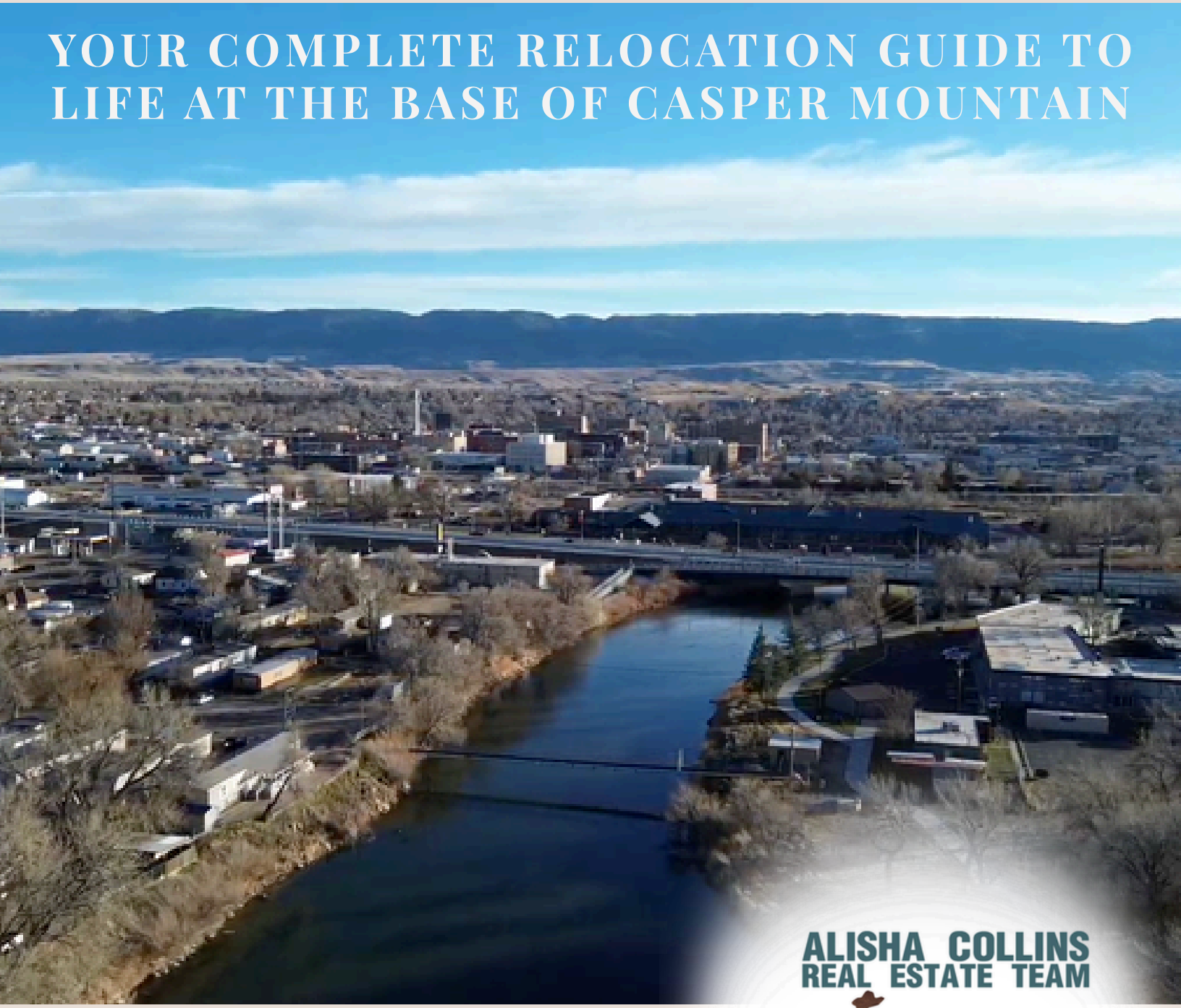
MOVING TO CASPER, WYOMING

YOUR COMPLETE RELOCATION GUIDE TO LIFE AT THE BASE OF CASPER MOUNTAIN



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WELCOME TO CASPER



Casper isn't just a place to live — it's a lifestyle. Nestled along the North Platte River and surrounded by wide-open Wyoming skies, Casper blends small-town friendliness with modern amenities and unbeatable outdoor access.

People come here for opportunity, affordability, and a slower pace of life. They stay for the space and the views.

