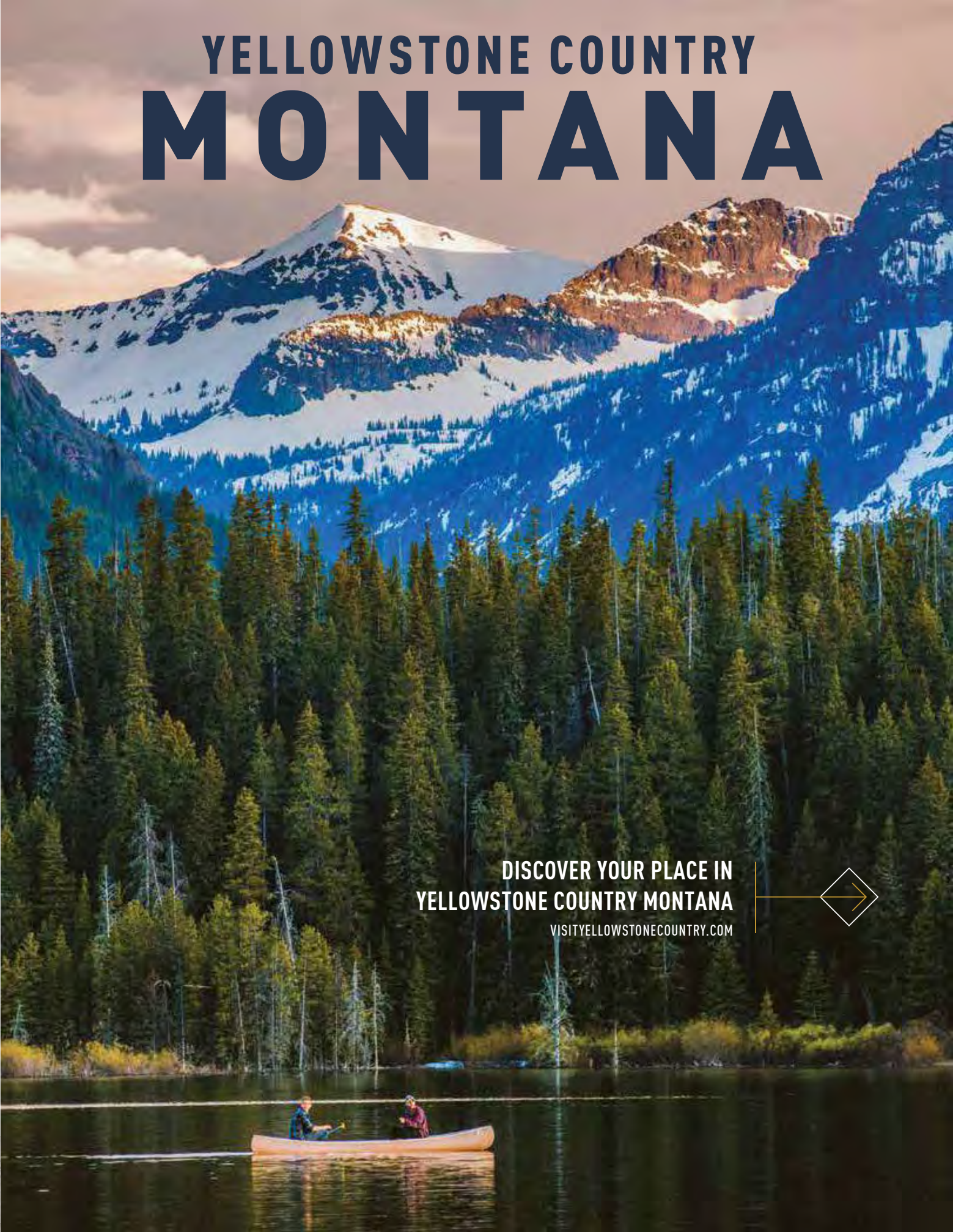


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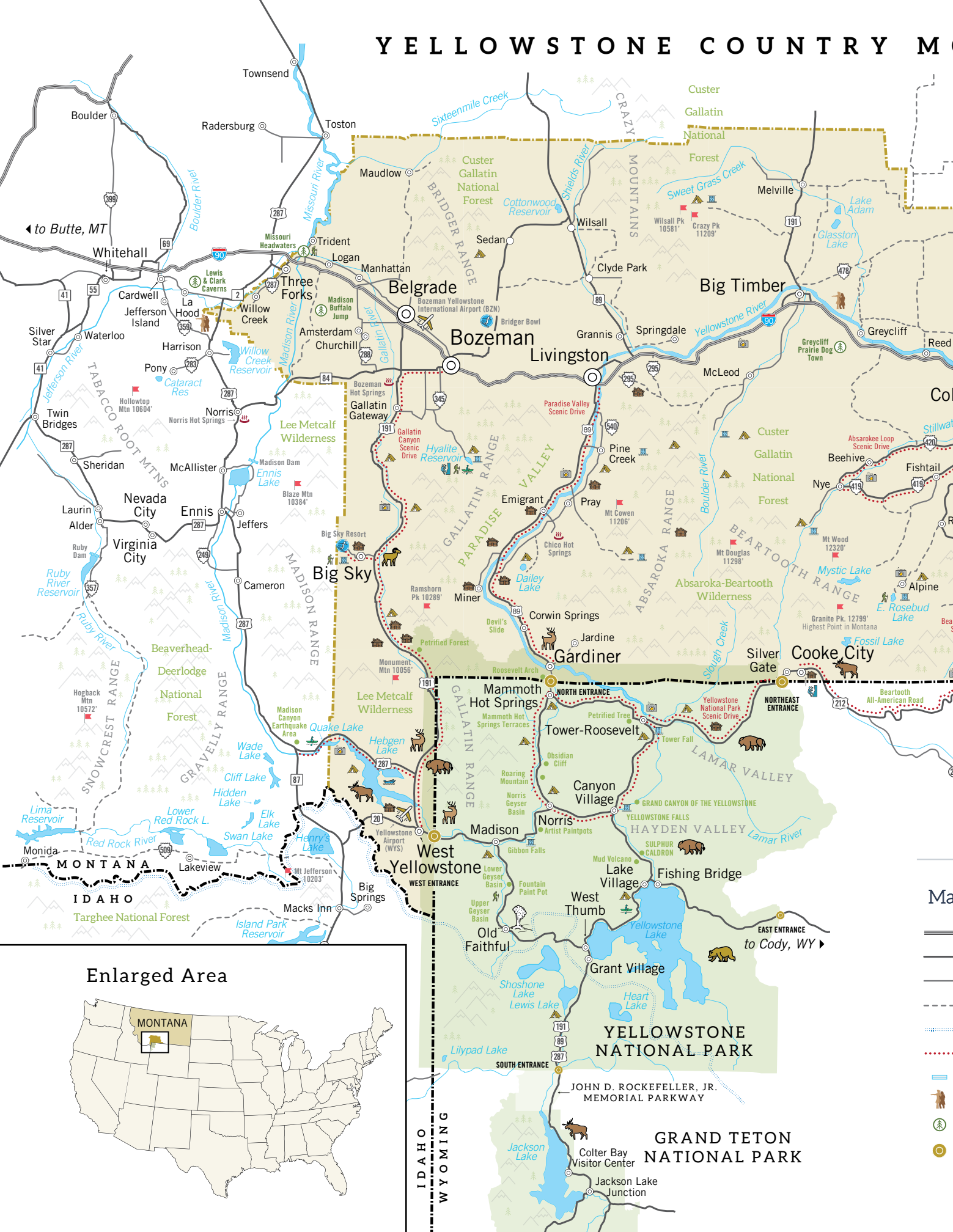
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## THE YELLOWSTONE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YET.

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line, but the best way to live is to wander off course. Zigzag from one adventure to the other, covering as much ground as you can. Seek and discover, and find yourself on the crux of a mountain, in the bend of a river or in the heart of a small town. Or, just find yourself. That's the point after all, isn't it? So take the scenic route and be fascinated by Yellowstone Country. It's the kind of place that stays with you long after you've gone home.

**BOLDLY GO.**



**Yellowstone Country**  
**MONTANA**





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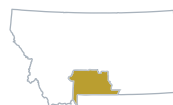
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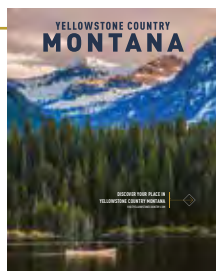
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## Yellowstone Country MONTANA



### FRONT COVER

Enjoy calm waters and incredible views at this recreation hot spot just outside of Bozeman. Perfect for beginners and experienced paddlers alike, Hyalite Reservoir offers a relaxing and scenic day trip (bring a picnic lunch), or an overnight camping spot under the big sky at one of multiple campgrounds.

PHOTO BY ANDY AUSTIN



### BACK COVER

Power on and plow through epic powder in one of the best snowmobiling destinations in the world. West Yellowstone offers a 400-mile mountain trail system that begins right in town, plus, it's a pretty cool village to hang out in after spending a day full throttle on pristine, sought-after terrain.

PHOTO BY KEN TAKATA



Tippet Rise Art Center. PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

## DISCOVER YOUR PLACE IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY MONTANA

The sublime and wild nature of America's first national park spills over for miles beyond park boundaries. Curious travelers have been drawn to the mystique of Yellowstone (officially) since 1872. Our mountains and rivers wind their way into the hearts of visitors and grab hold, and the unexpected waits around every bend. Every season offers something to savor. That's the beauty of this place...you can't go wrong. Snow seekers satisfy their powder cravings at three of Montana's four largest ski resorts, or they explore the serenity of the park's quietest season. Spring eases in and peaks in full bloom, summer astounds with an unquestionable allure and autumn provides a little breathing room to see Montana in full color.

North of the park, you'll discover cinematic expanses of open country to roam, winding rivers to fish and frolic in and captivating small towns with honest-to-goodness hospitality—not to mention folks for which warm welcomes and friendly conversation come naturally. Yellowstone Country offers one of the most scenic drives in the country, unrivaled recreation opportunities and basecamp communities rich with arts, culture, food, drink, nightlife and personality you'll find hard to say goodbye to.

From where to stay to where to play to where to pull up a barstool and savor the spirit of a Montana evening, this travel guide will help you discover your ideal Yellowstone Country experience and make memories perfect for well-told tales of discovery. Wake up in the backcountry in your favorite flannel and put a pot of coffee on the camp stove as a lazy creek trickles by, settle into western luxury at a five-star ranch resort or go quintessentially Yellowstone in a historic timbered lodge next to geysers and geothermal pools. Adventure happens in every direction.

Find a chapter of your story here, whether it's in the wild places, the wildlife watching, the western way, the waterways, the true nature or all of the above. Satisfy your wanderlust and explore everything the region offers. Get away from your getaway in Yellowstone Country Montana. First stop: turn the page and begin your journey.



*If you have any questions while planning your getaway, go to **visityellowstonecountry.com**, or give us a call. Our travel team is ready to help at **1.800.736.5276**.*









## TAKE THE BIG SKY ROUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK

Maximize your Yellowstone adventure by making it a Montana getaway. Big Sky Country is home to three of the five entrances into Yellowstone National Park, and our gateway communities really hold their own. Each one offers something distinct (depending on the vibe you're after), and they all tell a Yellowstone story you'll not soon—or ever—forget.





## GARDINER, MONTANA | NORTH ENTRANCE

With a strong nod to the Old West (and not just because it's named after an outlaw fur trapper), Gardiner excels at being quaint but happens to be a full-service town specializing in wilderness, wildlife and warm welcomes. The Yellowstone River runs right through this no-fuss community of 875 residents who are greatly outnumbered by antelope, bison, deer and elk.

Part of Montana's aptly named Paradise Valley, Gardiner is a mere five miles from the park's impressive Mammoth Hot Springs terraces with a stop along the way at the famed Boiling River, the only hot springs in the park you can (despite its name) actually swim in. Gardiner will get you into Yellowstone via the iconic Roosevelt Arch in any season, offering the only wintertime personal-vehicle entrance. The winter drive from Gardiner to Tower Junction to Cooke City lets you experience the magic of the park's quiet off season: picture a lone bison standing resiliently amongst a backdrop of towering mountains and pure white snow. You can Nordic ski and sightsee and watch wildlife in the Lamar Valley—a hot spot for wolves in the winter. In the warmer months, bring your fly rod and your hiking boots.



*Fishing on Hebgen Lake near West Yellowstone. PHOTO BY KEN TAKATA*

## WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA | WEST ENTRANCE

All three of Montana's gateway towns are hubs for outdoor adventure, but the picturesque all-American small town of West Yellowstone also packs a lot of personality within its borders, like coffee shops, cafés, a taqueria housed in an old school bus, gift shops, fine dining and even a giant-screen theater. This scenic, bustling town offers plenty of entertainment, as well as park tours (including snowcoach tours in the winter months). In the summer, water sports are a go. Kayaks and stand-up paddleboards are often spotted on Hebgen and Quake lakes. Fly-fishing here is an angler's dream all year long. The beautiful Madison and Gallatin rivers gift unrivaled blue-ribbon trout fishing. West Yellowstone is the heart of fly-fishing in the Rockies, after all.

