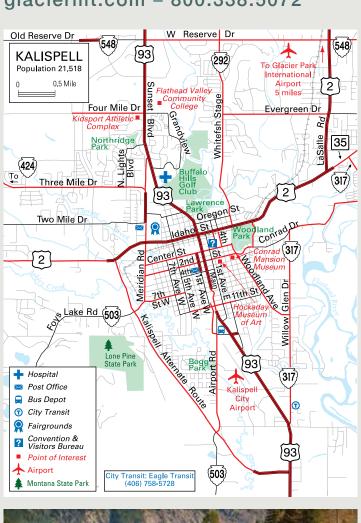
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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK Here's one of the largest intact ecosystems in the continental United States, where you're likely to see mountain goats, bighorn sheep, moose, deer, bears and more in their natural habitat within the park's borders. Get a look at some of the park's 25 glaciers as you hike parts of the 700+ miles of trails, through cedar groves or along high rocky ledges. Take the only driving route through the park, the historic Going-to-the-Sun Road, for 50 miles of views and elevations that get more exciting as you go. But if you don't want to drive or hike, try a ride in a vintage touring motorbus, take a guided horseback ride or climb aboard a scenic boat tour. 406.888.7800, www.nps.gov/glac

2 FLATHEAD LAKE Imagine, 200 square miles of fresh water that flows in from the Flathead River, surrounded by mountain peaks and six state parks. Flathead Lake is huge—the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi—and a gorgeous setting for boating, swimming, fishing, waterskiing or just kicking back and enjoying the view. Nearby towns are Polson, Lakeside, Somers, Bigfork and Kalispell. www.flatheadlake.us

3 AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES These landscapes are treasured by the Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai Tribes on the Flathead Indian Reservation and the Blackfeet Tribe on the Blackfeet Nation, places around Glacier that hint at the heritage and traditions of these first nations. Attend a powwow, take a tour of Glacier National Park with Sun Tours or visit a tribal museum to dig a little deeper into Montana's native culture. www.visitmt.com/indian-nations

ANATIONAL BISON RANGE With an easy self-guided auto tour, you can get

a close look at one of the most important remaining herds of American bison. As many as 500 of the iconic shaggy beasts are protected here, on a stunning range that is also home to elk, white-tailed and mule deer, antelope, bighorn sheep and black bears. The refuge, open all year, is approximately 25 miles north of Missoula near Moiese. 406.644.2211, www.fws.gov/refuge/national_bison_range 5 SMOKEJUMPER VISITOR CENTER Wildfires in the West are big news,

as are the brave souls who battle them. In Missoula, you can visit the largest active smokeiumper base in the nation, and learn about the daring techniques and dramatic efforts of these elite firefighters. Walk through the center to view the National Smokejumper Memorial, climb into a replica of a 1930s lookout tower and tour the smokejumper loft, where the smokejumpers work when they aren't fighting fires. 406.329.4934, www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/smokejumpers/missoula

6 WHITEFISH Named one of the "Top 25 Ski Towns in the World" by National Geographic, Whitefish is located on the shores of Whitefish Lake and at the base of Big Mountain—home to Whitefish Mountain Resort. A short jaunt to Glacier National Park, Whitefish is a year-round destination with plentiful attractions and a mixed array of shops, coffeehouses, restaurants, community gatherings and kick-up-your-heels nightlife. Visitors can enjoy snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding, hiking, biking, boating and live professional theater, as well as stellar dining. 406.862.3548, www.explorewhitefish.com

VIRGINIA CITY & NEVADA CITY It's like time traveling back to the gold rush

gold-fever days of the 1860s. Just a mile and a half apart, these well-preserved

nowmobiling is permitted around town, and building tours can be arranged for

groups. Check out the audio tour at www.visitmt.com/audiotour. 800.829.2969,

LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK Montana's first and best-known

state park features one of the largest known limestone caverns in the Northwest,

stalagmites, columns and helictites. You can explore the caverns on a guided tour,

