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WELCOME BACK TO THE OPEN ROAD

Ready to have the family time of your lives? The six regions of Montana are ready for you, and we've made planning easy. The following pages reveal some of the spectacular scenery, high-adrenaline activities and cultural wonders that await in each unique pocket of the state. Pick your favorite starting point, explore the heck out of it and try a different portion of Montana on your next trip. With 94 million acres to explore, there's always something new to uncover.



GET HERE FAST

Montana is never far from home, thanks to several airports. Catch year-round or seasonal direct flights from many major cities or easy connections from others.

INDIAN RESERVATIONS

- 1 Flathead Indian Reservation
- 2 Blackfeet Indian Reservation
- 3 Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation
- 4 Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
- 5 Crow Indian Reservation
- 6 Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation
- 7 Fort Peck Indian Reservation

AIRPORTS

- 1 Glacier Park International Airport
- 2 Missoula Montana Airport
- 3 Great Falls International Airport
- 4 Helena Regional Airport
- 5 Bert Mooney Airport
- 6 Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
- 7 Billings Logan International Airport

NATIONAL PARKS

- 1 Glacier National Park
- 2 Yellowstone National Park



GEORGETOWN LAKE

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BUTTE THE BEST OF LAND AND WATER

BUTTE sits like a treasure in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, just waiting for you to discover its small-town delights encompassed by big-time outdoor adventure. Here, it's easy to find refreshment on the water complemented by dry activities that entertain, invigorate and enlighten.

ON WATER
PADDLE Kayak or stand-up paddleboard on Georgetown Lake or the Clark Fork River, which begins its 360-mile journey here.

SPLASH Rush down a dynamic duo of slides or bask in the sun along Montana's longest lazy river at the new Ridge Waters water park.

SOAK Unwind in the indoor and outdoor pools and soaking tubs at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.

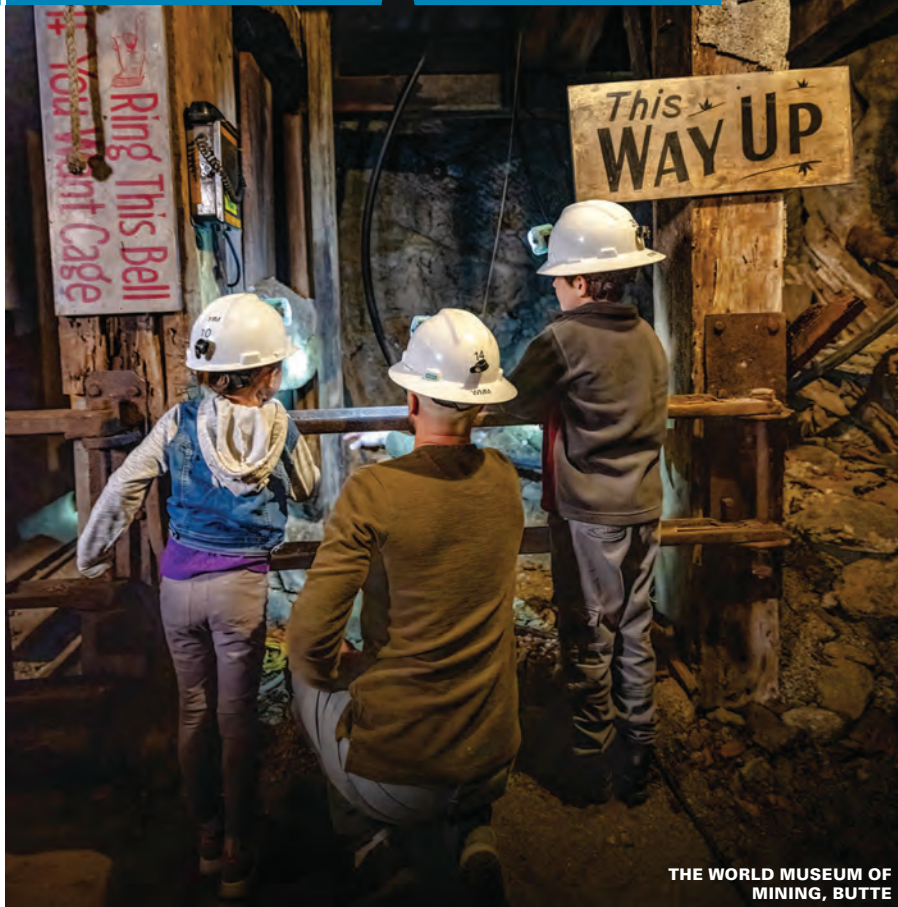
ON LAND
DISCOVER Walk, bike or take a trolley tour through the National Historic Landmark District and learn about the town's rich mining past.