- **No State Income Tax**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Outdoor Recreation Everywhere**
- **Year-Round Local Events**

CASPER AT A GLANCE

Casper offers the perfect balance of space, scenery, and connection. Whether you're starting a new job, chasing adventure, or looking for affordability without sacrificing quality of life, Casper delivers all of it and more.

- **Location:** Central Wyoming
- **Population:** 59,000
- **Elevation:** 5,150 ft
- **Commute Time:** 12–15 minutes (average)
- **Lifestyle:** Outdoorsy • Laid-Back



COST OF LIVING OVERVIEW

AFFORDABLE LIVING WITH BIG WESTERN CHARM



Casper is one of the **most** affordable cities in the Mountain West – offering lower housing costs, low taxes, and a cost of living well below many surrounding states.

Here's what that means for you:

- Casper's overall cost of living is lower than the national average
- No state income tax = higher take-home pay
- Housing is significantly more affordable than major Western cities
- Everyday expenses stay manageable

Casper makes it possible to live comfortably without sacrificing space or quality of life.

COST OF LIVING HOUSING BREAKDOWN



Casper offers some of the most attainable housing in the region, giving buyers more space and more value for their money.

Here's what to expect:

- **Median home price:** $325,000
- **Typical range:** $250K–$500K
- **Newer or luxury homes:** $400K–$700K+
- **Typical 3-bedroom rent:** $1,500–$1,800/mo

Compared to Denver, Bozeman, and Salt Lake City, people relocating to Casper often find they can purchase larger homes, bigger yards, and more land for much less.

COST OF LIVING
UTILITIES + EVERYDAY COSTS



Utilities in Casper tend to be moderate, with natural gas usage peaking in winter and electric usage rising in summer.

Average Monthly Utilities:

- **Electricity:** $80–$150
- **Natural Gas:** $50–$120
- **Water/Sewer/Trash:** $60–$100
- **Internet:** $60–$100

Everyday Costs Stay Manageable:

- Groceries generally run lower than many metro areas
- Gas prices typically fall below the national average
- Dining out is affordable, with most meals ranging $12–$20

Casper delivers affordability without compromising lifestyle.

COST OF LIVING TAXES



One of the biggest financial benefits of living in Wyoming?

✨ **No State Income Tax.** ✨

That means more of your paycheck stays in your pocket, and long-term savings grow faster.

Additional Tax Info:

- **Sales tax:** 5-6% (city dependent)
- **Property taxes:** Generally lower than surrounding states
- **No state tax on retirement income**

If you are moving from a state with an income tax, that money stays with you every year.

NEIGHBORHOODS (EAST + SOUTH CASPER)

CASPER NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKDOWN

🏡 East Casper

Modern homes • Shopping • Restaurants • Schools
Price Range: $300K–$600K
East Casper is known for newer subdivisions, quick access to shopping, and bike paths that connect to parks, all with a suburban feel.

Highlights:

- Close to major retail + dining
- Newer homes + modern floor plans
- Beautiful and open parks and bike paths

🏔️ South Casper

Mountain Access • Mature Trees • Scenic Views
Price Range: $250K–$550K
South Casper offers quick access to Casper Mountain and outdoor recreation. Expect mature landscaping, established neighborhoods, and a peaceful atmosphere.

Highlights:

- Minutes to hiking + skiing
- Larger lots and mature trees
- Established subdivisions

NEIGHBORHOODS (PARADISE VALLEY + WEST SIDE + DOWNTOWN)

CASPER NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKDOWN

🌳 **Paradise Valley**

Riverside Living • Walking Paths

Price Range: $250K–$450K

Located along the North Platte River, Paradise Valley offers walking paths, river access, and easy access to parks.

Highlights:

- River access
- Walking paths
- Close to parks

🌄 **West Side / Wolf Creek**

Space • Views • Newer Builds

Price Range: $350K–$700K

This area offers newer homes, spacious layouts, and a quieter suburban lifestyle. It's great for buyers wanting elbow room, views, or slightly more land.

Highlights:

- Newer construction
- Spacious homes
- More space between homes

🌇 **Downtown Casper**

Historic Charm • Walkability • Arts & Events

Price Range: $200K–$450K

Downtown Casper blends history with modern living. Expect character, walkability, and access to restaurants, events, and local culture.

Highlights:

- Historic homes
- Walk to shops + cafés
- Arts, festivals, and events

TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE MOVING TO CASPER

1. **You'll Experience True Four Seasons**

Expect sunshine, snow, and crisp fall days — sometimes all in the same week.

