

Cowboy Up!

A trip to the Great American West wouldn't be complete without a cowboy cultural experience. Luckily for you, Steamboat Springs was originally founded on the cattle and ranching industry, which makes the wild west part of our heritage. So if you're looking for a real cowboy encounter, here's a few tips to get the most out of it.



First you're going to have to look the part; a true cowboy wouldn't be caught dead wearing sneakers, sweatpants and a flat brim hat. To get yourself some real deal cowboy duds, F.M. Light and Sons is the place to go. You probably saw their yellow signs driving up here. These guys have over a century of experience outfitting Colorado cowboys, so they definitely know their way around a stetson and a pair of spurs.

Once you're outfitted like a true westerner, you should think about stopping by the Tread of Pioneers Museum. For a \$6 admission ticket, you can explore the fascinating history of Steamboat and Northwest Colorado. From the tribe of Ute Indians who lived in Yampa Valley for countless of year, the settlers who traveled across half of North America, to the Norwegian immigrant who introduced ski jumping to the area, Tread of Pioneers is an amazing resource for discovering Steamboat History.





After learning about the history of how Steamboat became the town we know today, you might have the urge to take home a little piece of the west, aside from what you picked up from F.M. Light. The Cowboys and Indians store has just the personal memento you're looking for to make your trip to the Great American West complete. In addition to western jewelry, attire and personal effects like watches and pocket knives, Cowboys and Indians also sells authentic artifacts from the wild west like arrowheads, tools, and even a selection of firearms that were actually used in the struggle for survival on the wild frontier.