SPARKLE See 1,000 gems, minerals, rocks, dinosaur fossils and meteorites at the Mineral Museum ... or search for your own crystals at Crystal Park.

DINE Fill up on good eats at Sparky's Garage, get nostalgic at the Bonanza Freeze drive-in and enjoy patio dining at Fred's Mesquite Grill.

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SOUTHWEST MONTANA



THE WORLD MUSEUM OF MINING, BUTTE



MONTANA STATE CAPITOL, HELENA



BANNACK STATE PARK

Montana's history is filled with tales of new discoveries. Piece the state's story line together in lore-filled towns, through underground caverns and beneath the dome of the Montana State Capitol.

HISTORY LESSON

Follow the route of early settlers on the 170-mile **Vigilante Trail** from Butte to West Yellowstone. Before you hit the road, descend into a former mine at **The World Museum of Mining** in Butte. Trade the road for the rails aboard the **Alder Gulch Short Line Railroad** between the gold boomtowns of Virginia City and Nevada City.

AWESOME EATS

Stock up on hand-dipped chocolates and saltwater taffy pulled on-site at **The Sweet Palace**, an enchanting Victorian confectionery in Philipsburg. Get lost in the mesmerizing swirls of huckleberry vanilla fudge before savoring a bite.

WOW MOMENT

The sandstone and granite **Montana State Capitol** in Helena provides a stately view with its copper dome. Hop on the **Last Chance Tour Train** to see the Capitol and other historical treasures in town.

PARK RANGER

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park is the coolest place to be on warmer days. Limestone caves chilled by "natural AC" showcase stunning stalactites, stalagmites and helictites.

WINTER BLAST

The Old West echoes in 60-plus log-and-frame structures at **Bannack State Park**, the site of Montana's first big gold strike. Things got pretty rowdy here in the 1860s, but today you can ski right through town in blissful silence.

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LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK, WHITEHALL

PHOTOGRAPH: WANDERLUST CREW

SOUTHWEST MONTANA

5 GEMS YOU'LL DIG

Hot springs, ghost towns, gem mines and mind-blowing landscapes fill the vast space between Montana's two national parks. Get a taste of the cool Southwest life at these five spots.

1 GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS

Steep, 1,200-foot-tall limestone cliffs flanking the Missouri River create the illusion of a gate that seems to open as you travel toward them. Enjoy narrated boat tours during the summer.

2 VIRGINIA CITY

One of the best-preserved glimpses into the gold rush era features 150 local and nearby National Historic Landmarks. Pan for gold, brave a ghost tour, and take stagecoach and train rides.

3 BLACKFOOT PATHWAYS: SCULPTURE IN THE WILD

This outdoor sculpture park near Lincoln showcases 14 large-scale works, each one celebrating the rich cultural, environmental and industrial heritage of the Blackfoot Valley.

4 GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Cowboys saddle up to check their herds at this working Deer Lodge ranch that commemorates the 19th-century cattle industry. Seasonal horse-drawn wagon rides provide a sweeping tour.

5 FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS RESORT

Soak up the fun in two Olympic-size swimming pools, two mineral pools and on a 350-foot-long waterslide. On-site dining, a golf course and a spa make this a year-round, weekend-worthy getaway.