If you find yourself visiting June through August, make sure to experience the Wild West Yellowstone Rodeo for some authentic Wild West flavor. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is housed here, too, and if you're interested in learning about the park's history (including its famous bears), Yellowstone Historic Center will tell you all about it.

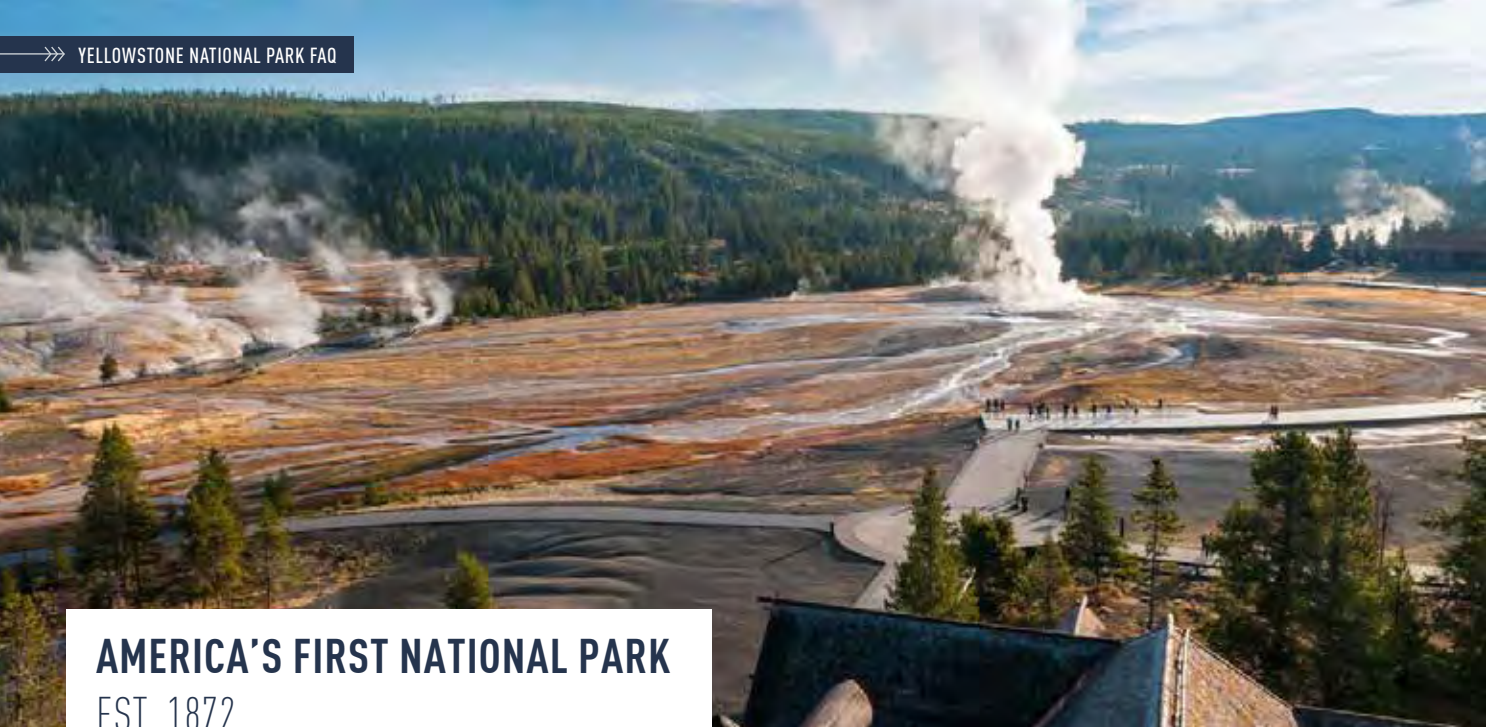


*Snowmobiling in Cooke City. PHOTO BY DAN ARMSTRONG*

## COOKE CITY, MONTANA | NORTHEAST ENTRANCE

Every road, trail and path in Montana is scenic, but exploring Yellowstone National Park by way of "the most scenic drive in America" is icing on the cake, to say the least. From the tiny outpost of Cooke City—complete with an authentic general store and saloon—traverse the winding Beartooth Highway into the park through the Absaroka and Beartooth mountains. You'll find yourself in the famous Lamar Valley (dubbed "America's Serengeti") for epic wildlife watching.

Only 140 people call Cooke City home, but together with its sister village of Silver Gate, travelers and locals find stunning, remote wilderness and plenty of recreation opportunities all year long in the surrounding Custer Gallatin National Forest. Cooke City might be small, but it's a big spot for sled heads (snowmobilers, that is). Miles of backcountry make for a snow enthusiast's dream. In the warmer seasons, hike, fish and explore the area by horseback, and when you're ready to head into the park, grab a latte and a pastry at the Bearclaw Bakery and set out on the All-American Beartooth Highway for the drive of a lifetime.



Old Faithful. PHOTO BY AUDREY HALL

## AMERICA'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK

EST. 1872

### How did Yellowstone get its name?

It's named after the Yellowstone River, the major river running through it. The river gets its name from the Minnetaree Indians, who called it *Mi tse a-da-zi*, or *Yellow Rock River*, most likely due to the yellowish formations of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. The name was passed on to French trappers, who called it *Roche Jaune*, later rendered by American trappers as *Yellow Stone*.

### How big is Yellowstone National Park?

Well, it's larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined. It covers 3,472 square miles, which includes over 1,000 miles of trails, 52 picnic areas, 900 historic buildings and about 290 waterfalls.

### Is Yellowstone the largest national park?

No. More than half of Alaska's national park units are larger, including Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, which is the largest unit (13 million acres) in the National Park System.

### What is the highest peak in the park?

At 11,358 feet, Eagle Peak (in the southeastern part of Yellowstone) is the highest.

### Is swimming allowed in Yellowstone's rivers, lakes and geothermal features/hot springs?

Swimming is not recommended in most lakes and streams because they can be dangerously cold. However, Firehole Canyon, near Madison Junction, has a swimming area popular in summer. Soaking in thermal features is illegal, with the exception of the Boiling River north of Mammoth Hot Springs, where a large hot spring enters the Gardner River, allowing the hot and cool waters to mix into a temperature comfortable enough to soak in.

### How many geysers are in the park?

Yellowstone has more than 10,000 hydrothermal features, 500 of which are geysers (300 active ones). That's over half of all the world's geysers.

### When does Old Faithful erupt?

Basic predictions of Old Faithful are dependent upon the duration of the previous eruption. The average eruption is every 92 minutes. During visitor center hours, geyser statistics and predictions are maintained by the naturalist staff.

### Just how hot is the water in Old Faithful?

During an eruption, the water temperature at the vent has been measured at 204°F (95.6°C). The steam temperature has been measured above 350°F.

### Is there a lot of wildlife in the park?

Yes. Yellowstone is home to 67 species of mammals, 285 species of birds, 16 species of fish, six species of reptiles, five species of amphibians and more than seven aquatic nuisance species.

### Will I see a lot of wildlife in the park?

That depends on where you are, how long you're here, what season it is and what kind of mood the wildlife is in. See page 22 for more information.

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK: BY THE NUMBERS







## THE WAY TO YELLOWSTONE'S WINTER WONDERLAND

PHOTO BY MEGAN RICHTER

Winter in Yellowstone National Park is altogether surreal—steaming geyser basins and thermal pools are juxtaposed with pure white snow. Most of the roads in Yellowstone are closed to vehicular traffic this time of year, which makes it a good time for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, guided snowmobile tours and snowcoach touring. Build a big-sky adventure into your winter getaway by accessing the park from one of Montana's gateway towns. Make Yellowstone Country your home base and experience the park in its quietest and arguably most magical season.

### SNOWCOACH TOURING

Snowcoaches are hard-core tour buses designed to run with treads on the snow, making winter group tours of the park possible, and pretty darn fun, too. From about mid-December to mid-March, take a guided snowcoach tour out of West Yellowstone or Gardiner.

### SNOWMOBILING

Epic winter terrain, extensive trail systems and proximity to Yellowstone National Park make West Yellowstone one of the top snowmobiling destinations in the world and the perfect place to hop on a snowmobile tour of the park and go full throttle with professional sled heads.

### NORDIC SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Get away from the noise and leave your tracks in the Yellowstone snow. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in America's first national park enable discovery of areas otherwise inaccessible. And what's better than gliding under the steam of geysers?

### SCENIC DRIVING

Explore the serenity of winter in Yellowstone in your own car at your own pace. Gardiner, Montana provides the only year-round entrance into the park. From this Old West charmer, drive through Tower Junction and on to Cooke City through the Lamar Valley, a winter hangout for wolves.



Take a tour of Yellowstone National Park's winter wonderland by snowcoach or snowmobile. Watch out for the locals! PHOTO BY JACOB FRANK



Yellowstone's hydrothermal features in winter.

*pro-tip: West Yellowstone is the closest Yellowstone Park entrance to Old Faithful and Midway Geyser Basin, where you'll find the beautiful Grand Prismatic Spring.*

# SEASONS OF DISCOVERY

## Yellowstone Country Montana Year-Round

There's no wrong season to explore Yellowstone Country. Each one is right for different reasons—reasons of pursuit and discovery, depending on what you're after. Whether it's a bend in the river, the road or the trail, you'll find meaning and magic around each one of them, any time of year.



Autumn in Red Lodge.  
PHOTO BY MERV COLEMAN

### FALL IN MONTANA IS PURE GOLD

There's always plenty of room to breathe in Montana, but in the fall there's a little bit more. Brown trout are biting. Elk are bugling. Birds are migrating overhead. Hillsides are aflame with yellow tamaracks, and rivers are lined with the oranges and golds of aspen and cottonwood trees. Evening sunlight filters through autumn's hues. Fall is the time to take a scenic drive, fish a quiet river, drink a pumpkin ale at a small-town Oktoberfest, bike or hike in the park. It's the time to see Montana in full color.

→ *pro-tip: Autumn means shoulder-season pricing, cooler temps, possible flurries, hunting season, fall festivals and flavors, fishing and late-season hiking and biking.*



Lupines in Cooke City.  
PHOTO BY ENCHANTED FOREST

### SPRING OFFERS A WILD AWAKENING

It's a time of warming up and thawing out. Snowmelt feeds the rivers and the days start to lengthen. After you catch the last of spring skiing and the rich, earthly greens and browns begin to emerge, it's time to peel off a layer of clothing, grab your bike, your binoculars, your golf clubs or your kayak and discover a season of renewal. Spring arrives late in Yellowstone National Park, but when it comes, it brings a brilliance of wildflowers and wildlife, singing birds and uncrowded roads.

→ *pro-tip: Spring means shoulder-season pricing, rising temps, unpredictable weather, baby wildlife, no crowds, late-season snowsports and early-season hiking and biking.*



Dailey Lake in Paradise Valley.  
PHOTO BY KYRA AMES

### SUMMER VACATIONS ARE MADE HERE

Adventure comes naturally this time of year. Get away from your getaway in this sprawling place north of the park where long days of alpine sunshine give way to cool summer nights. Fly-fish the legendary Madison and Gallatin rivers as they flow through scenic open country. Float the Yellowstone through Paradise Valley. Cruise the famed Beartooth Highway or bike in the backcountry. Get lost in our small towns at farmers markets, cafés, museums, art walks and festivals. Order a Montana whiskey right where it was made. Sleep out under the stars.

→ *pro-tip: Book summer accommodations early. A year in advance is recommended.*







Wander off the beaten path.  
**BOLDLY GO.**

*Fishing on the Madison River. PHOTO BY KEN TAKATA*

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## WHERE SNOW SEEKERS BOLDLY GO WORLD-CLASS WINTER RECREATION

Winter never wears out its welcome in Yellowstone Country Montana.

The pursuit of powder ends here—it's everywhere and then some. We pile up over 400 inches of the fluffy white stuff every year in our alpine mecca of diverse terrain, both wild and tamed. Lift lines are virtually nonexistent. Backcountry is never boring. Folks are always friendly. Our little mountain towns are bustling with big personality, big snow and big adventure.

