

Wyoming State Museum

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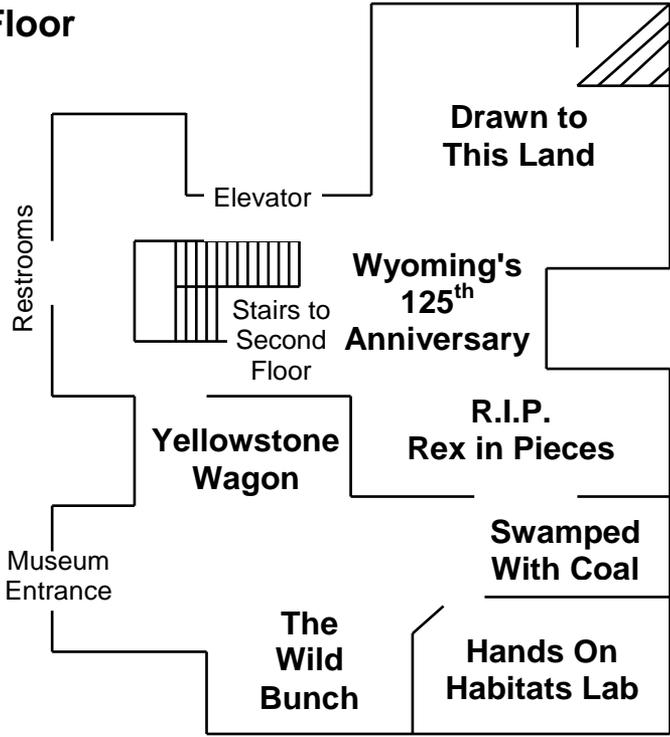
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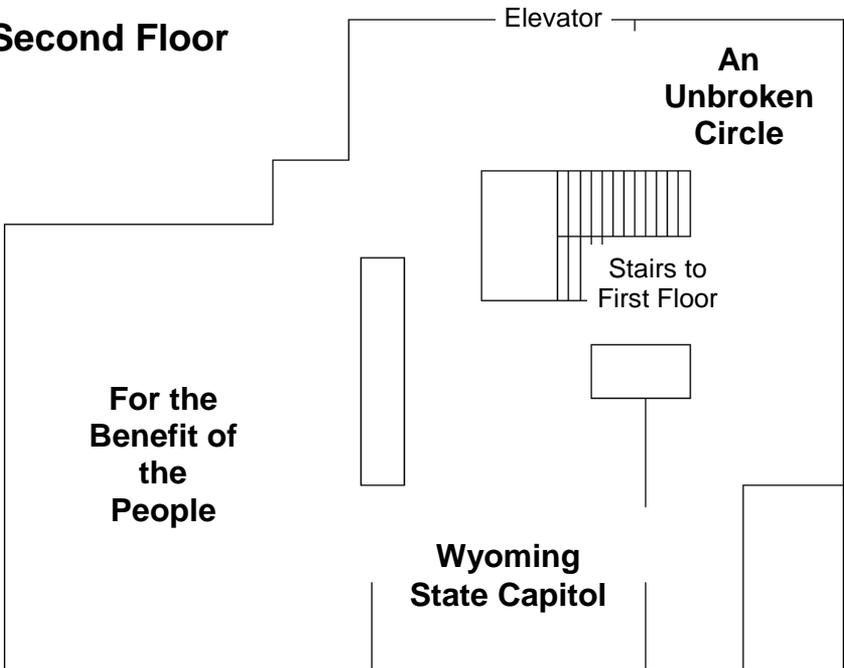
Use the clues in each question to discover fun facts about Wyoming.