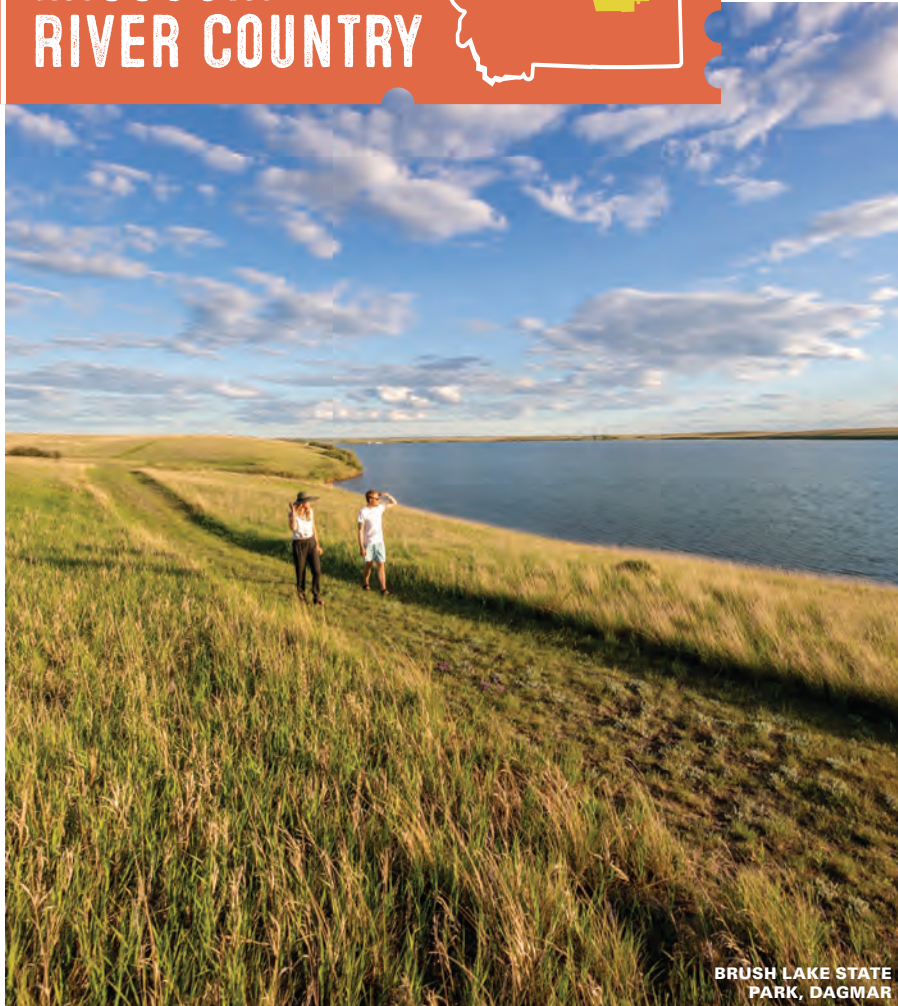
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MONTANA MATTERS

Know Before You Go

Before arriving in Montana, check the status of the places you'd like to visit. It's good to have a backup plan if your destination is closed or busy.
TIP Arrive at parks early for reduced crowds.

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY



BRUSH LAKE STATE PARK, DAGMAR



GREAT PLAINS DINOSAUR MUSEUM AND FIELD STATION, MALTA



ICE FISHING, FORT PECK RESERVOIR

In the northeast corner of the state, untamed wildlife and landscapes beckon nature-lovers of all kinds: bird oglers, stargazers, dinosaur hunters and sunbathers.

CREATURE FEATURE

Flocks of migratory birds make pit stops in the Milk River at **Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge** near Malta. Take a 15-mile, self-guided drive among freshwater wetlands and native prairie to spot ducks and geese, plus white-tailed deer and pronghorn antelope.

PARK RANGER

Lean into the relaxing rhythm of sunny days and starry nights at **Brush Lake State Park**. During the day, chill on the beach before a dip in the crystal-clear water. After dusk, emerge from your tent for the brightest star show around.

HISTORY LESSON

Need proof that the West was truly wild? See a former bar with a bullet hole and slug intact at Glasgow's **Valley County Pioneer Museum**, which is also home to a rare elk-hide tepee.

FUN FOR EVERYONE

Spy rare fossils of delicate plants, ancient sea creatures and hulking dinosaurs—including the duck-billed *Brachylophosaurus*—at the **Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Field Station** in Malta. Spaced-out displays and a single level of exhibits make wheelchair navigation easy.

WINTER BLAST

Tread carefully onto the frozen surface of 383-square-mile **Fort Peck Reservoir** for a shot at catching some of the 50 species of fish. **Hell Creek Marina** north of Jordan can hook you up with the gear you need for a day on the ice.

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PHOTOGRAPH: JAMIE BLOTSKE

FORT PECK INTERPRETIVE CENTER, FORT PECK



MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

THE ULTIMATE PLAYGROUND

Exciting adventures await among the wide-open spaces of Missouri River Country. Reclaim your childlike sense of wonder as you explore and look to the stars.

UNEARTH COOL MUSEUMS

The Montana Dinosaur Trail includes four stops in the region. See a life-size replica and skeleton cast of Peck's Rex, one of the most complete *T. rex* skeletons ever found, at Fort Peck Interpretive Center. Play with trains and other exhibits at the Children's Museum of Northeast Montana in Glasgow.

COUNT THE STARS

Enjoy some of the darkest skies in the Lower 48 thanks to virtually zero light pollution. Great gazing spots include Hell Creek, The Pines Recreation Area, Brush Lake State Park, Seven Sisters Wildlife Management Area and the Little Rocky Mountains near Zortman.

