

SEVEN LODGES



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WELCOME

From the splendor of Flathead Lake to the historic Little Bighorn Battlefield to the scenic beauty of the Bears Paw Mountains, there are a multitude of cultural and scenic treasures that make the tribal lands in Montana wondrous places. Long before Montana became known as the land of the “Big Sky,” Indian nations and Indian people lived here and knew this place as “Home.” The people knew the land like the back of their hands. Their histories, philosophies and religions are inherently connected to what is now the state of Montana. Montana is a sacred place. The stories of Indian people are part of the land and are the spirit of Montana.



Montana is home to seven Indian reservations and twelve tribal nations. Eleven of the nations reside within the boundaries of their reserved homelands, and one, the Little Shell Band of the Chippewa, is currently a “landless” tribe, seeking federal recognition and its own land base. Nine percent of Montana’s land base is “Indian Country,” and it is to these lands that we cordially invite you to visit. Visiting Indian Country is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and is sure to be quite different from the everyday life of the visitor.

SEVEN LODGES

We chose the title “Seven Lodges” to represent the seven Indian reservations in Montana. “Lodge” is another term for the tepee, so the title is a celebration of the homelands of the Tribes that call the state of Montana “Home.”



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AMERICAN INDIAN HOSPITALITY

American Indians have a distinct culture of giving that is at the core of Indian hospitality. It is customary to offer food and drink to a visitor, and it is considered polite to accept the food that is offered to you. If you build a special friendship with a person, gift giving is a way to show that person how much you value their friendship.

The tradition of the “Giveaway Ceremony” is strong in Indian Country in Montana. Throughout powwow season, families will honor a loved one by giving away many fine goods, which may include blankets, food, shawls, beadwork and even horses! This tradition symbolizes the blessings given when one shares material wealth with others.

It is important to honor Elders, and it is customary that they be served food and drink first. Also, it is customary to offer tobacco and a small gift of thanks to an Elder; this is especially true if they are asked to offer a prayer. American Indians in Montana and throughout the United States serve in the U.S. Military at a rate that is far greater than other ethnic groups. Veterans are heroic because they are willing to give their lives so others can live, and it is customary to honor their courage in many ways. Veterans are flag bearers, are called upon to retrieve dropped eagle feathers and are honored in many veterans’ songs. The veterans of today are given the same respect and honor as warriors of the past were given. Source: Your Guide to Understanding and Enjoying Powwows, MT OPI, Indian Education for All.

Did You Know?
There are about 413 different bird species in Montana. You can find many of these birds on the reservations.



ENJOYING POWWOWS

The powwow has evolved into a tradition exemplifying generosity and giving. The powwow circle embodies honor and respect for each other and the drum. Powwow time gives us a chance to reflect on who we are as Indian people and to celebrate our rich heritage. Powwow singers are held in high regard as the keepers of the songs. Young people continue to learn the old songs, carrying on the tradition of song and dance.



POWWOW ETIQUETTE

Be patient—powwow events may not start exactly at the time indicated in the program. Be patient and grab an Indian taco; the event will take place in due time.

Use caution when taking pictures. Don't use blinding flashes or take pictures when expressly asked not to. It is OK to take pictures during much of the powwow, but some dancers do not wish to have their picture taken. Patronize the local concession stands, food booths, arts

and crafts displays and raffle ticket sales.

This is the best way to experience local cuisine, discover beautiful arts, crafts and jewelry, and support local community efforts.

Ask permission before setting up camp.

Oftentimes, families have long-standing spots reserved for their camps. Source: Your Guide to Understanding and Enjoying Powwows, MT OPI, Indian Education for All.

DID YOU KNOW?

If the eagle feather is dropped during a powwow, everything comes to a halt until the feather is honored. Eagle feathers are treasured and precious to Indian people. Historically and traditionally, it is the right of any wounded warrior to retrieve a fallen eagle feather. The eagle feather is the spirit of a fallen warrior and can only be matched in power by the same. Recording and photographing such a ceremony is strictly forbidden.

Source: Rocky Boy Tribe.

TRAVELING TIPS WHEN IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Come with an open mind and leave any preconceived notions of a “real Indian” at the door. Indians are as varied in physique, personality and style as any other group of people. There is also a difference in the “look” of Indian communities from other communities. Keep in mind that different is not better or worse, it is just different, and it is better not to judge, but accept and embrace Indian communities in all their complexities and beauty.



IS IT INDIAN MADE?

When buying arts and crafts, please ensure that the item purchased was, in fact, made by an American Indian artist. You can do this in a variety of ways. When possible, it is best to buy directly from the artist. Always buy from reputable sources and places. If artwork is marketed as “American Indian,” it must be made by an enrolled member of a federal- or state-recognized tribe. If not, it is a violation of the federal Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, which was enacted to curtail exploitation of tribal artists and art forms.

USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING

Obey all speed limits while driving within reservation boundaries. It is common to encounter deer, antelope, skunks, porcupines and even bears while driving along roads located within the boundaries of the reservations. It is also common to encounter pedestrians walking along the side of the roads. Please use caution, be alert and be respectful to these pedestrians.

Did You Know?
There are 25 state parks in Montana that are directly related to American Indian history, science and culture.



BE PREPARED

Summer in Montana is usually very hot during the day and cooler at night, so be prepared for extremes in temperatures. Bring sunscreen, water and shade tents to protect yourself from the hot sun. Mosquitos are a part of life during the hot summer months. Bring a non-toxic insect spray. Don't worry too much; the mosquitos are pesky but harmless.



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CELL PHONE SERVICE

Cell phone service varies throughout the state of Montana. The more rural reservations may have spotty cell phone service, so be prepared; you can always use a pay phone.

DO NOT REMOVE

Both tribal and federal law prohibits tampering with or removing archeological items.

BE RESPECTFUL

Please ask permission before taking pictures of any person. This is also true for certain sacred sites and ceremonies. Often it is better just to sit back and listen, and you will be able to carry the image in your heart and mind for a long time to come. Don't wander off of established roads or trails, or else you could be trespassing. It is considered disrespectful or unlawful to gather an overabundance of plants on the reservations. Ask permission before you gather any plant, and if permission is granted, take only a small amount. If you're invited to attend a ceremony, dress modestly, observe quietly, don't applaud and refrain from touching ceremonial clothing or regalia. Unless invited, don't enter sweat lodges, sun dances, cemeteries or homes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Each reservation has its own police department to enforce tribal law. Depending on the reservation, alcoholic beverages may or may not be prohibited. Be respectful, and do not bring alcoholic beverages onto reservations in which alcohol is prohibited. The use of drugs or alcohol is never tolerated at a powwow celebration.



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Did You Know?

The Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance (MTTA) is working to conserve Montana's cultural and scenic treasures through heritage tourism, business enterprise and partnerships. We are committed to working on the growth of heritage tourism within "Indian Country" in Montana, and serving as a partner to tourism and Indian-owned businesses.





WELCOME TO Blackfeet Country

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Blackfeet Country is located in the northwestern part of Montana that includes most of Glacier County. On the north it borders the Canadian province of Alberta. The Blackfeet or Pikuni belong to what is called the “Blackfoot Confederacy.” This confederacy consists of the Montana Blackfeet or Pikuni and three other Tribes residing in Canada: the North Peigan/Pikuni, Blood/Kainai and Blackfoot/Siksika. To the west the Blackfeet Reservation shares a border with Glacier National Park. Elevation varies from a low of 3,400 feet in the southwest to a high of over 9,000 feet at Chief Mountain on the northwest boundary.



Did You Know?
Blackfeet call themselves
“Niitsitapi,” meaning the
real people.



LODGING

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LEONDA FAST BUFFALO HORSE STUDIO
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Leonda Fast Buffalo Horse, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, works in two mediums, stained glass with a native perspective and also porcupine quills. Her artistic signature is creating artwork that is culturally relevant yet contemporary. Working out of a small home studio, she is a full-time artist and has won numerous awards. Call for an appointment.

LODGEPOLE GALLERY & TIPI VILLAGE
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Experience Blackfeet culture, visit our fine gallery representing Blackfeet artists or stay overnight in our tepee camp. Schedule a cultural history tour and art workshop or order a traditional dinner. Visitors from all over the world have been enjoying our unique cultural setting for 15 years. US Highway 89 and Durham Road, 2-1/2 miles west of Browning.

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POWWOWS, CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL GAMES SOCIETY
PO Box 408
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E-mail: leader@3rivers.net
www.traditionalnativegames.org
Operating hours: 8 a.m - 6 p.m. daily.

NATIVE GAMES PLAY DAY

Victor Sharp and family, Blackfeet
Browning, MT 59417
406.755.1211
www.glacierinsitute.org

Come out and play! Bring your family to this fun-filled game day where you will learn traditional Plains Indian games and craft some of the equipment needed to play them. You will learn about cultural history, traditions and values such as honor, respect and responsibility. Ages 6 and up are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult. \$36 per person. To register call or visit our website.

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Richard Hoarn, Blackfeet and Don Racine, Gros Ventre
Browning, MT 59417
406.755.1211
www.glacierinsitute.org

Come out and play! Join us for a fun workshop that offers two and a half days of learning ancient Plains Indian games. You will play at least ten games, craft the equipment needed for the games and learn the values of the old "skills for survival." All people from 8 years old to 80 can carry home knowledge for classroom teaching, family outings and personal well-being. \$335 includes lodging at the Field Camp (without lodging \$275). To register call or visit our website.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS

PO Box 850
Agency Square
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.4388 or 406.338.7521
Fax: 406.338.7530
www.blackfeetnation.com

North American Indian Days, an annual celebration and the largest and most impressive of Blackfeet tribal events, hosts Native Americans from every region of the United States and Canada. Featured events include traditional drumming and dancing contests, the crowning of Miss Blackfeet, a parade and fun run and more.

