

Family Fun & Recreation

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» SWIMMING POOLS



Scottsbluff Splash Arena Pool

308-630-6240

2813 2nd Ave Scottsbluff, NE

Located adjacent to Scottsbluff High School. Offers indoor and outdoor pool.

Indoor pool open year round. Exercise classes offered. See our website for more information.

Westmoor Pool

308-630-6240

1936 Avenue I Scottsbluff, NE

Our new waterpark which opened in July 2003! It has 2 giant water slides and other attractions. Take a look at our website for hours and rates.

Scottsbluff Pool

YMCA

308-635-2318



22 S Beltline E, Scottsbluff, NE

The YMCA pool is conveniently located between Scottsbluff &

Gering. It offers a large indoor swimming pool and therapeutic pool. Exercise class and swimming lessons are also offered.

Gering Swimming Pool

308-436-5096

905 13th St., Gering, NE

Gering's swimming pool includes a large water slide, 2 tube slides, a diving board and a baby pool. It is located next to Oregon Trail Park in Gering. See the website for hours and rates.



» PARKS

City of Scottsbluff Parks Dept.

308-630-6235

2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff

The Scottsbluff Parks Dept. includes 23 parks, 10 tennis courts, 11 lighted baseball and softball fields, 12 picnic shelters and 14 playgrounds. They also offer

diving, swimming lessons, tumbling, soccer and tennis for youth through their recreation department. See website for more information.

[City of Gering Parks Dept.](#)
[308-436-5096](#)

1025 P St., Gering, NE

The Gering Parks Dept. consists of 10 parks, 4 picnic shelters, an RV park and more. See their website for more information.



»HIKING & BIKING

[Panhandle Trails](#)

This link contains information about dozens of trails in western Nebraska. Well worth exploring!

[Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area & Nature Center](#)
[308-436-3777](#)

Home to an extraordinary nature visitor's center. 1,100 acres of beautiful terrain.


Offers 3.5 miles of nature trails perfect for hiking, biking and cross country

skiing. Picnic facilities. Open 8am-4:30pm daily, April-September and 8:00am-

4:30pm Mon-Fri, September-March.

[Monument Valley Pathway](#)
[308-630-6235](#)

Running alongside the North Platte River and Scotts Bluff

National Monument,
walking and biking trails connect the cities of Scottsbluff,
Gering and Terrytown. 
Monument Valley Pathways includes 6.3 miles of trails; a
total of 26 miles is planned.

» **GOLF COURSES**

[Monument Shadows Golf Course](#)

[308-635-2277](#)

255 Clubhouse Drive, Gering



Public 18 hole course with a driving range, a pro-shop and
clubhouse. Located just
west of Nebraska Highway 71 in Gering, near the Scottsbluff
National Monument.

[Riverview Golf Course](#)

[308-635-1515](#)

100928 County Rd 19, Scottsbluff

Public 18 hole golf course. Includes a driving range, golf pro
lessons, carts/club
rentals. Home to Nebraska's only floating driving range.

[Scotts Bluff Country Club](#)

[308-632-8297](#)

5014 Avenue I, Scottsbluff



This is a private 18 hole course, with a driving range, pro-
shop and a clubhouse.

See our website for more information.

[Scenic Knolls Golf Course](#)

[308-623-2468](#)


20549 Hwy 29, Mitchell

Public, 9 hole course. Driving range, restaurant and clubhouse. Located 2 miles north of Hwy 26 & Hwy 29 intersection in Mitchell, NE. Click on link above for more information.

[Chimney Rock Golf Course](#)

[308-586-1606](#)

445 Main Street, Bayard

Public, 9 hold course, driving range, pro-shop and  restaurant. Located 1 mile North and 1/3 mile West of Bayard off US Hwy 26.

[Courthouse & Jailhouse Rock Golf Course](#)

[308-623-2468](#)

5 mi South on Hwy 88, Bridgeport

Beautifully maintained 9 hole, public course in the shadows of Jailhouse & Courthouse Rock. A MUST see for golfers of all ages. Click on link above for more information.

