



# MONTANA

## 10 ULTIMATE ROAD TRIPS

**THE BEST  
OF BIG SKY  
COUNTRY**

**PLANNING  
YOUR TRIP**





Hike to the top of Lower  
Yellowstone Falls.  
Cover: Peer into majestic  
Bighorn Canyon.





## WELCOME TO BIG SKY COUNTRY

The sky's the limit in Montana. To help you explore the state, National Geographic and the Montana Office of Tourism have teamed up to chart 10 Ultimate Montana Road Trips showcasing top sights and activities. The routes were published in *National Geographic Traveler* magazine and are available online—with expanded content including interactive maps and additional photos—at [nationalgeographic.com/montana/roadtrips](http://nationalgeographic.com/montana/roadtrips).

**M**ONTANA IS LIKE NO PLACE ELSE ON EARTH. Dinosaurs once roamed here, and majestic bison, elk, and grizzly bears still do. Montana is a gateway to Glacier and Yellowstone—two crown jewels of the national park system—and is home to glistening glacial lakes, snowcapped mountain peaks, blue-ribbon trout streams, and the mighty Missouri, Yellowstone, and Flathead Rivers.

Vast, unspoiled, and wild, “Big Sky Country” represents the very best of the American West. Rugged cowboys still saddle up to ride at ranches and wow crowds at rodeos. Ghost towns, state parks, and a one-of-a-kind Dinosaur Trail preserve a dazzling array of historical treasures—and offer opportunities to hunt for fossils and gems. Seven Indian Nations celebrate the state’s rich American Indian heritage and traditions. Scenic train, float, and driving trips retrace the routes forged by explorers Lewis and Clark. And backcountry trails lead to wild, secluded spaces where it is still possible to be utterly alone.

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# 1. Yellowstone Country

**The Route:** Livingston > I-90 to Columbus > MT-78 to Red Lodge > U.S. 212 to Yellowstone National Park entrance > Exit Montana to Wyoming > U.S. 212 > Grand Loop Road > U.S. 89 to Gardiner > Exit Wyoming to Montana > U.S. 89 > MT-540 through Paradise Valley > U.S. 89 to Livingston  
**Total Distance:** approximately 360 miles  
**Gateway Airport:** Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Bozeman

**O**UTDOOR ADVENTURE and spectacular scenery abound on this five-day scenic loop through southern Montana and into Yellowstone National Park. Hike on a wilderness plateau. Raft the Stillwater River. Horseback ride in Paradise Valley. Along the way, make a stop to soak in a hot springs-fed pool.

**ON THE FLY** Begin in Livingston with a pilgrimage to **Dan Bailey's**, the all-things-angler shop founded in 1938 by the father of Montana fly-fishing. Buy hand-tied flies, hire a local fishing guide, or get tips on where the trout are biting that day. **Eat & Stay:** **Livingston Bar and Grille** and **Yellowstone Valley Lodge**, Livingston.

**RIDE OR RAFT** Trade your car for a horse and hit the trail. **Paintbrush Adventures** in Absarokee leads rides into Montana's highest mountains. **Bear Paw Outfitters** in Paradise Valley offers trips to places like **Yellowstone** and **Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness**. Or, take a pulse-pounding rafting trip down the Stillwater River with **Absaroka River Adventures**. **Eat & Stay:** **Café Regis** and **The Pollard**, Red Lodge.

**PEAK PERFORMANCE** Soak in the scenery on the Beartooth Highway (U.S. 212), an All-American Road connecting Red Lodge to the northeast entrance of **Yellowstone National Park**. The highway (late May to mid-October) leads past 20 peaks of more than 12,000 feet and over the 10,900-plus-foot **Beartooth Plateau**. **Eat & Stay:** **Beartooth Café**, Cooke City (late May to late September), and **Silver Gate Lodging**, Silver Gate.

**WIDE-EYED WONDERS** Prepare to be amazed as you follow the Grand Loop Road south through **Yellowstone National Park**. Highlights include the **Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone**; the bubbling **Mud Volcano** area; and the **Mammoth Hot Springs**, a hotbed of geothermal formations. **Eat & Stay:** **Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Cabins** (late April to early October and mid-December to March), Yellowstone National Park.



**ROAD LESS TRAVELED** Turn onto scenic U.S. 89 in Livingston to take the Paradise Valley Scenic Drive. Paralleling the **Upper Yellowstone River** between the Absaroka and Gallatin mountain ranges, the drive passes through pasturelands of the lower valley, and delivers pure Montana mountain and river vistas. **Eat & Stay:** K-Bar Pizza, Gardiner, and **Chico Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa**, Pray.

## 2. Great Plains Adventures

**The Route:** Fort Benton > U.S. 87 > Havre > U.S. 2 > Malta > U.S. 191 > Lewistown > MT-3 > MT-80 > Fort Benton. **Total Distance:** approximately 400 miles  
**Gateway Airport:** Great Falls International Airport  
Great Falls

**F**OR MONTANA'S American Indian people, bison, or buffalo, are revered symbols of strength and unity. Celebrate the bison, see them roam, and discover how the mighty bison helped create the state on this six-day drive across Big Sky badlands and prairies.

**BIRTHPLACE OF MONTANA** Start where the state began in Fort Benton, once the world's largest inland port. At the **Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument**, buy a two-day admission to the Interpretive Center, **Old Fort Benton**, the **Museum of the Upper Missouri**, and the **Museum of the Northern Great Plains**. **Eat & Stay:** **Union Grille** and **Grand Union Hotel**, Fort Benton.

**SADDLE UP** The next day, go antiquing at the **Virgelle Mercantile**. Try horseback riding at **Sky View Guest Ranch** (reservations required), and see the "buffalo rock" used as a bison scratching post. **Eat & Stay:** **Navlivka's Original Pizza Kitchen** and **Best Western Plus Havre Inn and Suites**, Havre.

**ALL ABOUT THE BISON** Stop at **Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeological Site** (June to Labor Day) to see a buffalo jump with an excavated wall of archaeological deposits, including compacted buffalo bones and skulls. See wild bison on a guided tour of the **Fort Belknap Indian Reservation's** buffalo reserve. (Call 406 353 4350 or 406 945 0014 for reservations.) **Eat & Stay:** (Detour east to Malta on U.S. 2) **Great Northern Hotel and Steakhouse**, Malta.

