



Indian attacks. Remnants of the old Fort C.F. Smith site, located along the Bighorn River, is 4 miles north of the present day Fort Smith. In 1868, the Sioux destroyed Fort C.F. Smith, after two years of fighting with the army along the Bozeman Trail.

Today, Fort Smith is a great place to try your hand at trout fishing on the blue ribbon trout waters of the Bighorn River, known as one of the finest trout streams in the U.S. You can stop through town for supplies, fishing advice, guide services and boat rentals.

### T Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center and Power Plant

Fort Smith. 666-2412

The dam and visitor center was named for Robert Yellowtail who was a prominent tribal leader of the Crow throughout the 1900s. The dam spans 1,480 feet across the Bighorn Canyon and stands 525 feet tall. The visitor center provides information about the dam and how it was built. An interesting fly-fishing exhibit compares man-made flies with their natural counterparts.

### SV Big Horn Fly & Tackle Shop

1 Main St., Ft. Smith. 666-2253

## 41. Attraction

### T Bighorn Canyon

See sidebar

### T Devil Canyon Overlook

SE on U.S. Hwy. 310 to Lovell, WY then north on Hwy. 37. (307) 548-2251

This vista offers a scenic view of the Bighorn River 1,000 feet below where it cuts through the Bighorn Canyon. Immediately west of the canyon, you can see where the Pryor Mountains have been uplifted along fault lines. Nearby is the Pryor Mountains Wildhorse Refuge where about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs make their home. Along the drive from the Visitor's Center in Lovell to the overlook, you will probably see mountain goats along the side of the road.

## 42. Attraction

### Pryor

Pryor is located 35 miles south of Billings on the Crow Indian Reservation and is the site of Chief Plenty Coups State Park and is adjacent to the Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area. Named after the Pryor Mountain Range that lines the Montana-Wyoming border, Sgt. Nathaniel Pryor was a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition that came through this area. These mountains are

famous for the herd of wild horses that roams the area, and can be seen at the Wild Horse Range that is set aside for their protection.

### T Chief Plenty Coups State Park (Day use only)

1 mile west of Pryor on county road. 252-1289.

The fascinating and honorable life of Chief Plenty Coups is remembered at this location. He was the respected tribal chief of the Crow people from 1904-1932 and was the tribe's most revered leader; loved by his people, as well as respected by white leaders. With many achievements during his leadership, he was the most respected chief the Crows would ever have, and was not replaced after his death.

Chief Plenty Coups was a brave warrior and leader, enforcing his beliefs that education was the way to deal with the white man. He adapted to the changing times, replacing his tepee for a two story cabin by the Pryor Mountain Range, where he cultivated the land. This was a show of peace to the white man, and he was a great mediator, explaining the importance of peace between all people.

After frequent trips to Washington D.C., in 1924 he was asked to represent American Indians in the dedication of the tomb of the unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Here, Plenty