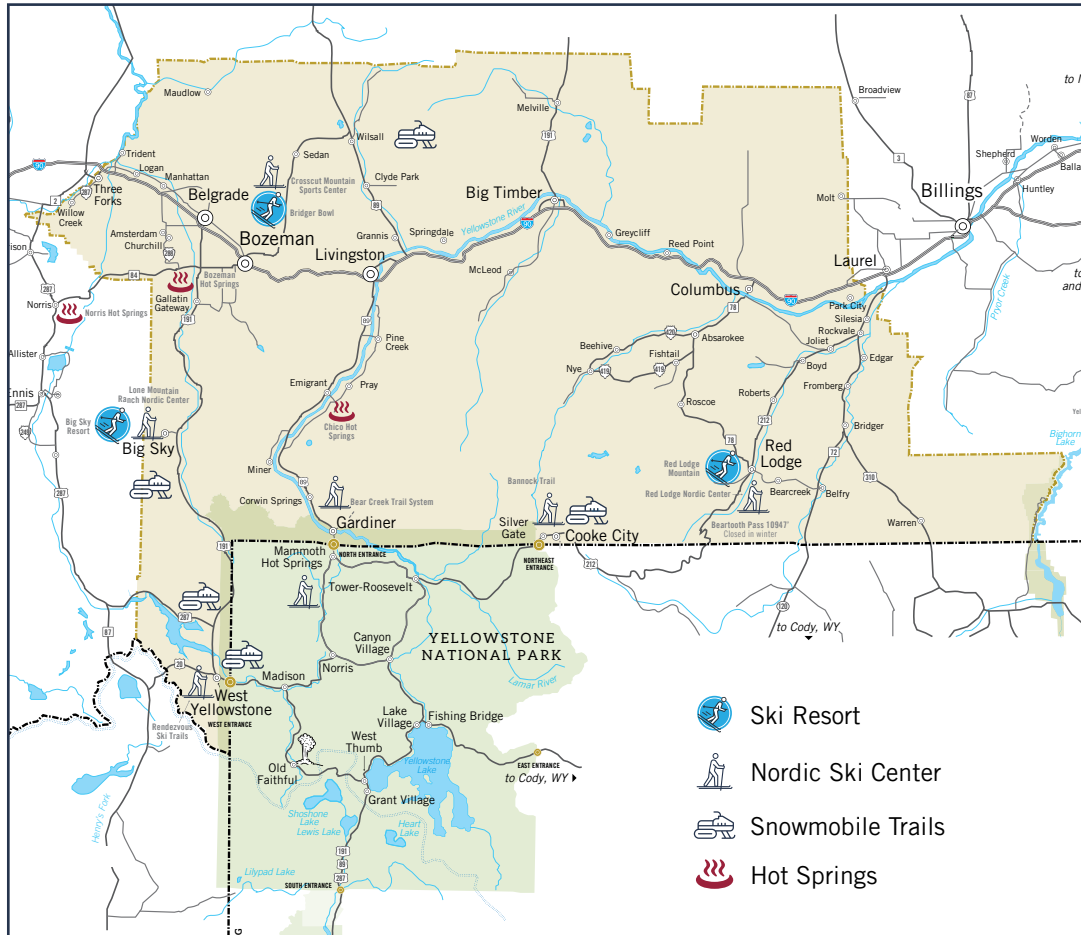
It's the season of snow seekers and wonderland dreamers. And it's where winter is yours for the taking. So get out, feel the crunch of snow underfoot, breathe in the cool, crisp air and leave your tracks on as many mountains as you can. Hibernation is for the bears. When our mountains get covered in snow, we ride them. When our waterfalls freeze we climb them. When our lakes turn to ice, we skate them, fish them and dogsled across them. We really do winter here, and you should, too.

It's the land of big sky and big skiing. Whether by downhill ski, snowboard, Nordic ski, snowmobile, snowshoe or sleigh, there's a winter getaway in this powder paradise and a park that's altogether unreal—steaming geyser basins and thermal pools steam and froth and bubble against a backdrop of white. If you're in the mood for some epic fun, try skijoring (think water skiing but instead of a boat, you are pulled by horse, dog or snowmobile on your skis through our unreal winter wonderland). Yellowstone Country also offers some of the world's best snowmobiling and three of Montana's four largest ski resorts provide some of The Biggest Skiing in America.®





## Winter Recreation in Yellowstone Country Montana



Big Sky Resort. PHOTO BY COLTON STIFFLER



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Nordic skiing in Big Sky. PHOTO BY DAVE HEBERT

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Big Sky Resort. PHOTO BY COLTON STIFFLER



Red Lodge Mountain. PHOTO BY TRAVIS ANDERSON



Red Lodge Mountain. PHOTO BY TRAVIS ANDERSON



## BRIDGER BOWL

Organically grown and locally owned since 1955, Bridger Bowl has operated as a nonprofit community ski area since powder-day one. With over 2,000 acres spanning 2,600 vertical feet, Bridger Bowl—known for its light, dry powder and the steep chutes experts crave—offers some of the most exciting ski terrain in the Rockies and incredibly low package prices with no blackout dates. This world-class ski area has seven chairlifts serving first-timers, experts, alpine ridge-terrain adventurers and everyone in between.

Bridger Bowl—only 20 minutes up the canyon from Bozeman, Montana—was recently named one of the world's top 25 ski towns by *National Geographic Traveler* magazine. This active university town offers multiple lodging opportunities and an impressive list of dining, nightlife and entertainment options. If you're looking for a natural, undeveloped, big mountain playground with a friendly local vibe, we highly recommend Bridger Bowl.



## BIG SKY RESORT

With 5,800 acres of terrain and 4,350 feet of vertical served by more than 30 lifts, runs up to six miles long, a 2,000-vertical-foot powder-filled bowl beneath Lone Mountain, challenging chutes and a view of three states, two national parks and numerous mountain ranges, you'll fully understand just what "big" means.

Traditional western flair meets mountain ski town vibe in Big Sky, complete with real cowboys that blend easily with luxury and comfort in all aspects of life from dining and day spas to accommodations.

*From the top of Lone Mountain at Big Sky Resort, you have 360-degree views of three states, two national parks and countless peaks and mountain ranges.*



## RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

Big mountain adventures without big mountain crowds or prices, Red Lodge Mountain is a down-to-earth ski area that values great skiing and affordability. This diverse terrain park offers ski and snowboard opportunities for all ages and ability levels, making Red Lodge Mountain an ideal spot for family vacations. And, with more than a third of its terrain designated as advanced or expert, there's plenty of room to push the limits.

Off the slopes, the friendly locals and historic mining town of Red Lodge (known as the "Basecamp to the Beartooths") offers shops, restaurants, culture and entertainment. Situated on the eastern front of the Beartooth Mountain Range, Montana's tallest mountain range, Red Lodge Mountain provides the ultimate ski vacation—mixed terrain, a charming mountain town, spectacular vistas and inviting après decks.

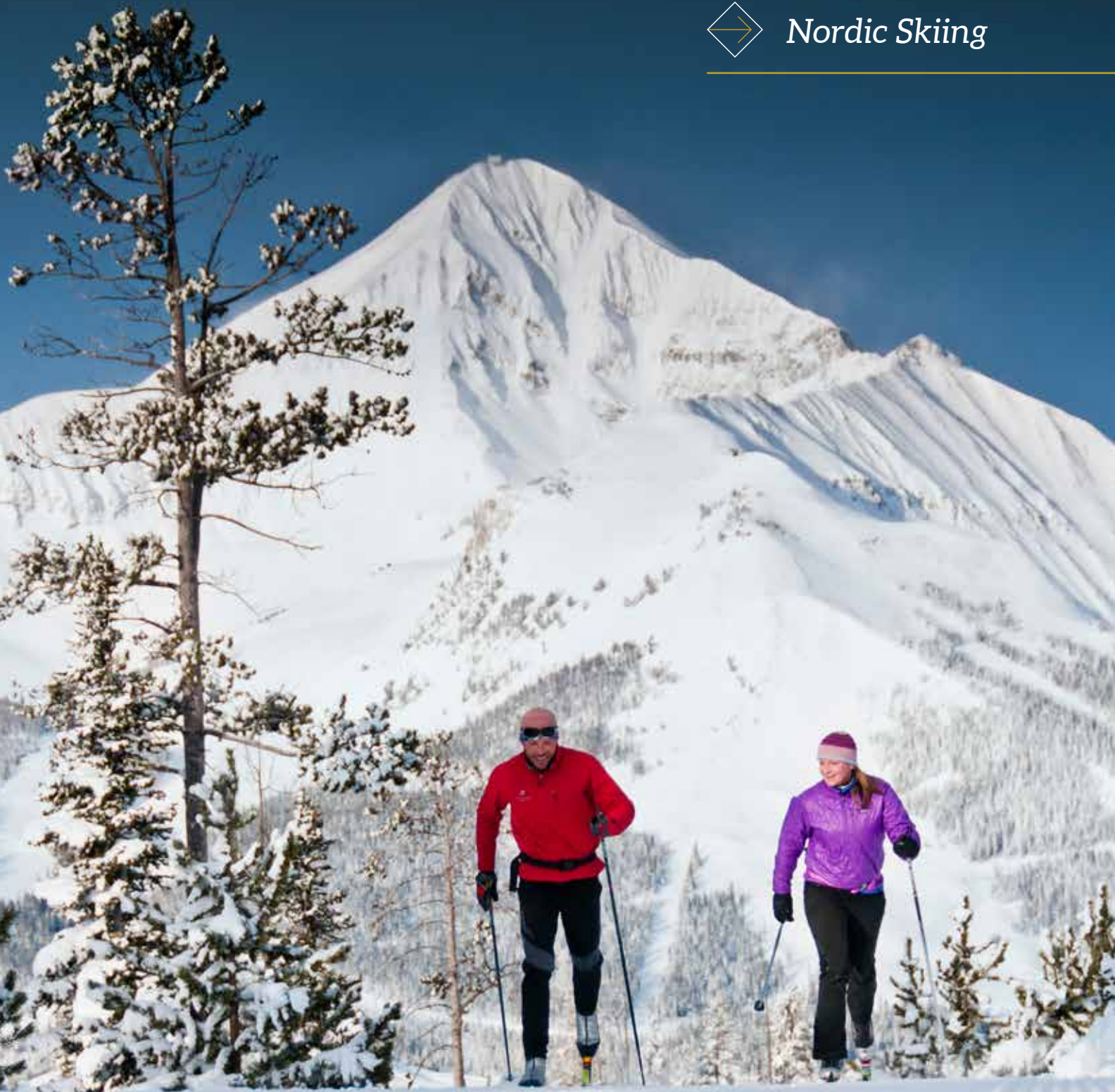








## Nordic Skiing





Downhill isn't the only way to leave your mark on the mountain in Yellowstone Country. Nordic skiing in Montana is altogether transcendent.

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The season is long, the powder is perfect and the terrain is diverse. The five Montana counties that make up Yellowstone Country are crisscrossed by miles and miles of world-class wilderness trails meticulously groomed for Nordic adventures. Over-the-snow park tours enable visits to areas otherwise inaccessible and downright amazing. Traverse miles into the backcountry and experience the quietude of Yellowstone National Park in the winter. It's pure magic to spend a day gliding through this wild and pristine winter wonderland, watching the rising steam from nearby geyser basins disappear into a sea of snow.



Nordic skiing in West Yellowstone.  
PHOTO COURTESY OF  
WEST YELLOWSTONE CHAMBER

## WEST YELLOWSTONE

Step outside your door, snap into your skis and hit the trail. Accessibility is everything in West Yellowstone. Just beyond the park, this bustling gateway town offers more than 50 km of groomed trails, plus local shops where you can rent or buy gear and take lessons with the experts.

*Rendezvous Ski Trail* is West Yellowstone's premier trail system, offering 40 km of pristine, flat terrain and subtle hills.

*Boundary Trail* runs along park boundaries—hence the name—and you're welcome to bring your four-legged friend along for the glide.

*Riverside Ski Trail* offers views of the Madison River and Gallatin Mountains, with the added bonus of a little winter wildlife watching.



Nordic skiing in Big Sky.  
PHOTO BY DAVE HEBERT

## BOZEMAN

### *Crosscut Mountain Sports Center*

Located 16 miles north of Bozeman at the base of the Bridger Mountains, this year-round recreation facility offers plenty of opportunity for Nordic skiing in the winter months. Formerly Bohart and Crosscut ranches, Crosscut Mountain Sports Center is 259 acres of family fun. With over 50 km of groomed trail systems and on-sight gear rentals, this new-to-Yellowstone-Country facility boasts routes for all ages and abilities. Buy a season pass or drop in for the day.

## BIG SKY

### *Lone Mountain Ranch Nordic Center*

Glide across 85 km of world-class woodland trails and stay overnight in a private historic cabin for an authentic Yellowstone Country experience. Lone Mountain Ranch sits in the Gallatin Mountains only 18 miles north of the park and has been voted the #1 Nordic ski destination in North America by *Cross Country Skier* magazine. Designated by *National Geographic* as one of its *Unique Lodges of the World*, the accommodations, the snow, the trails and the friendly guides all make for a magical mountain experience.

## RED LODGE

### *Red Lodge Nordic Center*

From December through March, ski 15 km of groomed trails at Aspen Ridge Ranch below the Beartooth Mountains. The sweeping meadows and rolling loop trails range from easy to more difficult and make a great (and very scenic) spot for the entire family. Ski clinics and programs for kids are offered throughout the season.



Nordic skiing in Red Lodge.  
PHOTO BY ANDY AUSTIN

For more information on Nordic skiing, go to [visityellowstonecountry.com/nordic-skiing](http://visityellowstonecountry.com/nordic-skiing).



Big Sky. PHOTO BY DAN ARMSTRONG



Cooke City. PHOTO BY DAN ARMSTRONG



West Yellowstone. PHOTO BY KEN TAKATA

## SNOWMOBILING

An alpine adrenaline rush is one way to slay winter. Power through pure powder in some of the most sought-after winter terrain, including groomed trails, untouched backcountry and endless meadow playgrounds. Two of the best places for sled heads to go full throttle in Montana are right here in Yellowstone Country.

