



The Great American Hatchery Road Trip!

Central Edition



WELCOME TO Wyoming

There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the anticipation of adventures ahead! The hardest part? Picking a destination! Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The National Fish Hatchery System has been improving recreational fishing and restoring aquatic species since 1872, so what better way to explore these cool sites than by starting with ones over 100 years old! Fish hatcheries have something for everyone in your group, so buckle those seatbelts and let's hit the road!



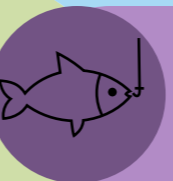
Saratoga

National Fish Hatchery

Established in 1911, Saratoga is a unique facility that maintains a large lake trout population for breeding. The hatchery has served as an egg-producing station during most of its years of operation including various strains of brook, rainbow, brown, golden, and cutthroat trout, and Dolly Varden eggs. They also raise the endangered Wyoming toad for reintroduction into the wild!



After a day of stretching and soaking, you'll be anxious to head home or onto your next destination. The perfect song to get you back on track is Willy Nelson's "On the Road Again."



There's no fishing on hatchery property but there are plenty of recreational fishing opportunities nearby. You can also get a close-up view of the fish rearing process with tours and chances to view the large brood fish and the endangered Wyoming toad!



Saratoga is no small fry, the hatchery sits on 120 acres! Shake off that car fatigue by wandering around the grounds and be sure to stop at the overlook to get a view of the hatchery's wetlands!



Just follow the sounds of the OMGs, AHHHHHs, and squeals of delight that will lead you to the hatchery's Wyoming toad building. A special viewing area gives you a glimpse of this amazingly adorable and endangered critter.



Saratoga holds the distinct honor of being the first in the National Fish Hatchery system to raise endangered amphibians with the Wyoming toad. Learn more about their history in the Visitor Center or by chatting with staff!



Cut a silhouette of a Wyoming toad out of a piece of cardstock and be on the lookout for interesting textures or patterns and photograph the toad silhouette in front of them. The details will show through the silhouette and create a fun perspective!



MAP LEGEND

- The Angler
- The Explorer
- The Animal Lover
- The Historian
- The Artist



We don't know about you, but after a long day of hiking and the emotional roller coaster of seeing the world's cutest toads, nothing beats a relaxing soak. And Saratoga has you covered. Drive a mere 10 minutes south of the hatchery and check out the amazing mineral hot springs, which range from 106°F to 119°F and are open 24/7!



Before you hit the road, be sure to check the hatchery's web page for additional activities and call ahead to check opening status.

Next Exit: More Hatchery Fun!

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- ➔ D.C. Booth National Fish Hatchery - South Dakota
- ➔ Neosho National Fish Hatchery - Missouri
- ➔ Leadville National Fish Hatchery - Colorado
- ➔ Private John Allen National Fish Hatchery - Mississippi