»FISHING & BOATING

[Lake Minatare State Recreation Area](#)

[308-783-2911](#)

290140 The Point Road, Minatare



One of the most popular and scenic recreation areas in Nebraska's Panhandle.

Encompassing 2,973 acres, including a 2,158 acre reservoir, and home of

Nebraska's only lighthouse. Six miles East and 8 miles North of Scottsbluff in

the historic North Platte River Valley.

[Riverside Zoo Ponds](#)

[308-630-6236](#)

1600 S. Beltline Hwy W, Scottsbluff

Offers fishing, camping, picnic areas and playgrounds in a natural setting.

Five acres, rainbow trout, open to the public. See website or call for hours.

[Terry's Lake](#)

[308-632-7212](#)



Terry's Lake is located just south of the North Platte River in Terrytown, NE

which lies between the communities of Scottsbluff and Gering.

It is a 7-acre

fishing area open year round. No boating. Fishing and a playground are available.

[Bridgeport State Lakes 308-436-2383](#)

This 197 acre State Recreation Area is located adjacent to the city of Bridgeport and sits along the banks of the North Platte River near the historic Oregon Trail.

The area offers fishing, canoeing, boating, picnicking and camping. Bird watching and plant identification are favorite activities year around. A fee/permit is required to enter the area daily and annual permits are for sale at Bateman's Trading Post in Bridgeport.



[Lake McConaughy](#)

[800-658-4390](#)

8 miles northeast of Ogallala, NE – I-80 Exit 126

Lake McConaughy is located approximately 120 miles southeast of Scottsbluff, is the perfect place for windsurfing, boating, swimming, scuba diving, fishing, and a host of other outdoor water sports. With 100 miles of Caribbean-like white beaches, "Big Mac" as it is known to the locals, is 22 miles long and 4 miles wide. Nearly everything about Lake McConaughy is big. It's 35,700 surface acres make it Nebraska's largest reservoir with over 100 miles of shoreline. The dam is among the largest of it's types in the world and the fish grow to trophy proportions, accounting for several state records. Camping facilities are available. For more information, visit the above link.

»CAMPING



[Robidoux RV Park](#)

[308-436-2046](#)

Gering, NE (Located at the base of the Scotts Bluff National Monument)

Open year-round, with 35 full hook-up sites, tent sites, and a multi-purpose building that can be rented by the public. Restroom, sanitary dump station and paved parking on many sites.

[Riverside Campgrounds](#)

[308-632-6342](#)

1600 S. Beltline Hwy West, Scottsbluff

Located adjacent to Riverside Zoo. Opened May 1st to September 30. Over 200 tent sites and 34 hookups. Also has restrooms and hot showers.

[Route 26 Campground](#)

[308-635-3760](#)

180454 Hwy 26, Scottsbluff



Route 26 Campground is located on US Highway 26 between Scottsbluff and Mitchell. There are 30 camping spots with electrical hookup available for rent year around.

[Scotts Bluff County Fair Camp Grounds](#)

[308-623-1828](#)

130625 County Road E, Mitchell

68 camping spots with electrical hookup available for rent year around.

Stall rental charges are \$10 per horse per night. There is a drop slot in the door of the office for your convenience.

»HUNTING

Buffalo Creek Wildlife Management Area

308-632-7004

Pasture/Timber. 162.46 acres. Deer, dove, rabbit, & turkey. Located 10 miles south of Gering.



Cedar Canyon Management Area

308-632-7004

Pasture. 2200 acres. Deer, dove, & turkey. Located 4 miles west of Hwy 71 on Carter Canyon Rd, then 1 ½ south on county road 17, 1 mile W to parking area.

Wildcat Hills SRA/WMA

308-436-3777

Crop 40 acres; pasture 92 acres. Located 10 miles south of Gering.

Kiowa Wetlands Wildlife Management Area

Crop 263.30 acres; pasture 22 acres; marsh 220 acres. Dove, pheasant, rabbit, waterfowl. Located 2 ½ miles south of Morrill. Nontoxic



shot zone.

[Nine Mile Creek Wildlife Management Area](#)

[402-471-0641](#)

Pasture 179 acres; creek 1 acre. Deer, dove, pheasant, and rabbit. Located 3 miles east and 5 ½ miles north of Minatare..