**DINOSAURS & DETOURS** Play paleontologist at the **Great Plains Dinosaur Museum** and **Phillips County Museum** in Malta. Take a side trip to either **Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge** (follow Old U.S. 2 east) or **Sleeping Buffalo Hot Springs Resort** (via U.S. 2



Above: Go fly-fishing on the Madison River. Below: Ride the Charlie Russell Chew Choo to see the wide-open spaces that inspired his famous Western art. Top left: See wildlife up close at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone. Bottom left: Enjoy top-of-the-world views from Beartooth Pass.





east). **Eat & Stay:** Great Northern Hotel and Steakhouse, Malta.

**RAILROAD & REFUGE** Return to the route by taking U.S. 191 about 74 miles south to MT-66. Next is the self-guided **Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge** auto tour through the badlands. Northwest of Lewistown, ride the **Charlie Russell Chew Choo** Montana dinner train (select weekend days in summer and early fall). **Eat & Stay:** Dash Inn and Historic Calvert Hotel, Lewistown.

**BACK IN TIME** On the drive back to Fort Benton pull off at **Bear Gulch Pictographs**, a 313-million-year-old limestone inland sea formation with more than 3,000 drawings by ancient peoples. **Eat & Stay:** Wake Cup Coffee House and Bakery and The Lark and Laurel Bed and Breakfast, Fort Benton.

### 3. Small Towns and Ghost Towns

**The Route:** Butte > MT-41 > MT-287 through Virginia City to Ennis > U.S. 287 > MT-2 through Cardwell to Butte

**Shortcut:** Take I-90 from Cardwell to Butte for a faster drive. **Total Distance:** approximately 300 miles **Gateway Airport:** Bert Mooney Airport, Butte

**W**ANDER through authentic 1800s ghost towns on this rambling four-day route over mountains, across the Continental Divide, and along blue-ribbon trout streams. Butte (population 33,854) is the “big city” on the drive. Legend has it some of the smaller towns harbor gold-rush-era ghosts.

**DIG IN** Begin in Butte, once known as the “richest hill on Earth” thanks to a multi-billion-dollar mining industry. Take an underground tour at the **World Museum of Mining**, located on the former site of the

**Orphan Girl** silver and zinc mine. Continue this theme at **Headframe Spirits**, makers of **Orphan Girl Bourbon Cream Liqueur**. In the distillery’s tasting room, try an **Orphan Girl Chocolate Drift** (mixed with vodka and chocolate syrup). **Eat & Stay:** Joe’s Pasty Shop and Finlen Hotel and Motor Inn, Butte.

**FIELD TRIP** Consider detouring at **Wise River** (west on MT-43 past Wisdom) to **Big Hole National Battlefield**. This sacred site of the Nez Perce people is part of the multistate **Nez Perce National Historical Park**. At Wise River, slow down and enjoy the scenery along the 49-mile-long **Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway**. In summer, visit the ghost town of Coolidge. **Eat & Stay:** Jackson Hot Springs Lodge, Jackson.

**GO GHOSTBUSTERS** Stop in the route’s three best-preserved ghost towns: **Bannack State Park**, **Nevada City**, and **Virginia City** (which remains a living town with about 190 full-time residents). The latter two towns house a collection of 19th-century buildings and Americana, including more than a hundred arcade and music machines. If visiting in summer, reserve tickets for Virginia City’s bawdy **Brewery Follies** or family-friendly **Virginia City Players** shows. **Eat & Stay:** **Bale of Hay Saloon** (May to September), Virginia City, and **Nevada City Hotel and Cabins**, Nevada City.

**CATCH & RELEASE** Spend the day fishing (or learning to fly-fish) in the tiny town of Ennis with such fly-fishing outfitters as the **Tackle Shop**, **Madison River Fishing Company**, and **Trout Stalkers**. Buy or rent outdoor gear, book a guided fly-fishing trip (April to November 1), or get angling tips. Continue on to **Norris Hot Springs** (open year round), known locally as “water of the gods.” While soaking, watch for deer and antelope. **Eat & Stay:** **Banditos**, Ennis, and **Norris Hot Springs Campground** (May to September), Norris.

### 4. Backbone of the Rockies

**The Route:** Kalispell > U.S. 93 > Whitefish > MT-40 > U.S. 2E > Glacier Route 1 Going-to-the-Sun Road > St. Mary > U.S. 89 toward Babb > Many Glacier Road to Many Glacier > backtrack on Many Glacier Road to U.S. 89 and back to St. Mary > MT-49 > Two Medicine Road to Two Medicine Lake > backtrack to MT-49 > East Glacier > U.S. 2W > MT-206 > MT-35 > Kalispell  
**Total Distance:** approximately 265 miles  
**Gateway Airport:** Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell

**R**UGGED, WILD, and incredibly scenic, this five-day trip is filled with only-in-Montana experiences. Travel Glacier National Park’s legendary Going-to-the-Sun Road. Take a ranger-led tour to see the park’s namesake glaciers. Raft or fish untamed waters. And chow down on a hearty steak supper or sleep in a restored railroad car.

**GO WILD** Pre-register for a wildlife photography workshop at **Kalispell’s Triple “D” Game Farm**, a safe place to capture images of wolves, grizzly bears, mountain lions, and other native Montana animals. Or, hike in **Lone Pine State Park** for far-as-the-eye-can-see views of **Kalispell**, the **Flathead River** and **Flathead Lake**, and the **Swan Mountain** range. **Eat & Stay:** **Western Barbecue Dinner Ride** at **Artemis Acres Paint Horse Guest Ranch** and **Kalispell Grand Hotel**, Kalispell.

**TAKE A HIKE** There’s so much to see in **Glacier National Park** that you’ll need to spend at least two days there. Begin by hiking the **Highline Trail** (for alpine views and possible wildlife sightings) or the **Iceberg Lake Trail**, which leads to a teal-blue lake holding small icebergs most of the summer. **Eat & Stay:** **Base Camp Café**, Columbia Falls, and **Belton Chalet**, West Glacier.

Left to right: Explore Bannack State Park ghost town. Munch a burger at Square Butte Bar & Country Club. Bike in Gallatin National Forest.







Unwind on a lakeside deck at the historic Many Glacier Hotel, the largest lodge in Glacier National Park.

**CROWN OF THE CONTINENT** On your second Glacier day, drive the epic **Going-to-the-Sun Road** (partially closed mid-September through early June) through the heart of the park and over 6,646-foot Logan Pass. **Eat & Stay:** St. Mary Lodge and Snowgoose Grille, St. Mary.

