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Hunting In Carbon County

Why does Carbon County attract so many hunters? A variety of terrains from deep evergreen forests and high mountain deserts to riparian areas along Carbon County's many rivers provides habit for a wide variety of wild game species. If hunting is on your agenda, southern Wyoming is unparalleled. As the least populated state in the union, Wyoming's wide open spaces offers some of the best hunting opportunities to be found. In fact, *Outdoor Life Magazine* named Saratoga the 8th best town in America for sportsmen (out of 200) in 2010.



The Snowy Range, Sierra Madre Range and surrounding area are home to a number of big and small game animals. Pronghorn antelope (more than 15,000 in the Platte River Valley alone), mule deer (more than 40,000), white-tailed deer, elk (more than 15,000), moose, black bear, mountain lion and bighorn sheep are the big game animals available. Blue grouse, sage grouse, ducks, geese, wild turkey, morning doves and cottontail rabbits are the common small game. BLM, National Forest and State lands offer plenty of accessible public lands with a great variety of terrain.

Ready to start planning a hunting trip for next year? Nonresident big game licenses are distributed by a lottery system. Hunting applications must be submitted January through March. Applications, deadlines and other hunting information are available from the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept. at <http://gf.state.wy.us>. Game bird and small game licenses may be purchased from the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept., local sporting good stores and outdoor shops. Hunt Area maps are available from local government agencies and retailers.

Carbon County Outfitters

If you're interested in planning a hunting trip and have not hunted in Carbon County before, going through an outfitter is a great start! There are several outfitters located in and around Saratoga that have years of experience and great success rates:

Battle Pass Outfitting
Grand Slam Outfitters
Peterson Outfitters
Spur Outfitters
WyCon Safari

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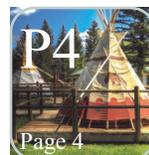
Check out the Saratoga Sports Center & Sport Court for your outdoor recreational fun!



Join us on Saturday, October 27th for our Halloween Monster Mash Party! The fun starts at 8pm in the Snowy Mtn. Pub



October Specials in the Healing Water Spa, Snowy Mtn. Brewery and Lodging Promotions!



Resort Happenings & Upcoming Events in the Platte Valley

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- Snowmobiles
- Snowshoes
- Cross Country Skis

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- Volleyball
- Soccer ball
- Floor Hockey
- Badminton
- Tennis

We also have fishing poles, fishing gear, sports equipment, waterproof tote bags, clothing, sunglasses, and hats for sale!

Please see the Resort reception staff for all your sport rental needs.

To check availability of sports court or rentals please call 1.800.594.0178 or email concierge@saratogaresortandspa.com

Hunter Fire Safety During Drought

The drought that continues to plague Wyoming has left its effect on Wyoming's landscape this past summer with nearly 500,000 acres burned by wildfires. Hunting season and other fall outdoor activities bring an increase for the potential of human caused fires. Hunters are reminded that drought is still impacting most of Wyoming and even though cooler weather is coming, it is extremely important that hunters take appropriate measures to prevent fires by following a few simple precautions:

• Check local fire restrictions before leaving for the outdoors. Most of the counties in Wyoming are still under fire restrictions, as well as many areas in the National Forests. As a reminder, open fires are always prohibited on State Trust Lands. Information on Wyoming fire restrictions can be found at:

<http://lands.state.wy.us/index.php/forestry/fire-restrictions/fire-restriction-by-county>.

• **Never leave a campfire unattended.** Before going to bed or leaving to scout in the morning, take the time to properly extinguish your campfire. Use plenty of water to extinguish all of the embers. Keep a shovel nearby to stir the contents of your fire pit until it is cold to the touch. If camp is not near a water source, use dirt to extinguish the embers and mix until cool. Simply covering a fire with dirt may allow embers to continue to smolder and spread under windy conditions.

• **Ammunition.** Consider the type of ammunition and targets you are using. Minimize the risk of fires by not using steel-jacketed ammunition, ammunition with steel-core components, tracer rounds, or exploding targets in fire-prone areas.

• **Smoking.** When it is time to put out that cigarette, be sure to completely extinguish it by crushing the butt in dirt or sand. If you must smoke, preferably carry a coffee can of sand with you to extinguish and store your used butts. Pay attention to where ashes may drop and only smoke in areas with a minimum of three feet clearance of vegetation.

• **Operating ATVs.** Using an ATV while hunting can be fun and efficient, however before taking off be sure that your ATV is equipped with a spark arrestor. The devices work by trapping larger hot exhaust particles that have been expelled by internal combustion engines.

• **Parking your vehicle.** Be careful when parking vehicles off road. Make sure that your vehicle is not parked in tall dry grass or other vegetation. Catalytic converters and hot exhaust systems can easily spark a fire.