*West Yellowstone* has earned its reputation as one of the “best of the best” snowmobiling destinations in North America. The season starts early and ends late in this powder paradise, averaging 153 inches of light, dry snow each year, and the scenery is as breathtaking as the ride is exhilarating. A 400-mile mountain trail system begins right in town, where you’ll find sledders and motorists happily sharing the roads. Plus, West Yellowstone is also a pretty cool town to just hang out in.

*Cooke City* is equally amazing, with late-season backcountry snowmobiling extending into June and sometimes even July. Spring days make for longer daylight hours and more riding. The snowpack in Cooke City usually sticks around longer than most areas, stretching out the season. Climb to Daisy Pass at 10,000 feet. Free ride Henderson Mountain. Explore old mining country, play in deep powder meadows and boondock through the trees. Then, tell tales of your adventures at the local saloon.

### *Gear up...*

You’ll find snowmobile rentals plus experienced and friendly guides in both West Yellowstone and Cooke City, and both of these gateway towns offer access to Yellowstone National Park.

### *Sled safe...*

Always check the Montana avalanche report before you head out. You can rent a transceiver with your sled, or take a guided tour from one of many outfitters in the area.

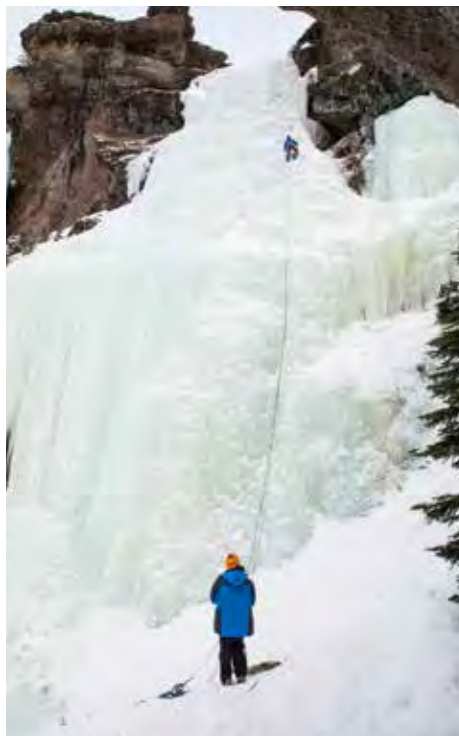




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*Dog sledding in Big Sky. PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS*



*Ice climbing in Hyalite Canyon. PHOTO BY BRIAN POWERS*



*Snowshoeing near Cooke City. PHOTO BY MEGAN RICHTER*

## ICE CLIMBING

Every year when the terrain changes with the season, there's a new adventure. A rushing waterfall in the summer provides a cool mist at the end of a hike, but in the winter when it freezes over, you climb it. Harness up for an alpine ice excursion in Yellowstone Country Montana. With over 200 pitches, Hyalite Canyon, just south of Bozeman, is one of the premier ice climbing destinations in the U.S. Both experts and beginners enjoy diverse, accessible climbing on reliable ice. Classes are offered by outfitters in Bozeman, and Hyalite Canyon hosts an annual Ice Climbing Festival in early December. For the experienced ice climber, check out the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and Cooke City, Montana.

## SNOWSHOEING

There's one way to walk through the serenity of winter in Yellowstone Country and listen to the sounds of nature and the crunch of snow underfoot, witnessing the true grandeur of the season...trekking Yellowstone by snowshoe is, quite possibly, the easiest way to explore the snow-covered landscape. It's simple, inexpensive and doesn't require a lot of gear. It's also one of the best ways to tour Yellowstone National Park in the winter when it's closed to vehicles (except snowcoaches). Anyone can strap on a pair of snowshoes and tour the terrain, making this a perfect adventure for groups and families.

Snowshoeing is the snow parallel to hiking, and it's a great way to be outside in the winter without having to learn a whole new sport. This family-friendly activity can be done by every age group, and almost everyone can snowshoe on the first try. Make sure you get the right gear—the snow gets quite deep and you'll often find yourself sinking to your waist without a set of snowshoes. Poles with baskets can be quite helpful, too. You can rent snowshoes at any local outfitter or gear shop.

## DOG SLEDDING

Mushing your way through snow-packed terrain and over frozen lakes to a hot springs soak or a backcountry yurt is one way to winter in Montana. Marvel at the power and spirit of the Alaskan huskies who thrive on the exhilaration the journey brings. Outfitters and lodges in Big Sky, West Yellowstone and Paradise Valley offer half-day, full-day and overnight guided excursions. Group adventures include post-mush storytelling by the fire with a warm drink and a memory made.





*Snowcoach tour in Yellowstone National Park.  
PHOTO BY DONNIE SEXTON*



*Sleigh ride at 320 Guest Ranch in Big Sky. PHOTO BY TAYLOR ROBBINS*

## SLEIGH RIDES

It's as enchanting as it sounds. Pure mountain magic. Experience the spirit of winter in Yellowstone Country with a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Hear the crunch of pristine snow under hooves and sleigh, glide toward a romantic dinner at Lone Mountain Ranch in Big Sky or make a new family memory exploring the winter wilderness with a hot cider and your favorite people.

## HOT SPRINGS

Natural hot springs are, quite literally, Yellowstone Country's hottest hot spots. There's nothing more relaxing than soaking in the healing mineral waters of nature's hot tub, especially after a long day of exploration and adventure. These geothermal features are naturally occurring pools of heated groundwater rising from the earth's crust. Stay at a hot springs resort or hike to an undeveloped pool, immersing yourself in nature.

→ **Hot springs safety:** Not all pools are for soaking. If you're in the park, soaking is off limits in fragile and temperature-prohibitive (dangerously high) thermal areas. One of the few legal soaking areas in the park is the famous Boiling River, where the cold waters of the Gardner River mix with natural hot springs.



*Chico Hot Springs.  
PHOTO BY ENCHANTED FOREST*

## SNOWCOACH TOURS

When the park closes its roads to vehicular traffic in November of each year, a pristine winter playground opens up. It's the perfect time to see the park's otherworldly steaming geysers and geothermal features contrasted against winter's frozen backdrop. One of the best ways to do just that is to take a snowcoach tour. Snowcoaches are rugged tour buses designed to run with treads on the snow and perfect for a wintry, unforgettable and downright fun tour through the park. Think tour bus meets all-terrain vehicle. From about mid-December to mid-March, take a guided snowcoach tour out of West Yellowstone or Gardiner.



View of Pilot and Index peaks in the Absaroka Mountain Range. PHOTO BY COLTON STIFFLER

## Yellowstone Country Public Lands

### STATE PARKS, NATIONAL FORESTS AND WILDERNESS AREAS

We conserve and cherish land because it's vital—vital wildlife habitat and a necessary refuge for humans, also. We're dedicated to preserving our natural environment, and we spend as much of our time as we can playing in it, celebrating it and reveling in its abundance. You should, too. Montana's public lands and wild places nurture the mind, body and soul. Get out in our parks, our wide-open spaces or our rivers and streams, and experience mountain magic.

Yellowstone Country's parklands, national forests and wilderness areas offer a place of exploration, recreation and adventure. A place of respite and reprieve. A place to reset yourself and be reminded of the beauty and necessity of the land.

#### MADISON BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK

Witness this historic spot where American Indians stampeded vast herds of bison off a massive half-moon cliff. Archeologists have located the tipi rings, and buffalo bones remain buried at the base of the cliff. Hike to the top of the buffalo jump for impressive views of the lower Madison River.

#### MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK

Roast marshmallows by the campfire during a park-sponsored summer event and then camp under the stars in a rented tipi. At the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers—where Lewis and Clark stayed in 1805—Missouri Headwaters State Park provides cultural and natural history, river play, fishing, biking, hiking and interpretive programs.



### GREYCLIFF PRAIRIE DOG TOWN STATE PARK →

This 98-acre day-use state park and protected black-tailed prairie dog habitat gives visitors a glimpse of these highly entertaining little critters as they dash from hole to hole and sound their “chirpy” alarms. Interpretive displays tell the tale of what Lewis and Clark referred to as “barking squirrels.”

### COONEY RESERVOIR STATE PARK

Paddleboard in the summer and snowshoe in the winter (both are available for rent) at this popular Yellowstone Country recreation spot. Walleye and rainbow trout are in abundance here, so plan on fishing, too. After a day on the water, set up camp at one of five campgrounds, and don’t forget your camera—the views are incredible.



Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park.  
PHOTO COURTESY OF MONTANA STATE PARKS

### CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

One of the most ecologically diverse landscapes in the region, the Custer Gallatin National Forest encompasses more than 3.1 million acres, including six rugged mountain ranges, remote wilderness and unique geological formations. Adventure seekers will find a lifetime of recreation opportunities and wildlife watching here.

### ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH WILDERNESS

Home to Montana’s highest peak—Granite Peak at 12,808 feet—the Absaroka and Beartooth mountain ranges are a backpacker’s dream, offering a panorama of high granite plateaus, alpine lakes, dense forests, deep canyons and unique geological features, plus primitive backcountry camping.

*For more information on state parks, go to [visityellowstonecountry.com/montana-state-parks](https://visityellowstonecountry.com/montana-state-parks).*



Absaroka Mountains. PHOTO BY DOUG ROANE





## Wildlife Watching

The depth of our reverence for the wild lives we share our land with is profound. These majestic animals who call Montana home—bears, wolves, moose, elk, deer, bighorn sheep, antelope, badgers, otters and the largest concentration of bison in the U.S.—rely on the various natural habitats of Yellowstone Country to survive and thrive. This land, first and foremost, belongs to the wildlife. But we sure do love to watch.

Spring in the park (April through early June, to be exact) is the time to spot the newest residents of Yellowstone. Calving season means these babies are busy checking out their new digs, and visitors are likely to see them in abundance. Lamar Valley is known as “America’s Serengeti” because it, along with Hayden Valley, provides expansive habitat excellent for large populations of wildlife.

Wherever you choose to roam in and outside of the park, bring your binoculars, spotting scope and camera—as well as your knowledge of wildlife safety—and see it for yourself. If you’re lucky, you may even spot the ever-elusive lynx or wolverine.



*In 2016, President Obama signed a bill declaring bison the national mammal.*





*Bighorn sheep.*



*Elk.*



*Bison move through the Roosevelt Arch in Gardiner, Montana.*

## BIRDING

We share our big sky with more than 400 species of birds, and we never tire of hearing the song of the western meadowlark, our state bird. Yellowstone Country is a birder's paradise that happens to look like paradise, too. The Bridger Mountains are one of North America's busiest golden eagle migratory routes, and Yellowstone Country is home to some of the rarest of life-list birds, like the black-crowned night heron, the red-necked grebe and the western bluebird. Varied park habitat of low, mid and high-elevations means diversity of birds in the park, especially during the summer months and migration periods. Thermal features and geyser basins also offer year-round habitat for the feathered residents of Yellowstone National Park.

*For more information on birding, go to [visityellowstonecountry.com/birding](http://visityellowstonecountry.com/birding).*



*Montana's State Bird, the western meadowlark.*



*Grizzly bear. PHOTO BY DONNIE SEXTON*

## WILDLIFE SAFETY: KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

Wildlife is just that: WILD. When exploring and recreating in wild country, it's very important to know what to expect and to follow wildlife safety rules and regulations.

- Do not approach or feed wild animals. You should maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and at least 25 yards from other large animals, like moose, bison, elk, deer, antelope and bighorn sheep.
- Carry bear spray when hiking or camping in grizzly country.
- Never go off trail or camp in undesignated areas.
- Always travel in groups.