**OFF THE BEATEN PATH** On the eastern side of the park, take a detour to Browning and the **Museum of the Plains Indian**. Watch American Indian artists demonstrate authentic crafts, including weaving with porcupine quills. **Eat & Stay:** Johnson's of St. Mary (mid-May through September), St. Mary, and **Izak Walton Inn** (railroad car room), Essex.

**SEE & SKI** **Whitefish Mountain Resort** is an all-season destination for adventure. Ride the lifts to the summit in winter to ski and year round for views of **Glacier National Park**, the **Flathead Valley**, the **Canadian Rockies**, and more. **Eat & Stay:** Loula's and **The Lodge at Whitefish Lake**, Whitefish.

**EPIC ENDINGS** Extend your stay with a side trip from Kalispell west on MT-2 to **Kootenai Falls**, one of the largest free-flow-

ing waterfalls in the northwest. View the 30-foot-high main falls from a swinging bridge. From Libby, take off with Kootenai Aviation for an aerial tour of the **Cabinet Mountains**. Or, watch for wildlife and visit **Libby Dam** along the **Lake Koocanusa Scenic Byway**. In winter, deep-powder **Turner Mountain Ski Area** is a must-ski for experts—60 percent of the runs are black diamond. **Eat & Stay:** Libby Café, Libby, and **Double J Bed and Breakfast**, Troy.

## 5. From Flathead to Philipsburg

**The Route:** Missoula > U.S. 93 > MT-35 to Bigfork > MT-83 > MT-200 > MT-141 > MT-271 > Frontage Road East > Front Street through Drummond > MT-1 through Philipsburg to Porters Corner > MT-38 over Skalkaho Pass > U.S. 93 to Missoula  
**Total Distance:** approximately 380 miles  
**Gateway Airport:** Missoula International Airport, Missoula

**THIS FOUR-DAY DRIVE** is packed with adventure. Learn to river surf and fly-fish. See wild bison roam and mine for

genuine Montana sapphires. And, if you dare, take the steep and winding portion of MT-38 over 7,257-foot Skalkaho Pass.

**PEDAL POWER** Slow down to enjoy the scenery in Missoula, a gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community. Rent a bike and ride the **Riverfront Trail** to the hand-carved **Carousel for Missoula**. Pedal around the **University of Montana** campus or along the **Missoula Microbrew Tour** trail. Park the bike long enough to hike the **M**, the city's signature hiking trail, and go surfing Montana-style at **Brennan's Wave**, a man-made white-water venue on the **Clark Fork River**. **Eat & Stay:** Biga Pizza and **Gibson Mansion Bed and Breakfast**, Missoula.

**WILDLIFE WATCH** Spend the morning at the **National Bison Range** in Moiese. Bring binoculars to look for bison, bighorn sheep, elk, deer, and black bears. From the range visitor's center, it's about ten miles to Charlo and the **Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge**. Drive the back roads to see the kettle ponds where waterfowl—including tundra swans, white pelicans, and Canada geese—congregate. While in







Charlo, go horseback riding (reservations required) at **Cheff Guest Ranch**. **Eat & Stay:** **The Raven** and **Mountain Lake Lodge**, Bigfork.

**LAKE LIFE** Plan ahead to play in, on, or around a lake. **Base Camp Bigfork** offers all-season **Flathead Lake** activities including summer stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), kayak rentals, and winter **Dogsled Adventures**. In **Seeley Lake**, rent a **Wave Runner**, boat, or bike in summer and a snowmobile, snowshoes, or cross-country skis in winter. Save time to mine for Montana sapphires in Philipsburg. **Eat & Stay:** **Lindley's Prime Steak House**, Seeley Lake, and **Ranch at Rock Creek**, Philipsburg.

**PASS OR PLAY** Choose your route back to Missoula. The best views are from **Skalkaho Pass**; however, getting there requires driving 54 miles of the narrow **Skalkaho Road** portion of MT-38. The dirt-and-gravel route is closed in winter. An easier option is backtracking to I-90 near **Drummond**. In Missoula, take a serene, scenic float trip; wild, white-water rafting excursion; or exhilarating river boarding ride. **Eat & Stay:** **Red Bird**, Missoula and the **Running Horse Inn Bed and Breakfast**, Huson.

## 6. Main Street Adventures

**The Route:** Great Falls > U.S. 87 > U.S. 89 to White Sulphur Springs > U.S. 89 > U.S. 12 to Townsend > backtrack to MT-284 to Helena > I-15 > U.S. 287 > U.S. 89 to Bynum > U.S. 89 to Great Falls

**Total Distance:** approximately 380 miles **Gateway Airport:** Great Falls International, Great Falls

**THIS FIVE-DAY** loop through central and southwest Montana travels in and on the edge of the Rockies. Celebrate Western art, explore state parks and the state capital, soak in hot springs, and take a magical boat ride down the Missouri River.

**ECLECTIC COWBOY** Begin in Great Falls, home to the **C.M. Russell Museum**, a tribute to legendary Western artist Charlie Russell. Before leaving town, see mermaids swimming at the **Sip 'n Dip Lounge**. In Ulm, visit the **First Peoples Buffalo Jump**, a sandstone cliff with nearly 18 feet of compacted bison remains below. **Eat & Stay:** **Celtic Cowboy Pub and Restaurant** and **Hotel Arvon**, Great Falls.

**MOUNTAIN MAJESTY** Southeast of Great Falls, hop on the **Kings Hill Scenic Byway**. The 71-mile drive crosses the highest pass in Montana that's open all year and runs through the **Lewis and Clark National Forest**. See the **Big Belt Mountains** to the west and the **Castle Mountains** to the east, and stop to



Above: Look for bighorn sheep near Logan Pass in Glacier National Park. Top left: Learn about Blackfeet culture at the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Bottom left: Paddleboard on Flathead Lake, the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River.

hike the easy **Memorial Falls Trail**. **Eat & Stay:** **Branding Iron Café and Spa** and **Hot Springs Motel**, White Sulphur Springs.

**TINY TOWN** Detour to Martinsdale (population 92), about 72 miles round-trip from **White Sulphur Springs**. Tour the **Bair Museum** here to see **Edward Curtis** photographs, and original **Charlie Russell** and **Joseph Henry Sharp** paintings, among other items. Buy an original glass piece at **Goose Bay Handblown Glass** in Townsend. **Eat & Stay:** **Highlander Bar and Grill**, Canyon Ferry, and **Hellgate Campground and Group Use Shelter Area**, located east of Helena on the banks of the **Canyon Ferry Reservoir**, between the **Big Belt** and **Elk-horn Mountains**.