ROUGH RIDER SOCIETY POWWOW

Held during Christmas holiday
www.blackfeetcountry.com

SLICKFOOT SOCIETY CELEBRATION

Held New Year's Eve
www.blackfeetcountry.com

THE HEART BUTTE CELEBRATION

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This annual four-day celebration takes place the second week in August and is 26 miles south of Browning in the community of Heart Butte, which is located on the Blackfeet Reservation. Heart Butte is one of the oldest traditional communities of the Blackfeet Reservation. More than 60 houses are clustered around the old subagency, established about 1915. Many residents remain on the original allotments of their ancestors in the surrounding area. The community is justly proud of its new school, built partially underground and located south of the town. Towering above, to the west, is the mountain known to the Blackfeet as Moskitsipahpi-istuki, Heart Butte.

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WELCOME TO

Chippewa-Cree Country

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Rocky Boy provides a home for about 2,500 members of the Chippewa-Cree tribe. The name “Rocky Boy” was derived from the name of a leader of a band of Chippewa Indians. It actually meant “Stone Child,” but it was not translated correctly from Chippewa into English, and “Rocky Boy” evolved. Rocky Boy Reservation is near the Canadian border, in north-central Montana. It is graced by the Bears Paw Mountains, which provide a dramatic contrast to the flat bottomlands of this area.



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Did You Know?

The Rocky Boy Reservation was established through the persistent efforts of both Chief Rocky Boy (Chippewa) and Chief Little Bear (Cree).

WHERE TO EAT

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JITTERBUGS RESTAURANT
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105 US Highway 87 SE
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406.352.5002

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RECREATIONAL SITES

CHIPPEWA-CREE RECREATION AREA
Bears Paw Mountains
406.395.4207

Many outdoor recreation opportunities are available, including Bear Paw Ski Bowl, a tribally owned, fully operational ski area. The Chippewa-Cree Recreation Area is located 29 miles south of Havre in the Bears Paw Mountains.



POWWOWS, CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

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The powwow is an event of Indian heritage and tradition. Dance, costume and drumming competitions are the featured events. Competitions last throughout the weekend with all ages participating. Exciting, excellent cultural demonstrations as well as ethnic and traditional food offered daily. Come on out to Rocky Boy for a true Native American tradition.

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WELCOME TO

Salish, Pend d'Oreille & Kootenai Country

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Xest sxlxalt (Salish) Ki'suk kuykyit (Kootenai)

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are comprised of the Bitterroot Salish, the Pend d'Oreille and the Kootenai Tribes. The Flathead Reservation of 1.317 million acres in northwest Montana is our home now, but our ancestors lived in the territory presently known as western Montana, parts of Idaho, British Columbia and Wyoming. This aboriginal territory exceeded 20 million acres at the time of the 1855 Hellgate Treaty. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes offer much in the world of tourism.

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Did You Know?
Flathead Lake is the
largest freshwater lake
in the West.

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FLATHEAD INDIAN MUSEUM & TRADING POST
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708 Main Street
Polson, MT 59860
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THREE CHIEFS CULTURAL CENTER
36042 Major Houle Rd.
Pablo, MT 59855
406.675.0160
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<https://threechiefs.org>

Through education classes, gatherings, temporary displays, history presentations and the continued practicing of traditional events, The People's Center is ensuring the perpetuation of their tribal culture. The People's Center hosts a number of area schools and organizations throughout the year with museum tours, art presentations, games and history discussions. Special classes can be scheduled by calling 406.675.0160 or e-mail mariet@cskt.org.

POWWOWS, CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

ANNUAL ARLEE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
Arlee Celebration Committee
PO Box 163
Arlee, MT 59821

Held the 4th of July weekend each year, this celebration has been held continuously for over a century. Encampment, competition dancing, drumming and singing, traditional stick games and card games, food concessions and arts and crafts vendors are part of the event.

STANDING ARROW POWWOW
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E-mail: kcdc@standingarrow.com

Third weekend in July each year. This is an Indian social gathering featuring drumming, dancing and traditional dress and food. Visitors are welcome and asked to respect the dance area, which is sacred.

