Missouri River Country might be the last chance in the Lower 48 to explore vast stretches of pristine landscape. Here, elk, deer and pronghorn antelope still graze the prairie, even outside the region’s many wildlife preserves. Rarely glimpsed birds flock here, sending birding geeks scrambling for their binoculars. Refugees from the modern world come here to escape blaring sirens and traffic jams, losing themselves to the seemingly endless great wide open.

Which isn’t to say there’s no one here. Tiny, outlying towns offer oases of homegrown hospitality as they work hard to preserve their history. From the biggest city, Sidney (population almost 6,000), to tiny Hinsdale (population 217), most towns maintain their own historical museums and host annual historical jubilees, ranging from fully costumed trapper rendezvous to frontier-themed celebrations. Thanks to the strong preservation mindset, you can still stay at the 1930s Fort Peck Hotel and take in live summer shows at the Fort Peck Summer Theatre.

Embrace all the elbow room, which affords unparalleled hunting and fishing year-round (especially at Fort Peck, a mecca for both ice fishing and warm-weather angling). Powwows and rodeos unfold under the Big Sky, while cattle drives, wagon trains and ranch stays captivate anyone who didn’t grow up in 4-H. From its abundance of dinosaur fossils to its real-deal Western bars, northeast Montana remains wild, peaceful and unchanging.

AT A GLANCE

+ Fort Union, near Bainville, was a center of peaceful economic and social exchange between Euro-Americans and the Plains Indians from 1828 to 1867.

+ Rolling Hills Winery, in Culbertson, is eastern Montana’s first winery, crafting wines from locally grown fruits like chokecherries, raspberries and rhubarb instead of grapes.

+ Just north of Malta, one of the best-preserved (and also one of the only mummified) dinosaurs was discovered, a 77 million-year-old Brachylophosaurus nicknamed Leonardo.

+ Fort Peck Dam is the world’s largest hydraulic earth-filled dam.

+ Just a few miles from the Canadian border, Scobey is home to Pioneer Town with 35 historical buildings.
enormous blue sky that covers vast reaches of plains, badlands and prairie wilderness. Gas stations may be hours apart, so watch your gauge and enjoy the view.

Also, it’s time to perfect the common road courtesy known as the two-fingered wave. When you see approaching traffic, lift two fingers of your left hand off the steering wheel until the other vehicle has passed. The other driver will probably deliver the same low-key salute.

WHAT TO PACK

Bring your play clothes (including cold-weather garb) and nothing flashy. Consider rancher dress: tough comfy jeans, flannel shirts, ball caps and cowboy hats and work boots. Bring your own fishing and hunting gear if you like, but there are outfitters scattered here in this land famous for prime fishing and hunting.

GRAVEL ROADS NEAR FORT PECK & SURROUNDING AREAS

If you see a single raindrop on the back roads near Fort Peck, head back immediately. These roads tend to wash out easily and getting stuck is a real possibility.

PHOTOGRAPHING TRIBAL CEREMONIES

Powwows and dances have deep religious significance and typically do not allow flash photography. Be sure to have permission before snapping photos at tribal ceremonies. For more information on proper etiquette while visiting the reservations and how to best enjoy your experience, contact tribal offices at visitmt.com/indiannations.

FOOD

In most of the little towns in northeast Montana, the local cafe or bar serves as restaurant and community meeting place. In many of these places you will not only get an amazing meal of steak, walleye or another local favorite, you will get a little bit of the local insight on where to go and what to do. Oh, and probably some amazing homemade pie to top it all off.