FLOAT ON THE FORT

Montana's largest body of water, Fort Peck Reservoir, boasts 1,600 miles of shoreline (more than the California coast). It's a paradise for boaters, water-skiers and anglers.

CATCH A BIG ONE

Speaking of fishing, there are plenty of other hot spots to cast a line, such as Nelson Reservoir near Malta and the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers. Catch walleye, northern pike, salmon and more.

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MONTANA MATTERS

Practice Physical Distancing

Social distancing comes naturally in Missouri River Country, but if you do run into a herd of humanity, seek out different trails or other hidden gems. There are so many to choose from!

CENTRAL MONTANA



HORSEBACK RIDING, BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS COMPLEX

Go big and you'll never want to go home after visiting the heart of the state. Hike a sliver of a 1.5-million-acre wilderness complex and get your toes wet at one of the country's largest freshwater springs.

WOW MOMENT

When you've got a friend like "The Bob," you'll never be bored. The **Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex** traces the Continental Divide for 60 miles, with elevations reaching 10,000 feet. Guides are highly recommended for multiday treks. Yet even if you only hike a mile or two of the easy-access South Fork Sun River trail near Augusta, you'll get a sensory sampler of the region's skyscraper forests, lush meadows and rugged peaks.

HISTORY LESSON

Once a dormitory for high school students during the rail boom of the early 1900s, **The Calvert Hotel** now offers luxe stays in Lewistown. Custom-tiled bathrooms and 50-inch smart TVs lend modern comforts in the geographic center of Montana.

FUN FOR EVERYONE

Wheelchair-accessible seats and open captioning allow for inclusive video intros at the **Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center** in Great Falls. After learning about the duo's portage across the Missouri River's five great falls, follow accessible pathways to overviews of the river.

SPLASH ZONE

Each day, Giant Springs produces enough water to fill 3.7-million standard bathtubs. After exploring one of the country's largest freshwater springs, enjoy a picnic among the silver poplars and blue spruce at **Giant Springs State Park** in Great Falls.



LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER, GREAT FALLS



GIANT SPRINGS STATE PARK, GREAT FALLS

MONTANA MATTERS

Leave No Trace

When recreating on public lands, stay on trails, take all trash with you when you leave and properly put out campfires. Campers should also use existing campsites or pick a site where vegetation is absent.

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GREAT FALLS

FRAME-WORTHY VIEWS

Between natural beauty and inspiring art, there's plenty here to fill your camera roll. Start your photographic journey along the Missouri riverfront, spotting 27 works along the scenic River's Edge Trail. Then head to nearby Gibson Park and Vinegar Jones Cabin, the only building remaining from the original townsite of Great Falls. Downtown, capture 20-plus murals and some of the 24 painted bison sculptures comprising the Great Buffalo Hunt. Western and contemporary art graces the walls at the C.M. Russell Museum, celebrating the works of cowboy artist Charles Russell. Just beyond the city limits, take day hikes filled with diverse landscapes and incredible photo ops.

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OUR LAKE, GREAT FALLS

MONTANA DINOSAUR TRAIL

EVERYTHING BUT THE ROAR

For almost 170 years, Montana has been a leader in bringing dinosaurs back to life.

Many scientifically significant dinosaur discoveries have come from right here, including North America's first identified dinosaur fossils. Today, the Montana Dinosaur Trail features 14 dinosaur facilities in 12 central and eastern Montana communities that share locally discovered dinos with visitors. Guided tours and behind-the-scenes looks at stops, including Glendive's Makoshika State Park, provide up-close and personal encounters with these creatures who lived 65-150 million years ago. Pick up a passport at any trail facility, get it stamped at all 14 stops and earn an official Montana Dinosaur Trail T-shirt.

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MALTA

PHOTOGRAPHS: (GREAT FALLS) MARISELA HAZZARD, (FOSSILS) MONTANA DINOSAUR TRAIL

SOUTHEAST MONTANA



TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR STATE PARK, DECKER



MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK, GLENDIVE



CHEYENNE VICTORY DAYS POWWOW

On land considered sacred by the Indian Nations that reside here, roam responsibly and receive a warm welcome to this legendary realm of pristine waters and natural wonders.

!! WOW MOMENT

For canyon grandness without the crowds, explore the expanses of **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**. The views get especially dramatic from the water. Opt for pontoon rentals from **Ok-A-Beh Marina** near Fort Smith or free guided kayak tours available through the National Park Service.