**HIKE & BIKE** Spend the day exploring the state capital, **Helena**, on foot or by bike. The city is known for its network of classic single-track mountain biking trails and its self-guided walking tours. Or, use your phone or rent a gps to see the sights on one of Helena's 38 geocaching tours. **Eat & Stay:** **Lucca's** and **Sanders B and B**, Helena.

**OPTICAL ILLUSION** Book a two-hour boat tour down the Missouri through the **Gates of the Mountains**. The route appears to be blocked by 1,200-foot-tall cliffs. Only those making the journey can see the "gates" magically open up to reveal a path down the river. **Eat & Stay:** **Log Cabin**, Choteau, and **Missouri River Ranch**, Craig.





Above: Conquer expert and extreme terrain on Lone Peak at Big Sky Resort. Right: Watch the wild rodeo action at Miles City's Bucking Horse Sale.

## 7. On the Loose in Big Sky

**The Route:** Bozeman > U.S. 191 > West Yellowstone > U.S. 191 > Bozeman  
**Total Distance:** approximately 180 miles  
**Gateway Airport:** Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Bozeman

IT'S POSSIBLE to make this drive from Bozeman to Yellowstone National Park and back in only a day. But why would you want to? Take it slow. Set aside six days to savor the incredible scenery and play—in the snow in winter and on the hiking and biking trails the rest of the year.

**ON THE ROCKS** Begin in Bozeman, the adventure capital of the Northern Rockies. In winter, learn to ice climb in **Hyalite Canyon** or hit the slopes at the laid-back **Bridger Bowl**. No snow? No problem. Take a guided outdoor rock-climbing trip with **Spire**

**Climbing Center.** **Eat & Stay:** Nova Café and The Lark, Bozeman.

**DIG IN** Spend the morning viewing the amazing array of paleontology exhibits in the **Seibel Dinosaur Complex**, located at **Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies**. Gear up for the adventures ahead at **Schnee's**, makers of handcrafted, rubber sole pac boots designed to handle any Montana weather. **Eat & Stay:** **Montana Ale Works** and **Gallatin River Lodge**, Bozeman.

**BIG FUN** Drive south to **Big Sky Resort**, an all-season playground with four mountains. If there's snow, ski, snowboard, sled, snowshoe, or skate. In warmer weather, go ziplining, hike **Lone Mountain**, jump on the bungee trampoline, or scale the climbing wall. **Eat & Stay:** **Buck's T-4** and **Huntley Lodge**, Big Sky.

**YELLOWSTONE** Make **West Yellowstone** your base for any adventure in and around Yel-

**lowstone National Park.** See wildlife at the **Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center**. Hike and bike. Go fly-fishing in a blue-ribbon trout stream. Mid-December through mid-March take a snow coach to the **Old Faithful** area. **Eat & Stay:** **Madison Crossing Lounge** and **Three Bear Lodge**, West Yellowstone.

**PLAY DAY** Spend another day in **West Yellowstone** or the national park. Or, head back to **Big Sky Resort** to try activities—including dog sledding in winter and the high ropes course in summer—that you couldn't fit in earlier. **Eat & Stay:** **Woodside Bakery**, West Yellowstone, and **Lone Mountain Ranch**, Big Sky.

**SHOP & SKATE** Back in Bozeman, browse the historic downtown shops and shop for original pieces at the **Emerson Center for the Arts and Culture**. From Christmas Day through the end of February, rent skates and glide across the ice at one of the city's



free outdoor rinks. **Eat & Stay:** The Western Café and Element, Bozeman.

## 8. Bighorn and Beyond

**The Route:** Billings > I-94 to Miles City > backtrack west on I-94 to exit 72 >

MT-384 to Hardin > I-90 to Crow Agency > Crow St. Xavier Road > MT-313 > Pryor St. Xavier cut-across to Pryor > MT-418 > MT-416 to Billings

**Total Distance:** approximately 400 miles

**Gateway Airport:** Billings Logan International Airport, Billings

**L**EARN MORE ABOUT Montana's rich American Indian heritage and cowboy culture on this four-day drive through Little Bighorn Country. The history-packed route crosses Indian nations, the state's biggest city, and the path taken by the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition.

**PICTOGRAPHS & PILLARS** From Billings, head south to **Pictograph Cave State Park**, home to over a hundred rock paintings and artifacts left by prehistoric hunters. Forge on to **Pompeys Pillar National Monument**, a rock formation rising 150 feet above the **Yellowstone River**. Look for the spot where **William Clark** (of Lewis and Clark fame)

carved his name and date into the pillar. **Eat & Stay:** The Burger Dive and the Northern Hotel, Billings.

**BRONCS & BADLANDS** The next destination is Miles City, best known for its annual **Bucking Horse Sale** weekend each May. Learn about the town's Old West roots at the **Range Riders Museum** before sampling the latest vintages at **Tongue River Winery**. Detour east to the town of Terry to shop for Made in Montana goods at **Prairie Unique**. If you're driving a high-clearance vehicle, explore the **Terry Badlands Wilderness Study Area**. **Eat & Stay:** Montana Bar and Steakhouse and The Horton House B and B, Miles City.

**SACRED GROUND** In Crow Agency, **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument** preserves the memory of the American Indian warriors and U.S. Cavalry soldiers (led by George Custer) lost in the epic conflict here in 1876. See the site with **Apsaalooke Tours**, which employs mostly Crow Indians as guides. The one-hour tour includes stops at **Reno-Benteen Battlefield** (where the Battle of Little Bighorn began) and **Last Stand Hill**. **Eat & Stay:** Lariat Country Kitchen, Hardin, and 7th Ranch RV Camp and Historical Tours, Garryowen.

**GRANDEST CANYON** On the way back to Billings, detour south to the **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**, aptly billed as "the grandest canyon in the Northern Rockies." Spend the morning hiking, fishing, boating, or watching for wildlife—including bighorn sheep and mule deer—before heading back to the road trip route. Outside of Pryor, visit **Chief Plenty Coups State Park**, one of only three U.S. state parks located on an American Indian reservation. **Eat & Stay:** Lilac and Dude Rancher Lodge, Billings.