available daily between May 1 and September 30. Drop by to check out the visitor

9 BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD The Battle of the Big Hole on August

9-10, 1877, was a turning point of the Nez Perce War, a five-month-long war

in which U.S. Army forces tried to place one-third of the Nez Perce tribe on a

battlefield. Ranger-conducted programs are offered in summer; introductory

10 GRANT-KOHRS RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE Surrounded by

weeping vistas, this is the headquarters of one of the largest and best-known

recent times. You'll feel part of the past as you tour the period home, cowhands'

bunkhouse and exhibits around the ranch buildings. 406.846.2070, ext. 250,

WORLD MUSEUM OF MINING It's not just a museum about mining. It's

can make that claim. From the site high above Butte, the museum provides

a glimpse into the life and history of mining in the Butte area, and a view of

the incomparable copper city today. The museum has 50 exhibit buildings,

12 GREAT DIVIDE BIKE ROUTE Southwest Montana is home to part of

the famous Great Divide Route for mountain bikers. Jump on the trail in Butte

and explore Montana by two wheels, crisscrossing the Continental Divide and

beautiful wide-open mountain valleys. For more information on routes and trails,

13 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK This is the most active geothermal region

wolves, elk, bison and dozens of other species. While there are three entrances to

the park, West Yellowstone, Gardiner and Cooke City, Gardiner provides the only

year-round access to private vehicles. Throughout the park, you can hike, camp,

fish and learn more at the many museums, exhibits and ranger-led programs.

car, snowmobile, snowcoach or on cross-country skis. 307.344.7381,

14 BEARTOOTH ALL-AMERICAN ROAD Called one of the most scenic

Lodge Chamber at 406.446.1718 or visit www.beartoothhighway.com.

During winter, the park turns into a pristine wonderland waiting to be explored by

drives in America, the Beartooth All-American Road features sweeping views of

more than 20 peaks reaching over 12,000 feet in elevation. The drive is windy,

sometimes narrow, and often a bit harrowing, so it's best to take your time over

the 65 miles—two to three hours driving time at least. For information call the Red

15 MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES Stop in to see the largest Tyrannosaurus rex skull

in the world, then stay to peruse the world's largest collection of dinosaurs, exhibits

on Western history and American Indians, plus a world-class planetarium. Don't

miss the highlight exhibit "One Day 80 Million Years Ago," which is a re-creation of

the dinosaur nesting colonies discovered by Jack Horner, the museum's world-

famous curator of paleontology. 406.994.2251, www.museumoftherockies.org

experience! Adjoining the northern edge of Yellowstone National Park, the area

is sprinkled with more than 640 alpine lakes and crossed with hundreds of miles

of hiking trails. It's a true paradise for hikers, anglers and horseback riders. Major

117 GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CENTER & YELLOWSTONE GIANT

SCREEN THEATRE The Discovery Center is a not-for-profit wildlife park and

educational facility where you can learn about, view and experience the grizzly

bear and gray wolf. The theater boasts a six-story-high screen and the stunning

film Yellowstone. Conveniently located beside the West Entrance of Yellowstone

surrounded by the Spanish Peaks Primitive Area, Gallatin National Forest and

the incredible 11,166-foot Lone Peak. Home to Big Sky Resort, this lively village

National Park and the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. 800.257.2570,

18 BIG SKY This scenic community is nestled high in the mountains,

is a year-round playground—golf, tennis, hiking, horseback riding, fishing,

Ranch, and Big Sky Resort offers more than 5,800 acres of terrain for the

"Biggest Skiing in America." 800.943.4111, www.visitbigskymt.com

mountain biking, whitewater rafting and ziplining are all found here, and Big

Sky is a popular base camp for visits to Yellowstone National Park. In winter,

dry, powdery snow makes for excellent cross-country skiing at Lone Mountain

access points are Big Timber, Cooke City, Gardiner, Livingston and Red Lodge.