PLACES TO GO

COMMUNITIES

CIRCLE is located along the Big Sky Back Country Byway, which links the two major rivers in the state, the Yellowstone
and the Missouri. The town is very farm
and ranch oriented. While in Circle visit
the McCone County Museum, with
thousands of interesting, historical items
from the area. Its wildlife collection
consists of over 200 birds and animals
mounted and displayed in their natural
settings. There are also eight concrete
dinosaurs. An old schoolhouse, a
church and a homestead house have
been moved to the museum area. The
old Northern Pacific Depot and an
old caboose are also on the grounds.
The museum is open May through
September.
406.485.2741
www.circle-montana.com

CULBERTSON is one of the oldest towns
in eastern Montana. It was founded in
1887 when Montana was still a territory.
Visit the Culbertson Museum and Visitor
Center for information on the area. It
offers a great collection of artifacts and
historical photographs.
406.787.5271
www.culbertsonmt.com

FAIRVIEW is divided by the Montana/
North Dakota border. Visit the nearby
Fairview Bridge, a rare, vertical-lift bridge
listed on the National Register of Historic
Places for its past significance and unique
engineering, and the Cartwright Train
Tunnel. A developed walking trail goes
over the bridge and the Yellowstone River.
406.742.5259

FORT PECK was planned and
developed by government engineers
as the headquarters for construction
and operation of the huge Fort Peck
Dam. The dam, built in the 1930s, is the
largest hydraulic earth-filled dam in the
world. The town offers big recreation and
entertainment opportunities. Excellent
fishing brings visitors to the lake year-
round. A state-record walleye and world-
record saugeye were caught here during
the winter season. A scenic overlook just
east of the dam on MT 24 offers views
of Fort Peck Lake and interpretation
of Lewis and Clark’s journey through
northeast Montana.
www.visitmt.com/fortpeck

GLASGOW was established in the late
1800s as a railroad town. It is now a
regional shopping and trading hub and
has the largest full-service motel in the
region. The surrounding area is full of
scenic rolling plains and open farmland.
Roads from Glasgow lead to Fort Peck
Lake through the Charles M. Russell
National Wildlife Refuge, home to bugling
elk, herds of mule deer, red foxes, coyotes
and songbirds.
406.228.2222
www.glasgowchamber.net

JORDAN is your entry to the most remote
and beautiful mix of deep river canyons,
badlands and prairie wilderness in the
West. The most rugged of the terrain
is part of the 1,100,000-acre Charles
M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge that
surrounds Fort Peck Lake in a 200-mile-
long strip. Wildlife abounds out here.
The terrain between Jordan and Fort
Peck is famous among paleontologists
for its fantastic fossil beds. In 1904, a
Tyrannosaurus rex was discovered near
Jordan in the Hell Creek Formation. A
member of the Montana Dinosaur Trail, the
Garfield County Museum has a full-size
Triceratops cast from the original fossils
excavated just north of Jordan.
406.557.6158
www.garfieldcounty.com

MALTA is home to ranchers, abundant
wildlife and unlimited outdoor recreation.
This town is one of the notable stops
on the Montana Dinosaur Trail, with two
excellent facilities—the Phillips County
Museum, featuring a 33-foot-long skeleton
of “Elvis” the Brachylophosaurus, and
the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum
and Field Station, displaying rare fossil
fish, invertebrates, plants and a variety
of dinosaur species. Nearby Nelson
Reservoir is stocked with walleye, yellow
perch and northern pike for excellent year-
round fishing.
406.654.1776
www.maltachamber.com

PLENTOYWOOD is the trading center
for the people living in the extreme
northeastern corner of the state. Visit the
Sheridan County Museum, completed in
1968, where you’ll find the historical flavor
of Plentywood’s and Sheridan County’s
early days. Thirty-one miles south of

Spring storm over Fort Peck Lake
FORT PECK RESERVOIR

Only the most senior anglers remember a time without man-made Fort Peck Lake (meaning before 1933), but most can’t imagine Montana without the massive fishing mecca. The lake is Montana’s largest body of water, swirling with over 50 different kinds of fish, including walleye, northern pike, paddlefish, sauger, lake trout, smallmouth bass and chinook salmon.

Boating on Fort Peck Lake

The lake’s ragged shoreline gives anglers plenty of places to look—at 1,520 miles, Fort Peck Lake’s shores are longer than the California coast. Beyond those shores, the Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge provides over one million acres of public land for fishing, hiking, hunting, camping, bird watching and other outdoor recreation.

Before you head out on the reservoir’s dirt roads, check the weather—a simple dirt road can become an impassable bog when muddy.