Join us at one of the Indian Country's most publicized powwow events. Learn the hows and whys of powwow dancing. Know the difference between a grass dancer and a jungle dress dancer. Watch the veterans honoring ceremony and tiny tots dancing, and enjoy "Indian" humor. Meander through vendors wares from the heart of Indian Country. This is the Kootenai Tribe's celebration where the People's Center staff and other tribal members share Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille crafts, history, demonstrations and exhibits during these two days. Enjoy drumming, singing and native dancing. Taste traditional fry bread and dry meat. Participate in hands-on beading, native games and clay sculpting.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES
51383 US Highway 93 North
PO Box 278
Pablo, MT 59855
406.675.2700
Toll Free: 888.835.8766
Fax: 406.675.2806
E-mail: info@cskt.org
www.cskt.org

THREE CHIEFS CULTURAL CENTER
36042 Major Houle Rd.
Pablo, MT 59855
406.675.0160
Fax: 406.675.0260
<https://threechiefs.org>





CASINOS

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Polson, MT 59860
Phone: 406.883.3636
Toll Free: 800.882.6363

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20750 US Highway 93 North
Missoula, MT 59808
406.726.3778
406.726.3138
<https://graywolfpeakcasino.com/>

Gray Wolf Peak Casino offers the finest in high-stakes video gaming machines with progressive payouts higher than anywhere else. The casino also offers daily poker, a grill, gas station and convenience shopping. Gray Wolf Peak Casino is located at the top of Evaro Hill, formerly known as Joe's Smoke Ring, approximately 10 miles from Missoula.

GUIDED TOURS

FLATHEAD RAFT COMPANY
Whitewater rafting, charter fishing, Native American interpretive trips
PO Box 1596
Polson, MT 59860
406.883.5838 or 800.654.4359
E-mail: frc@flatheadraftco.com

RECREATIONAL SITES

FLATHEAD LAKE STATE PARK
406.752.5501

Flathead is the largest freshwater lake in the West. Points of interest on the lake include Wild Horse Island and five other scenic state park units on the reservation: Finley Point, Yellow Bay, Big Arm, Wayfarers and West Shore. Except for Wild Horse Island, all units offer camping, fishing, boating and swimming.

THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE
132 Bison Range Road
Moiese, MT 59824
406.644.2211
Fax: 406.644.2661
<https://www.nps.gov/places/national-bison-range.htm>

Reservation Recreation permits available at various stores including Wal-Mart and ACE Hardware in Polson, and Ronan Sports and Western in Ronan.
For permit information, call Natural Resource Department, wildlife recreation division, 406-675-2700.

NINEPIPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
132 Bison Range Road
Moiese, MT 59824
406.644.2211
www.mountainprairie.fws.gov/refuges/ninepipe/ninepipe.htm

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WELCOME TO
Crow Country

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Kahay

About 75 percent of the Crow Tribe's approximately 12,527 enrolled members live on or near the reservation. Eighty-five percent speak Crow as their first language. This tribe was called "Apsaalooke," which means "children of the large-beaked bird." White men later misinterpreted the word as "crow." Chief Plenty Coups was the last chief to gain that status in the traditional Crow manner. He lived until 1932, leaving his land and home as a park for all people.

The Crow Reservation is in south-central Montana, bordered by Wyoming on the south, with its northwestern boundary about 10 miles from Billings.

For many years the vast coal deposits under the eastern portion of the reservation remained untapped. One mine is now in operation and providing royalty income and employment to tribal members. The Crow operate only a small portion of their irrigated or dry farm acreage and about 30 percent of their grazing land. They maintain a buffalo herd of 2,500 head.



Did You Know?

During Crow Fair, over 12,000 Crow people live in an encampment of more than 2,500 tepees and 1,200 tents.

LODGING

7TH RANCH RV CAMP & HISTORIC TOURS
PO Box 117
Garryowen, MT 59031
Reservations: 1.800.371.7963
406.638.2438

DIAMOND HANGING SEVEN RANCH
PO Box 144
Pryor, MT 59066
406.860.4500

FK CORRAL, LLC
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406.638.1806 or 406.638.3114 or 406.860.4448
www.hedoesit@live.com
E-mail: hedoesitf@lbhc.cc.mt.us
Owner: Frank He Does It

LITTLE HORN CAMP
Exit 510 on I-90
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.638.2232

WHERE TO EAT

BELLROCK CAFE
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.545.8902

CROW MERCANTILE CO. INC.
Main Street
Box 245
Crow Agency, MT 59022
Owner: Ely Holds
406.638.2269

FROGGY FOODS CATERING
Box 482
Crow Agency, MT 59022
Owner: Ely Holds
406.679.5761 or 406.665.2398

LITTLE BIG HORN CASINO CAFÉ
Exit 510 on I-90
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.638.4000

LITTLE CHIEF CAFE
8670 South Wood Street
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.638.4458
Owners: John and Diane Pease

SHAKE & BURGER HUT
Main Street
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.638.2921

WELL KNOWN BUFFALO
13255 South Garryowen Road
Garryowen, MT 59031
406.638.2821

ART GALLERIES & GIFT SHOPS

APSAALOOKE VISITOR CENTER/GIFT SHOP
Chamber of Commerce
406.638.3114

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD MUSEUM
I-90 Exit 514
Town Hall
PO Box 200
Garryowen, MT 59031
406.638.1876

