



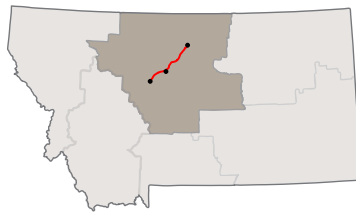
## EXPLORE RUSSELL COUNTRY

### HOME OF THE MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT

When it comes to the central portion of Montana's High Plains, the question is, how far back in time would you like to go? To 1960s kitsch at the Sip n' Dip, a tiki bar with live performing mermaids? To idyllic Americana, slurping vanilla cinnamon milkshakes with the locals at the 102-year-old Mercantile in Judith Gap? Or to painter Charlie Russell's frontier west, viewed from the windows of a dinner train? Russell Country is home to it all, even everyday interactions here are tinged with a sort of old-fashioned charm. Folks tend to be warmly welcoming and unpretentious, much like their hotels, cafés, saloons, and museums.

If you're looking to get a sample of Russell Country in a short amount of time, the Great Falls to Havre stretch on Highway 87 can be a two-hour meander of history or a four-day road trip. The distance between the two is only about 120 miles but what you'll find in between includes the art of C.M. Russell, a guided river trip, a Native

American powwow (depending on time of year) and plenty of down-home cooking along the way. ([www.russell.visitmt.com](http://www.russell.visitmt.com))



**DISTANCE:** Approximately 120 miles (one way), see enlarged map on page 2.

**START IN GREAT FALLS**, known as the "Electric City". Great Falls hosts several dams that produce hydroelectric power. Montana's third largest city is located on the Missouri River among the five falls that were both a magnificent spectacle and formidable barrier to early river travel. Grand vistas can be found in every direction; Great Falls is surrounded by mountains and buttes on three sides, with vast plains to the north.

(For more info: 800-735-8535, [www.gfcvb.com](http://www.gfcvb.com))

**WHEN YOU GO:**  
CM Russell Museum Complex  
400 13th St N • 406-727-8787  
[www.cmussell.org](http://www.cmussell.org)

River's Edge Trail  
406-788-3313 • [www.thetrail.org](http://www.thetrail.org)

Annual Lewis & Clark Festival  
(late June) • 406-727-8733  
[www.lewisandclarkia.com](http://www.lewisandclarkia.com)

**EAT:**  
Eddie's Supper Club  
3725 2 Ave N • 406-453-1616

Clark & Lewie's  
17 7th St S • 406-454-2141  
[www.ohairemotorinn.com](http://www.ohairemotorinn.com)

**STAY:**  
O'Haire Motor Inn  
(home to the Sip n Dip)  
17 7th St S • 406-454-2141  
[www.ohairemotorinn.com](http://www.ohairemotorinn.com)

The Collins Mansion  
Bed & Breakfast  
1003 2nd Ave NW • 406-452-4444  
[www.thecollinsmansion.com](http://www.thecollinsmansion.com)

**HEAD NORTH TO FORT BENTON**, it's one of the most important early trading posts built along the Missouri River. Steamboats brought supplies up river this far, but because of rapids, could go no further. Cargo was unloaded here and taken by freight wagons to the gold

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campers at Helena, Virginia City and other places in the western U.S. and Canada. Today, Fort Benton is recognized as a National Historic Landmark, because of the importance it played as the head of navigation on the Missouri River. It's also the gateway for exploration of the Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River and the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.

(For more info: 406-622-3864, [www.fortbenton.com](http://www.fortbenton.com))

**WHEN YOU GO:**  
Upper Missouri River Breaks Interpretive Center  
701 7th St • 406-622-4000  
[www.fortbenton.com/museums](http://www.fortbenton.com/museums)

Guided Missouri River float trip (many guide options available)  
[www.fortbenton.com/outfitters/outfitters.htm](http://www.fortbenton.com/outfitters/outfitters.htm)

Fort Benton Summer Celebration (late June)  
406-622-2013  
[www.fortbenton.com/sumcel](http://www.fortbenton.com/sumcel)

**EAT:**  
Union Grille in the Grand Union Hotel  
1 Grand Union Square  
406-622-1882  
[www.grandunionhotel.com](http://www.grandunionhotel.com)

Bob's Riverfront Restaurant  
1414 Front St • 406-622-3443

**STAY:**  
Grand Union Hotel  
1 Grand Union Square  
406-622-1882  
[www.grandunionhotel.com](http://www.grandunionhotel.com)

Pioneer Lodge  
1700 Front St • 406-622-5441  
[www.pioneerlodgemt.com](http://www.pioneerlodgemt.com)

**CONTINUE NORTHEAST AND LAND IN HAVRE,** situated close to the Canadian border amidst the wide panorama of the open plains. With daily Amtrak passenger rail service, it offers modern city conveniences in a remote setting, surrounded by unaltered and uncluttered plains. In the Bears Paw Mountains to the south is Beaver Creek Park. This 10,000-acre park, one of the largest county parks in the United States, features rolling grasslands, wooded groves, rocky cliffs and rushing streams. The Rocky Boy's and Fort Belknap Indian reservations are nearby.

(For more info: 406-265-4383, [www.havremt.com](http://www.havremt.com))

**WHEN YOU GO:**  
Buffalo Jump Archaeological Site and Walking Tours  
3993 6th St W • 406-265-6417  
[www.buffalojump.org](http://www.buffalojump.org)

Havre Beneath the Streets  
120 3rd Ave • 406-265-8888  
[www.havremt.com/attractions/beneath\\_the\\_streets.htm](http://www.havremt.com/attractions/beneath_the_streets.htm)

Rocky Boys Annual Powwow (early August) • 406-395-4478  
[www.rockyboy.org](http://www.rockyboy.org)

**EAT:**  
The Mediterranean Bistro  
1300 First St • 406-265-6111  
[www.med-bistro.com](http://www.med-bistro.com)

Murphy's Irish Pub  
1465 Hwy 2 NW Suite A  
406-265-4700  
[www.murphyspubhavre.com](http://www.murphyspubhavre.com)

**STAY:**  
Circle Inn Motel  
3565 US Hwy 2 E • 406-265-9655

Hi-Line Motel  
20 2nd St • 406-265-5512

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For additional highlights and travel ideas in and around Russell Country, go to: [VISITMT.COM](http://VISITMT.COM)