Hunting Guides:

Brad Fulk (308) 623-2952

Dan Gueck – (308)635-2985

Russ McKeehan (308) 436-3407

Norbert Nau – (308)641-0968

Chuck Stratton – (308)631-6108

Mike Winchell – (308)635-2493

GameDay Guides – guides@gamedayguides.net – – (308) 436-4645

»FITNESS FACILITIES

[Carpenter](#)

[Center](#)

[308-635-8422](#)



116 Terry Blvd, Terrytown

Day Pass available. 3 Month, 6 Month, and 1 Year Memberships, as well as

Corporate Memberships. Call for hours.

[Crossfit Scottsbluff](#)

[308-672-3616](#)

822 S. Beltline Hwy West, Scottsbluff

Optimal Fitness Lifestyle, and here to meet your fitness needs. Go to our

website www.crossfitscottsbluff.com for inquiry on times and events!

Curves For Women

308-632-2878

624 W 20th St., Scottsbluff

Curves is a facility specially designed for women featuring a complete 30 minute work out and weight management program that is fun, fast, and safe. Our facility also features the most advanced fitness technology in the world, Curves Smart.

Jazzercise Scottsbluff Fitness Center

308-633-5299

1603 Broadway, Scottsbluff

Jazzercise dance fitness offers aerobics exercise classes for all ages and fitness levels. Click on link above for website which lists class schedule and prices.

Warehouse Fitness Center

308-635-1177

422 Avenue B, Scottsbluff



Serves both residential and commercial health enthusiasts with all the amenities required for achieving individual health goals. Three certified Cross-fit level 1 instructors. They pay individual attention to each of our clients to help them achieve their fitness goals. Depending upon your convenience and preference, you can also opt for a 24 hour membership.

YMCA

308-635-2318

22 South Beltline Hwy East, Scottsbluff

The Scottsbluff YMCA is conveniently located between Scottsbluff and Gering, near the Monument Valley Pathways walk/bike trail and the North Platte River.

They have many different programs for people of all ages, cllimbing wall, speed bikes, training equipment, handball facilities, and an indoor swimming pool and therapeutic pool. New gym, with expanded daycare facility. Rated as one of the top three in the state.

»SPORTING EVENTS

[Western Nebraska Community College Athletics](#)

[308-635-6151](#)

1601 E 27th Street, Scottsbluff



WNCC is home to women's volleyball, basketball, softball, soccer and men's basketball, baseball and soccer. Check out the website for schedules.

[Highway 92 Raceway Park](#)

[308-632-7154](#)

Since 1968 has offered Friday night races all summer long. Located 4 miles East of Gering on Highway 92, it offers one of only two asphalt racetracks in the entire state of Nebraska.

»OTHER

Pioneer Legends Disc Golf

308-632-0049

Riverside Campground, 1514 S. Beltline Hwy W, Scottsbluff

Great disc golf atmosphere along the North Platte River with a great view of Scottsbluff National Monument.

Playhouse Skate and Fun Center

308-632-5996

775 Crescent Drive Gering

Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday for open skating and birthday parties, private parties, inflatable parties, roller hockey and indoor soccer You can rent inflatables at The Playhouse to use there or have them delivered to your house, park, Church, school, etc. 14 inflatables to choose from.

Riverside Zoo & Discovery Center

308-630-6326



1600 South Beltline West Scottsbluff

“Best Little Zoo in the West!” Riverside Zoo houses about 250 animals including reptiles, birds, and mammals and represents more than 70 species. We also have a petting area and playground for children. We also offer educational programs and an area for birthday parties, as well as several community events throughout the year including our annual “Spooktacular” during Halloween week!

Sure

Shot

Gun

Club

308-633-2723

1346 10th Street, Gering

Sure Shot Gun Range is the only indoor gun range in the Gering and Scottsbluff area.

We offer affordable indoor shooting hourly rates and yearly memberships. At Sure Shot one of the most important things to us is to show you gun safety, we offer gun and shooter safety help from our experienced range officers.