🌊 SPLASH ZONE

If you're looking for a catch you can really brag about, haul your tackle box to **Tongue River Reservoir State Park**, a rec-filled oasis on the prairie known for its record-breaking fish. Cast for crappie, walleye, bass and northern pike. The park also features 81 campsites, a small swimming beach, picnic areas and a marina store stocked with essentials.

🏡 PARK RANGER

Rugged badlands holding dinosaur fossils make Glendive's **Makoshika State Park** a monstrous hit for families. Trails of varying difficulty beckon hikers and cyclists, and paleo experiences on summer Saturdays reveal the remains of *T. rex*, *Triceratops* and other once-roaring relics. Don't miss the park's visitors center filled with 74 million years' worth of eastern Montana history.

👣 NATIVE CULTURE

Every June, the Northern Cheyenne tribe commemorates the Battle of the Little Bighorn during **Cheyenne Victory Days**. Experience a powwow highlighting cultural heritage through elaborate regalia, steady drumbeats and an abundance of dancing.

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MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK, GLENDIVE

PHOTOGRAPH: JAMIE BLOTSKE

SOUTHEAST MONTANA

FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Look up, down and all around to discover the panoramic, paleological and human legends of the Southeast.

LIVING HISTORY When you experience Southeast Montana, you live its history. Learn about the Battle of the Little Bighorn on Indian Battle Tours, retrace the pioneer journey at the Range Riders Museum in Miles City, and see the only physical evidence that remains of Lewis and Clark's expedition at Pompeys Pillar National Monument east of Billings.

CREATURE FEATURES Love dinosaurs? You're really gonna dig Glendive. Search for fossils at Baisch's Dinosaur Digs and meet "Margie" the *Struthiomimus* at the Frontier Gateway Museum. For your live animal fix, encounter Amur tigers, grizzly bears and more than 50 other species at ZooMontana in Billings.

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS Hop off the highways and onto the region's trails. Bike the rugged terrain of the Acton Recreation Area and hike to 360-degree views of the Yellowstone River Valley at Four Dances Natural Area. Cool off by boating on Bighorn Lake or paddling on Castle Rock Lake.

LIGHTS OUT Country overnights come with serious perks. Take in stellar night sky shows paired with dramatic badlands and prairie landscapes at Makoshika, Medicine Rocks and Rosebud Battlefield state parks.

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MONTANA MATTERS

Build an Inclusive Outdoors

In addition to being kind to nature, be respectful of others and make sure they feel safe while exploring Montana no matter their age, identity or ability. There's more than enough room for everyone in the Big Sky State.

GLACIER COUNTRY



FLATHEAD LAKE LODGE, BIGFORK



BLACKFEET TOURS, EAST GLACIER PARK



CLARK FORK RIVER MARKET, MISSOULA

Ancient glaciers leave a breathtaking legacy in a national park and on the state's largest body of water. Have the camera ready: You'll want to make sure these family adventures remain frozen in time.

SPLASH ZONE

Just a few of the all-inclusive activities your crew will love at **Flathead Lake Lodge** in Bigfork: sailing, stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, mountain biking, fly-fishing lessons and horseback riding.

WOW MOMENT

Between Troy and Libby, the Kootenai River gains momentum, funneling its churning froth through a narrow gorge. Take an exhilarating walk across the **Kootenai Falls Swinging Bridge** suspended across the river.

WINTER BLAST

Get snuggled up together for a sleigh ride at **Bar W Guest Ranch** in Whitefish. The soft rhythm of hooves hitting fresh powder makes for a calm-inducing ride along Spencer Lake and through the woods.

NATIVE CULTURE

Tribal members of the Blackfeet Nation lead participants through the Badger-Two Medicine wilderness during enlightening **Blackfeet Tours**. Choose between single-day or overnight hiking and horseback adventures while learning creation stories.

AWESOME EATS

On Saturdays from the first weekend in May to mid-October, Missoula boasts a trifecta of **farmers markets**, with a free trolley connecting all three. Keep an eye out for plump Flathead cherries in July and August and satisfyingly sweet huckleberries from August through September.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (FLATHEAD) CHUCK HANEY, (BLACKFEET) COURTESY OF BLACKFEET TOURS, (MARKET) VISIT MONTANA

PHOTOGRAPH: NOAH COUSER

GLACIER COUNTRY

FIND FAMILY BLISS

The best way to tackle 22,000 square miles of alpine scenery and chill adventures: Let local experts lead the way.