## 9. Footsteps of Lewis & Clark

**The Route:** Glasgow > U.S. 2 > Culbertson > MT-16 > Glendive > U.S. 94 > Wibaux > U.S. 94 > Terry > MT-253 > MT-200 > MT-24 > Glasgow

**Total Distance:** approximately 450 miles

**Gateway Airport:** Glasgow International, Glasgow

**R**ETRACE THE PATH of Lewis and Clark, and parallel two mighty rivers—the Missouri and the Yellowstone—on a five-day loop around the state's northeastern badlands and spacious plains. This route-less-traveled crosses the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and passes through



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lands where dinosaurs once roamed.

**WIDE-OPEN SPACES** Head east from Glasgow to Wolf Point, home of July's annual **Wild Horse Stampede**. Detour up MT-13 for a back-in-time visit to Scobey, home of the **Daniels County Museum and Pioneer Town**. Or, head north on MT-16 to look for white pelicans at the **Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge**. **Eat & Stay:** **Bergie's Café & Gifts**, Nashua, and **Microtel Inn**, Sidney.

**BORDER CROSSING** View Western art and pioneer artifacts at **The MonDak Heritage Center** in **Sidney** (closed Sundays and Mondays). From here, take a side trip to the **Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site**, once the fur-trading hub of the Upper Missouri. The site straddles the Montana-North Dakota border. **Eat & Stay:** **Monte Carlo Pizza** and **Astoria Hotel & Suites**, Glendive.

**PLAY PALEONTOLOGIST** In Glendive, pre-book a fossil hunt with **Baisch's Dinosaur Digs** (April to October). See a Triceratops horridus skull and hike through the badlands at **Makoshika State Park**, one of two Glendive stops (**Frontier Gateway Museum** is the other) on the **Montana Dinosaur Trail**. **Eat & Stay:** **Mexico Lindo** and **La Quinta Inn & Suites**.

**BACK COUNTRY** Head west to hook up with the **Big Sky Byway**, a 105-mile scenic route following a section of the historic **Regina-Yellowstone (R-Y) Trail**. Stop at the **Byway kiosk** in Terry to learn more about the drive. At the northern end of the route, visit the **Fort Peck Interpretive Center and Museum** to see "**Peck's Rex,™**" one of the world's most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeletons. **Eat & Stay:** **Gateway Club** and **Fort Peck Hotel**, Fort Peck (May to November).

**HYDRO POWER** Before driving back to Glasgow, explore any of the six recreation areas surrounding **Fort Peck Lake**. See **Fort Peck Dam** and take a free tour of the **Fort Peck Power Plant Museum** (Memorial Day to Labor Day). Downstream from the dam, hike the **Beaver Creek Nature Trail** and look for elk and bison on the **Leo B. Coleman Wildlife Exhibit** driving route. **Eat & Stay:** **Sam's Supper Club** and **Cottonwood Inn**, Glasgow.

## 10. Bitterroot Parkway

**The Route:** Missoula > U.S. 93 > Lost Trail Pass > MT-43 > Big Hole National Battlefield > MT-43 > U.S. 93 > MT-269 > U.S. 93 > Missoula  
**Total Distance:** approximately 230 miles  
**Gateway Airport:** Missoula International Airport, Missoula

**DIG DEEP** into Montana's roots on a four-day drive through the history-rich Bitterroot Valley. The down-and-back route crosses the Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails, as well as the Continental Divide. Along the way, bunk in a hand-hewn log cabin and camp under the stars. Watch for moose, elk, and deer. Soak in natural hot springs. And, depending on the season, go skiing, skating, hiking, or horseback riding.

**ICE AGE** At Missoula's **Montana Natural History Center**, get a free driving map of the proposed **Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail**, and visit some local **Glacial Lake Missoula** landmarks. Walk in the footsteps of explorers near Lolo at **Travelers' Rest State Park**, the only site on the **Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail** with a confirmed expedition campsite.

**Eat & Stay:** **Lolo Hot Springs**, Lolo.

**PLAY DAY** Continue south to the **Historic Darby Ranger Station Visitor's Center and Museum**. Inside, find out about **Bitterroot Valley** activities and see Forest Service historical exhibits. In Darby, buy Montana-made huckleberry treats—including fudge, gummy bears, coffee, and taffy—at the **Old West Gallery & Old West Candy Store**. Weather permitting, spend the afternoon biking, hiking, or swimming at **Lake Como**. **Eat & Stay:** **Nap's Grill**, Hamilton, and **Alta Ranch**, Darby.

**SKI & SEE** In winter, make this a ski day. There's downhill at **Lost Trail Powder Mountain** (just before **Lost Trail Pass**) and cross-country loop trails accessible from 7,251-foot **Chief Joseph Pass**, where you cross the Continental Divide. Or, drive on to hike the trails and tour the exhibits at **Big Hole National Battlefield**, sacred ground to the Nez Perce people and part of the four-state **Nez Perce National Historical Park**. **Eat & Stay:** **Sula Country Store & Resort**, Sula.

**WHERE MONTANA BEGAN** On the return trip to Missoula, stop in Stevensville to tour (April 15 to October 15) the historic **St. Mary's Mission & Museum**. The complex, established in 1841, includes a **Salish** encampment and American Indian artifacts. Visit nearby **Fort Owen State Park**, site of the first permanent white settlement in Montana. **Eat & Stay:** **Bitter Root Brewery**, Hamilton, and **The Stevensville Hotel**, Stevensville.

**EXPLORE MORE ONLINE** Get additional road trip information—including interactive maps, special events, and more must-see stops—at [nationalgeographic.com/montana/roadtrips](http://nationalgeographic.com/montana/roadtrips).

Bottom left to right: Try a homemade donut at Windmill Village Bakery, Ravalli. Take a soak at Norris Hot Springs. Hunt for morels, a fungus native to Montana, at many of the local farmers' markets.







Paddle along the path of Lewis and Clark on an Upper Missouri River canoe trip.



Montana's rich history can be felt at many of the Powwow events across the state, including on the Fort Peck Reservation.





# HISTORY & HERITAGE

**I**N MONTANA, the past is always present. Wherever your travels take you, you'll find museums, monuments, and cultural centers with hands-on opportunities to learn about the state's amazingly rich history. Dig in to our dinosaur roots by hunting for fossils. Tour a ghost town or travel underground to learn about mining. Celebrate the tribal culture and traditions of our seven Indian Nations at annual events like the Crow Fair, held annually since 1918. Retrace the paths of pioneers and explorers, including Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery expedition. Experience what it means to be Montanan by discovering the remarkable forces that shaped this land and the rugged individuals who call it home.