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD TRADING POST
Junction US Highway 212 and I-90
Crow Agency, MT
406.638.2270

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT
PO Box 39
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.638.3204

LONG OTTER ENTERPRISES
Ropes, tack and other cowboy needs
Box 151
St. Xavier, MT 59075
406.666.2221 or 406.670.2209

MEDICINE TURTLE TRADING POST
Junction US Highway 212 and I-90
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.620.1051
Owner: Eva Bulltail

RIVER CROW TRADING POST
Junction US Highway 212 and I-90
406.638.3139
Owners: Jill and Theo Hugs

SWEET SAGE LCC
Native jewelry, etc.
Box 730
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.665.9045
Owner: Theresa Sends Part Home

RECREATIONAL SITES

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK AND MUSEUM
Pryor, MT
406.252.1289
www.plentycoups.org
E-mail: plentycoups@plentycoups.org

YELLOWTAIL DAM
406.666.2412

A 71-mile-long lake fills the once untamed Bighorn Canyon. The National Park Service manages the park lands with input from the Crow Tribe.

OK-A-BEH MARINA
Fort Smith, MT
406.666.2349

Recreation: Boating and fishing

TOURS

APSAALOOKE TOURS-LITTLE BIG HORN COLLEGE
1 Forest Lane, PO Box 370
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.638.3114

Five tours daily given by Native American guides.
Schedule: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.
Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

MEDICINE TAIL COULEE GUIDE SERVICE
Crow Agency, MT 59022
Owner: Barry Real Bird
406.620.2707
E-mail: mtcguideservice@yahoo.com

NATIVE NEXIS AND MENARD TOURS
406.209.5651
E-mail: mjsweeney52@hotmail.com
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Experience Montana's Indian County encampments, cultural, historical and educational tours.

POWWOWS, CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

ANNUAL CROW NATIVE DAYS WITH
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406.638.3732 or 406.638.3723

ARROW TOURNAMENT
Lodge Grass, MT
406.638.4030

JR. ARROW TOURNAMENT
406.638.3836

SR. ARROW TOURNAMENT
406.638.3836

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS DAY OF HONOR
Pryor, MT
406.252.1289



CROW FAIR AND RODEO

Crow Tribal Office
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.638.3732 or 406.638.3723
Fax: 406.638.3880

From every western state and Canada, Indians come to camp along the Little Bighorn River to form the "Tepee Capital of the World." There are spectacular parades each morning featuring authentic costumes, an all-Indian rodeo with cowboys from throughout the nation, pari-mutuel wagering, wild horse races and Indian dancing.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACTMENT

Real Bird Camp
June 26-28
406.638.2808

VALLEY OF THE CHIEFS POWWOW AND RODEO

PO Box 355
Lodge Grass, MT 59050
406.638.2073
Alternate Phone: 406.638.3525
Fax: 406.638.2668

Valley of the Chiefs Powwow and Rodeo includes a rodeo, parade, Indian dancing, authentic costumes, tepee camping and parade dance through the village (breaking camp) on the last day.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CROW TRIBAL COUNCIL

Crow Agency, MT 59022
406.638.3700
Fax: 406.638.3881
www.crownations.net

Tourism Office, Visitor's Center

406.638.7272
Fax: 406.638.4444
www.lbhc.edu

Little Big Horn College

Extension Program
Latonna Old Elk
406.638.3139
E-mail: latonna@lbhc.cc.mt.us





WELCOME TO

Ft. Belknap-Gros Ventre & Assiniboine Country





Wahay-Gros Ventre (White Clay People) **Wast'e- Assiniboine (Nakoda)**

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is homeland to the Gros Ventre and the Assiniboine Tribes. The reservation is located 40 miles south of the Canadian border and 20 miles north of the Missouri River, which is the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is the fourth-largest Indian reservation in Montana.

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation was created by an act of Congress on May 1, 1888, and the Fort Belknap Agency was established at its present location, 4 miles southeast of the present town of Harlem, Montana. The reservation encompasses an area consisting of 675,147 acres, which extends approximately 28 miles east and west and 35 miles north and south. The land is mostly rolling plains.

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In 1921, each Indian allottee received 40 acres of irrigable land and 320 acres of non-irrigable land. Traditionally known by their native name of A'aninin, which means "The White Clay People," the largest residential tribe is now called "Gros Ventre."

Did You Know?
Assiniboine call themselves
"Nakoda," meaning
"The Generous Ones."