2. **Outdoor Adventure Is a Lifestyle Here**

Hiking, fishing, skiing, biking — Casper Mountain is right there.

3. **The Sky Is Huge**

Wide-open views and big Wyoming sunsets, right from town.

4. **The Wind Is Real**

It's a Wyoming badge of honor. Invest in good chapstick.

5. **The Job Market Is Surprisingly Strong**

Especially in energy, healthcare, trades, and education.

6. **Your Commute Will Be 10–15 Minutes Max**

Even during "rush hour."

7. **There's Always Something Going On**

Concerts and events at David Street Station, plus volunteer opportunities year-round.

8. **Lots of Parks and Trails**

Riverside trails, city parks, and year-round activities.

9. **Housing Moves Quickly**

Well-priced homes can sell within days — working with a local expert helps.

10. **You Can Truly Live a Balanced Life**

Space, nature, affordability, and connection all in one place.

PROS & CONS

PROS OF LIVING IN CASPER

✓ **Affordable Cost of Living**

Your money goes further here — especially when it comes to housing.

✓ **No State Income Tax**

More of every paycheck stays with you.

✓ **Endless Outdoor Activities**

Casper Mountain, the river, lakes, trails — something for every season.

✓ **Short Commutes**

Spend less time driving and more time living.

✓ **Parks + Year-Round Events**

City parks, riverside trails, and local events all year.

✓ **Clean Air + Open Space**

Wide-open Wyoming landscapes and beautiful views.

✓ **Small-City Size**

Room to breathe, with a hospital, college, and airport in town.

PROS & CONS

CONS OF LIVING IN CASPER

⚠️ **Winter Weather Can Be Intense**

Cold temperatures and snow are part of the Wyoming lifestyle.

⚠️ **The Wind Is a Factor**

Some days are breezy. Some days are… Wyoming breezy.

⚠️ **Limited Big-City Amenities**

Fewer malls, major chains, and entertainment options compared to metros.

⚠️ **Housing Inventory Moves Fast**

Be prepared to act quickly on the right home.

⚠️ **It's a Smaller City**

Fewer choices than a metro, and you'll see familiar faces around town.

(These are also the reasons many people love Casper.)

JOB MARKET OVERVIEW

CASPER'S JOB MARKET: STRONG AND DIVERSE

Casper offers a stable, growing job market supported by energy, healthcare, education, and small business entrepreneurship. The range of employers surprises a lot of people moving here.

Major Industries Include:

- **Energy (oil, gas, wind)**
- **Healthcare + medical services**
- **Education (K–12 + higher education)**
- **Public sector jobs**
- **Trades + construction**
- **Outdoor recreation & tourism**
- **Small business + professional services**

Casper's diverse economy helps create stability, even when certain industries fluctuate.

JOB MARKET OVERVIEW

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN CASPER

Top Employers:

- **Banner Health**
- **Natrona County School District**
- **Casper College**
- **City of Casper**
- **Major energy companies**
- **Specialized medical practices**
- **Construction + trade companies**
- **Retail + service sector employers**

Work Culture in Casper:

Casper offers a steady, community-focused work environment with an emphasis on work-life balance. Many employers offer stable schedules, excellent benefits, and growth opportunities — especially in healthcare, education, and skilled trades.

People often find they can build long-term careers here while still having time for the outdoors and local events.

SCHOOLS OVERVIEW (DISTRICT OVERVIEW)



Casper is part of **Natrona County School District #1,** the public school district for Casper and the surrounding area. It uses open enrollment: you apply to the school you choose instead of being assigned one by your address.

What You Can Expect:

- Multiple elementary, middle, and high school options
- Specialized programs and pathways
- Sports, arts, and music programs
- Open enrollment (school choice)

Compare schools yourself at natronaschools.org.

SCHOOLS OVERVIEW (ELEMENTARY + MIDDLE SCHOOLS)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Bar Nunn Elementary
- Cottonwood Elementary
- Crest Hill Elementary
- Evansville Elementary
- Fort Caspar Academy
- Journey Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Manor Heights Elementary
- Oregon Trail Elementary
- Paradise Valley Elementary
- Park Elementary
- Pineview Elementary
- Sagewood Elementary
- Southridge Elementary
- Summit Elementary
- Verda James Elementary

Programs and enrollment details for every school are at natronaschools.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Casper Classical Academy – Classical curriculum for middle grades
- Centennial Middle School
- CY (CY Middle School)
- Dean Morgan Middle School

Programs include honors classes, athletics, band, orchestra, and career exploration.