## MONTANA DINOSAUR TRAIL

**M**ontana is the home of dinosaurs. The first *Tyrannosaurus rex* found in the world came from the state in 1902, and the first dinosaur fossils identified in North America were discovered here in the 1840s. Follow the 14-stop **Montana Dinosaur Trail** to uncover the state's prehistoric past, and visit the mostly rural communities located on the 1,300-mile route. Three stops—**Two Medicine Dinosaur Center**, **Great Plains Dinosaur Museum**, and **Makoshika Dinosaur Museum**—have field dig programs. Two communities—**Glendive** and **Malta**—each have two Dinosaur Trail locations. And one of the world's largest collections of dinosaur fossils is housed in **Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies**.

## LEWIS AND CLARK SIGNATURE SITES

**F**ollow the route of discovery forged by the Lewis and Clark expedition more than 200 years ago. Monuments, interpretive centers, caverns, and state parks honor the explorers and tell their story of adventure and survival. Near Billings you'll find the only remaining physical evidence of the Corps of Discovery on the trail at **Pompeys Pillar National Monument**. **Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park** in Whitehall offers guided tours (May 2 to September 30) of one of the most impressive caves in the United States (though the expedition never passed through there). At the **Headwaters Heritage Museum** in Three Forks, see a collection of Lewis and Clark

memorabilia. And, in Great Falls, test your strength pulling a boat against the mighty Missouri's current at the state-of-the-art **Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center**.

## INDIAN NATIONS

**L**ong before Montana became known as the "last best place," this land was "the first best place" for several tribal nations. Today, the state remains a sacred place to the American Indians who live within reserved homelands—seven federally recognized Indian reservations—and in cities and towns throughout Montana. At the **Museum of the Plains Indians** in Browning, learn the stories of the Blackfeet, Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Sioux, Assiniboine, Arapaho, Shoshone, Nez Perce, Flathead, Chippewa, and Cree tribes. Visit some of the many sacred American Indian sites, including **First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park** in Ulm and the **Big Hole National Battlefield** in Wisdom, part of **Nez Perce National Historical Park**. And, at **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument** in Crow Agency, walk the site where chiefs Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull orchestrated the Plains Indian War's most decisive American Indian victory. An 1881 obelisk memorializes the U.S. Army dead, including George Custer. "The Peace Through Unity" Indian Memorial, added in 2003, honors the American Indians who died here.





# STATE & NATIONAL PARKS

**M**ONTANA BOASTS MILLIONS of unspoiled acres set aside for national and state parks. These vast wilderness wonders are home to a diverse collection of wildlife and a dizzying array of recreation options. Camp under the stars, backpack to glacial lakes, join a ranger-led program, or seek solitude in the remote backcountry in one of Montana's wild and wide-open natural spaces.

## GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

**S**traddling the Continental Divide and covering an astounding 1,583 square miles, majestic Glacier is known as the "Crown of the Continent." Drive the iconic **Going-to-the-Sun Road**, a twisting and turning route through the heart of the park and over 6,646-foot **Logan Pass**. Go for a hike on a few of the 700 miles of easy-to-challenging trails. Or, sit back and enjoy the unobstructed views while riding in one of the park's ubiquitous red tour buses or in one of the wooden boats, which ply the bigger glacial lakes.

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

**Y**ellowstone is the classic national park, featuring iconic sites such as **Old Faithful** and the planet's biggest concentration of geysers. Established in 1872 as the U.S.'s first national park, Yellowstone also is where you'll find the **Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone** and the **Mammoth Hot Springs Area**, a hotbed of constantly changing geothermal formations. The park also is beloved for its abundant wildlife, including grizzly bears, bison, elk, and wolves. From Montana, there are three "front doors" to Yellowstone: the north entrance through Gardiner, where the iconic **Roosevelt Arch** stands; the entrance from West Yellowstone; and the northeast entrance near Cooke City and Silver Gate. For a scenic 68-mile drive to the latter, start in Red Lodge and follow the **Beartooth Highway**, designated as one of the nation's best-of-the-best scenic drives. The route takes you past 20 peaks of more than 12,000 feet and over the Beartooth Plateau.

## EXPLORE MORE

**B**esides Glacier and Yellowstone, Montana features seven other sites managed by the National Park Service. These range from **Big Hole Battlefield**, which honors

90 members of the Nez Perce tribe and 31 soldiers and volunteers killed in an attack in early August 1877, to **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**, covering 120,000 acres of wilderness and celebrating its 50th year as a park in 2016. Or, visit the **Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site**, which spans Montana and North Dakota, the place where American Indians traded buffalo robes and other furs for goods such as guns, blankets, clothing, and beads. The **Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site**, at one time the center of a 10-million acre cattle operation, is the place to learn about the lives of cowboys and cattlemen in the Old West. The **Lewis and Clark Historic Trail** traces the route of the famous Corps of Discovery through 11 states, including Montana. The **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument** is the site of "Custer's Last Stand," and the **Nez Perce National Historical Park**—spanning four states and 38 sites—tells the story of the native Nez Perce people's struggle to preserve their land and culture.

## STATE PARKS

**M**ontana has more than 50 state parks offering fun and family-friendly activities. Whatever you want to do, there's a park out here for you. Hike, bike, picnic, paddle, pitch a tent, or discover a chapter of Montana history. At **Makoshika State Park** in Glendive, ramble through the badlands to see fossilized remains of *Tyrannosaurus rex*, *Triceratops*, and other dinosaurs. Travel back in time at **Bannack State Park**, home to a non-commercialized ghost town dating from the gold rush era. In the Flathead Lake area, there are several state parks to choose from including off-the-beaten-path **Lake Mary Ronan State Park**, known for its terrific fishing and crystal clear waters. At **West Shore State Park**, stand on the rock outcrops carved by glaciers to savor spectacular views of Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains and Swan Range.



Blaze your own trail on a backpacking trek along the Livingston Range in Glacier National Park.









Above: Strap on a pair of snowshoes and head out on the Mystic Lake Trail near the tiny community of Nye to access Montana's amazing backcountry.  
Below: A few miles from the town of West Yellowstone is the fabled Two Top Mountain with sweeping views of Yellowstone National Park.





# WINTER WONDERLAND

IN MONTANA, frosty temps and falling snow usher in an action-packed season of wintry fun and adventure. Ski or snowboard at one of the state's 15 ski areas. Not a downhill skier? No problem. With snowmobiling, snowshoeing, dog sledding, cross-country skiing, ice climbing, and more, there's something for everyone who wants to play in the snow. And, since snow can arrive as early as October and linger through May, Montana offers one of the longest winter seasons in the lower 48 states to skate, schuss, glide, and soar.