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First Floor



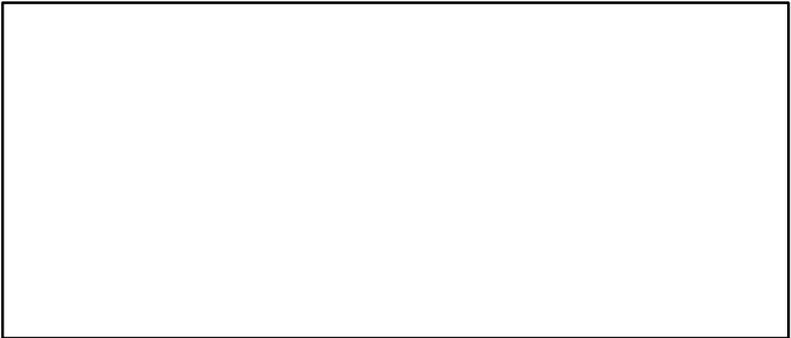
Second Floor



1. Sometimes *Protecting Our Past* is harder than it seems. These little bugs are smaller than a penny but can eat an artifact in just a few months. What household floor covering is this tiny beetle named after?
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2. From bugs to mammals, it's time to get Wild! Wyoming is home to nearly 400,000 of these speedy mammals. That's almost more than the number of humans living in the state! What animal is it?
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3. Explore the Wyoming shortgrass prairie diorama for signs that humans were there. Draw one of your finds.



4. What plains mammal's skull tells a poem about how it once grazed "on a bright summer day until the stealth of the white man nearly swept it away"?
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5. Head over to *Swamped With Coal* and discover a model of Wyoming, then and now. Between 45 and 75 million years ago, what was Wyoming covered in?
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6. It will take a lot more than these three lumps of coal to fill the big truck. Once it's full, how many years can all that coal power a house?
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7. Uranium, oil, and gold, oh my! What gemstone were people looking for during Wyoming's green gold rush of the 1940s?
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8. Dig your way over to Rex In Pieces and explore some of Wyoming's fossils. Pick your favorite one and draw a picture of it.



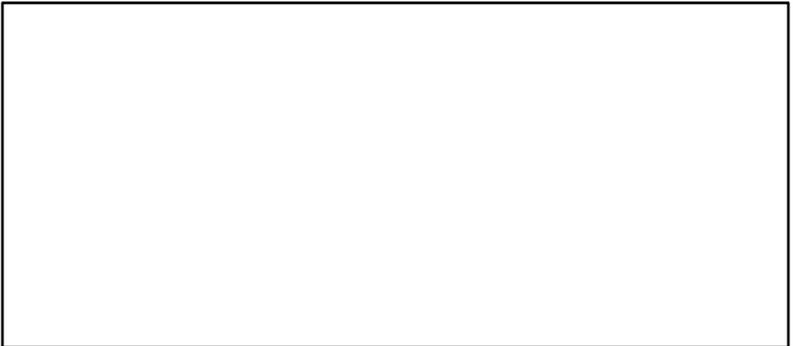
9. Gallop into the Rex In Pieces exhibit. Which prehistoric creature loved horsing around?
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10. Now saddle up your Hyracotherium and gallop past the sheepwagon and on to the beaver. Meet your fellow Mountain Men at the first Rendezvous. What year was it held?
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11. For the next 16 years, Mountain Men trapped beaver in the name of fashion. Nearly how many beaver were trapped each year in order to make men's top hats?

12. Load up the wagon and head to the woolly west. By 1900, there were more sheep than people in Wyoming. Exactly how many sheep were there?

13. Look out, Cattle Country is sneaking up behind you! Saddle up and "shoe" your cattle to the open range. Look at the examples of livestock brands and create your own.



