

BRUCE'S Camp



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Born in Ireland in 1867, Bruce came to the Lander area around 1896 and began sheepherding. Later he started his own successful sheep business, but in 1911 joined the Forest Service. It was a turbulent time when free and unrestricted use of the range and timber resources ended.

Welcome to the Washakie Ranger District of the Shoshone National Forest and a diversity of outdoor opportunities. Pack up your family and friends and head for a great Wyoming adventure!

Who's Bruce?

Bruce's Bridge and Bruce's Camp are both named for Forest Service Ranger John G. Bruce, 1911-1920. Ranger Bruce was known for his honesty, fairness, and integrity as well as his efficient and hard work ethic.

Described as "a kind of man who was always an asset to his community," Bruce's Camp was his idea and he promoted recreation and wildlife conservation here.



Ben Twenney photo

Sights to See

Sinks Canyon, Three in One

Three contrasting habitats in the Sinks Canyon corridor make it a rich place to observe nature.

The north slope is heavily forested collecting snow and allowing plants to drink deep and grow thick. The south facing slope receives intense sunlight. While plant life is sparse, it is a critical foodsource for wildlife during the winter months.

Along both sides of the PoPo Agie River a wet riparian supports thick stands of aspen woodlands and colorful wildflowers.

One of Three with Many Uses

The Middle Fork of the PoPo Agie River is one of three main streams in the PoPo Agie watershed flowing from the Wind River Mountains.

It provides water for the City of Lander and farmers in the basin use the water for crop irrigation. Anglers fish for brook, rainbow, and brown trout as well as mountain and white sucker. Rarer species include sauger, Yellowstone cutthroat trout, and golden trout.



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Above, the Middle Fork of the PoPo Agie (pronounced pō-pō-shia, which means "beginning of the waters") flowing through fall foliage. Below, the entire river vanishes into "The Sinks," a large limestone cavern. It runs underground about a quarter mile and reappears in a large trout-filled pool called "The Rise."



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Area Activities

Hiking

Stunning PoPo Agie Falls is worth the easy 3 mile hike roundtrip up the canyon from the Middle Fork Trailhead.

Rock Climbing

Look for the climbers maneuvering their way on one of several rock climbs on the limestone cliffs of Sinks Canyon. Interested to try it? Contact a local climbing guide or have some knowledge and experience of climbing, and the terrain.

Gateway to PoPo Agie Wilderness

Numerous trails lead to the high lakes of the Wind River Mountain Range and the PoPo Agie Wilderness Area. Hiking, horseback riding, lake and stream fishing, camping, and rock climbing are just some of the quiet activities to enjoy in wilderness.



Bighorn sheep are sometimes seen in Sinks Canyon. Look for the rounded curls on the rams, and smaller goat-like spikes on females. The best times to see them are midday.



Leon Jensen photo