GO WITH A GUIDE Guided trips provide a great opportunity to try a new activity, regardless of your skill level. Glacier Country's vast menu of expert-led excursions includes whitewater rafting, horseback riding, hiking and even llama trekking.

FOLLOW THE STORY Peek into the well-preserved haunts of a gold mining community at Garnet Ghost Town, retrace the steps of Indigenous peoples and Lewis and Clark at Travelers' Rest State Park, and find spiritual solace at the peaceful Garden of One Thousand Buddhas.

RETURN FOR SNOW The warmer months are epic here, but be sure to come back for winter thrills at seven downhill ski areas and along miles of groomed cross-country ski trails. Don't ski? Try sleigh rides, hot springs, sledding and fat biking.

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BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

Planning on including Glacier National Park in your vacation? Here are a few things you need to know:

Plan ahead of your visit and prepare for high visitation and traffic restrictions.

Secure reservations in advance, including passes, lodging, campsites, rental cars, shuttles and tours.

Spring and fall are ideal times to visit the park with smaller crowds and more lodging availability.

MONTANA MATTERS

Pack Smart

Weather and terrain can change quickly around here. Pack layers of clothing to add or remove as weather changes. Also remember extra water, food and snacks, sunscreen, bug spray, and a first-aid kit.



MISSOULA

ALL-AROUND GOOD TIMES

Rocking tunes or rolling river? In Missoula, you don't have to choose between a city escape and an outdoor getaway.

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

Missoula's three rivers offer water recreation for all ages, from a lazy river float to full-day guided rafting trips. Watch kayakers and surfers conquer Brennan's Wave, a man-made wave downtown.

CROWD-PLEASING PARK

At Caras Park, stroll or bike along the Riverfront Trail and journey through the Dragon Hollow Play Area, newly remodeled with play equipment for children of all abilities. You can also ride hand-carved ponies at A Carousel for Missoula, then walk to nearby Sweet Peaks or Big Dipper for locally made ice cream.

MUSEUM EXPLORER

Check out the brand-new Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium, and visit the Smokejumper Visitor Center that highlights wildland fire safety. Interactive exhibits and a native plant garden star at the Montana Natural History Center.

SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Try local food truck fare at the weekly Out to Lunch and Downtown ToNight events in Caras Park. Buzzworthy music events include Symphony in the Park, River City Roots Fest and the triennial International Choral Festival.

[DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/KIDS](https://www.destinationmissoula.org/kids)

A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA, MISSOULA

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BUNSEN PEAK, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

PHOTOGRAPH: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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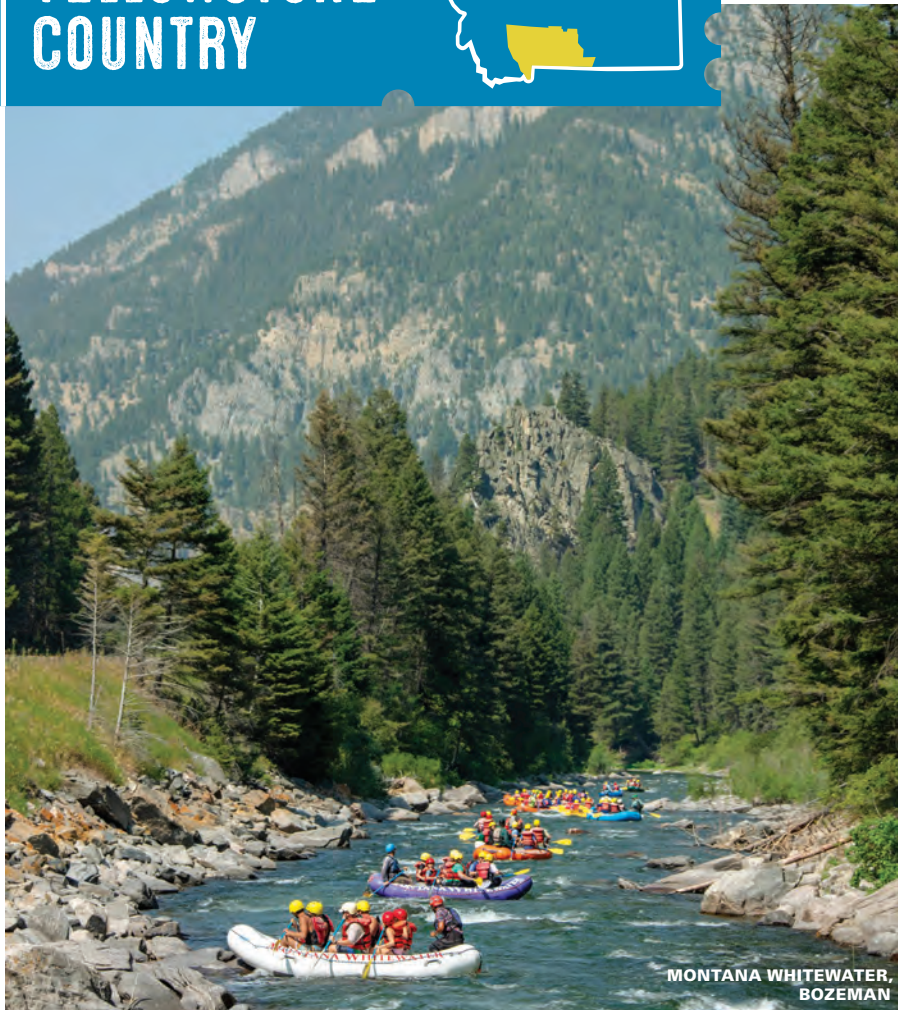
GATEWAY TO WILD