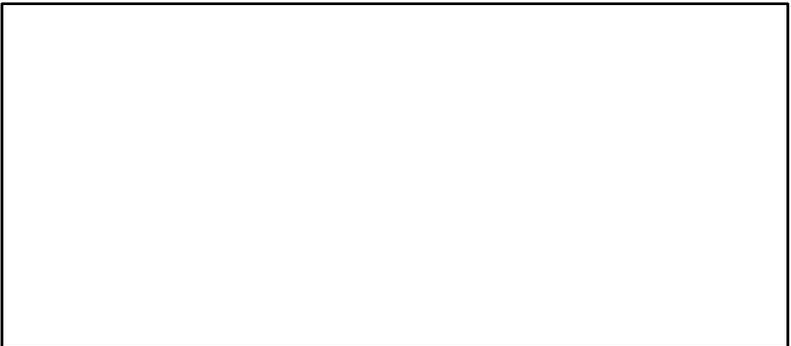
14. Now hike, ski, or snowshoe to the National Parks and look for the bells. What US President created Yellowstone as the first National Park?

15. Before Ranger Rick came the US Army. Head for the Forts on the Frontier and get your orders. What job did the soldier wearing the horseshoe chevron have?

16. With your orders at hand, head for the Trails of Dust, Iron, and Air. What year did Wyoming first issue license plates... 1,584 of them to be exact?

17. Now change your elevation by heading upstairs where you'll discover artifacts from Wyoming's earliest people. Once buried in red dirt, these skulls tells the story of the Vore Buffalo Jump. The remains of more than how many bison have been found at this archaeological site?

18. From stone tools and beaded moccasins to Bambi and a statue of a great Chief, explore the artifacts of the Arapaho and Shoshone. Discover your favorite and draw it below.

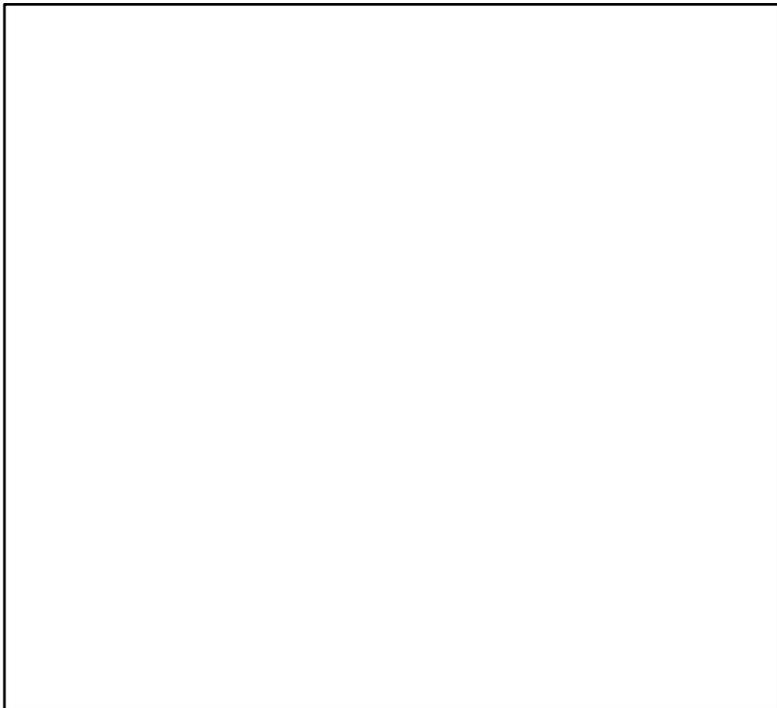


19. Explore the second floor to find a giant silver punch bowl representing Wyoming's equality. This silver service has been used by many important people. Designed and produced at a cost of \$7,500 in 1912, what battleship was it made for?

20. From silver to brass, it's time to explore a new exhibit. Learn about the Wyoming State Capitol to see how technology has changed. Find the brass cymbals. What were they used for?

21. Now from brass to cooper covered by gold, find the plate from the roof of the Wyoming Capitol, it's old! Only 10 states have gilded domes and Wyoming calls one of those home. How much gold is needed to cover Wyoming's dome?

22. **LAST CHALLENGE!** You're almost done but before you finish, draw a picture of your favorite artifact from today's museum visit!



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