## IT'S ALL DOWNHILL

There's no better skiing or snowboarding in the world than in Montana. With miles of groomed trails and deep-powder backcountry runs to choose from, you'll never feel crowded or rushed. **Big Sky Resort**, the state's largest ski area, boasts four mountains connected by chairlifts and the most room to roam (about two acres per skier). For the ultimate Big Sky experience, try **First Tracks** and get on the mountain before the lifts open to the public. Ski **Whitefish Mountain Resort** for 360-degree views of Glacier National Park. Take the lift to the top of Big Mountain for a variety of terrain and spectacular views.

## MAKE TRACKS

Cross-country or nordic, skiing and snowshoeing get you out of the hustle and bustle and back into the woods (where you're more likely to spot wildlife). One of North America's top nordic ski resorts is **Big Sky's Lone Mountain Ranch**. Rent cross-country skis or snowshoes to explore the groomed trails. On Kings Hill Scenic Byway (U.S. 89) near Great Falls, hit the **Silver Crest Trails**. The top-notch network features nearly ten miles of groomed trails plus challenging backcountry ones. The **Red Lodge Nordic Center** on MT-78 has classic tracks and skate skiing lanes plus children's programs and ski clinics.

## ONLY-IN-MONTANA ADVENTURES

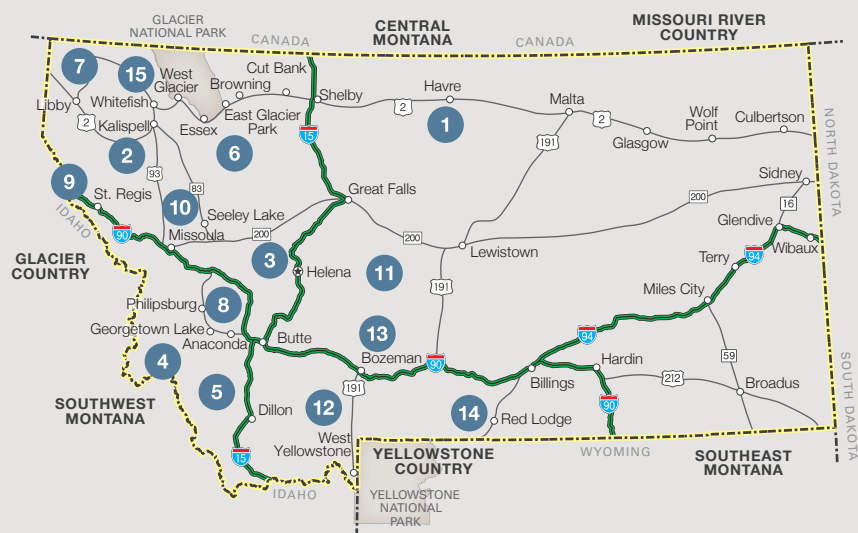
Montana is the place to go for off-the-beaten-path winter experiences. Learn how to ice climb on a frozen waterfall in world-famous **Hyalite Canyon** near Bozeman. At **Base Camp Bigfork**, harness and mush your own team of Inuit sled dogs. Or, hold on tight and try Montana-style skijoring (sort of like water skiing, only on snow and pulled by a horse or mule instead of a boat) at the **World Skijoring Champion-**

**ships** in Whitefish. The wild, wacky, and always thrilling skijoring races are the fan favorite of January's **Whitefish Winter Carnival**. This annual celebration of all things ice and snow includes a torchlight ski parade, Penguin Plunge in Whitefish Lake, ski races, hockey tournament, ice sculpting, and more.

## SNOW-COVERED GLACIER AND YELLOWSTONE

Winter is one of the most magical times of the year in Montana's most popular national parks—**Glacier** to the north and **Yellowstone** to the south. Fewer tourists venture into the parks this season, making it easier to spot wildlife, find solitude, and explore at your own pace. In Glacier, snowshoe through the snow-covered woods on a ranger-led walk. In Yellowstone, take a guided snowcoach or snowmobile tour with an authorized park concessionaire. Weather permitting, tours are available December 15 through March 15. Book the full-day **Old Faithful Tour** to see Firehole Falls, Fountain Paint Pots, Midway and Biscuit Geyser Basins, and Old Faithful.

## MONTANA SKI AREAS



### DAY AREAS WITH LIFT TICKETS UNDER \$50

1. Bear Paw Ski Bowl
2. Blacktail Mountain
3. Great Divide
4. Lost Trail Powder Mountain
5. Maverick Mountain
6. Teton Pass
7. Turner Mountain

### HIDDEN GEMS FOR A WEEKEND GETAWAY

8. Discovery Ski Area
9. Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area
10. Montana Snowbowl
11. Showdown Montana

### DESTINATION RESORTS

12. Big Sky Resort
13. Bridger Bowl Ski Area
14. Red Lodge Mountain
15. Whitefish Mountain



# FOOD & DRINK

**C**LASSIC COWBOY FARE—including hearty steaks, tender prime rib, and steaming bowls of chili—remains a Montana staple. But that's only the beginning of the flavor experiences available today in Big Sky Country. From chocolatiers to cheesemakers, and from craft brewers to foodie-favorite young chefs, Montanans are creating new taste sensations rooted in the state's rich agricultural and ranching traditions.

## EATS

**F**arm-to-table fresh is the hallmark of Montana cuisine. Across the state, you'll find classic Mom-and-Pop joints—including Butte's legendary **Matt's Place** (try the "nut burger" topped with a chopped peanut and mayonnaise spread)—serving homemade ice cream, hand-cut fries, and fresh-baked breads and pies. And the daily menus at fine-dining establishments—such as **Café**

**Khandahar** in Whitefish and **Open Range** in Bozeman—regularly feature locally raised bison, elk, and pork, as well as seasonally fresh fruits and vegetables, and wild-caught fish.

## HOMEGROWN

**P**ull off at local farmers' markets and roadside stands to sample the best of Montana's seasonal bounty. From wild,

handpicked huckleberries (and huckleberry jam, jelly, syrup, ice cream, and more) to Flathead cherries and local apiary honey, there are homegrown and artisanal foods and products available around most every bend in the road.

## LIBATIONS

**M**ontana-grown malted grain and glacial fresh water fuel the state's vibrant farm-to-tap brewing culture. Montana is home to over 50 independent craft breweries, ranging from small-batch **Bandit Brewing Company** in Darby to statewide distributor **Big Sky Brewing Company** in Missoula. And the number of small-batch distilleries—such as **Glacier Distilling** in Coram and **Trailhead Spirits** in Billings—continues to grow. Look for Made in Montana whiskeys and fine spirits, including **Glacier's Huckleberry Gin** infused with local spruce tips.