*For more information on wildlife safety, go to [www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/viewanim.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/viewanim.htm).*



Mountain biking near Bozeman.  
PHOTO BY COLTON STIFFLER



Horseback riding at Sweet Grass Ranch.  
PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS



The Reserve at Moonlight Basin Golf Club in Big Sky. PHOTO COURTESY OF BIG SKY CHAMBER

## BIKING

Go the distance in the open air on a cycling trip through Yellowstone National Park or along the All-American Beartooth Highway, one of the most scenic stretches of roadway in the U.S. Or, get off the road and into the mountains on our extensive bike trail system of single tracks and family-friendly routes that can be found in any number of Yellowstone Country communities. Touring the terrain by bike is one way to log miles (and miles and miles) of Montana magic. Yellowstone Country is quickly becoming the fat biking/snow biking capital of the Northern Rockies, so you can pedal paradise in any season. [visityellowstonecountry.com/biking](https://visityellowstonecountry.com/biking)

## HORSEBACK RIDING

The view of Montana from the back of a horse is about as authentic as it gets. Guest ranches offer the full experience (including lessons) complete with the cinematic sprawling countryside you'd imagine. Book half and full-day trips or multiday pack-trip excursions into the backcountry. We have miles of mountains, trails and wide-open prairies to explore, and saddling up is a fine way to do it. [visityellowstonecountry.com/horseback-riding](https://visityellowstonecountry.com/horseback-riding)

## ROCK CLIMBING

The art of the ascent is realized in Yellowstone Country Montana, home to some of the best climbing in the Rockies. Scale rock slabs on the sides of mountains and deep in canyons. Summit multi-pitch peaks for otherwise unattainable views. Whether you're an expert or aspiring, there are routes for all climbing levels. Right outside of Bozeman you'll find numerous renowned areas or, for the more adventurous, try the Beartooths and Crazy mountains. Learn the ropes from a local climbing instructor or guide. [visityellowstonecountry.com/rock-climbing](https://visityellowstonecountry.com/rock-climbing)

## ATV

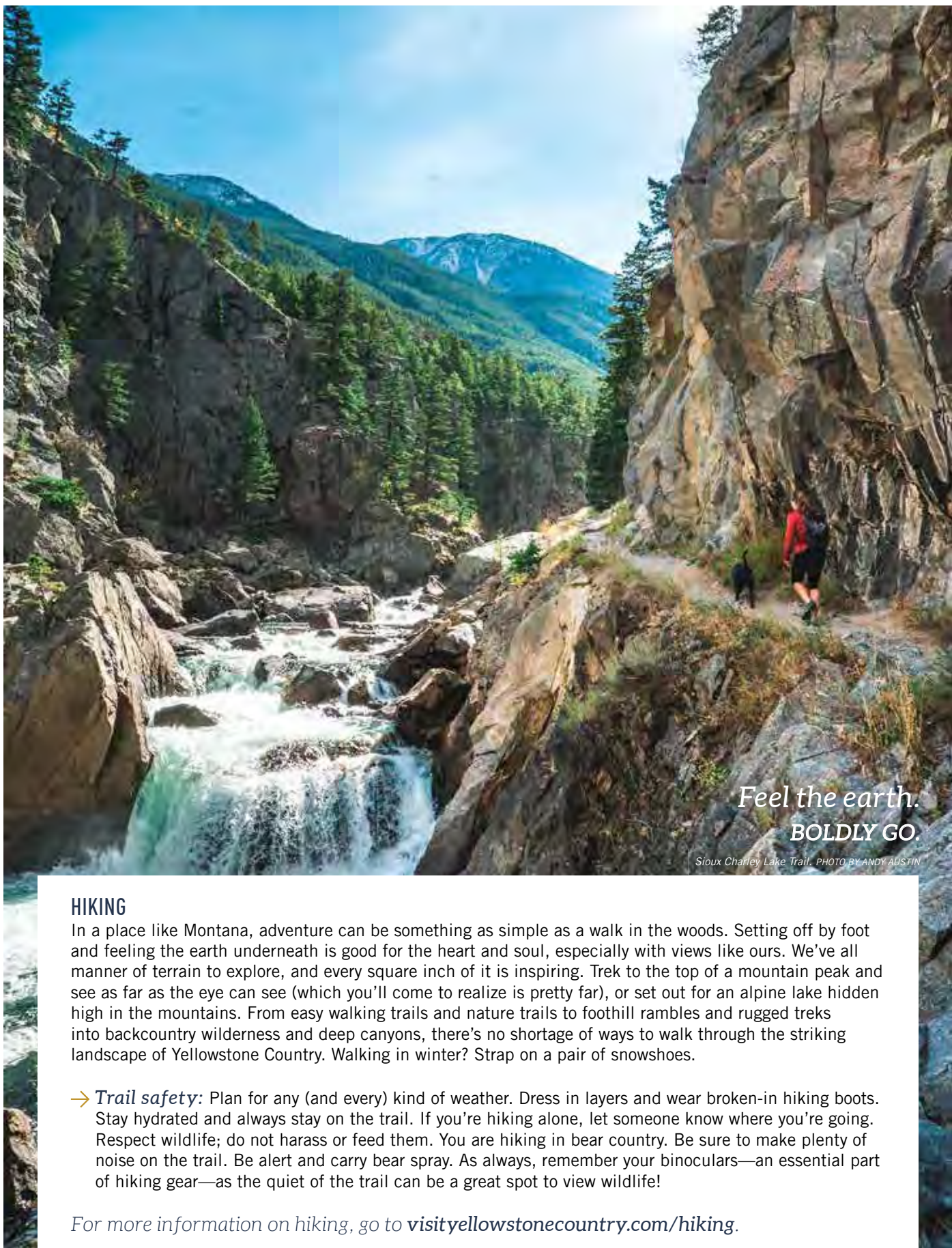
Sometimes, to get deep into wild country, you need to go off road. That's what all-terrain vehicle exploration is for. Power through some of the most secluded wilderness in America right here in Yellowstone Country. Ride in the fresh mountain air through rolling hills, sagebrush, and lush, grassy meadows, and discover the beauty of terrain you might not otherwise be able to cover. [visityellowstonecountry.com/atv](https://visityellowstonecountry.com/atv)

## GOLFING

You might find it difficult to keep your eye on the ball here. It's not easy to tear your gaze away from a panoramic paradise. World-class courses (some even designed by legendary golfers) turn just another game of golf into an exclusive experience. From private resort and club golfing to picturesque public courses, tee up at any of Yellowstone's greens and drive one into the big blue sky. [visityellowstonecountry.com/golfing](https://visityellowstonecountry.com/golfing)

*A number of activities in Yellowstone Country can be planned on your own or by working with outfitters or guide services. [montanaoutfitters.org](https://montanaoutfitters.org)*





*Feel the earth.*  
**BOLDLY GO.**

*Sioux Charley Lake Trail. PHOTO BY ANDY AUSTIN*

## HIKING

In a place like Montana, adventure can be something as simple as a walk in the woods. Setting off by foot and feeling the earth underneath is good for the heart and soul, especially with views like ours. We've all manner of terrain to explore, and every square inch of it is inspiring. Trek to the top of a mountain peak and see as far as the eye can see (which you'll come to realize is pretty far), or set out for an alpine lake hidden high in the mountains. From easy walking trails and nature trails to foothill rambles and rugged treks into backcountry wilderness and deep canyons, there's no shortage of ways to walk through the striking landscape of Yellowstone Country. Walking in winter? Strap on a pair of snowshoes.

→ **Trail safety:** Plan for any (and every) kind of weather. Dress in layers and wear broken-in hiking boots. Stay hydrated and always stay on the trail. If you're hiking alone, let someone know where you're going. Respect wildlife; do not harass or feed them. You are hiking in bear country. Be sure to make plenty of noise on the trail. Be alert and carry bear spray. As always, remember your binoculars—an essential part of hiking gear—as the quiet of the trail can be a great spot to view wildlife!

For more information on hiking, go to [visityellowstonecountry.com/hiking](https://visityellowstonecountry.com/hiking).





## WATER PLAY THE MONTANA WAY *In, On and Around Yellowstone's Waters*

Slow-moving waters and wild rivers carve glistening paths through Yellowstone Country, and sparkling alpine lakes dot the mountainous landscape. Montana's waters are a significant part of its allure. Cast a fly rod into the cool Yellowstone River ripples of Paradise Valley, run the rapids of the Gallatin or take in the view of Yellowstone National Park from pristine lake waters.

Make it a family vacation to remember with a whitewater rafting excursion, or experience the solitude on a still and quiet glacial lake high in the mountains. Fly-fish, boat, water ski, kayak, paddle and swim our warm-season waters, and ice fish and ice climb our winter ones.

Let the river carry you (and perhaps a cooler of cold drinks) through scenic canyons, wilderness and open country. If you want to get a little more technical, try stand-up paddleboarding on one of our rivers or lakes. Start with a lesson on flat water, and when you get a little more comfortable, ride the riffles.



# WORLD-CLASS RIFFLES AND BLUE-RIBBON STREAMS

## *Fly-Fishing Montana's Finest*

If you find yourself knee-deep in a lazy stretch of a world-class river casting a fly rod against the most sublimely beautiful country you've ever laid eyes on, you're in Yellowstone Country Montana. After all, the Madison and Yellowstone rivers run through here, right through paradise—Paradise Valley, that is. With 61 state fishing access sites, nine blue-ribbon trout streams and limitless spring creeks and lakes, there are almost 1,000 miles of shoreline to fish, and the rainbow, cutthroat, brown and brook trout are in abundance.

Catch us on the Yellowstone—the longest free-flowing river in the lower 48—the first week of May (give or take) for the much anticipated Mother's Day Caddis hatch or fish the Firehole River on opening day in Yellowstone National Park...it's tradition. Montana fishing reports show the best fly-fishing typically runs from late June through October, but conditions are often good in March and April before spring runoff, and enthusiasts can find good fly-fishing year-round in Yellowstone Country.

*There are 61 state fishing access sites, nine blue-ribbon trout streams and almost 1,000 miles of shoreline to fish.*

Consult local fly shops for specific recommendations and the most up-to-date Yellowstone Country fishing reports and license fees, and be prepared for rapid changes in the weather. Montana law allows public access in the rivers, but you must obtain a valid Montana fishing license as well as permission before you enter or cross private land. Boats and trailers are required to be clean and clear of invasive species and may be inspected. Visit the website below for regulations and Montana boating laws.



Hyalite Canyon.

PHOTO BY COLTON STIFFLER

Gallatin River. PHOTO BY PAT CLAYTON

For more on fishing in Montana, obtaining fishing licenses, rules and regulations, visit **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks** at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).





## Top 10 Scenic Drives in the Northern Rockies

Beartooth Highway. PHOTO BY MERV COLEMAN

### TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE

You'll be hard pressed to find a road in Yellowstone Country that isn't scenic. Every switchback will surprise you. Every view is a bolt from the blue. And each mile marker reveals another place to pull over and rethink where you spend those hard-earned vacation days. From the well known to the less traveled, you'll find routes both rugged and relaxed, on and off the beaten path. Take your time, and take it all in.

Explore some of our top picks listed here, or surprise yourself and discover your own route because that's just it... our open roads are wide open for wandering.

→ **share the adventure:** There are plenty of opportunities to photograph Montana's beauty on your trip. Share your story on social media with **#YellowstoneCountry** and **#BoldlyGoMT**.



Motorcyclists on the Beartooth Highway. PHOTO BY NELSON KENTER

### MONTANA BY MOTORCYCLE

Big Sky Country is a motorcyclist's dream. It's brimming with bucket-list rides, thousands of miles of wide-open country to explore and adventure tours to embark on. Wind your way through the park and beyond, cruising the most scenic road in America while you're at it.

*The Beartooth Highway was voted the #1 motorcycle ride in the United States by members of the American Motorcyclist Association.*



## BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY

ROUTE: Red Lodge to Cooke City

ROAD: U.S. Highway 212

MILES: 68

TIME: 3 hours

It's not always about how high you climb, but in this case, it helps. This All-American Road is the highest-elevation highway in the Northern Rockies. *On the Road's* Charles Kuralt called it "the most beautiful drive in America." It's hard to argue with that. This route ribbons through the Absaroka and Beartooth mountain ranges, with numerous scenic pullouts and views of 20 peaks towering over 12,000 feet. Pull over and explore alpine plateaus, glacial lakes, lush forested valleys and cascading waterfalls. Added bonus: both Red Lodge and Cooke City are impossible not to explore.

→ **trip tip:** *The road is typically open from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend until mid-October, weather permitting. Bring a windbreaker and warm clothing regardless of the weather; it can change quickly. Also, pack a snack and water!*

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## GALLATIN CANYON

ROUTE: Bozeman to Big Sky

ROAD: U.S. Highway 191 S.

MILES: 44

TIME: 55 minutes

The captivating Gallatin Canyon calls with towering rock formations, deep forests and valleys for miles. If you're up for a little off-road exploration, you'll find hiking trails and mountain lakes on either side of the canyon. Or cast a fly rod into the blue-ribbon trout waters of the Gallatin River—also a great place to spot rafters and kayakers. Roadside attraction alert: bighorn sheep. They're no strangers to this area, along with the occasional bear, moose or deer. Keep an eye out...they like to cross the road.

→ **trip tip:** *The Inn on the Gallatin has cinnamon rolls you'll remember long after you've taken the last bite. Also plan to build some Big Sky adventure into your trip, with lift-served mountain biking, ziplining, shopping, dining and golfing at Big Sky Resort.*



Paradise Valley. PHOTO BY ANDY AUSTIN

## PARADISE VALLEY

ROUTE: Livingston to Gardiner

ROAD: U.S. Highway 89 S.

MILES: 54.3

TIME: 58 minutes

Follow the Yellowstone River along the soaring peaks of the Absaroka Mountains to the east with the picturesque Gallatin Range to the west. Stop at Mallard's Rest Fishing Access Site (13 miles from Livingston at mile marker 42) for what might be the most scenic part of the drive—the ultimate in Montana views. This aptly named panoramic river valley is the perfect place to get knee deep in a sleepy stretch of the river to cast a fly rod. On your way back to Livingston, take Route 540 and stop in Pray, Montana for a soak at Chico Hot Springs, a historic resort settled in the foothills of the Absarokas.