SCHOOLS OVERVIEW (HIGH SCHOOLS + PROGRAMS)

HIGH SCHOOLS & STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

High Schools:

Kelly Walsh High School

Academic programs, athletics, and performing arts.

Natrona County High School

Historic campus, arts programs, athletics, and college-prep pathways.

Roosevelt High School

An alternative high school with individualized support.

Student Opportunities:

- Honors and AP classes
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways
- Marching band, choir, theater
- Football, basketball, wrestling, and more
- STEM programs + clubs

Compare programs yourself at natronaschools.org.

OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE GUIDE (OVERVIEW + CASPER MOUNTAIN)



If you love the outdoors, Casper is a dream come true. Whether you're into hiking, fishing, camping, climbing, or skiing, adventure is always just minutes away.

Casper Mountain:

Your year-round backyard playground. Popular activities include:

- Hiking & scenic overlooks
- Mountain biking trails
- Cross-country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Campgrounds + picnic areas
- Hogadon Ski Area for downhill skiing

Casper Mountain is where locals go to relax, explore, and enjoy every season.

OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE GUIDE (RIVER, LAKES, NEARBY DESTINATIONS)

WATER, TRAILS & WEEKEND ADVENTURES

North Platte River

A blue-ribbon fly fishing destination known nationwide. You'll also find:

- Kayaking
- Paddle boarding
- Riverfront walking paths
- Gorgeous photo spots

Lakes & Reservoirs

Alcova Lake and Pathfinder Reservoir offer:

- Boating
- Beaches
- Watersports
- Camping
- Stunning red-rock scenery

Nearby Outdoor Destinations:

- Muddy Mountain
- Ayres Natural Bridge
- Independence Rock
- Fremont Canyon (incredible views!)

Casper makes it easy to live where every weekend feels like a mini adventure.

NEWCOMER STARTER PACK



Welcome to Casper! Here's a quick-start guide to help you get settled fast, feel connected, and find everything you need in your first weeks.

What to Do First:

✔️ **Set up your utilities**

Electric, gas, water, trash, internet — all listed later in this guide.

✔️ **Update your address**

USPS, banking, insurance, Amazon, and subscriptions.

✔️ **Register your vehicle**

(This is Wyoming — we take our plates seriously.)

✔️ **Get a Wyoming driver's license**

Issued through the Natrona County Courthouse.

✔️ **Connect with local groups**

Community pages, volunteer groups, and local events are huge here.

NEWCOMER STARTER PACK (LOCAL FAVORITES)



Grocery & Essentials:

- Albertsons
- Walmart
- Sam's Club
- Natural Grocers
- Downtown specialty shops

Restaurants Locals Love:

- Eggington's (breakfast)
- HQ BBQ (comfort food)
- FireRock Steakhouse
- Thai Kitchen (hidden gem)

Local Shopping:

- The Cadillac Cowgirl
- Mustard Seed
- Lou Talberts
- The Atrium Plaza

Community Hotspots:

- David Street Station
- Casper Aquatic Center
- Casper Rec Center
- Nicolaysen Art Museum

These are the spots where newcomers quickly feel like locals.

THINGS TO DO

National Historic Trails Interpretive Center
Dive into the West's pioneer history with interactive exhibits on the Oregon, California, Mormon, and Pony Express Trails. Free admission and stagecoach ride simulations make this an easy history stop in town!



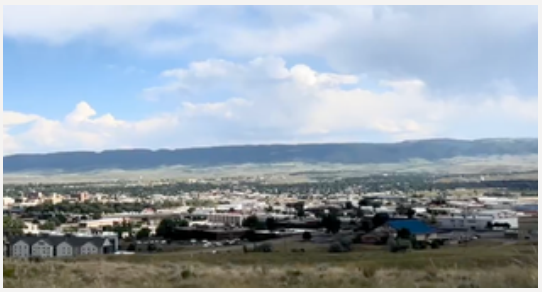
Tate Geological Museum
Marvel at "Dee," North America's largest mounted Columbian Mammoth, and a T-Rex skeleton at this free Casper College museum. With 3,000 fossils and minerals, it's a close-up look at Wyoming's prehistoric past.



Fort Caspar Museum and Historic Site
Step back to 1865 at this reconstructed military fort, a key stop on the Oregon Trail. Affordable tours and a museum bring Casper's cowboy and settler history to life, ideal for newcomers craving Western roots.



