

of the finest examples of CCC construction in the nation. The CCC was created by President Franklin Roosevelt during the great depression to accomplish two goals: First, he wanted to begin some land conservation projects. Secondly, he provided jobs for the



Conservation Corps Museum

occasion at the park. By taking this scenic extension, the visitor can also visit Hartville and Sunrise, two old mining towns. For the RV traveler, the Guernsey area has some very nice camping spots.

*One of the views from
Guernsey State Park*



Wagon ruts near Guernsey

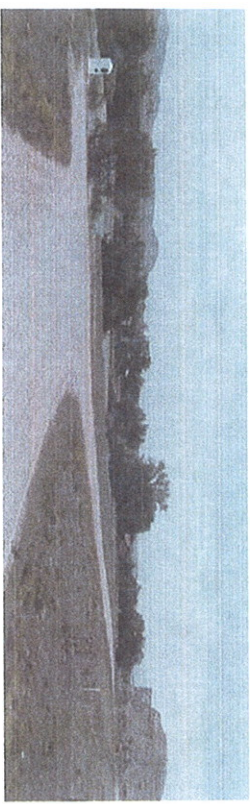
wheels grinding over the soft sandstone. Historians might remember that there is also a well-known warm spring located in this area. Many pioneer women washed their clothes before pushing on down the Oregon, California, or Mormon



Several special Oregon Trail sites are located near Guernsey. Just south of town is Register Cliff and a Pony Express site. Register Cliff is where many pioneers wrote their names and the date of their passage. A little to the west are some wagon ruts carved by thousands of wagon

Trails. The warm springs are on private land, so permission must be granted by the landowner before visitors venture onto this historic site.

If you come to Guernsey over the 4th of July, be sure and stop to see the annual 4th of July Celebration – complete with parade and street dances.



Pony Express monument and Register Cliff

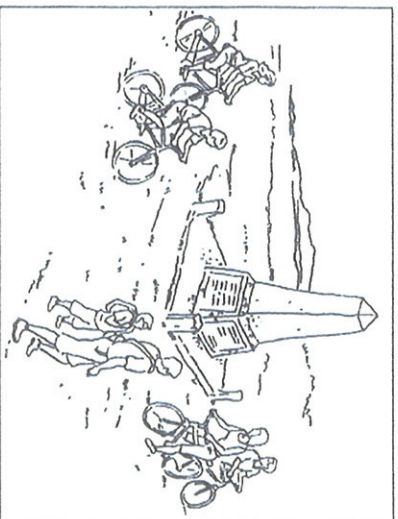
The Lucindy Rollins Pedestrian/bicycle Trail is in the second phase of construction. During the first phase, the handicapped parking was established as well as the start of the east end of the 10 foot trail. This site was selected for the following reasons:

- A. Its proximity to Highway 26
- B. Two historical sites are located on the route (Lucindy Rollins grave & Oregon Trail Ruins)
- C. It has pristine beauty
- D. It contains various indigenous plants and trees

A boardwalk will cross a wetland and it will run parallel to a beautiful cliff/spring area and along the Platte River. This 1.2 mile trail allows visitors to pull off of Highway 26 and walk or ride their bicycles along the river.



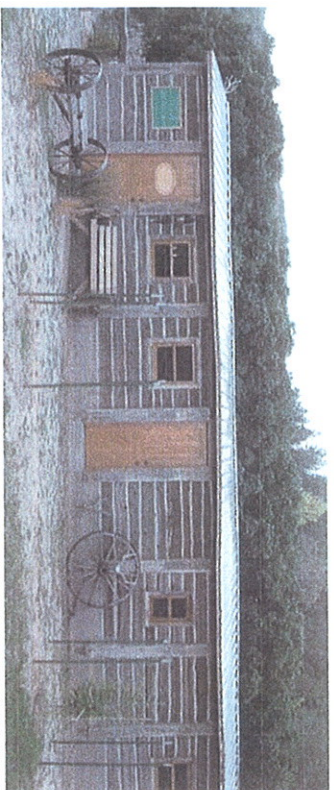
Lucindy Rollins Marker



New Trail will allow easier access

13. Hartville/Sunrise – Another side excursion some visitors may wish to take is to Hartville, located six miles north of Guernsey.

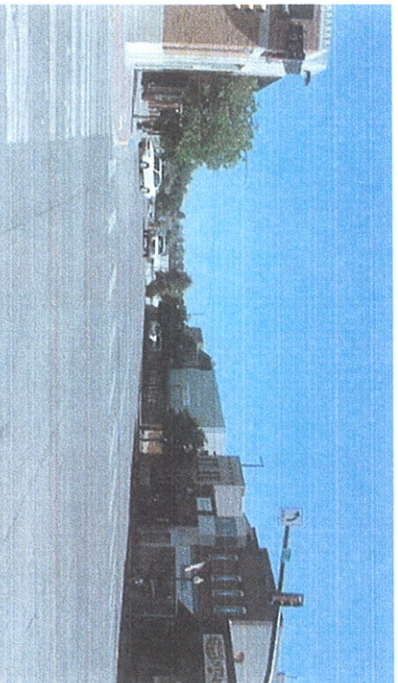
Hartville is Wyoming's oldest incorporated town dating back to 1884. One of the features in Hartville is the oldest active bar in the state of Wyoming. If you visit the bar, don't miss the back bar reputed to be one of the oldest and most interesting in Wyoming. At the turn of the century, Hartville was a thriving city. Several stone buildings and false front buildings from that era still remain. Of special interest is the old stone jail where many characters from times past were held.



Hartville also has their own rustic museum

Sunrise, located one mile east of Hartville, started as a copper mine and then turned to mining iron. The mine was closed in 1980 and what is left has been locked up and become a ghost town.

14. Wheatland – Continuing west from Guernsey along Highway 26, visitors will come to Highway 320. Highway 320 has the possibility of inclusion into the Byway at some future date. Until then, the visitor may choose to travel south to Wheatland as a short side excursion. Primarily an agricultural town, Wheatland features several historic buildings along its old main street. Due to its location next to Interstate 25, Wheatland is able to cater to the needs of the visitor. Wheatland features a good selection of motels and restaurants for the traveler. Visitors can go along 16th Street to find services such as motels and restaurants. They then can turn east along South Street so they could see historic 9th Street – which in turn, empties directly onto Highway 320 and back to the Oregon Trail Historic Byway on Route 26 where it ends at the Rest Stop at Dwyer Junction.



Downtown Wheatland

Currently, the town is in the midst of a mural painting project. There are six finished historic murals in the downtown area. The idea is to create the murals for a historic walking tour starting at 10th and Gilchrist. May through September, visitors can visit the Laramie Peak Museum. This facility features historical artifacts from the local area.

Wheatland also has the distinction of being the part-time home of the famous bucking horse, Steamboat, whose image is the official symbol for Wyoming.

Steamboat's career as a bucking horse lasted from 1901 to 1914. He became famous as the horse that couldn't be ridden. This was not actually true because he was ridden twice in 1908, first by Clayton Danks and then by Dick Stanley the very next day. Despite this slight inaccuracy, Steamboat was a true rodeo star and became more famous than the men who tried to ride him. Steamboat died of blood poisoning in 1914 as a result of running into a barbed wire fence after being frightened by an electrical storm. In 1979, Steamboat was inducted into the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame.



The official Wyoming logo is a depiction of Steamboat and rodeo rider.