



INSIDER'S GUIDE TO

LYMAN, UTAH

Lyman is a town of just over 250 residents located in the elevated, western highlands area of Capitol Reef Country. Like many of the surrounding towns, it is a great location for visitors looking to hunt, fish, hike, camp, and explore.

To reach Lyman, head east on Scenic Byway 24 toward Capitol Reef National Park. Lyman is found between the communities of Loa and Bicknell and is near Bicknell Bottoms Wildlife Area, Fishlake National Forest, and Boulder Mountain.



Bicknell Bottoms/Wildfowl Area

A bird watcher's paradise, Bicknell Bottoms is a 670 acre wetland and farmland area located along the Fremont River. The peaceful area is an attractive place to spot waterfowl and birds of all kinds. See here for more information and directions.

Horse Valley Road

The locals consider this the perfect for access to ATV, horseback riding, hunting, fishing and exploring. Off of scenic Hwy 24, take Main St. into Lyman and follow the road east until it turns into Horse Valley Road. (FR206)

Neffs Reservoir

Located on Thousand Lakes Mountain, Neffs Reservoir requires a bit of hiking to reach but is said to be the some of the area's best fishing. Campgrounds are located nearby.

Velvet Ridge

This sandstone ridge is ideal for hiking, mountain biking, and ATV riding and offers views of canyons, cliffs, ledges and mesas as it wraps around the southern rim of Thousand Lake Mountain. A trail follows the rim above the Fremont River and provides access to other trails in red rock and forested areas. Trail access is from just east of Bicknell or from the town of Torrey.



Overview of Closest Attractions to Lyman:

Name	Distance from Lyman	Time Spent	Level of Difficulty/Age
Bicknell Bottoms/ Wildfowl Area	15 min. drive	Varies	All ages
Horse Valley	5 min. drive	Half-day to full day	All ages
Neffs Reservoir	45 min. drive and hike	Half-day to full day	All ages
Velvet Ridge (Hiking, Mountain Biking, ATV)	15 min. drive	1-2 hours	Trail is listed as “good for all levels”

***Here are three recommended hikes for the area. See website for more details and other hikes.**

Name of Trailhead	Distance	Difficulty Level
Sunglow Trail	0.65 miles	Easy/Moderate

(Identify best other trails to highlight)

Other Don't-Miss Attractions in the Nearby Area:

Name of Trailhead	Distance from Lyman	Time Spent	Level of Difficulty/Age
Boulder Mountain	1 hr. drive, plus, depending on destination	Half day to multiple days	All ages
Fishing, Hiking, Hunting at Thousand Lakes Mountain, Mill Meadows Reservoir, Johnson reservoir, Boulder Mountain	Varies. Many areas within 10-15 min.	Multiple days	All ages
Capitol Reef National Park	20 min. drive	Half day to multiple days	All ages. Trails and areas with all levels of difficulty.

A Brief History of the Area

The small ranching and farming community, located just three miles east of Loa, was originally settled in 1876 as Wilmouth. The town was relocated and renamed in 1893 to honor LDS apostle Francis Lyman, who eventually succeeded Brigham Young Jr. as President of the Quorum of Twelve.