16 ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH WILDERNESS AREA A true wilderness

406.446.2103, www.visitmt.com/absaroka-beartooth

www.grizzlydiscoveryctr.org and 888.854.5862,

www.yellowstonegiantscreentheater.com

on Earth, with 10,000+ thermal features and more than 300 geysers within the

park's 2.2 million acres. Yet the park is just as well known for its wildlife: bears,

countless artifacts and 66 primary exhibits. 406.723.7211,

www.miningmuseum.org

go to www.visitmt.com/bicycling.

a museum located right on an actual mine yard—one of the few museums that

19th-century range ranches in the country. This ranch takes you right into the

true cowboy days of the Northern Plains cattle industry from the 1850s to

presentations and exhibits are available year-round. 406.689.3155.

servation. Take a self-guided tour and follow the story to many points on the

center, interpretive displays and evening programs presented during the summer months. 406.287.3541, www.stateparks.mt.gov/lewis-and-clark-caverns.

and you can go down into its many spectacular chambers to view stalactites,

towns contain more than 100 vintage buildings, a museum, train rides, local

entertainment—and dining and lodging facilities. During the winter months,

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19 FORT PECK LAKE & FORT PECK INTERPRETIVE CENTER & MUSEUM For fishing and fossils, this site can't be beat. More than 50 different kinds of fish thrive in Fort Peck Reservoir, Montana's largest body of water. Surrounding the lake is the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, which provides over one million acres of public land for incredible outdoor recreation Check the weather before accessing the reservoir's dirt roads as they can ecome impassable when wet, 406.526.3411, www.visitmt.com/ftpeck-interp. The Interpretive Center offers theater presentations, nature hikes, local fossil specimens, plus exhibits on paleontology, the Fort Peck Dam construction and nomesteading. www.visitmt.com/ftpeck-lake

CHARLES M. RUSSELL & UL BEND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES One million acres of prairies, pines, breaks and badlands make up the wildlands surrounding Fort Peck Lake, all brimming with outdoor recreation opportunity. Both refuges support Montana's biggest prairie elk herd, plus mule deer, red fox and a great diversity of birds. In the lake you'll find walleye, trout, salmon, oike and, native to the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers, the prehistoric-looking lat-billed paddlefish. Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, 406.538.8706, www.fws.gov/refuge/charles m russell and UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge. www.fws.gov/refuge/ul_bend

21 DANIELS COUNTY MUSEUM & PIONEER TOWN Get a feel for turn-ofthe-century life in a remote part of Montana. On 20 acres just west of Scobey, you'll get to see 35 buildings that have been developed or restored to their early 1900s glory. The museum continues to expand in order to collect, preserve and display Daniels County history in all its forms. 406.487.5965, www.scobeymt.com/museum.html

22 GREAT PLAINS DINOSAUR MUSEUM & FIELD STATION No trip ough Montana is complete without a tour of the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Field Station in Malta. On display are spectacular dinosaur pecimens, stunning invertebrates, fossil fish and rare fossil plants. The museum also offers lectures, educational programs and a unique gift store. 406.654.5300, www.greatplainsdinosaurs.org

MEDICINE LAKE & BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES Quite ___ a wildlife spectacle! Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge has the largest white pelican colony in the state plus more than 10,000 nesting birds. Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge is an ideal breeding and nesting habitat that attracts migrating waterfowl and shorebirds in huge numbers, and is an ideal home to raptors, white tailed deer, antelope, grouse and coyotes. Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 406.789.2305, www.fws.gov/refuge/medicine_lake and Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, 406.654.2863, www.fws.gov/refuge/bowdoin

FORT UNION TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE The Missou River's preeminent fur-trading post from the 1820s until the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful mix of river boaters, fur traders, Plains Indian tribes and frontier capitalists. Bourgeois House, once the setting of elegant dinners for distinguished guests, is now a visitor center. Fort Union straddles the Montana-North Dakota rder, east of Bainville. Open daily all year. 701.572.9083, www.nps.gov/fous

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL INTERPRETIVE

ENTER Throughout Montana, you'll note the route of the great Lewis & Clark

xpedition. Here, you get to fill in the blanks of their journey across the United

States with exhibits about the relations between the Corps of Discovery and

the many Indian tribes they met and the month-long portage around the five

falls on the Missouri River near Great Falls. This spectacular center features

nteractive exhibits that give you the opportunity to test your strength against

canoe-carrying explorers, hear the languages used by the explorers and Native

Americans and much more. 406.727.8733, www.visitmt.com/lewisandclarktrail

C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM COMPLEX Take a look at the art and soul of the real

Vest at this amazing Great Falls museum featuring the works of artist Charles M.

