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Live Horse Racing Begins October 2nd, 2026, in Laramie County

Cheyenne, WY — The Wyoming Gaming Commission has approved Wyoming's new mile-long horse racing track for 16 live race dates in 2026.

The track, located 10 miles east of Cheyenne at Thunder Plains Park, will host its inaugural race day on Friday, October 2nd, 2026, with additional races to follow on October 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, and November 1. (Dates subject to change per the Wyoming Gaming Commission.)

"Ultimately, Thunder Plains Park is a destination that will strengthen our local economy through increased tourism and local job opportunities," said Will Edwards, co-founder of Thunder Plains. "The horse industry is thriving in Wyoming, and Thunder Plains Park is excited to be part of furthering its growth."

Designed with an emphasis on horse and rider safety, the mile-long track at Thunder Plains Park features a safety rail—a professional-grade barrier that protects both horses and horsemen—formerly used at San Francisco's Golden Gate Fields.

For more information, visit thunderplains.com.

ABOUT THUNDER PLAINS PARK

The mission of Thunder Plains Park is to create a world-class, state of the art racetrack and equestrian center and develop 300+ acres into an amazing regional destination. This development is ideally located in eastern Laramie County, along I-80, in "horse country." We are doing this for the horsemen and women, the equine athletes, the jockeys, the breeders, owners, trainers, and all the people who support horse racing in Wyoming.

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