→ **trip tip:** *Explore downtown Livingston's shops, galleries and restaurants. If you're a live music fan, check out the schedule at Pine Creek Lodge for local and regional bands.*

## ABSAROKEE LOOP

ROUTE: Absarokee to Nye  
ROAD: State Highway 419/Nye Road + State Highway 78  
MILES: 21.5  
TIME: 34 minutes

Wind your way westward along the wild Stillwater River from Absarokee to Nye. Travel through grasslands and a small burn area into a narrow canyon stretch. This quiet road turns to gravel at the Nye Basin but stays open year-round. Bring your fly rod. The Stillwater fishing access sites are many and the rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout are as well. Follow Fishtail Creek right into the town of Fishtail. Fuel up at the Fishtail General Store, founded in 1900, which peddles everything but the kitchen sink—from fishing gear and gifts to hand-dipped ice cream.

ROUTE: Nye to Fishtail to Absarokee  
ROAD: State Highway 419/Nye Road  
MILES: 23.3  
TIME: 27 minutes

→ **trip tip:** Take a food detour just south of Fishtail. The Grizzly Bar in Roscoe serves up craft brews from Red Lodge Ales and local beef burgers.

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

ROUTE: Gardiner to Mammoth Hot Springs to Norris Geyser Basin  
ROAD: U.S. Highway 89 S.  
MILES: 54.4  
TIME: 1 hour + 40 minutes

ROUTE: Canyon Village to Tower-Roosevelt  
ROAD: Grand Loop Road  
MILES: 18.7  
TIME: 37 minutes

ROUTE: Norris Geyser Basin to Canyon Village  
ROAD: Norris Canyon Road  
MILES: 12.3  
TIME: 21 minutes

ROUTE: Tower-Roosevelt to Cooke City  
ROAD: U.S. Highway 212 E.  
MILES: 33.2  
TIME: 50 minutes



Mammoth Hot Springs near Yellowstone's north entrance.

Take the long, scenic route from Gardiner to Cooke City, Montana through the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. First stop: Mammoth Hot Springs. Spend a day or more exploring steaming thermal features like hot springs terraces, hiking or biking, or touring historic Fort Yellowstone and the Albright Visitor Center. Up next: the unique rainbow-colored Norris Geyser Basin, the hottest thermal area in Yellowstone. From there, head to Canyon Village to witness Yellowstone's 20-mile-long Grand Canyon. Next stop: Yellowstone's Tower-Roosevelt area to visit Tower Fall, Calcite Springs Overlook and Lamar Buffalo Ranch.

→ **trip tip:** Eight miles (15 minutes) south of Canyon Village is Hayden Valley. The largest herd of free-roaming bison in the world hangs out in this wildlife paradise, and it's also a prime spot to view the raptor migration.

## LAKE LOOP

ROUTE: Bozeman to Norris  
ROAD: State Highway 84 W.  
MILES: 36  
TIME: 44 minutes

Take in the snowcapped Tobacco Root Mountains at the forefront and rolling hills and farmland on either side of the road. Once you hit the beautiful and famous Madison River, you'll wind through a small canyon and then carry on to Norris Hot Springs. From there, head southeast through Ennis to Quake Lake—formed by a massive landslide triggered by an earthquake in 1959. Shortly past Quake Lake, you'll reach Hebgen Lake, known for big trout and big waters perfect for watersports and sailing. Set up camp along the lake for an extended stay.

ROUTE: Norris to West Yellowstone  
ROAD: U.S. Highway 287 S.  
MILES: 87.7  
TIME: 1 hour + 30 minutes

→ **trip tip:** Hit up the Happy Hour Bar in West Yellowstone for a cocktail and a famous garlic burger.





*Beartooth beauty.*  
**BOLDLY GO.**

*Beartooth Mountains. PHOTO BY MERV COLEMAN*





## THE HEART OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

### SMALL-TOWN ADVENTURE BEYOND THE PARK

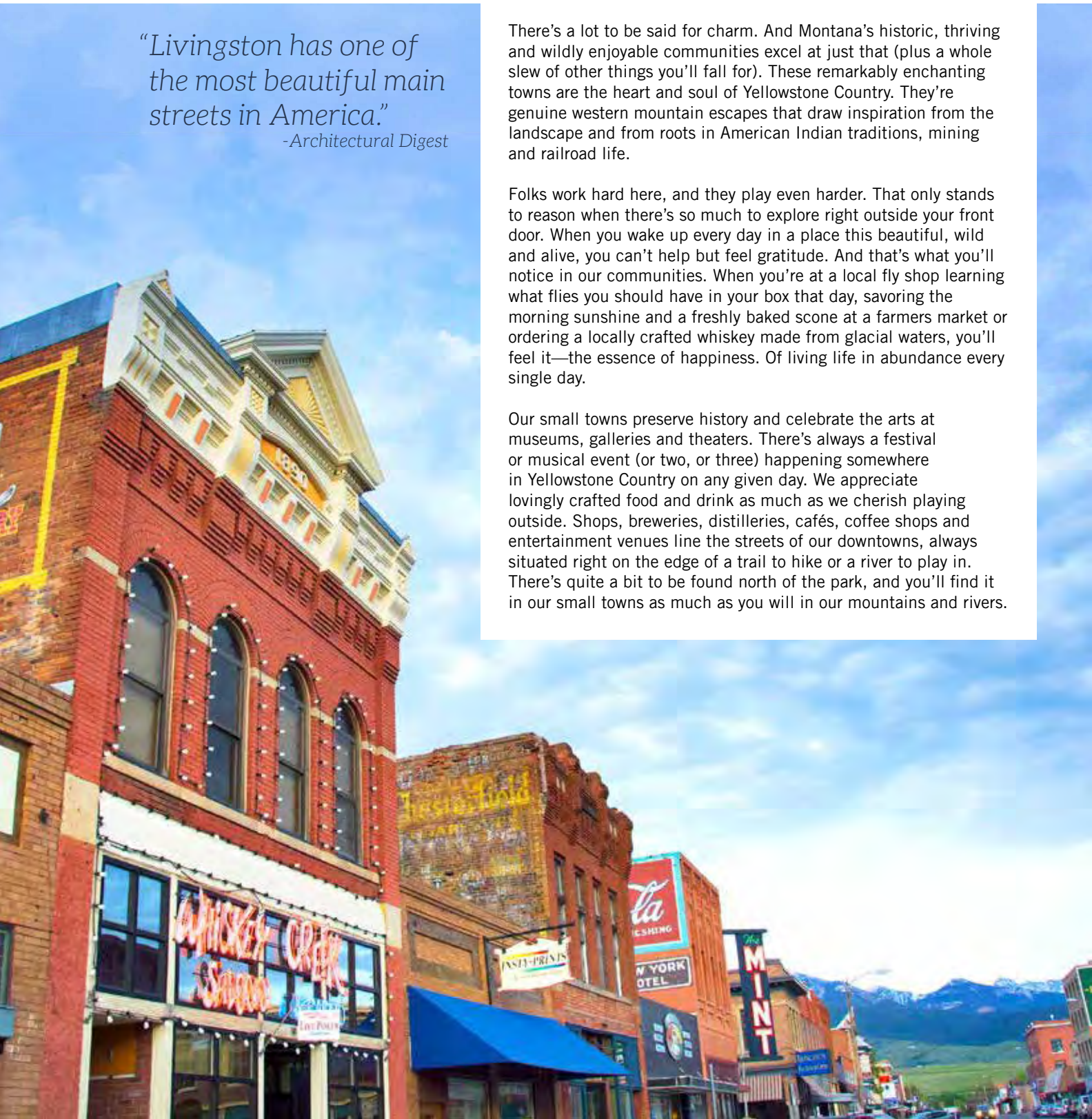
*“Livingston has one of the most beautiful main streets in America.”*

*-Architectural Digest*

There's a lot to be said for charm. And Montana's historic, thriving and wildly enjoyable communities excel at just that (plus a whole slew of other things you'll fall for). These remarkably enchanting towns are the heart and soul of Yellowstone Country. They're genuine western mountain escapes that draw inspiration from the landscape and from roots in American Indian traditions, mining and railroad life.

Folks work hard here, and they play even harder. That only stands to reason when there's so much to explore right outside your front door. When you wake up every day in a place this beautiful, wild and alive, you can't help but feel gratitude. And that's what you'll notice in our communities. When you're at a local fly shop learning what flies you should have in your box that day, savoring the morning sunshine and a freshly baked scone at a farmers market or ordering a locally crafted whiskey made from glacial waters, you'll feel it—the essence of happiness. Of living life in abundance every single day.

Our small towns preserve history and celebrate the arts at museums, galleries and theaters. There's always a festival or musical event (or two, or three) happening somewhere in Yellowstone Country on any given day. We appreciate lovingly crafted food and drink as much as we cherish playing outside. Shops, breweries, distilleries, cafés, coffee shops and entertainment venues line the streets of our downtowns, always situated right on the edge of a trail to hike or a river to play in. There's quite a bit to be found north of the park, and you'll find it in our small towns as much as you will in our mountains and rivers.



Historic downtown Livingston. PHOTO BY KYRA AMES





Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana. PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

## DISCOVER YELLOWSTONE'S PAST

### MONTANA MUSEUMS AND HISTORY

To know a place is to know its story. And the story of a place begins long before its storytellers. Here in Montana, we use the spirit and teachings of our history to preserve our past and shape our future. Local heritage, milestone events and the legendary people who influenced this region of Montana are revered and upheld. We treasure our cultural heritage, and that's apparent in our many impressive museums and important preservation efforts.

From Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies—housing one of the world's largest and most famous collections of dinosaur fossils—to the American Computer & Robotics Museum, to smaller museums offering a glimpse into Lewis and Clark's expedition through the region and the American Indian way of life in the Northern Rockies, our museums provide a true picture of Yellowstone Country's rich and fascinating history.

Two historic routes that passed through Yellowstone Country are marked today through dedicated preservation efforts: the Old Yellowstone Trail, America's first transcontinental highway through the country's northern states, and the Bozeman Trail, an overland route taking travelers between Montana's gold rush territory and the Oregon Trail.

In Yellowstone Country Montana, the history of the land in all its grandeur is a dramatic story of raw and spectacular earth that was inhabited by American Indians and later settled by miners, missionaries, trappers and ranchers.

As the Yellowstone story has lengthened and the landscape has evolved, the sense of place has remained one of deep admiration and respect, most notably in the designation of Yellowstone as America's first national park and also in the continuation of the entire region as a place of discovery—a place to make your own story.

*fun fact: Jack Horner, retired curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies, was a scientific advisor for the Jurassic Park movies.*



## EXPLORE: MUSEUMS

### MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES

#### BOZEMAN

MOR is kind of a big deal. It's one of the world's finest research and history museums and features a T. Rex as part of its extensive collection of dinosaur fossils and permanent and revolving exhibits. Time your visit to catch a planetarium show.

### AMERICAN COMPUTER & ROBOTICS MUSEUM

#### BOZEMAN

Geek out on the history of computing, communications, artificial intelligence and robotics at this award-winning museum, featuring exhibits like a replica of the earliest known geared machine, a mechanical calculator, an industrial robot and an Apple 1.

### YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY MUSEUM

#### LIVINGSTON

Discover regional beginnings at this three-story 1906 schoolhouse documenting the history of Yellowstone National Park and the Wild West, including some of the country's oldest archaeological sites, early remnants from inhabitants of the area and the history of the railroad industry.

### ALBRIGHT VISITOR CENTER

#### MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS

Learn the history, exploration and establishment of Yellowstone National Park with interactive exhibits, films and informational displays, and then visit nearby Fort Yellowstone, the Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District and Mammoth's famous travertine terraces.

### YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC CENTER

#### WEST YELLOWSTONE

Head to the Union Pacific Depot to explore the heritage of travel to Yellowstone National Park with artifacts, educational programs, films and guided walking tours of the historic district. Just down the road, tour the Oregon Shortline 1903 Train Car.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*Here's what's happening in Yellowstone Country.*

In Montana, we celebrate the things we love all year long. Our spirited communities are alive with concerts, art walks, brewfests, holiday fairs, book readings, performing arts and farmers markets. Friends, family, locals and visitors gather at annual festivals steeped in tradition. These rituals bring us even closer together and keep the pulse of our vibrant communities thriving.

→ Check out [visityellowstonecountry.com/events](https://visityellowstonecountry.com/events) for our events calendar. See what's happening while you're here, and even plan your trip around one of our events.

## SPRING

### TAP INTO MONTANA

LIVINGSTON | APRIL

In Montana, we celebrate the art and craft of beer. That's because we make so much of it. Over 25 of the region's breweries participate in this ultimate celebration of Montana brew. This unique weeklong event ends with a brewfest, of course.

### HELLS A-ROARIN' HORSE DRIVE

GARDINER | MAY

Gardiner knows how to celebrate its roots. Pull on your cowboy boots for this authentic Wild West horse drive followed by a barbecue complete with cowboy poetry and live music.

## SUMMER

### FLYING BUFFALO PROJECT

MADISON BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK

THREE FORKS | JUNE

American Indian history and tradition are on display at the site of a famous buffalo jump where tribe members ran bison off the edge of a cliff for food, shelter and clothing. Learn about the site, play traditional games and build your own kite.