406.526.3411
www.visitmt.com/fortpeckres

Elk bugling at Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

WOLF POINT is part of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. The same blend of tribal and non-tribal residents (about 50/50) exists today as did in the early 1900s. The Fort Peck Reservation is home to the Dakota-Lokota-Nakota (Sioux) and Dakota (Assiniboin) nations. Today Wolf Point is a trade hub for local farmers and ranchers and a center for the Sioux and Assiniboine. Montana’s oldest pro rodeo, the Wild Horse Stampede, is held every July. Even before the term “rodeo” was coined, this was an event staged by American Indians for wild riding skills and celebration.

406.653.2012
www.wolfpointchamber.com

NOTABLE SITES

CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE You’ll find bugling elk, herds of mule deer, bighorn sheep, red foxes and coyotes in this scenic refuge that stretches along the Missouri River. Songbirds, like the mountain bluebird and black-capped chickadee, are here in abundance as well. And bring your fishing pole. You’ll find walleye, trout, salmon, pike and the flat-billed paddlefish, native to the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers. Easiest access to the area is through the Pines Recreation Area, 30 miles southwest of Fort Peck. Accessibility is dependent upon weather and road conditions.

406.538.8706
www.fws.gov/refuge/charles_m_russell

Elk bugling at Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

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Plentywood lies picturesque Brush Lake State Park, which has a deep, clear lake with white, sandy beaches surrounded by grass fields and linear stands of spring wheat. A little farther south is the Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, where thousands of migrating waterfowl make their summer home.

406.765.8500
www.sheridancountychamber.org

SCOBEY, located 15 miles from the Canadian border, is a clean, peaceful and family-oriented place. This area has some of the best hunting in the U.S. Big game and bird hunters from all over the world flock to northeast Montana seeking white-tailed and mule deer, antelope, pheasants, grouse, ducks and geese.

406.487.2061
www.scobeymt.com

SIDNEY, nicknamed the “Sunrise City,” is the largest town in northeast Montana. This agricultural community is situated on the banks of the Yellowstone River, a short distance from the North Dakota line, and is your base for roaming the southeastern sector of Missouri River Country. Sidney’s MonDak Heritage Center (named for its location on the Montana/North Dakota border) features area history and includes an extensive street scene of the early 1900s.

406.433.1916
www.sidneymt.com
DANIELS COUNTY MUSEUM AND PIONEER TOWN sits on 20 acres just west of Scobey and includes 35 buildings that have been developed or restored to depict turn-of-the-20th-century businesses and homes. The museum’s purpose is to collect, preserve and display Daniels County history in all its forms. 406.487.5965  www.scobeymt.com/museum.html

FORT PECK FISH HATCHERY With hundreds of valves, miles of water pipes and panels of computer circuitry, this 22,000-square-foot facility will amaze your whole family. As the largest and most technically sophisticated hatchery in Montana, it features 64 rearing tanks and incubation capacity for up to 125 million walleye eggs and 500,000 chinook salmon eggs. Open all year. 406.526.3689  www.visitmt.com/fishhatchery

FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION Learn about the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes at the Fort Peck Culture Center and Museum in Poplar. It features cultural exhibits and arts and crafts. 406.768.2300  www.fortpecktribes.org

FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION Bring the whole family and enjoy interpretive programs, theater presentations and nature hikes, all covering a wide variety of topics, at this fascinating museum located immediately downstream of the immense Fort Peck Dam and overlooking the Missouri River. The center features exhibits on wildlife of the C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, paleontology (including a cast of the Tyrannosaurus rex known as Peck’s Rex), Fort Peck Dam construction and homesteading. Open April through November. 406.526.3493  www.visitmt.com/ftpeckinterp

FORT PECK SUMMER THEATRE Built in 1934 as a temporary structure by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, this building is home to the Fort Peck Summer Theatre. In 1983 it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Take note of the handcrafted light fixtures and the massive, hand-hewn beams along with the Arc movie projector originally used in the 1930s. 406.228.9216  www.fortpecktheatre.org

GREAT PLAINS DINOSAUR MUSEUM AND FIELD STATION No trip through Montana is complete without a tour of the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Field Station in Malta, one of the stops on the Montana Dinosaur Trail. On display are spectacular dinosaur specimens, stunning invertebrates, fossil fish and rare fossil plants. The museum also offers lectures, educational programs and a unique gift store with a variety of special gifts and souvenirs for all ages. Open May through October. 406.654.5300  www.greatplainsdinosaurs.org

THINGS TO DO

EVENTS

For exact dates and a complete listing of all events go to visitmt.com/events.

