

LANDER

ESTABLISHED IN 1869

Lander was originally established as a small military outpost in 1869. The civilian settlement that grew up around the outpost was known as Pushroot in the early days, but in 1875 the community changed its name to Lander in honor of Frederick W. Lander. Today, the population within city limits is just under 7,000.

EDUCATION

Lander has three elementary schools, one junior high school, one high school and a private Christian school. Central Wyoming College headquartered in Riverton, 25 miles outside of Lander, has established a facility in downtown Lander that provides an advanced computer lab and continuing education for local residents. The college is on the cutting edge of courses directly related to the "New Economy" and delivers a highly trained workforce.

RECREATION

Lander has an active Parks and Recreation Department that sponsors a number of activities, classes, camps, and recreational opportunities throughout the year. There are 11 parks, six baseball fields, five soccer fields, one 18 hole golf course, one indoor swimming pool, six tennis courts, one skating rink, and a greenway. Cross-country ski trails are groomed throughout the winter on the golf course and up on South Pass. The Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail can be accessed ten miles from Lander in Sinks Canyon.

HEALTH CARE

The Lander Valley Medical Center is an 81-bed, state-of-the-art medical hospital that was established in 1983. The hospital provides a full-time Level II emergency room and Level II nursery. Forty doctors provide a variety of specialized surgical

services including dental, gastroenterology, general, gynecology, obstetrics, ophthalmology, orthopedics, and urology. The hospital is fully accredited and licensed by the state of Wyoming.

Lander also has a homeopathic healing center offering natural healing options that include massage therapy and acupuncture as well as herbal remedies, treatments and products.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The City of Lander has a mayor-council form of city government with a large public works department, excellent water, sewer and street systems. Lander's low crime rate can be attributed, in part, to dedicated city and county law enforcement departments and the large volunteer fire department has excellent response time, which is reflected in Lander's low ISO rating.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming Game and Fish, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service all have offices in Lander. There are approximately five-million acres of public land in Fremont County that are open for public recreation.

A modern senior citizens center offering social activities, meals assistance and transportation is located just minutes from Lander's central business district. Private nursing homes and assisted-living complexes are also available. The Lander Community Center is available for private and community events. The Wyoming Shakespeare Company is based in Lander and the Arts Center provides gallery space for displaying Lander's growing art community as well as offering classes to the community.