### SWEET GRASS FEST

BIG TIMBER | JUNE

This quintessentially western festival features the Big Timber Rodeo as well as a kids fair, car and tractor show, parade and live music.

### SWEET PEA FESTIVAL

BOZEMAN | AUGUST

Help us promote and celebrate Montana arts at one of the biggest art festivals in the state. The Sweet Pea Festival weaves together a rich tapestry of art, music, dance, theater and food in one of Yellowstone's basecamp towns.

### VINE AND DINE

BIG SKY RESORT, BIG SKY | AUGUST

Join sommeliers and winemakers, plus regional and celebrity culinary talent for food and wine tastings, seminars, cooking demonstrations, delicious lunches, stimulating dinners, a silent auction, wine sales and, of course, outdoor adventure.

### MUSICIAN'S RENDEZVOUS

COLUMBUS | AUGUST

If you're looking for a good old-fashioned jam session, the Musician's Rendezvous invites musicians young and old to gather together and play their favorite music. Listeners are welcome and camping is encouraged.

### THREE FORKS ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT

FLY-IN AIRSHOW THREE FORKS | AUGUST

Campers and RVs are welcome at the annual antiques aircraft fly-in. Events include flour bombing, spot landing contests, live music and dinner at both nights of the event.

## LIVE MUSIC

Spending the morning fishing for rainbow trout, whitewater rafting in the afternoon and enjoying a concert in the evening is not a bad way to spend a summer day. There aren't a lot of places you can do that, but Yellowstone Country Montana is one place you can. From national acts to local treasures and every genre, musicians perform here on mountain stages big and small. Communities like Bozeman host weekly summer concert series in the streets and large venues bring in well-known artists from all around.

### MUSIC ON MAIN

BOZEMAN

Come see this mountain town at its finest. On Thursday evenings from the end of June through mid August, you'll find the people of Bozeman dancing in the streets at this Yellowstone basecamp town's free summer concert series, featuring live music, food and family fun.

### MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

BIG SKY

Big sky, big mountains, big music. Thursdays from June through September, watch the sun set over Lone Mountain at Big Sky's free summer concert series events. Vendors are on hand and serving up some of the finest beer, burgers and ice cream under the big sky.





## FALL



Great Montana Sheep Drive in Reed Point.  
CHRISTINE BAKKE PHOTOGRAPHY

### ← GREAT MONTANA SHEEP DRIVE REED POINT | SEPTEMBER

Once referred to as the “World’s Largest Small-Town Parade,” you might call this Montana’s version of the Running of the Bulls. Hundreds of sheep take to Reed Point’s Main Street during this Labor Day weekend event. The celebration begins in the morning and includes a street fair, parade, street dance, food and vendors.

### THE RUT BIG SKY RESORT, BIG SKY | SEPTEMBER

A unique event that captures the heart of Montana while challenging runners to cover extremely steep and technical terrain.

### BRIDGER RAPTOR FESTIVAL BRIDGER BOWL SKI AREA, BOZEMAN | OCTOBER

This golden eagle migration celebration includes raptor viewing and nature walks and talks as well as educational programs and entertainment for the whole family. It even features a festival within a festival—an Oktoberfest—with beer, food and live music.

### BELGRADE FALL FESTIVAL BELGRADE | OCTOBER

Each year, locals and visitors alike come together at Lewis and Clark Park to celebrate the harvest and the community of Belgrade. The fall festival is about as charming as the town of Belgrade itself. The festival kicks off with a parade in the morning and is followed up by a day of wholesome family fun. Enjoy food vendors, arts and crafts, music, and a barbecue in the afternoon.

## WINTER

### BOZEMAN ICE FESTIVAL HYALITE CANYON AND BOZEMAN DECEMBER

Naturally, we climb our waterfalls in the wintertime, and we promote and protect this sport at the Bozeman Ice Fest. Climbers and participants from across the globe come together for clinics, World Cup events, demos, inspiring films and evening entertainment.

### KIDS ‘N’ SNOW WEST YELLOWSTONE | MARCH

This weeklong event engages kids in fun and safe winter activities like ice skating, snowshoeing, dog sledding and cross-country skiing, all in a hands-on learning environment.

### SNOWMOBILE EXPO AND POWERSPORTS SHOW WEST YELLOWSTONE | MARCH

This full-throttle event showcases new snowmobile models plus demonstrations, snow bike races, vintage snowmobile races and more, right in the heart of snowmobile country.

### WINTER CARNIVAL → RED LODGE MOUNTAIN, RED LODGE | MARCH

“The best party of the season,” Red Lodge’s winter celebration keeps things fresh with a new theme every year plus music, costumes, a rail jam, torchlight parade and the famous Cardboard Classic Race, which includes a lot of duct tape.

### SKIJORING 320 GUEST RANCH, BIG SKY | APRIL

One of the most unique and thrilling winter events to be found. Norwegian in origin, guests will be awed at the fascinating nature of this special winter tradition in Big Sky that combines cowboy culture and skiing.



Winter Carnival at Red Lodge Mountain.  
PHOTO COURTESY OF RED LODGE MOUNTAIN



Music on Main in downtown Bozeman. PHOTO BY DAVE HEBERT



Three Forks Rodeo. PHOTO BY JASON SAVAGE

## MONTANA COWBOY CULTURE

### Rodeos in Yellowstone Country

Among a sea of cowboy hats, experience the American West tradition of roping and riding at an authentic Montana rodeo. Many of the communities in Yellowstone Country host an annual rodeo event. Red Lodge's Home of Champions Rodeo features a rodeo clown, daily parade, rodeo royalty and Mutton Bustin' for the kids. The Livingston Roundup Rodeo—one of the largest professional rodeos in the state—has some of the country's best rough stock. And with the PBR events in Big Sky and Livingston, Montana brings the real deal in rodeos. Cowboy up for bull riding, saddle bronc competitions, roping, steer wrestling, bareback riding and barrel racing.

*The guest ledger at the historic Pollard Hotel in Red Lodge includes the Sundance Kid, Buffalo Bill Cody, Calamity Jane and Frederic Remington.*

There's not a whole lot—if anything—that combines the history of cowboy culture in the West with a real good time as well as a Montana rodeo does. Cowboys and cowgirls from around the country flock here for our rowdiest season of all.

#### MSU SPRING RODEO

BOZEMAN | APRIL

#### BIG SKY PBR

BIG SKY | JULY

#### BIG TIMBER RODEO

BIG TIMBER | JUNE

#### LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP RODEO

LIVINGSTON | JULY

#### GARDINER UPPER YELLOWSTONE ROUNDUP

GARDINER | JUNE

#### THREE FORKS RODEO

THREE FORKS | JULY

#### HOME OF CHAMPIONS RODEO

RED LODGE | JULY

#### WILD WEST YELLOWSTONE RODEO

WEST YELLOWSTONE  
JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

#### BOZEMAN STAMPEDE

BOZEMAN | AUGUST

#### LIVINGSTON CLASSIC PBR

LIVINGSTON | AUGUST



## FARMERS MARKETS *Small-Town Favorites*

The authentic flavor of small-town Montana is alive and well in our abundance of very popular outdoor markets. Wander the downtown blocks and open spaces taken over by community farmers markets, and find fresh local produce, baked goods and arts and crafts, plus an authentic lively culture and dedication to the small-town agriculture, artists and craftspeople that Yellowstone Country embraces. The vibrant colors of fresh garden vegetables and wild berries along with the collective hum of coffee carts, street musicians, gathering friends, locals and visitors is a Yellowstone Country favorite.



### BIG SKY

BIG SKY FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 5 – 8 p.m.

June – September

[bigskyfarmersmarket.com](http://bigskyfarmersmarket.com)

### BIG TIMBER

BIG TIMBER FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mid June – Late September

### BOZEMAN

BOGERT FARMERS MARKET

Tuesdays 5 – 8 p.m.

June – September

[bogertfarmersmarket.org](http://bogertfarmersmarket.org)

### BOZEMAN

GALLATIN VALLEY FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mid June – Early September

[gallatinvalleyfarmersmarket.com](http://gallatinvalleyfarmersmarket.com)

### BOZEMAN

BOZEMAN WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Sundays\* 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

September – May

[bozemanwintermarket.com](http://bozemanwintermarket.com)

\*see website for specific dates

### CLYDE PARK

SHIELDS VALLEY FARMERS MARKET

Mondays 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Mid June – Late August

### COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS FARMERS MARKET

Mondays 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Late July – Mid September

### EMIGRANT

EMIGRANT PEOPLE'S MARKET

Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Late June – Early October

### LIVINGSTON

WSE'S LIVINGSTON FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Late May – Late September

[westernsustainabilityexchange.org](http://westernsustainabilityexchange.org)

### MANHATTAN

MANHATTAN FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 4 – 7 p.m.

Late June – Early September

### RED LODGE

RED LODGE FARMERS MARKET

Fridays 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Early July – Mid September

[redlodgefarmersmarket.org](http://redlodgefarmersmarket.org)

### THREE FORKS

THREE FORKS FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 3 – 7 p.m.

Early July – Early September

[threeforksmontana.com](http://threeforksmontana.com)



*Farm to Table at Ox Pasture in Red Lodge. PHOTO BY TAYLOR ROBBINS*



## Fuel for the Adventure

### TASTE MONTANA

Adventure is food for the soul, and food is fuel for the adventure.



*Fine dining at Second Street Bistro in Livingston.  
PHOTO BY KYRA AMES*

After a long day in the great outdoors, there's nothing quite like a warm meal. But not just any warm meal...a really good warm meal with even better company. We may be best known for our unbelievable landscape, but there's a mountain of exceptional food to explore here, too. From Montana-raised meat and local produce to authentic ethnic cuisine and fine dining, our small towns provide world-class dining options. Yellowstone communities are buzzing with gourmet restaurants, cafés, coffee shops, breakfast spots, pizza joints, taco bars, food trucks, food festivals, farmers markets, bakeries and bars. Vegetarian fare? No problem. Gluten free? Gotcha covered. Artisan chocolate? Done. Diverse and delicious? Always. Yellowstone Country is an adventure in food, too. And when you're ready for a drink, top off your evening at one of our local breweries or distilleries, or down a huckleberry milkshake and call it a day well spent.



*Big burgers in Big Sky.  
PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCK'S T-4 LODGE*





Huckleberry lemonade at Bozeman Spirits Distillery. PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS



MAP Brewing in Bozeman. PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

## BEERS AND SPIRITS

One of the poorest-kept secrets in Yellowstone Country is our penchant for crafting (and partaking in) our own beer and spirits. From Three Forks to West Yellowstone, you're rarely far from a taproom or a barman who will talk your ear off about some local hops or some whisky made from glacial waters and Montana grain. At some point in the conversation, you'll probably be invited on a fishing trip. Our drinks live up to our adventures, our beers and spirits win awards, and our people are friendly. Pull up a barstool and see for yourself.

### BELGRADE

MADISON RIVER  
BREWING COMPANY

### BOZEMAN

406 BREWING COMPANY

BOZEMAN BREWING COMPANY

BRIDGER BREWING

BUNKHOUSE BREWERY

BOZEMAN SPIRITS  
DISTILLERY

DRY HILLS DISTILLERY

MAP BREWING COMPANY

MOUNTAINS WALKING  
BREWERY

OUTLAW BREWING

WHITE DOG BREWING  
COMPANY

WILD RYE DISTILLING

### BIG SKY

BEEHIVE BASIN BREWERY

LONE PEAK BREWERY  
AND TAPHOUSE

### LIVINGSTON

KATABATIC BREWING CO.

NEPTUNE'S BREWERY

### RED LODGE

RED LODGE ALES  
BREWING COMPANY

## SHOPPING

Shopping is an inevitable part of the adventure, and it's alive and well in Montana. Whether you're looking for a new fly rod and brand-name outdoor gear or just want to stroll the eclectic boutiques, local shops and galleries of Montana's downtown communities, retail and recreation go hand in hand here in Yellowstone Country. Our full-service towns have everything you'll need on the road and on the trail, and all the other good stuff too...like huckleberry jam and your new favorite Montana T-shirt.



Babione's Wilson Boots. PHOTO BY TAYLOR ROBBINS

## —>>> *Made in Montana* BUY LOCAL UNDER THE BIG SKY

In Big Sky Country, we value genuine Montana-made products. When we buy from our friends, neighbors and community members, we're supporting our local economy and a culture of people doing what they love in a place they love. You'll be surprised just how many artisans are creating here—crafting everything from jewelry and apparel, to artwork, pottery and furniture, to fly rods, candles, soaps, foods and finds. Here's a handful of our favorite authentic Yellowstone Country products. Be sure to take something home with you to remember us by (though it's not likely you'd forget us anyway). Made in Montana treasures can be found in local shops and galleries as well as at farmers markets, arts and crafts shows, festivals and online.

### MOUNTAINSIDE DESIGNS HANDMADE JEWELRY

Amelia Turbyfill is a self-taught metalsmith in Bozeman, Montana drawing inspiration from traditional Navajo and southwestern jewelry designs and adding in a mix of modern and bohemian flair. Her bold and unique pieces incorporate natural American turquoise with raw gemstones and other earthly treasures.