WHERE TO EAT

DEB'S DINER
42495 US Highway 2
Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.2683

REZ RESTAURANT
US Highway 2 and Montana 66
Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.4410

ART GALLERIES & GIFT SHOPS

FORT BELKNAP VENTURES, INC.
Fort Belknap Indian Community Enterprise
Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.2205

CASINOS

FORT BELKNAP CASINO
Route 1
Fort Belknap, MT 59526
406-353-2205

GUIDED TOURS

FORT BELKNAP TOURISM OFFICE
RR 1 Box 66
Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.2205
Fax: 406.353.2797
www.ftbelknap-nsn.gov

SAINT PAUL'S MISSION CHURCH
Hays, MT
406.673.3300

Established in 1887 by the Bureau of Catholic Missions, St. Paul's Mission Church now serves as a kindergarten through eighth-grade school.

RECREATIONAL SITES

BIG WARM SPRING CREEK
406.353.2205 ext 372

CHIEF JOSEPH TRAIL
406.353.2205 ext 372

EAGLE CHILD CREEK
406.353.2205 ext 372

This is revered as the most sacred mountain to the Gros Ventre people.

LITTLE ROCKY MOUNTAINS
406.353.2205 ext 372

MISSION CANYON/NATURAL BRIDGE
South of Hays

Popular attractions in this scenic area include the Natural Bridge, Wilson Park, Devil's Kitchen, Needle Eye and Kid Curry's Hideout. Picnicking and camping available.

MISSION PEAK
406.353.2205 ext 372

RED WHIP BATTLEFIELD
406.353.2205 ext 372



SNAKE BUTTE, SPRINGS AND BUFFALO'S PASTURE
406.353.2205 ext 372

THREE BUTTES
406.353.2205 ext 372

WILD HORSE BUTTE AND SPRING
406.353.2205 ext 372

POWWOWS, CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
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406.673.3905
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Celebrated annually in October
406.945.5301
Julie Hoops

CHRISTMAS POWWOW
Celebrated annually
406.353.8473

HAYS POWWOW
PO Box 341
Hays, MT 59527
406.353.2205 ext 367
Alternate Phone: 406.673.3416

The Hays Powwow is one of the area's finest outdoor celebrations and features a whole weekend full of dancing and singing by natives from throughout the United States and Canada. Many dancing contests for all ages (from tiny tots to Golden Age)! Hand drum singing contests also!

MILK RIVER INDIAN DAYS
RR 1 Box 66 Fort Belknap Agency
Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.2205 ext 532
Alternate Phone: 406.353.4145
Fax: 406.353.2691

Milk River Indian Days highlights spirited and colorfully clad dancers. The powwow features Native American dancers and drummers combining culture, dance and music for a spectacular display.

VETERAN'S POWWOW
Celebrated annually in November
406.673.3065
Leroy Tucker

WOMEN OF THE UPPER MISSOURI
4835 Potter Park Loop
Missoula, MT 59801
406.493.0808
E-mail: nyoupee@yahoo.com

Women of the Upper Missouri is a mother/daughter duo that do cultural presentations about the traditional life span of women on the upper Missouri River, using songs, stories and artifacts. They also do presentations on traditional games, implementation of culture into school curriculums and seminars on trauma and sexual abuse.

We invite everybody to come to our powwow celebrations. There are dancing contests for all ages, refreshments and drum singing at all events! Enjoy the finest dancing and singing from Indian Country! No admission—it's free!

OTHER

FORT BELKNAP AND DEVELOPMENT CORP.
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Fort Belknap, MT 59526
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.8473
Fax: 406.353.2797
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council
www.ftbelknap-nsn.gov

WELCOME TO

Ft. Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Country



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Nakoda

About 6,800 Assiniboiné and Sioux live on the Fort Peck Reservation, with another approximately 3,900 tribal members living off the reservation.

The Fort Peck Reservation is in northeastern Montana, 40 miles west of the North Dakota border and 50 miles south of the Canadian border, with the Missouri River defining its southern perimeter. It includes more than two million acres of land.

A prosperous industrial park in Poplar is one of the largest employers in Montana. A variety of enterprises, including metal fabrication and production sewing, are housed here. Other industries, including an electronics manufacturer, flourish on the reservation. Farming, ranching and oil extraction also play a part in the reservation economy.

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Did You Know?
Fort Peck Reservation is home to two separate Indian nations, each composed of numerous bands and divisions.

LODGING

THE BIG SKY MOTEL
US Highway 2 East
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.2300

THE HOMESTEAD INN
101 US Highway 2 East
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1300

THE MEADOWLARK
872 Nickwall Road
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.525.3289

RANCHO MOTEL & CAMPGROUND
US Highway 2 West
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1940

THE SHERMAN INN
200 East Main Street
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1100

SMITH'S MOBILE PARK
PO Box 729
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.3841

WHERE TO EAT

THE BUCKHORN
203 2nd Avenue West
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.5221

CATTLEMAN'S CUT
US Highway 2 East
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.525.3224

FROSTEEES
214 US Highway 2 West
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.3000

MCDONALD'S
303 US Highway 2 East
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1788

M/DS
530 US Highway 2
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.2401

OLD TOWN GRILL
400 US Highway 2
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1031

POWWOWS, CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

BADLANDS CELEBRATION
Fort Peck Tribal Office
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.3960

Badlands Celebration is a powwow, which is a celebration of native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts and fellowship with one another. All members of the general public are welcome to participate or spectate.