Casper Mountain
Hike, bike, or ski on 25+ trails with stunning views, just 15 minutes from downtown. From summer fat biking to winter snowshoeing at Hogadon Basin Ski Area, it's a year-round playground for outdoor lovers.



North Platte River
Cast a line in one of America's best fly-fishing spots or kayak along the Platte River Parkway. With trout-filled waters and scenic trails, it's a relaxing way to connect with Casper's natural beauty.



THINGS TO DO



David Street Station

Join community festivals, summer splash pad fun, or winter ice skating at this lively outdoor plaza. With concerts and markets, it's where Casper's locals gather to celebrate year-round.



Edness K. Wilkins State Park

Picnic, fish, or stroll through 300 acres of riverside trails, just 10 minutes from Casper. This park is an easy escape into Wyoming's open spaces, close to town.



Garden Creek Falls

Hike to a scenic waterfall in Rotary Park at Casper Mountain's base. Easy trails and picnic spots make it an easy nature stop near town.



Alcova Reservoir & Fremont Canyon

Kayak, fish, or boat amid dramatic cliffs, 40 miles from Casper. Alcova Resort's rentals and guided tours make it easy to get out on the water.



Nicolaysen Art Museum & Discovery Center

Explore contemporary art and hands-on exhibits at this downtown cultural hub. Free for kids under 5, its rotating displays and Discovery Center change throughout the year.

RESTAURANT FAVORITES

SIMPLY CLICK ON A RESTAURANT NAME AND YOU'LL BE RE-DIRECTED TO THEIR WEBSITE IMMEDIATELY!

Bosco's Italian Restaurant
Cuisine: Italian
Address: 847 E A St, Casper, WY 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: Expect warm, welcoming service that makes you feel like a regular, with dishes that nod to Casper's love for hearty, crafted meals.





FireRock Steakhouse
Cuisine: American, Steakhouse
Address: 6100 E 2nd St, Casper, WY 82609
Vibe for Newcomers: A taste of Wyoming's ranching heritage with a modern twist, with room for a business dinner or a big group.

Thai Kitchen
Cuisine: Thai
Address: 1120 E 12th St, Casper, WY 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: Thai favorites and friendly service on E 12th St.





La Cocina
Cuisine: Mexican
Address: 4110 Centennial Hills Blvd. Casper, WY. 82609
Vibe for Newcomers: A festive spot to unwind with coworkers or friends, offering a taste of Mexico in Wyoming's heart.

Eggington's
Cuisine: American, Breakfast
Address: 229 E 2nd St, Casper, WY 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: Pancakes, breakfast plates, and a seat right in the middle of downtown.



RESTAURANT FAVORITES



The Branding Iron
Cuisine: American, Steakhouse
Address: 129 W 2nd St, Casper, WY 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: A must-visit for newcomers wanting to soak in Wyoming's ranching spirit, with hearty portions to fuel your move.

Racca's Pizzeria Napoletana
Cuisine: Italian, Pizza
Address: 430 S Ash St, Casper, WY 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: Perfect for a casual night out, with a lively atmosphere that showcases Casper's blend of rustic and refined.





HQ Southern BBQ
Cuisine: Southern, BBQ
Address: 70 S. Curtis St Evansville, WY. 82636
Vibe for Newcomers: Casual dinners and Southern BBQ in Evansville, just east of Casper.

Wyoming Ale Works
Cuisine: American, Pub
Address: 5900 E 2nd St, Casper, WY 82609
Vibe for Newcomers: A lively spot for after-work drinks or game nights.





Himalayan Indian Cuisine
Cuisine: Indian, Nepalese
Address: 232 E 2nd St, Casper, WY 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: Indian and Nepalese dishes with plenty of spice in a cozy downtown room.

RESTAURANT FAVORITES

Sweet Zoey
Cuisine: Lebanese, Syrian
Address: 632 CY Ave. Casper, WY. 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: A cultural gem for foodies, with a welcoming vibe that invites you to linger.





Sherrie's Place
Cuisine: American, Diner
Address: 310 W Yellowstone Hwy, Casper, WY 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: A homey spot to start your day, where you'll likely chat with locals over coffee.

Steamboat Deli & Outlet
Cuisine: American, Sandwiches
Address: 251 S Center St, Casper, WY 82609
Vibe for Newcomers: A quick, delicious stop for lunch on the go, with a neighborly feel.