### CRANEWALK FURNITURE AND HOUSEWARES

From his woodworking studio in Bozeman, Montana, Christopher Kautz crafts seamlessly beautiful Montana-modern housewares like cutting boards, wooden bowls and utensils as well as one-of-a-kind furniture from exotic woods. Order from his studio stock or have him make a custom piece.



*Be on the lookout for this  
MADE IN MONTANA label.*

### TUMBLEWOOD TEAS

This little tea shop is kind of a big deal, with customers all over the country ordering and savoring award-winning Tumblewood Teas. Based in Big Timber, Montana, this women-owned business is dedicated to honoring the history of tea and the legacy of the American West and supporting local producers. Taste the "Essence of the West" in every cup. You'll be hooked.

### BABIONE'S WILSON BOOTS

Go western with your very own authentic Montana cowboy boots. Based in Livingston, you'll be hard pressed to find a better pair than Wilson. Since 1945, Wilson Boots has preserved the cowboy tradition and meticulously handcrafted custom boots from heel to toe. Let Babione's create the perfect pair for you, and feel the love every time you pull them on.

### YELLOWSTONE COFFEE TABLE BOOK

Take the beauty and wonder of Yellowstone National Park home with you. Photographer Christopher Cauble's *Yellowstone: A Land of Wild and Wonder* offers a stunning collection of dramatic landscape photographs and wildlife portraits that will continue to inspire you long after you've left Montana.





*Champagne Falls. PHOTO BY COLTON STIFFLER*



## LODGING IS PART OF THE ADVENTURE

### STAYING IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY MONTANA





There's nothing like arriving at your vacation destination and checking into a fresh luxury hotel room, walking into a grand mountain lodge, setting up camp in nature's finest or lighting the woodstove when you arrive at your secluded rental cabin. Part of the allure of taking a vacation is not just where you're going, but where you're waking up and turning in for the night. Lodging is part of the adventure, and it's important to consider just what kind you're in the mood for.

If your goal is to stay in the park, lodging options are diverse and many—from luxury guest ranches to campy motels to romantic B&Bs. Stay in a timbered lodge or pitch a tent close to steaming geysers. Or, for a little Yellowstone Country culture, stay outside the park in one of our gateway towns of West Yellowstone, Gardiner or Cooke City.

Venture further outside the park and stay in one of our basecamp towns of Bozeman, Red Lodge, Big Sky or Livingston, with access to three of Montana's four largest ski areas, arts, culture and recreation opportunities right outside your door.



Chico Hot Springs. PHOTO BY KYRA AMES

**BED-AND-BREAKFASTS:** Yellowstone innkeepers have made hospitality their life's work. B&Bs are best for peaceful retreats and romantic getaways where personal attention and details are top of mind.

**CABINS:** Immerse yourself in the natural setting of a house built to coexist with the wilderness. Cabins in Yellowstone are available in and outside of the park, secluded and "village style," big and small, rustic and luxury.

**CAMPING:** Take a break from your gadgets and plug into nature. Whether you're in a tent, camper or motorhome, recharge yourself and your family bond with the sounds of great-horned owls and crickets, the smell of a campfire and a sky full of stars.

**CONDOS:** The modern convenience and ease of access to recreation and adventure make condos a wise choice for family-vacation lodging and ski groups. Reserve blocks of condos for wedding parties, too.

**GLAMPING:** Glamorous camping, or "glamping," provides visitors with the best of both worlds. Imagine falling asleep in a large comfortable bed under the stars in a warm tent and waking up to the sounds of nature, only to be greeted with luxury accommodations normally found at a resort. West Yellowstone and Big Sky are great communities to camp in style.

**HOSTELS:** Adventure is priceless, and Yellowstone is a luxury you can afford when you stay in a hostel... one of the most economical ways to see the region.

**HOTELS & MOTELS:** When you check in to Yellowstone Country, it's the beginning of something rather spectacular. Hotels and motels in and around the park range from simple western comfort to luxury lodging.

**HOT SPRINGS RESORTS:** Natural hot springs are, quite literally, Yellowstone Country's hottest hot spots. Soak in the healing mineral waters of nature's hot tub, especially after a long day of exploration and adventure.

**LODGES:** The essence of Yellowstone can be found in its grand mountain lodges. These timbered walls hold a robust history rich with stories of wilderness seekers, curious travelers, antlers and artifacts.

**RANCHES:** Sprawling guest ranches combine the Old West cowboy life with modern amenities and offer guests the chance to experience the panoramic landscape of Yellowstone Country by horseback.

**RESORTS:** When you're looking for all-inclusive amenities and perhaps a little spa pampering, stay in one of Yellowstone Country's many diverse resorts, perfect for slopeside getaways.

**VACATION HOMES:** All the amenities and comforts of home with room to breathe and the great outdoors right outside your door. Perfect for families, reunions, ski trips and holiday getaways.

## Are we there yet?

There's a reason why packing the kids into the station wagon and taking a *scenic drive* is still a thing. It never gets old. Nowadays, we hit the open road in our minivans, SUVs or motor homes in search of the *great American adventure*.

That's where Yellowstone Country Montana comes in. This sprawling place north of the park gives families a chance to unplug and reconnect. *Campfire songs* and s'mores will do that. *Spotting a moose* in the middle of a lake will, too. Cowboy hats and boots come in all sizes and fit right in at *small-town rodeos*. Local *farmers markets* offer a community of exploration in Yellowstone Country's bustling downtowns. *Discover dinosaurs* at Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies. *Zipline* above the treeline. *Ride horses* at a guest ranch and get splashed on a guided *whitewater adventure*.

Make winter memories here—*mush a dog sled* across a valley of white, drink hot chocolate on a magical *sleigh ride* or ski the bunny hill over and over and over again. See Yellowstone National Park by *snowcoach*—a wildly fun tour-bus-turned-all-terrain-vehicle.

Bring the whole family to *Yellowstone Country Montana*...in any season.

Family vacations are made here.



Yellowstone River in Paradise Valley. PHOTO BY KYRA AMES





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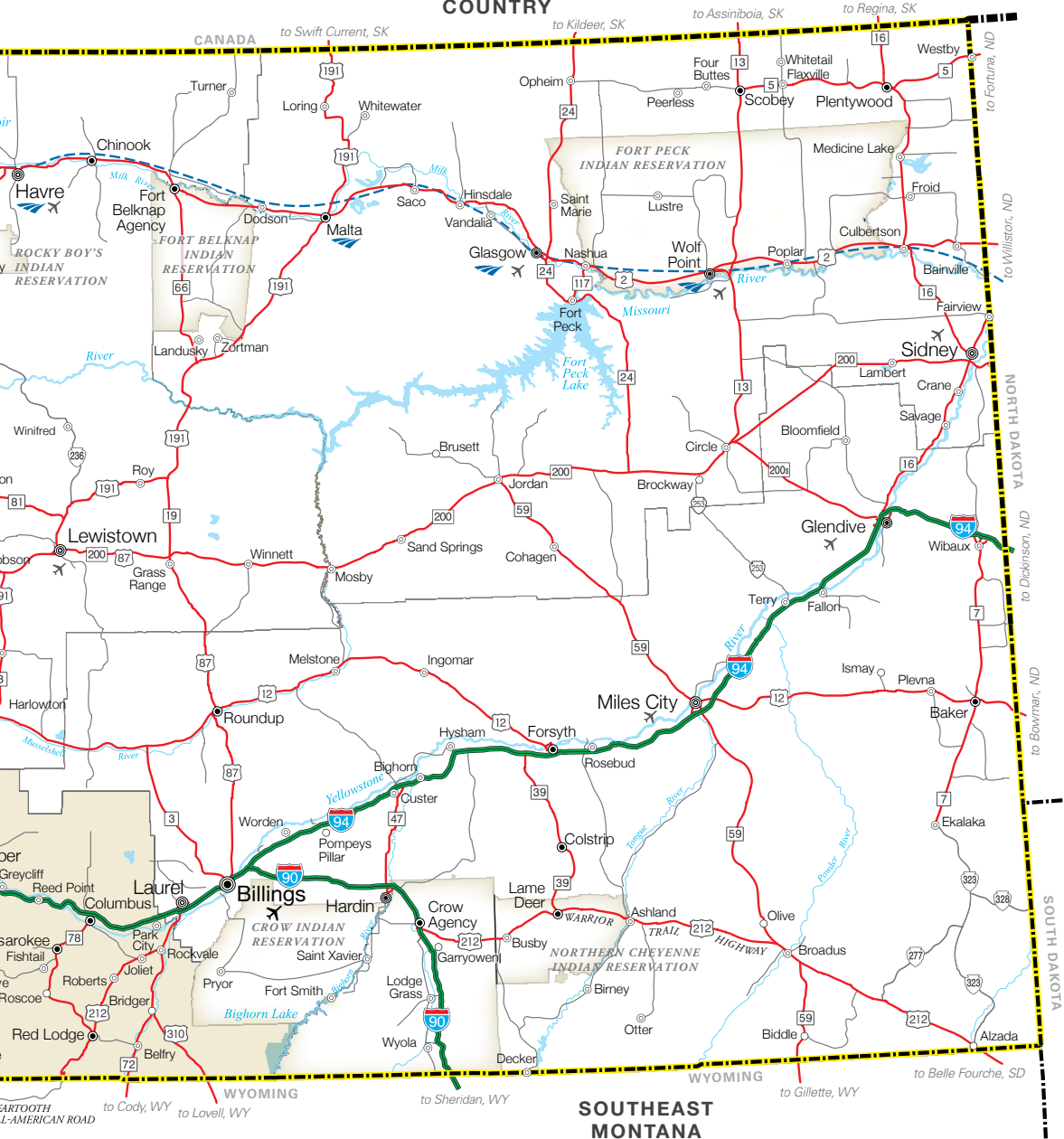


State Capital: Helena  
Montana Population: 1,023,579\*  
\*2014 U.S. Census Estimate

Land Area: 145,545 sq. miles  
Water Area: 1,493 sq. miles  
Total Area: 147,040 sq. miles

Map provided for general information only. Consult the Official Montana Highway Map for accurate and detailed information.








MISSOURI RIVER  
COUNTRY








YELLOWSTONE  
COUNTRY

SOUTHEAST  
MONTANA

| CITY/<br>TOWN | POPULATION    |
|---------------|---------------|
| ○             | Under 50      |
| ⊙             | 50-1,000      |
| ●             | 1,000-2,500   |
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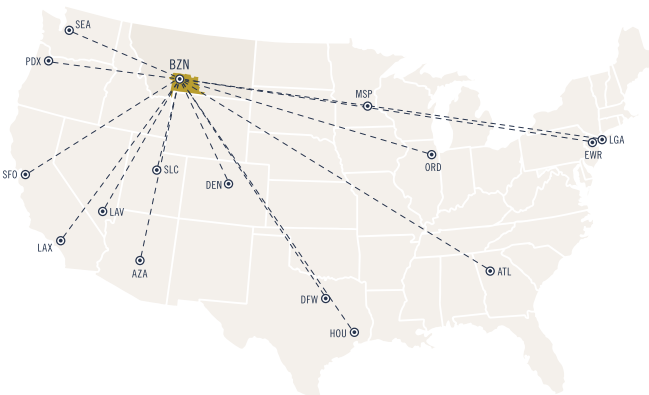
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# GETTING TO YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY MONTANA

The transcendent nature of Yellowstone Country gives the feeling that you're worlds away from home, but getting here is pretty simple. Leaving this place, however, is a different story. Hop a flight into Bozeman (which makes a pretty great basecamp for Yellowstone exploration), head directly to the park via West Yellowstone or fly into Billings. All three airports will get you exactly where you want to be: on the road to discovery. Or the trail, or the river, or...you get the point.



## YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY AIRPORTS

### BOZEMAN YELLOWSTONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BZN)

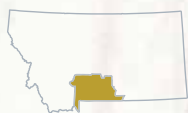
This gateway to Yellowstone Country (and totally thriving college town with plenty to see and do) provides nonstop service from many metropolitan hubs throughout the U.S. including Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, New York, Phoenix, Salt Lake City and Seattle. BZN is Montana's largest and busiest airport, and the town's western hospitality factor remains off the charts. [bozemanairport.com](http://bozemanairport.com)

### WEST YELLOWSTONE AIRPORT (WYS)

If you're looking for quick access to Yellowstone National Park, there are daily commercial flights into WYS, which is conveniently located in West Yellowstone immediately adjacent to the park. Keep in mind, WYS can be closed during the winter months (approximately October through May). In the summer, Delta Connection offers flights from Salt Lake City to West Yellowstone. And, true to form, there's a campground at the airport. [yellowstoneairport.org](http://yellowstoneairport.org)

### BILLINGS LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIL)

This gateway to Big Sky Country is situated on the scenic Rimrocks overlooking the city. Service areas include the Western Dakotas, Eastern Montana and Northern Wyoming, with approximately 25 to 30 passenger flights per day. Bonus: you're just an hour's drive to Red Lodge and the Beartooth Highway, one of America's most scenic drives. Road trip anyone? [flybillings.com](http://flybillings.com)



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