Russell in all types of media, along with displays of personal items and artifacts. The

nuseum also has outstanding pieces from his contemporaries. The complex includes

ussell's original log studio and his home. 406.727.8787, www.cmrussell.org

27 UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT This national

monument includes an ecosystem that parallels the Upper Missouri National Wild

nd Scenic River. Much of this 375.0000-acre habitat is public land overseen h

the Bureau of Land Management. At the center of the monument is the 149-mile-

ong Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River. This remote location retains

nspoiled, natural settings that form a backdrop for outstanding recreational and

cultural tourism opportunities. There is also an interpretive center for the area

located in Fort Benton, a National Historic Landmark known for the importance

406.622.4000, www.visitmt.com/missouririverbreaks, www.fortbenton.com

28 BEAR PAW BATTLEFIELD South of Chinook you can see the site of the

to the U.S. Army on October 5, 1877. It was here that Chief Joseph spoke his

famous words, "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."

multimedia presentation, "40 Miles from Freedom," that describes the battle.

GIANT SPRINGS STATE PARK Recorded by the Lewis & Clark Expedition

n 1805, Giant Springs is one of the largest freshwater springs in the world. This is

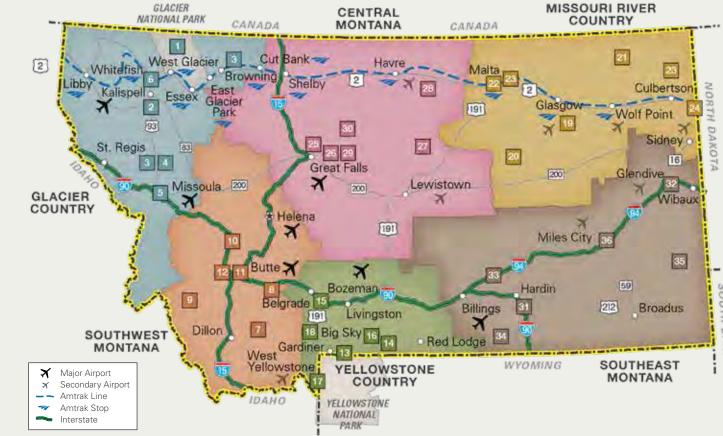
also the site of the Roe River, once listed in the Guinness Book of World Records

as the world's shortest river. While there visit the adjacent fish hatchery, walk

The Blaine County Museum in Chinook, 406.357.2590, offers a unique

last major Indian battle in the United States. The Nez Perce Indians surrendered

it played as the head of navigation on the Missouri River. 406.538.1900.



GETTING HERE



In Montana, it's the journey AND the destination. No matter how you choose to arrive—by major airline to some of Montana's larger towns, passenger rail across the Hi-Line, or scenic drive of your choosing—getting here can be an

BETWEEN THE PARKS

This route travels along the east side of Glacier, down the Rocky Mountain Front, the King's Hill Scenic Byway, and into Paradise Valley.

Time/distance: approx 6 hr 15 min, 363 miles

Buffalo Jump, Giant Springs, Great Falls Portage,

Highlights: Freezeout Lake, First Peoples

Rocky Mountain Front Route

Follow the Rocky Mountain Front through Montana. Stop and explore the capital city,

Time/distance: approx 6 hr, 364 miles

Highlights: Two Medicine Dinosaur Center,

Gates of the Mountains, Lewis & Clark Caverns,

Quake Lake, Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center

injoy some of Montana's most charming towns.

Stroll down each main street and discover the

Start/end points: West Glacier, West Yellowstone

Highlights: Flathead Lake, National Bison Range, nokejumper Center, Grant-Kohrs Ranch,

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94 million acres to consider, and more off-the-beaten-path places than most

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ideas, a compilation of powwows, craft breweries and wineries, ghost town

rundowns and just about anything else you can think of. www.visitmt.com

inique character and hospitality of each town.

Time/distance: approx 7 hr 55 min, 455 miles

Missouri Headwaters, Museum of the Rockies

Start/end points: St. Mary, West Yellowstone

Helena, which is the halfway point.