MONDAK AG DAYS AND TRADE SHOW – SIDNEY, JANUARY
This two-day trade show has livestock judging, seminars, farm video tours and Ag in the Classroom displays, topped off by a banquet on Saturday night featuring popular entertainment. 406.433.1206

ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT – FORT PECK, FEBRUARY
Competition ice fishing in the Dredge Cuts Trout Pond at Fort Peck Lake! Top prize is $2,000, with other cash and merchandise prizes. Any fish caught could be the winner, from northern pike to walleyes. Bring the whole family, dress warmly and expect to have a lot of fun. The holes are pre-drilled, so just bring a scoop, a bucket, your fishing equipment and whatever you need to spend three hours on the ice. 406.228.2222

SCHMECKFEST – LUSTRE, MARCH
The Lustre Christian High School hosts a German festival of tasting where cooks use authentic German recipes, making sure the food is the real deal. See table displays of model airplanes, quilts, leather crafts, dolls, pottery and more.
Fortunately, there are dig opportunities where you can actually become a part of unearthing important fossil finds, in the proper manner.

So if you want to dig for dinosaurs, ask at any of the Montana Dinosaur Trail facilities. They’ll provide information about dig opportunities in their area...but please note, there may be participation fees.

All Montana Dinosaur Trail members adhere to and support the current code of ethics established by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, which prohibits the illegal collection and sale of paleontological resources.

Don’t miss the evening’s silent auction and live auction.
406.392.5735

FORT PECK SUMMER THEATRE – FORT PECK, MAY-SEPTEMBER
The Fort Peck Summer Theatre provides live theater with a company of professional performers and technicians, along with a host of regional performers of all ages.
406.228.9216

FORT UNION RENDEZVOUS – SIDNEY, JUNE
Fort Union Trading Post comes alive with an encampment of traders, craftsmen and Native Americans that allows visitors a glimpse of history. New experiences each year with demonstrations, speakers and storytellers.
701.572.9083

MONTANA DINOSAUR FESTIVAL – MALTA, JUNE
A wild weekend of fun that includes displays, dino presentations, kids’ crafts, activities, games, food, a car show and the Phillips County Motor Sports Drag Races.
406.654.5300

PIONEER DAYS, DIRTY SHAME SHOW AND ANTIQUE SHOW – SCOBEEY, JUNE
Take in a Thresherman’s Breakfast then stroll down the boardwalks of Pioneer Town to explore more than 35 preserved buildings. Antique cars and equipment are on display all weekend. Enjoy entertainment at the Dirty Shame Saloon, featuring the Dirty Shame Belles, comedy skits and the Dixieland Band. Don’t miss the antique car and tractor parade.
406.487.5965

RED BOTTOM CELEBRATION – FRAZER, JUNE
Red Bottom Celebration has been an annual powwow for over 100 years, celebrating native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts and fellowship with one another. All members of the general public are welcome to participate or watch.
406.768.2300

MONTANA GOVERNO’S CUP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT – FORT PECK, JULY
Anglers from all over Montana, 18 states and Canada gather at Fort Peck Lake to try for the $15,000 first-place prize. Events include a fish fry, barbecue, Gals and Guys Tournament and youth fishing festival.
406.228.2222

SUNRISE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS – SIDNEY, JULY
Enjoy artists’ and crafters’ booths under colorful canopies, pottery demonstrations, a food fair, children’s activities in the Kids Korner and live entertainment on the pavilion stage all day.
406.433.1916

WOLF POINT WILD HORSE STAMPEDE – WOLF POINT, JULY
A three-day event including a PRCA-sanctioned rodeo that brings the best cowboys to town. There is a parade each day, along with a carnival, the Human Stampede Run/Walk, the world-famous wild horse race and more.
406.650.7142