J's Pub & Grill
Cuisine: American, Pub
Address: 3201 WY-257, Casper, WY 82604
Vibe for Newcomers: A laid-back spot for dinner or drinks, where you can mingle with Casper's eclectic residents.

Pho Saigon
Cuisine: Vietnamese
Address: 2145 E 12th St, Casper, WY 82601
Vibe for Newcomers: Ideal for a low-key lunch, offering a taste of Vietnam that feels like a warm hug.



RELOCATION FAQ'S

Q: Do I need four-wheel drive?

A: It's not required, but highly recommended for winter weather and mountain access.

Q: What's the weather really like?

A: Sunny most of the year, with cold winters, mild summers, and some windy days — classic Wyoming.

Q: Is housing competitive?

A: Well-priced homes can sell quickly. Working with a local real estate expert helps you move fast.

Q: What's the vibe of the city?

A: Outdoorsy and relaxed, with big skies and short drives.

Q: What is there to do year-round?

A: Plenty: sports leagues, camps, community events, trails, parks, and programs for all ages.

Q: Are there job opportunities for newcomers?

A: Yes! Especially in healthcare, education, trades, government, and energy.

Q: Is Casper friendly to remote workers?

A: Very. Affordable housing + low traffic + fast internet = remote-work paradise.

Q: What's the pace of life like?

A: Comfortable, calm, and spacious — without feeling isolated.

Have more questions?

You can always reach out — I'm happy to help you navigate your move, explore neighborhoods, or find the right home.

UTILITY & SERVICE SETUP GUIDE

Electricity

Rocky Mountain Power: https://www.rockymountainpower.net/

2840 E Yellowstone Hwy, Casper, WY 82609

(888) 221-7070

Natural Gas

Black Hills Energy: https://www.blackhillsenergy.com/

1535 E Yellowstone Hwy, Casper, WY 82601

(888) 890-5554

Water, Sewer & Trash

City of Casper: https://www.casperwy.gov/services/utilities/index.php

Setup through city utilities department.

Internet Providers:

- Spectrum
- Mountain West
- Wyoming Wireless

Phone Providers:

- Verizon
- AT&T
- T-Mobile

DMV Services

Natrona County Clerk's Office: https://www.natronacounty-wy.gov/31/Services

200 N. Center St. Casper, WY 82601

vehicle registration, titles, voter registration, permits, etc.

WDOT: https://www.dot.state.wy.us/home.html

800 Bryan Stock Trl, Casper, WY 82601

Driver's licenses

ABOUT MY GUIDE



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Hi! I'm Alisha Collins, a real estate professional, relocation guide creator, and proud Casper local. After helping hundreds of clients move to and around Casper, I created this guide to make your transition smoother, easier, and more enjoyable.

I understand how big a move can feel — especially when you're learning a new city, new neighborhoods, and a new lifestyle. My goal is to give you the clarity, confidence, and insider insight you need to feel right at home here in Wyoming.

Why I Love Casper:

- Local events fill the calendar year-round
- Outdoor adventure is part of daily life
- There's room to spread out
- You can enjoy space, nature, and peace without isolation
- There's a balance here you can't find everywhere

If you ever need help navigating Casper or you're ready to explore homes, I'm here to make it simple.

WYOMING CONTENT

WATCH THESE VIDEOS TO GET A FEEL FOR LIFE IN CASPER! SIMPLY CLICK ON THE VIDEO YOU WANT TO SEE AND YOU'LL BE RE-DIRECTED IMMEDIATELY!































HOW I CAN HELP WITH YOUR MOVE



Moving doesn't have to feel overwhelming — especially when you have someone who knows the area inside and out. Here's how I support you every step of the way:

🏡 **Personalized Home Search**

I help you find the right neighborhood, the right home, and the right fit for your needs and budget.

📦 **Relocation Planning Support**

Area tours, virtual showings, and guidance on commutes, school enrollment, and daily life.

🤝 **Local Connections**

From lenders to inspectors to moving companies, you'll get trusted local recommendations to make your move seamless.

Wherever you are in your relocation journey, I'm here to help you feel confident and excited about your next chapter in Casper.

LET'S MAKE YOUR MOVE TO CASPER EASY



If you're thinking about moving to Casper — or you're already planning your next steps — I'd love to help you explore your options and find the right place to call home.

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Ready for your relocation consultation?

https://calendly.com/alishasells/relocation-consultation

Let's chat, explore neighborhoods, and find the right home for your next chapter.

I can't wait to welcome you to Casper. 💛