Small Town Route

Highway 89 Route

Start/end points: Babb, Gardiner

Mineral Springs, Paradise Valley

Known as Big Sky Country, Montana's vast landscapes put the sky into perspective. So when you fly here be sure to get a window seat. Direct flights (some seasonal) are available from Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Denver, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Newark, Chicago, Portland and Atlanta. Go to www.visitmt.com/airports for a list of airports and carriers.

Amtrak's Empire Builder runs across what Montanans call the Hi-Line, named for being the northernmost railway line in the region. It crosses through Wolf Point and Havre in the High Plains of eastern Montana and gains elevation as it runs along the southern border of Glacier National Park through not-to-miss towns like West Glacier, Whitefish and Libby. Bonus: there's a glass-topped viewing car. www.amtrak.com

By Scenic Drive:

For many travelers, Montana's scenic roadways are an experience to add to the bucket list. Some are engineering feats, like the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park or the Beartooth All-American Road that takes you from Red Lodge, MT, to Yellowstone National Park via its northeast entrance. Whether you're crossing the wide-open plains from the east or climbing high mountain passes from the west, any route you choose comes with a view. I more information on travel conditions, safety and weather, go to www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo.

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On behalf of all Montanans, enjoy your trip and travel safely!



Governor Steve Bullock and First Lady Lisa Bullock

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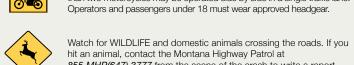


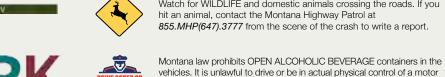


Regardless of maximum speed limits, you should drive at a reasonable and prudent speed taking into account traffic, visibility, weather, road and vehicle conditions.

BICYCLISTS are required to obey the motor vehicle traffic laws. There are no bicycle restrictions on state highways or interstates.

For bicycling information go to: www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/bikeped or write to mdtbikeped@mt.gov. MOTORCYCLES must be operated with lights on at all times. No more than two motorcycles may be operated side by side in a single traffic lane.







restraint system. For more information visit www.buckleup.mt.gov.

National Park Service.

more information on road plowing, trails, safety, weather conditions and park passes, call 406.888.7800 or visit www.nps.gov/glac.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK is open year-round; however, many of the park's roads close to vehicles (except over snow) in November and reopen in May. For more information on spring biking, major

















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TRAVEL RESOURCES

activities. TDD 406.841.2702 Or visit our Travel Resources page for more information about transportation

another kind of twitter (bird watching, Share your favorite #MontanaMoment systems, trip ideas, services and more at www.visitmt.com/travel-resources.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK is open

year-round, but the Going-to-the-Sun

Road and many park services are

September, weather dependent. For

attractions, park fees and more, call

307.344.7381 or visit

www.nps.gov/yell.

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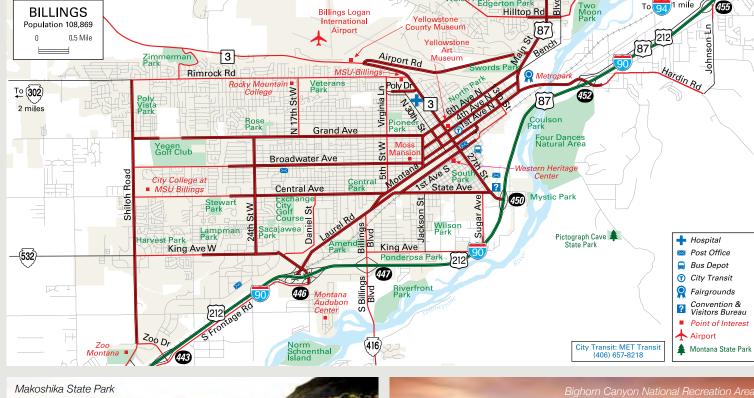
+ State Capital: Helena + Population: 1,015,165 (2013 U.S. Census Estimate) + Area Code: 406 + Time Zone: Mountain Time

+ State Nickname: Big Sky Country, Treasure State + State Bird: Western Meadowlark + State Flower: Bitterroot + State Tree: Ponderosa Pine

+ State Animal: Grizzly Bear + State Fish: Cutthroat Trout + State Fossil: Duck-billed Dinosaur