NORTHEAST MONTANA THRESHING BEE AND ANTIQUE SHOW – CULBERTSON, SEPTEMBER
The Northeast Montana Threshing Bee and Antique Show is a two-day show held each year the fourth full weekend in September that features threshing bundles, sawing logs, a parade of old tractors and machinery, a small engine display, a shingle saw, a lumber planer, a flea market space, a car show and a free barbecue Saturday evening.
406.787.5265

CULTURE/HISTORY

DINOSAUR TRAIL
Montana’s Dinosaur Trail in Missouri River Country is a mecca for dinosaur hunters—thanks to its fossil-rich formations and its unique dinosaur attractions. Explore museums with Montana dinosaur discoveries and visit field stations (fossil preparation labs). Highlights of the Montana Dinosaur Trail in this region include the Fort Peck Interpretive Center and Museum, Garfield County Museum, Phillips County Museum and the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Field Station.
www.mtdinotrail.org

FORT UNION TRADING POST
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
The Missouri River’s preeminent fur-trading post from the 1820s to the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful mix of river boaters, fur traders, Plains Indian tribes and frontier capitalists. Bourgeois House, once the setting of elegant dinners for distinguished guests, is now a visitor center. Fort Union straddles the Montana-North Dakota border, east of Bainville. Open daily all year.
701.572.9083
www.nps.gov/fous
GARFIELD COUNTY MUSEUM
This museum in Jordan is a stop along the Montana Dinosaur Trail and features area history rich in fossils and homesteading. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. 406.557.2517 www.visitmt.com/garfield

MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER MUSEUM View all types of professionally produced art, ranging from contemporary to Western. A re-created 1890s homestead-era museum occupies the lower floor. This is one of the region’s premier museums and art galleries, with the largest available exhibit space of any such combined facility in the area. The center hosts about 18 different shows every year, meaning you’ll always find something new and interesting at the MonDak, located in Sidney. Open all year. 406.433.3500 www.mondakheritagecenter.org

PHILLIPS COUNTY MUSEUM is located in Malta. The museum was established to preserve the natural, historical and cultural heritage of the Phillips County region. Historical exhibits include mining, Native Americans, dinosaurs, outlaws and farm/ranch/homestead items. The Phillips County Museum is one of the Montana Dinosaur Trail stops. Open all year. 406.654.1037 www.phillipscountymuseum.org

VALLEY COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM in Glasgow is home to a chronological history of the region from the age of dinosaurs to the present day, and includes one of the largest Assiniboine Indian material culture collections in the world. Open daily Memorial Day to Labor Day. Spring, fall and winter hours are limited. 406.228.8692 www.valleycountymuseum.com

ZORTMAN HISTORIC MINING TOWN Gold established the community of Zortman. Many mines were sunk into the mountainsides, the most prosperous being the Ruby Gulch Mine in 1904. Today, Zortman has switched its role from a bustling and prosperous mining town to a quaint and nostalgic village. Visitors to this eastern Montana town can enjoy the nearby Little Rocky Mountains and the UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge within the C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, 40 miles southeast of Zortman. 406.654.1776 www.visitmt.com/zortman

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
FISHING In Missouri River Country, you’ll spend your time wetting your line, not spinning fish tales. Trolling for walleye at the celebrated Fort Peck Reservoir or trying your luck from the shores of the Missouri River will give you ample opportunity for great fish stories. Fort Peck boasts over 1,500 miles of shoreline, and you’ll find peace and quiet, accompanied by a few friends and plenty of walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, ling and chinook salmon. Nelson Reservoir, covering 4,500 acres about 17 miles from Malta, is also home to record-size walleye, yellow perch and northern pike. Visit both reservoirs in winter for premier ice fishing. The Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers offer excellent opportunities for catching paddlefish and shovelnose sturgeon—prehistoric monsters that still live here today. For fishing regulation’s information, contact Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at 406.444.2535 or the Glasgow office at 406.228.3700. www.fwp.mt.gov/fishing

