

U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree 2010

Facts about Wyoming

Capital..... Cheyenne

Nickname. Big Wyoming, Equality State, Cowboy State

Motto. "Equal Rights"

Admitted To Union. July 10, 1890-44th State

Size. 97,914 square miles, 9th largest state

Highest Point. Gannett Peak, 13,804 feet

Lowest Point. 3,100 feet Belle Fourche River

Population (2000 Census). 493,782

flower Indian paintbrush (1917)

tree cottonwood (1947)

bird western meadowlark (1927)

Interesting Events in Wyoming History

1872-Yellowstone Park, first national park, created.

1902- Teton and Bridger Forest Reserves (preceding National Forests) established

1906-Devils Tower National Monument, first in U.S., created September 24.

1988- More than one million acres burned during Yellowstone Park Fires.

1990-Wyoming Celebrates Centennial. Legislature designates Martin Luther King, Jr./Wyoming Equality Day as a legal holiday (3rd Monday in January)

2005- U.S. Forest Service celebrates its Centennial

2009 – 387.7mi of WY Rivers were designated Wild & Scenic through Craig Thomas Headwaters Legacy Act