FORT KIPP CELEBRATION
Fort Peck Tribal Council
Brockton, MT 59213
406.786.3431 or 406.786.3303

Fort Kipp Celebration is a powwow, which is a celebration of native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts and fellowship with one another. All members of the general public are welcome to participate or spectate.



POPLAR INDIAN DAYS

409 10th Avenue East
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.7623

Poplar Indian Days is a powwow, which is a celebration of native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts and fellowship with one another. All members of the general public are welcome to participate or spectate.

Poplar Indian Days is always held on Labor Day weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and we encourage all visitors to join us.

Milk River Indian Days highlights spirited and colorfully clad dancers. The powwow features Native American dancers and drummers combining culture, dance and music for a spectacular display.

RED BOTTOM CELEBRATION

PO Box 453
Frazer, MT 59225
406.768.5155 ext 338 or 406.653.2280
Fax: 406.768.3710

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

WADOPANA CELEBRATION

PO Box 573
Poplar, MT 59255
406.650.8724 or 406.768.7463

This celebration is the oldest traditional powwow in Montana. The celebration is always the first weekend of August. The dancers participate for cash or prizes. It is a great weekend of fun and visiting among the elders and younger generations. They have special ceremonies for naming of individuals and honoring of family members. Also Saturday is for the young people (games run/ walks, a lot of outdoor activities). Thursday is camping day and the annual community feed. The celebration is open to everyone.

WAHCINCA DAKOTA OYATE CELEBRATION

Fort Peck Tribal Council
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.5186 or 406.768.5155 ext 347

The Wahcinca Dakota Oyate Celebration is a powwow, which is a celebration of native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts and fellowship with one another. All members of the general public are welcome to participate or spectate. Visitors and tourists are welcome. Camping day is Wednesday.

CONTACT INFORMATION

FORT PECK TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

PO Box 1027
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.5155
Fax: 406.768.5478
www.fortpecktribes.org



WELCOME TO

Northern Cheyenne Country



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Approximately 5,000 Northern Cheyenne, along with members of other tribes and non-Native Americans, live on the reservation. There are approximately 9,194 enrolled tribal members. Lame Deer is the tribal and government agency headquarters. There are four other districts that comprise the whole reservation. The rugged country of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation is in southeastern Montana. It covers 445,000 acres and is bounded on the east by the Tongue River and on the west by the Crow Reservation.

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Did You Know?

The Northern Cheyenne are known in Cheyenne as Notameohmésêhese meaning “Northern Eaters.”

LODGING

SUN BEAR RV PARK
PO Box 991
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.8844

WHERE TO EAT

CHARGING HORSE CASINO & RESTAURANT
1/2 mile east, US Highway 212
Lame Deer, MT
406.477.8188

CHEYENNE DEPOT-DELI
Cheyenne Avenue
Lame Deer, MT
406.477.6794

DULL KNIFE CAFÉ
One College Drive
Lame Deer, MT
406.477.3179

FLOWER GINDER-COFFEE HOUSE
Cheyenne Avenue
Lame Deer, MT
406.477.8877

LAME DEER TRADING-DELI
Cheyenne Avenue
Lame Deer, MT
406.477.6281

TAYZ'S PLACE
1 block west of Cheyenne Avenue
Lame Deer, MT
406.477.8151

WHAT TO SEE

CRAZY HEADS FRESH WATER SPRING
Located off US Hwy 212
Between Ashland and Lame Deer, MT

FLORENCE WHITEMAN CULTURAL CENTER
Chief Dull Knife College
1 College Drive
Lame Deer, MT
406.477.6215

HEAD CHIEF AND YOUNG MULE HILL
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Lame Deer, MT

JESSIE MULLIN PICTURE MUSEUM
Cheyenne Avenue
Lame Deer, MT
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1 College Drive
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.6215

NORTHERN CHEYENNE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.8844

ST. LABRE MISSION/CHEYENNE
INDIAN MUSEUM
Tongue River Road
Ashland, MT 59003
406.784.4516
Alternate Phone: 406.784.4535
www.stlabre.org

CASINO

CHARGING HORSE CASINO & BINGO
1/2 mile east on US Highway 212
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.6677

GUIDED TOURS

CHEYENNE TRAILRIDERS
Northern Cheyenne Reservation
Busby, MT 59016
406.592.3520 or 406.749.0193
E-mail: cheyride@rangeweb.net

F HEART RANCH
H 42 Box 675
Busby, MT 59016
406.592.3887
E-mail: fheartranch@hotmail.com
www.fheartranch.com

The F Heart Ranch prides itself in providing guests with a unique outdoor and cultural experience. Located on Rosebud Creek within the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, the F Heart Ranch offers a vast experience in a Native American setting. Owned and operated by a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, F Heart Ranch is able to provide guests with a distinctive opportunity to visit the reservation and meet Northern Cheyenne people as well as ride horseback in the hills and enjoy abundant wildflowers and wildlife.