HUNTING Antelope, white-tailed and mule deer, elk, turkeys and other game birds are all quarry for hunters in Missouri River Country. Pheasants and grouse are abundant. Sage hens and ducks are also hunted here, in addition to sharp-tailed and sage grouse and Hungarian partridge. Wild geese land by the thousands along the Missouri River in the fall, making this area a goose hunter’s paradise. Medicine Lake is famous for the flocks of geese that land there. The wide-open spaces provide ideal hunting country, and the communities of Missouri River Country enthusiastically welcome hunters from near and far. Guest ranches and guided hunting trips are available. Remember, you must have permission to
hunting on private land. Maps of public land and access can be obtained from Bureau of Land Management area offices. A BLM map of the area you are in is essential in northeast Montana. Contact BLM, Malta, at 406.654.5100 or BLM, Glasgow, at 406.228.3750. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks offers a cooperative program between private landowners and FWP called Block Management, which helps landowners manage hunting activities and provides the public with free hunting access to private land, and sometimes to adjacent or isolated public lands. Block Management addresses fall hunting only—spring bear and turkey hunting access are typically not included in the program. For more information about hunting in Missouri River Country, contact Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at 406.444.2535 or the Glasgow office at 406.228.3700.

MILK RIVER OBSERVATION POINT
East of Fort Peck on MT 24, just east of the spillway, a gravel road leads you to the bottom of a hill. Hike to the top and see for miles and miles. This is where Lewis and Clark sat and gazed down at the river below that looked “milky,” and therefore was named the Milk River.

SLEIGH RIDES
All those Christmas carols were right. You may not exactly remember the lyrics, but you always remember riding a sleigh through the woods, watching the winter dusk unfold to the tune of jingling sleigh bells. Catch a sleigh ride at the Sand Creek Clydesdales Ranch in Jordan.

SNOWSHOEING
If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Montana’s easiest-to-learn winter sport can take you up spectacular trails just about any place there’s snow,
with minimum equipment and a negligible learning curve. Missouri River Country’s many wildlife refuges are a great place to start shoeing this winter.

**TRAILS OF OUTLAWS**
The likes of Kid Curry, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, members of the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang (aka the Wild Bunch), Dutch Henry and others stormed a trail of devastation through eastern Montana. The Outlaw Trail, an intricate, loosely defined route of escape for turn-of-the-20th-century outlaws, wound through eastern Montana on its way from Canada to Mexico.

**BIG SKY BACK COUNTRY BYWAY**
Traveling through the Great Plains section of Montana, the Big Sky Back Country Byway traverses the vast expanses of land and sky that has earned Montana its nickname. With the Missouri River and Wolf Point at the byway’s northern end, and the Yellowstone River and the town of Terry at the southern end, this 105-mile byway is a great place to fish, hunt, hike and sightsee.

406.233.2800

**WILDLIFE VIEWING**
The driving tours listed on page 76 offer excellent wildlife viewing. In addition, hundreds of elk congregate in the Slippery Ann Wildlife Viewing Area on the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge each fall (September and October). This area is along an excellent 20-mile-long self-guided tour, which can be accessed from two points along US 191. The tour takes about two hours to complete.

800.653.1319
www.visitmt.com/watchablewildlife

**SCENIC & WILDLIFE**

**AMERICAN PRAIRIE RESERVE** is a growing wildlife reserve that provides abundant wildlife watching, outstanding scenery and a true sense of the wide open. Stunning vistas make a great backdrop for camping, hiking, hunting, biking, bird watching or a driving tour. South of Malta. Open all year.

877.273.1123
www.americanprairie.org

**PISCINE PURSUITS, ON ICE**
What’s more fun than luring reluctant fish up from under the ice? Having oodles of other similarly minded folks out there with you to clink cocoa cups with. Ice fishing tournaments attract winter anglers to swap tales, raise funds for worthy causes and win bragging rights (and major cash) with a grand prize. At tournaments with pre-drilling, you don’t even have to cut your own hole. But you do have to bring your own fur (or faux fur) hat.

For more information visit [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov), search “fishing contest” or call 800.653.1319.