• **Be prepared.** Pack a shovel, a 5-gallon can of water, and a fire extinguisher with the rest of your hunting gear. Being prepared in case of a fire, be it one that you accidentally start or happen to come across. This preparedness may be the difference between 5 square feet and 500 acres of charred land.

Hunters are asked to do their part by being prepared to avoid the dangers of wildfires and are urged to remain watchful and report any wildfires to authorities.

Did all that hunting work up an appetite?
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Dinner 6 pm-10 pm

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2 pm-10 pm



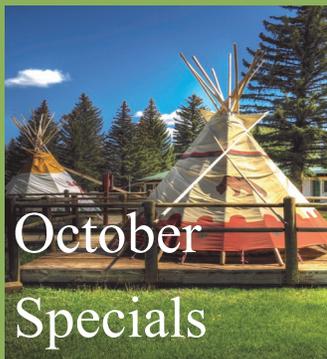
Editor's Corner

Fall is officially here (my favorite season)! The leaves are changing and football season is in full swing. Last month's edition focused on the fall festival Oktoberfest and microbrews. While microbrews are good anytime of year, there is something about fall and beer that just seem to go together! If you enjoy microbrews from our Snowy Mtn. Brewery, check out our coupons section online for brew deals during football season. And for all our hunters, there is no better way to celebrate that big kill than with a fresh, cold microbrew. We also have a lodging package this month and are serving up some great meals. So when hunting has you tired and hungry, let the Saratoga Resort be your haven this fall! Coming up next month: *The Holiday Edition* (parties, food and gift ideas!).



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Healing Waters Spa

October Feature:

Pumpkin Spice Body Wrap
With Massage

Special:

Bring a friend for a 1 Hr. Therapeutic
Massage and you'll receive an
upgrade to a 1 1/2 Hr. Massage!

Snowy Mountain Brewery & Pub

Daily Specials

Tuesday

2 Tacos & A Microbrew-\$5.00

Thursday

1/2 Rack of Ribs & A Microbrew
\$13.50

Friday

12" Pizzas for \$12

Fresh Cold Handmade
Microbrews On Tap!

Fall & Winter Lodging Promotions

Fall In Love Package October 1st-31st

Spend 2 nights and book a spa/
salon treatment (valued at &75 or
more) receive \$100 off your stay.

Winter Weekend Package November 1st-April 30th

Spend Friday & Saturday nights,
receive our breakfast bar free each
morning and \$30 Resort gift card.

Winter Weekday Silver & Gold Package November 1st-April 30th

Stay 2 or 3 nights between Sunday
& Thursday, receive a \$65 or \$130
gift card, 10% off spa/salon
services and a complimentary
microbrew.

Fall Packages

Attention all non-hunting wives! Let your hubby do some hunting while you get pampered. Our 'Fall In Love Package' offers you just that.

Fall In Love Package: October 1st-31st

Spend two nights and book a spa or salon treatment (valued at \$75 or more) in the *Healing Waters Spa* and receive \$100 off your stay!



Additional Fall & Winter Packages

Winter Weekend Package:

November 1st-April 30th

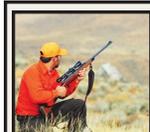
Spend Friday & Saturday nights, receive our 'Express Breakfast Bar' free each morning and a \$30 Resort gift card.

Winter Weekday Silver & Gold Package:

November 1st-April 30th

Silver Package—Stay 2 nights between Sunday & Thursday, receive a \$65 Resort gift card, 10% off spa or salon services and a complimentary microbrew.

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The Chef's Corner

Fine Wine & Game Pairing

When it comes to hunting season you probably aren't thinking about which wine goes well with your game...yet! But when the times comes and you have a freezer full of meat, which wine should you choose?

For some exotic meats such as elk, buffalo or quail, people tend to move toward stronger, "bigger" wines with powerful flavors that can support the exotic gamey tastes. Some examples are Brunello, which is said to go well with all game meats or Cabernet Sauvignon, which is a popular

dinner wine that has a strong flavor and generally pairs well with red meats or wild game [Try: 2007 Robert Mondovi, Oakville, Cabernet Sauvignon]. Also, with quail a good pinot noir pairs well [Try: 2009 Belle Pente Willamette Valley Pinot Noir].

Making elk or antelope jerky this season? Serve up your jerky snack with a fresh, cold microbrew from the Snowy Mtn. Brewery!



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Upcoming Events in the Platte Valley

October 6th

- Snowy Mtn. Pub Oktoberfest

October 12th-14th

- Denver Snowmobile Expo
[Visit us at our booth!]

October 24th

- Whistle Stop F.I.L.M. Festival

October 27th

- Saratoga Resort Halloween Party

December 15th

- Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

December 31st

- Saratoga Resort New Year's Eve Party

January 17th-20th

- Denver Sportsman's Expo
[Visit us at our booth!]

January 19th

- 4th Annual Snowmobile Poker Run

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