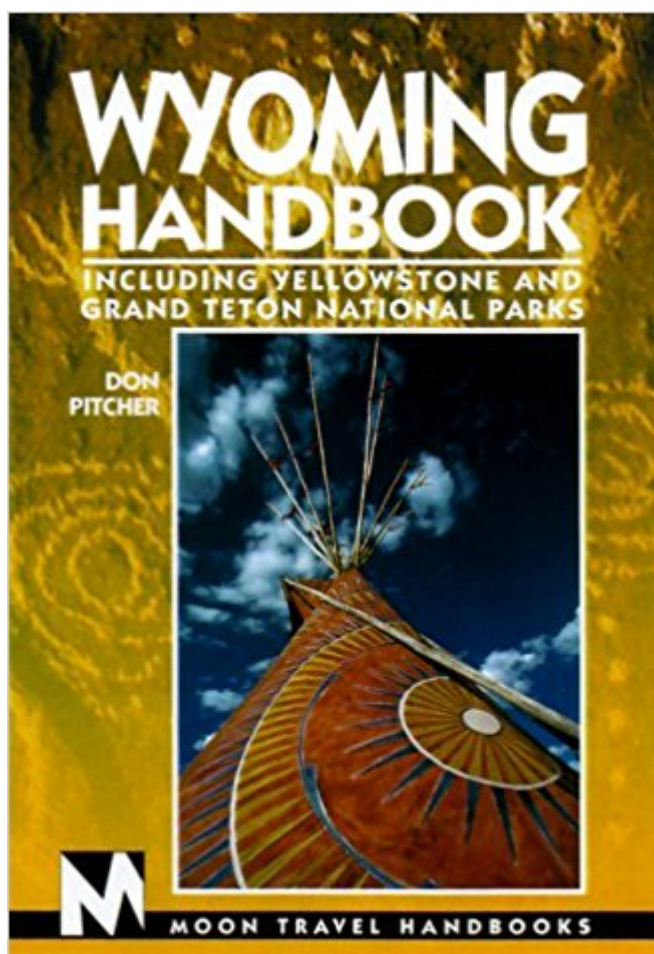


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# Wyoming Handbook (Moon Wyoming)



## Synopsis

Mavericks love Wyoming Handbook because it takes them into a Wyoming that's bigger than the legend. Don Pitcher includes everything the casual visitor or serious tourist could need, including background information and in-depth sections on rodeos, powwows, and art festivals.

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## Customer Reviews

"History, geology ... the real dirt on Calamity Jane, white Indians, and the tacky Cheyenne gunslingers. All here. And all fun." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Don Pitcher grew up all over the East Coast-from Florida to Maine. He moved west to attend college and immediately fell in love with its wide open spaces. Although trained as an ecologist, Don Pitcher's love of travel led him into the field of writing and photography. In addition to this book, he is the author of Moon Handbooks Yellowstone-Grand Teton, Moon Handbooks Washington, and Moon Handbooks Alaska-Yukon. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

An outstanding guide to a wonderful state. One book, of course, cannot cover all there is about any area this big, but this book does an outstanding job for Wyoming's history, lodging, attractions, background information, etc. As for any area, it's good to supplement with other specialized topic

and / or area guides, but for a general guide to a large state, this one does a great job. Logically arranged, well-written, and very readable, you can almost read it straight through; it's one of the better travel guides available.

In preparation for our two-week trip to Wyoming, I purchased this book and read as much as I had time for beforehand. During our trip, I found it to be a handy reference for whatever area we were in (mostly Yellowstone/Grand Tetons). The detail is great and some of our lodging choices and attraction choices were made with reference to the book and it was always accurate. I highly recommend it for those heading to Wyoming.

The book was in excellent shape and it was received almost before I logged off! I would never hesitate to purchase another product from this seller. Browsing through this book has given us many ideas about things we "must" see.

Most of the "name brand" travel guides are for fly-by tourists (though I do appreciate Frommer's guides much more than the rest of the big names). Well, if those books are for tourists, then Moon's handbooks (along with Lonely Planet's guides) are for TRAVELERS. And Moon's Wyoming Handbook is, as others here have said, one of their best. It's thick, it's juicy, it's meaty, it's expansive, it's authoritative and wry. So wherever you are in that great big "empty" terrain, it's got some practical information for and historical and cultural insight into places all around. Wyoming has fewer people than any other state (yes, fewer than Rhode Island and Alaska). But it's places of interest are many and varied, though scattered far and wide. You need a good guide and a GOOD READ to cover the miles and the days. I admire author Don Pitcher's efforts here. If you choose one guidebook, make it Moon's Wyoming Handbook. If you'd like to get a second general guide to the region for comparison and cross-reference (including more descriptive listings of selected accommodations), I'd add Frommer's guide to Wyoming, which includes Montana as well.

I wouldn't have given this book a "10" if I hadn't also taken two other good Wyoming tour books ("Wyoming Off the Beaten Path" and "Scenic Driving in Wyoming") on our month-long vacation out West this summer. Fact is, we became so dependent on TWH, that we felt "lost" when exploring other states that didn't have a guide as comprehensive, accurate, or relevant to our footloose and fancy-free style of travel. Because of the great distances involved in western travel (I live in NJ), bad advice can be costly in wasted time. TWH helped us make the best use our precious annual

vacation. The fact that the author's writing is easy going and often humorous made TWH a good out-loud read in the car when we needed to cover some miles between campsites. Now that vacation's over, the book is still valuable for assisting our memories when compiling photo albums and swapping stories with friends

We probably would have bought a better-known guidebook (e.g., Fodor's, Frommer's), if we had seen one, but we found only Pitcher's. And so restricted, how lucky we were. This is a book I would read even if I weren't going to Wyoming, but we did go, last summer, and we read the book continuously and out loud throughout our travels via rental car through the state. It led us to Sacajawea's (sp?) grave, and to many spectacular and out-of-the-way places that we never would have found on our own. Also, the book has accurate reviews of local restaurants, motels, and attractions like rodeos and museums.

By far the best guidebook to the entire state of Wyoming, with excellent detailed sections on Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The book, which is superior to some others in the Moon series, is a labor of love by the author for the land, people, and small towns of the state. Pitcher provides great detail on what to see everywhere; colorful local and regional histories; and affectionate, slightly tongue-in-cheek descriptions of small towns. Sure to enhance a visit of any length.

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