POWWOWS, CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

4TH OF JULY POWWOW
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Office
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.6284 or 406.477.6284

The premier event of the Northern Cheyenne is the annual Fourth of July Celebration, the largest powwow held on the reservation. Activities to observe and participate in include fun runs and health walks.

The Princess Contest (all princesses welcomed), Indian dancing contests in all categories, parades, and Grand Entries welcome visitors to a brilliant display of color and traditions. Gourd dancing is held daily. Traditional feasts of native foods are always part of the festivities, and all drum groups, dancers, singers and vendors are encouraged to attend.

Campsites at the Kenneth Beartusk Powwow Grounds, 3 miles south of Lame Deer, are available, and photography is welcomed.

ASHLAND LABOR DAY POWWOW
PO Box 364
Ashland, MT 59003
406.784.2883 or 406.784.2294

The arbor on U.S. Highway 212 between Ashland and the St. Labre Mission comes alive during the Labor Day weekend. Drummers and dancers from many tribes participate. Booths are set up for food vendors and Native American art and beadwork. Giveaways, gourd dancing and hand games are part of the festivities. An excellent opportunity to learn about Native American culture.

Powwow location is off US Highway 212 about 1/2 mile across a bridge and to the right—can't miss it.

CONTACT INFORMATION

NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION
PO Box 128
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.6284
www.cheyennenation.com



WELCOME TO

Little Shell Country

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Anni

In the treaty that became known as the “Ten Cent Treaty,” the federal government offered approximately one million dollars for ten million acres of land that had been “reserved” for the Chippewa people. That’s ten cents an acre. This is the treaty Chief Little Shell refused to sign. Subsequent treaties greatly reduced the size of the Turtle Mountain Reservation, until, in 1892, Chief Little Shell refused to sign an agreement to give up any more Chippewa land.

After refusing to sign the agreement, Chief Little Shell and his people went to Montana to hunt buffalo so they would have food. While they were gone, the membership rolls for Turtle Mountain were established, excluding Chief Little Shell, his Grand Council of twenty-four hereditary leaders and all of their Chippewa and Metis followers. Chief Little Shell protested this decision, but they could no longer become part of the Turtle Mountain Reservation. Other leaders had signed the “Ten Cent Treaty,” and the reservation was reduced to less than 10 percent of its original size. Little Shell’s group of Chippewa and Metis, these people now without a home, became known as the Little Shell Chippewa. They moved from reservation to reservation, and the U.S. government tried to deport them to Canada. Eventually, groups of Little Shell established small communities along the Hi-Line and the Front Range of the Rockies in Montana. Some founded the community of Spring Creek, which later became Lewistown. Others lived in “shanty towns”—in shacks and tents made from whatever materials they could find—outside Montana cities, especially Great Falls, Helena, Butte and Havre.

Today, the Little Shell tribal office is located in Great Falls, and the Little Shell people live in many different places around the state. They have been working to gain “federal recognition” for decades. After thousands of hours of work by the tribal government and volunteers, in 2000 the tribe received federal “preliminary recognition.”

WHERE TO EAT

LIPI'S KITCHEN
705 Central Avenue West
Great Falls, MT 59404
406.761.4546

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Glendive, MT 59330
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Fax: 406.377.8514
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Operating hours: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday-Friday;
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday.

Harvey Rattey, sculptor of western and wildlife original hot cast bronze portrays Native American life, ideas drawn from his youth and stories from his grandparents. Forty years of experience as a sculptor, rancher and rodeo competitor, he lives in Glendive with his artist wife, Pam Harr, and six adopted children.

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POWWOWS, CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

LITTLE SHELL POW-WOW AND METIS CELEBRATION
Central Montana Fairgrounds
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Labor Day weekend each year. The public is welcome to join the fun and witness the unique blending of the two cultures of the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe. The traditional Plains Ojibwa (Chippewa) culture features tepees, powwow dances, regalia, giveaways and Tribal Princess contest. The colorful Metis (mixed-blood) offers music with guitars and fiddles (violins), and of course, you have to eat the "Bannock and Bullets." A parade in downtown Lewistown is part of the excitement and fun.

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Did You Know?
That Ojibwe and Chippewa
are not only the same tribe,
but the same word pronounced
a little differently due to accent.