Known as Nature's Favorite Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, Gardiner is home to wild water, diverse wildlife and seemingly infinite wilderness. Here are five cool facts to know before visiting the area.

- 1 Gardiner features one of the most **diverse collections of large wildlife species** in the country, including bison, bighorn sheep, elk, pronghorn, grizzly bears, black bears and wolves.
- 2 With **10 million acres of public land** surrounding Gardiner, it would take a lifetime to hike it all. You'll find a trail here for every skill and ability level.
- 3 The Yellowstone River is **the longest free-flowing river in the Lower 48**. Gardiner offers Montana's first access to the river, which is known for its epic whitewater rafting and fly-fishing opportunities.
- 4 President Theodore Roosevelt himself laid the cornerstone to Gardiner's **historic Roosevelt Arch** in 1903.
- 5 Approximately 99 percent of Yellowstone National Park visitors never leave the road. Be part of the 1 percent that hits the Gardiner area's **trails, horseback riding and ziplining tours**, and other scenic excursions.

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YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY



MONTANA WHITEWATER, BOZEMAN



GREYCLIFF PRAIRIE DOG TOWN STATE PARK, GREYCLIFF



JAM!, BOZEMAN

MONTANA MATTERS

Play It Safe

One of the best parts about Montana is its amazing wildlife, but be sure to keep a safe distance. Always maintain a minimum of 25 yards (23 m) from all wildlife and 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves.

Animal attractions rule here, and they come in many forms. Let a horse guide you through majestic mountains, visit a town of lively prairie dogs and unleash the fun on a sled dog ride.



FUN FOR EVERYONE

The black-tailed residents of **Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park** are adorable, but they also do serious work to create habitats for ferrets, mountain plovers and burrowing owls. See the little busybodies from the accessible parking lot.



SPLASH ZONE

For a gentle rush of rafting thrills, head to the Yellowstone River. **Montana Whitewater** offers mellow Class II runs perfect for first-timers, plus combined rafting and zipline packages. **Wild West Rafting** features overnight river trips that include a grilled steak dinner and s'mores.



CREATURE FEATURE

Saddle up in Red Lodge for a guided horseback ride with **Elk River Outfitters**. Two-hour experiences trot across the foothills while half- and full-day rides take you higher to showstopping views of seven mountain ranges.



AWESOME EATS

Crowd-pleasing brunches are on the menu at **Jam!**, a vibrant diner in Bozeman. The corned beef hash has legions of fans, but the real reason to put your name on the waiting list is the pancake flight.



WINTER BLAST

Who needs horsepower when you have dogs with perpetual cases of the zoomies? Dash through the snowy and scene-stealing Moonlight Basin with **Spirit of the North Sled Dog Adventures** in Big Sky.

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YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

LET'S PLAY HOT AND COLD

The region surrounding America's first national park offers a plethora of wonderful ways to chill, thrill, warm up and relax.

WHAT'S HOT

THE SPRINGS Yellowstone Country contains three hot springs: Bozeman, Yellowstone and Chico. At Chico Hot Springs in Pray, geothermal energy has kept the pools toasty for 100-plus years. After a good soak, glamp in on-site Conestoga wagons for an elevated Old West getaway.

THE FISHING With nearly 1,000 miles of shoreline, 61 state fishing access sites, nine blue-ribbon trout streams, and limitless spring creeks and lakes, this pocket of Montana is an angler's dream.

