

TRI-STATE EXCURSION



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Upon completion of the Fort Phil Kearny presentation, the bus will head to downtown Sheridan where students can enjoy lunch at one of several charming restaurants and coffee shops. APUSHers will have time to visit the famous King's Saddlery & Western Museum and other sites of interest (the entire Main Street is listed on the National Register of Historic Places).

After lunch and ample leisure time on Main Street in Sheridan, the bus will return to the Holiday Inn so that everyone can have a few brief moments to refresh. From there, students will partake in a one-hour guided tour of Trail End, the lavish turn-of-the-century estate of John B. Kendrick, a Wyoming governor and United States senator. Kendrick led a storybook life—as a penniless Texas cowboy, he first came to Wyoming Territory on a cattle drive in 1879 where he was hired by a Montana rancher whose daughter he would later marry!

The mansion has been wondrously restored, including most of its original furniture, draperies, rugs, and lights. The ornate grounds are said to feature at least one of every tree indigenous to Wyoming, planted amidst an array of other species Kendrick shipped via railroad to Sheridan from plant nurseries and tree farms in the East. From its roost on a bluff above town, Trail End offers a marvelous panoramic view of Sheridan and the outlying Bighorn Mountains.

