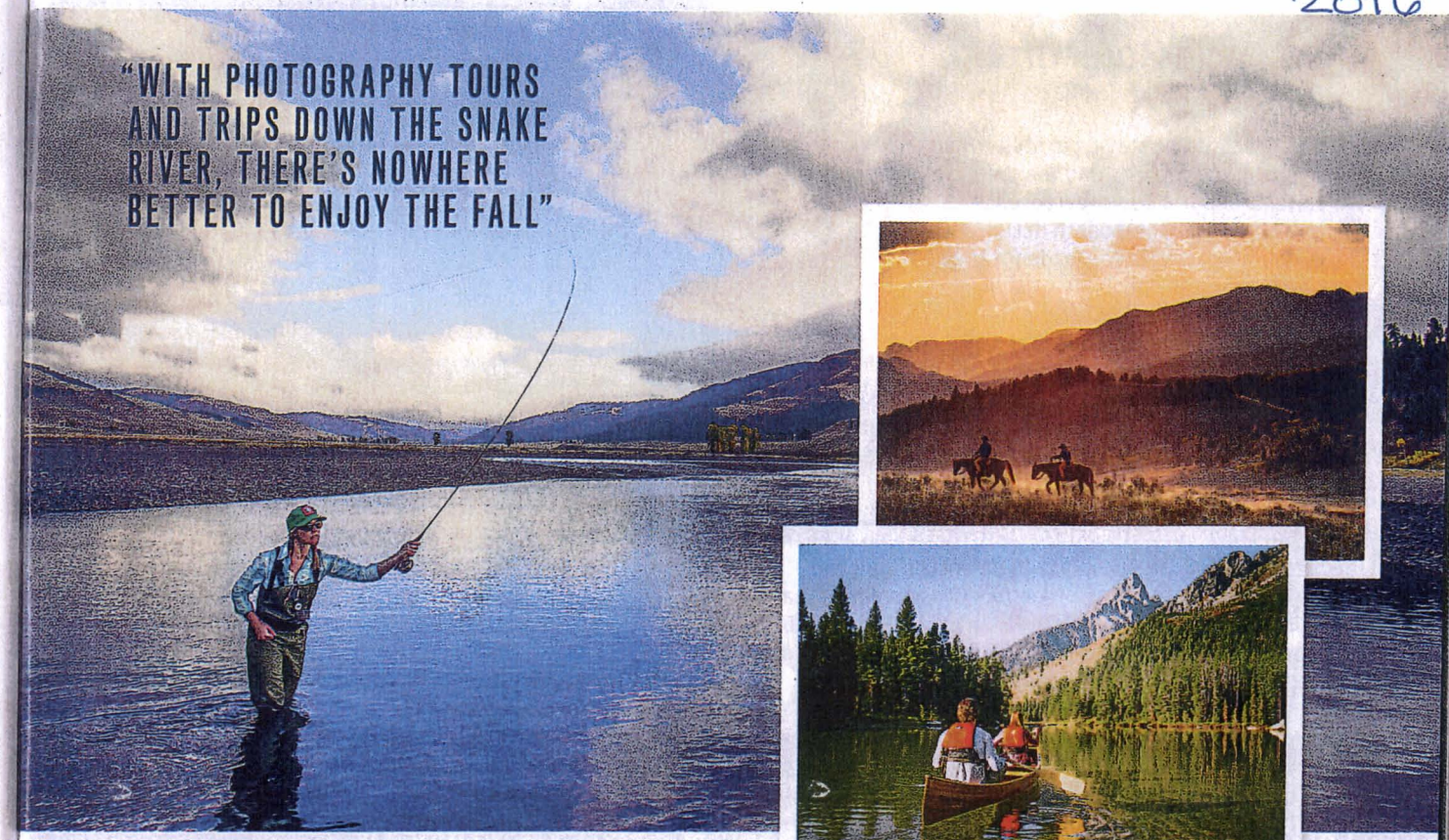


Wyoming

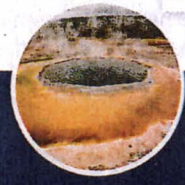
For the great outdoors there's nowhere greater than Wyoming, which offers an abundance of recreational activities, stunning views and wildlife.

To get a true sense of serenity, take a wander through Wyoming's parks; Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks stay open all through October, making them ideal getaways during the fall. There's no better location to take in the fall colors. Enjoy a biking tour of Grand Teton, or take a scenic float trip down the Snake River. There are also several guided photography tours available, so you can perfectly capture Wyoming's amazing views—and you'll definitely need the guide, as it's not unusual to be overwhelmed by Wyoming's landscapes.

Animal lovers will want to head to Jackson Hole before winter sets in, where they can enjoy a front-row seat to some of the area's best wildlife viewing, including bighorn sheep, mule deer, wolves and grizzly bears. If those close encounters aren't adventurous enough for you, Wyoming offers several guest and dude ranches, letting you enjoy the warmth of an afternoon trail ride. After the ride you can retreat back to the comfort of a cozy cabin and enjoy the crisp evening air.

There's also plenty to do for outdoor sports fans, with the Flaming Gorge Reservoir offering opportunities to go hiking, boating, fishing, windsurfing, camping and backpacking.

Wyoming also offers a lot to learn. Stop by the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper and you'll find galleries featuring Wyoming's first people, mountain men and fur trappers, as well as the Oregon and Mormon Trails. Some times you just need to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city, and in Wyoming, the middle of nowhere becomes the center of everything.



FAST FACTS

Established in 1872, Yellowstone was the United States' first National Park.

Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote.

The first Dude Ranch in Wyoming was the Eaton Ranch, near Wolf. The Eaton's also came up with the term "dude".

Wyoming has the lowest population of all 50 states.

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