406.357.3130, www.nps.gov/nepe

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31 LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT Explore the places where the battle really happened via driving or wheelchair-accessible walking tour, and listen to knowledgeable rangers recount the events of June 1876 in remarkable detail. On June 25 and 26, 1876, Lt. Col. George Armstrond Custer and the U.S. 7th Cavalry Regiment clashed with Sitting Bull and an army of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. This national monument offers a glimpse into he lives that were lost, and the Plains Indian culture that defined the conflict. 406.638.2621, www.nps.gov/libi

32 MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK If you like dinosaurs, you'll love Montana's largest state park. Some incredible paleontological finds were made here, including Tyrannosaurus rex and Triceratops. The visitor center at the park entrance houses many of the fossils, plus exhibits telling the site's geologic and prehistoric stories. The otherworldly landscape is worthy of a stop by itself for hiking, biking and camping. 406.377.6256, www.stateparks.mt.gov/makoshika. To reserve a campsite 855.922.6768, www.montanastateparks.reserveamerica.com.

33 POMPEYS PILLAR NATIONAL MONUMENT & INTERPRETIVE **CENTER** This is the site of the only remaining physical evidence of Captain William Clark's return journey through Montana. Walk along a boardwalk to see where Captain Clark carved his name in the sandstone pillar on July 25, 1806. The seasonal interpretive center features exhibits on the Lewis & Clark Expedition, Clark's Yellowstone River route, native culture, flora and fauna. 406.875.2400, www.visitmt.com/pompevspillar

34 BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA This just might be the most stunning and diverse treasure in Montana that you've never heard of. Somehow, it's often overlooked, despite having incredible fishing, boating, camping and hiking in a truly breathtaking setting. There are two visitor centers and other developed facilities in Fort Smith, Montana, and near Lovell, Wyoming. 406.666.2412, www.nps.gov/bica

35 MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK It must have been the eerie, mysterious ormations here that caused early native peoples to deem this a place of "big medicine," where spirits could be conjured up and connections made to another world. It's remote and primitive, but lovely in a stark, unusual way. The soft andstone outcrops have weathered into a Swiss-cheese look, creating a setting hat's ideal for photography, hiking, wildlife viewing and snowshoeing (dependent on snow conditions). 406.377.6256, www.stateparks.mt.gov/medicine-rocks MILES CITY Steeped in history, Miles City remains a true Western

vn. Vast stretches of plains and badlands branch out in all directions. The rellowstone and Tongue Rivers flow unblemished in long sections. Once the norse-trading and livestock center of the country, Miles City still lives the "West whether it's in the 1950s-era main street, the authentically refurbished early 1900s saloon, the Bucking Horse Sale or museums and galleries that focus on range riders and Western artists who call Montana home. 406.234.2890, www.milescitvchamber.com

Ghost Town Route Visit the once bustling towns that gave Montana ne nickname "The Treasure State" including Garnet, Granite, Bannack, Virginia & Nevada City. Start/end points: West Glacier, West Yellowstone me/distance: approx 8 hr 15 min, 457 miles Highlights: Placid and Salmon Lakes, sapphire nining in Philipsburg, Crystal Park, Virginia City Historic District and Nevada City Living History Great Divide Mountain Bike Route Ride the Montana section of the longest off-pavement route in the world -2,768 miles from Banff, Alberta, to Wells, New Mexico Start/end points: Rooseville border crossing, Lakeview Time/distance: multiday ride, 600 miles For additional information and route details, go to For route details and more information visit www.visitmt.com/between-the-parks www.adventurecycling.org

along the River's Edge Trail or visit the nearby Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center. 406.727.1212, www.stateparks.mt.gov/giant-springs 30 FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK First Peoples Buffalo ump State Park is an archaeological site with possibly the largest bison cliff iump in North America. The park has an interpretive trail, picnic tables and a protected black-tailed prairie dog town to help you better understand the epic history of hunting on the high plains. The park also has a 6,000 square foot

n-site Education Visitor Center that offers buffalo culture exhibits, a storytelling circle, gallery and bookstore. An outdoor amphitheater and traditional games plaving fields are featured outdoors, 406,866,2217. www.stateparks.mt.gov/first-peoples-buffalo-jump

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