

the big fish.

Follow the trail of fish painted on the pavement. Then follow the painted ducks to a scenic overlook.

Details: www.fws.gov/saratoga.

Wildlife

Deer like Saratoga. They're all over town. They browse on shrubbery and mangle chain-link fences as they leap from yard to yard. Drive slowly and take care not to hit one.

Out in the open country, keep an eye out for herds of pronghorn. They are North America's fastest land animal. Their white and tawny hides provide almost perfect camouflage.

Golden and bald eagles are common sights as they hunt trout along rivers and creeks.

Up in the mountains, elk are numerous but bashful, especially during fall hunting season. Spotting a moose or two the color of dark chocolate, grazing in a mucky meadow, is more likely.

Never approach moose. They might seem as mellow as Bullwinkle, but they number among Wyoming's most dangerous wildlife.

Black bears are plentiful, as are mountain lions. Be knowledgeable and alert, but don't fear the backcountry because of them. Attacks on people



Cross-country skiing in the vast Medicine Bow National Forest is one of many free ways, from warm-weather hikes to snowshoeing, to experience the backcountry wilderness of Wyoming in every season. THE LARAMIE BOOMERANG/AP

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This stock-crossing sign on the rangeland north of Saratoga has been riddled with bullet holes. Ranching remains the heart and soul of the local economy. MEAD GRUVER/AP



A recent remodeling added a not-so-hot pool, where the temperature averages just 100 Fahrenheit.

Details: www.saratoga-chamber.info.