WHAT'S COOL

THE VIEWS Roll down the window for crisp mountain air along the Beartooth Highway from Red Lodge to Cooke City. The seasonal route features mesmerizing switchbacks. Get a ground view of peaks by mountain biking beginner-friendly trails in Paradise Valley.

THE POWDER More than 400 inches of snow falls on the region each year. World-class winter rec includes snowmobiling, skiing, ice climbing, dog sledding and more, all among captivating mountain towns.

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MOUNTAIN BIKING IN PARADISE VALLEY

EASY TO REACH. HARD TO LEAVE.

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport is Montana's busiest airport and includes nonstop service to 29 locations across the United States.

INDIAN COUNTRY



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BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIGHORN REENACTMENT, CROW AGENCY



LITTLE SHELL CULTURAL CENTER, GREAT FALLS

MONTANA MATTERS

Plan Ahead

Some areas of Indian Reservations may be open to residents or members of the tribe only. Plan to research any specific requirements in advance by visiting websites of tribal governments or calling ahead.

Make your Montana visit memorable by experiencing the varied languages, cultures and histories of tribal nations in Montana. Ancient traditions carried on today enrich the state's cultural landscape.

PARK RANGER

In Billings, a journey through the **Rimrocks** (river-carved cliffs) leads to awesome overlooks of **Four Dances Recreation Area** and to **Pictograph Cave State Park**, where faded pictographs hint at the stories of humans who inhabited Pictograph Cave and other neighboring caves 2,000 years ago.

WOW MOMENT

For hunting purposes, Native Americans stampeded buffalo off cliffs for hundreds of years, resulting in today's buried pile of compacted remains at **First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park** near Ulm. Stand at a ledge for incredible panoramas of the Missouri River valley, and learn more about the role buffalo played in residents' lives at the visitors center.

HISTORY LESSON

Hear somber stories and gain new perspectives during cell phone audio tours of **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**. For a more personal experience, Crow tribes from **Apsaalooke Tours** lead one-hour journeys, offering their view on the battle and the events that led to it.

NATIVE CULTURE

The relatively small but mighty Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians didn't receive federal recognition until 2019, but many of its 6,000-plus enrolled members have enriched Great Falls for centuries. Get acquainted at the eye-opening **Little Shell Cultural Center**. (Call ahead for hours.)

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PHOTOGRAPHS: (GLASGOW) JAMIE BLOTSKE, (STARS) ANDY AUSTIN/VISIT MONTANA

MONTANA RECREATION ROUTE

A DAY TO ROAM

Before traversing the unspoiled and unbeatable outdoor spaces of northeast Montana, choose one of two towns to be your home base.

GLASGOW Researchers at Oxford University claim Glasgow represents the middle of nowhere better than any other town. Here, that's considered a plus. Enjoy small-town hospitality at shops and cafes while remaining close to day-trip destinations such as Fort Peck.

SIDNEY Montana's Sunrise City conveniently sits near the Yellowstone River and surrounding badlands. Dive into art, culture and history at area museums and historical sites; watch for wildlife on scenic drives around the region; and eat delicious local food for every meal.

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GLASGOW

MONTANA'S TRAIL TO THE STARS

STELLAR NIGHTS

Follow a path showcasing primo spots for viewing the incredible night skies in the Big Sky State.

Eighty percent of Americans live in an area where they can't see the Milky Way due to light pollution from cities. In Montana, you'll see the galaxy in full glory—and perhaps even the Northern Lights—thanks to the state's high elevations, low humidity and wide-open spaces. Explore a star trail that includes two certified International Dark Sky Parks, dozens of jaw-dropping stargazing locations across public lands, and events and workshops where you can learn more about the cosmos.

TRAILTOTHESTARS.COM



HELL CREEK RECREATION AREA, JORDAN



WORLD MUSEUM
OF MINING, BUTTE

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ADVENTURE'S CALLING

Ready to plan your family road trip?
VISITMT.COM is your source for places to go and things to do in the Treasure State. With a wealth of information on the national parks, tribal nations, outdoor activities, history, culture and more, there is something for every adventurer.

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TRAVEL RESOURCES

[VISITMT.COM/plan-your-trip](https://visitmt.com/plan-your-trip)

ROAD CONDITIONS (available statewide)
Dial 511 or visit 511mt.net

TRAVEL INFO MOBILE APP
[MDT.MT.GOV/TRAVINFO](https://mdt.mt.gov/travinfo)

NATIONAL PARKS
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