Above clockwise: Enjoy flatbread and fresh air at the Emerson Grill, Bozeman. See what's on tap at the Great Northern Brewing Company, Whitefish. Save room for a lemon-blueberry tart at Kafe Utza, Miles City. Right: Experience the farm-to-table movement in Montana.

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# CAN'T MISS EVENTS

**M**ONTANA IS AN ALL-SEASON celebration destination. Whenever and wherever you visit, there's sure to be a festival or fair happening nearby. Here's a seasonal sampling of Big Sky country's best and brightest annual events. For a complete listing and specific dates, go to [visitmt.com](http://visitmt.com).

## SPRING (March to May)

**Western Art Week, Great Falls, MARCH**  
([visitgreatfallsmontana.org/western-art-week-schedule/](http://visitgreatfallsmontana.org/western-art-week-schedule/))

**Bucking Horse Sale, Miles City, MAY**  
([www.buckinghorsesale.com](http://www.buckinghorsesale.com))

## SUMMER (June to August)

**Strawberry Festival, Billings, JUNE**  
([downtownbillings.com/events/strawberry-festival](http://downtownbillings.com/events/strawberry-festival))

**Little Bighorn Days, Hardin, JUNE**

**Lewis and Clark Festival, Great Falls, JUNE**  
([www.lewisandclarkfoundation.org](http://www.lewisandclarkfoundation.org))

**Fort Benton Summer Celebration, Fort Benton, JUNE**  
([www.fortbenton.com/sumcel](http://www.fortbenton.com/sumcel))

**Montana Folk Festival, Butte, JULY**  
([montanafolkfestival.com](http://montanafolkfestival.com))

**Livingston Roundup Rodeo, Livingston, JULY**  
(<https://livingstonroundup.com/>)

**Bannack Days, Bannack State Park, JULY**  
([www.bannack.org/events-activities](http://www.bannack.org/events-activities))

**Montana State Fair, Great Falls, JULY**  
([www.montanastatefair.com](http://www.montanastatefair.com))

**Red Ants Pants Music Festival, White Sulphur Springs, JULY**  
([redantspantsmusicfestival.com](http://redantspantsmusicfestival.com))

**Evel Knievel Days, Butte, JULY**  
([evelknieveldays.org](http://evelknieveldays.org))

**Crow Fair Powwow Celebration, Crow Agency, AUGUST**  
(<http://www.crow-nsn.gov/>)

**MontanaFair, Billings, AUGUST**  
([www.montanafair.com](http://www.montanafair.com))

**Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Western Music Rendezvous, Lewistown, AUGUST**  
([www.montanacowboypoetrygathering.com](http://www.montanacowboypoetrygathering.com))

**Western Montana Fair, Missoula, AUGUST**  
(<https://missoulafairgrounds.com/>)

## FALL (September to November)

**Great Montana Sheep Drive, Reed Point, SEPTEMBER**  
([stillwatercountychamber.com/about/chamber-event-galleries/reed-point-sheep-drive](http://stillwatercountychamber.com/about/chamber-event-galleries/reed-point-sheep-drive))

**Great Northwest Oktoberfest, Whitefish, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**  
([www.whitefishoktoberfest.com](http://www.whitefishoktoberfest.com))

**Ennis Hunters Feed, Ennis, OCTOBER**  
([www.ennischamber.com/calendar.asp](http://www.ennischamber.com/calendar.asp))

**Tamarack Festival & Brewfest, Seeley Lake, OCTOBER**

**Annual McIntosh Apple Day, Hamilton, OCTOBER**  
([www.brvhsmuseum.org](http://www.brvhsmuseum.org))

## WINTER (December to February)

**Whitefish Winter Carnival and World Skijoring Championships, Whitefish, JANUARY**  
([whitefishwintercarnival.com](http://whitefishwintercarnival.com), [www.whitefishskijoring.org/](http://www.whitefishskijoring.org/))

**Montana Winter Fair, Lewistown, JANUARY**  
([www.montanawinterfair.com](http://www.montanawinterfair.com))

**Wild West Winterfest, Bozeman, FEBRUARY**  
([www.bozemannet.com/events/wild\\_west\\_winterfest.php](http://www.bozemannet.com/events/wild_west_winterfest.php))





## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

If you aren't already driving to Montana, rental vehicles are available once you arrive. For those adventures on back roads and gravel, a four-wheel-drive vehicle is recommended. Direct flights are available from several U.S. cities, and Amtrak's Empire Builder ([www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)) runs between Chicago and Seattle, through the northern half of the state. For a list of airports and carriers, go to [visitmt.com/airports](http://visitmt.com/airports)

### TRAVEL RESOURCES

Visit [www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/) to download MDT's Travel Info mobile app.

#### WEATHER REPORTS

**Western Montana** 406.721.3939

**Central Montana** 406.453.5469

**Northeast Montana** 406.228.9625

**Southeast Montana** 406.652.1916

#### 24-HOUR ROAD CONDITIONS

Available Statewide 511

[mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/](http://mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/)

Emergency phone service  
available statewide 911

### LEARN MORE

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### NATIONAL PARKS

**Glacier National Park**

406.888.7800

**Yellowstone National Park**

307.344.7381

### SOCIAL MEDIA

#### FACEBOOK

There's no love button, so you'll have to settle for "liking" Montana.  
[www.facebook.com/visitmontana](http://www.facebook.com/visitmontana)

#### TWITTER

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#### INSTAGRAM

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#### TUMBLR

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[www.montanamoment.tumblr.com](http://www.montanamoment.tumblr.com)

### ONLINE RESOURCES

An encyclopedic, user-friendly resource for trip ideas and general wanderlust. Here, you'll find a wealth of varied information—motorcycle route ideas, a compilation of powwows, craft breweries, wineries, ghost town rundowns, and just about anything else you can think of.  
[VISITMT.COM](http://VISITMT.COM)



Top: Witness the wonder of Old Faithful during an evening visit to Yellowstone National Park. Bottom: Go kayaking on Bowman Lake, Glacier National Park. Far left: See daredevil stunts at Evel Knievel Days in Butte. Left: Cheer on the cowboy skiers at the Whitefish Winter Carnival's signature skijoring event.







*Absaroka Mountains outside of Livingston, MT*

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