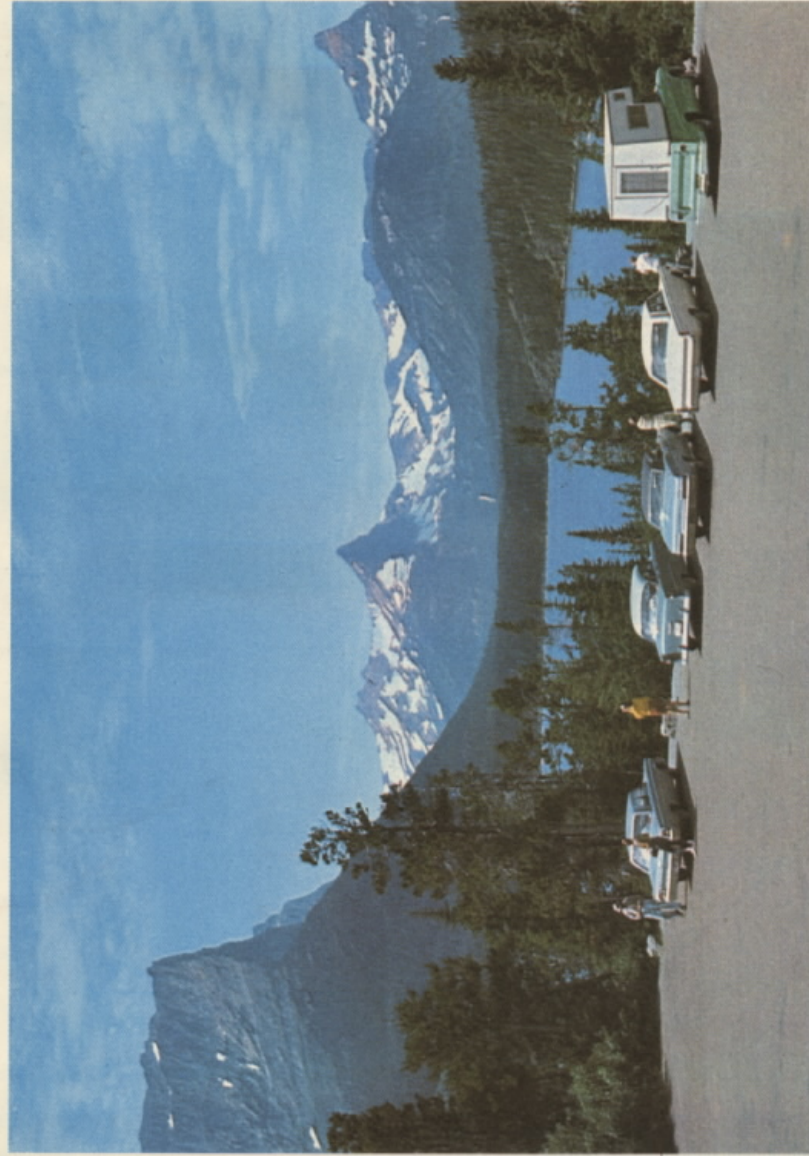




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May Edition



St. Mary Lake, Glacier National Park\*  
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Wintertime via Snowmobile at Yellowstone Park's Old Faithful Geyser  
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Camper's fun and freedom in eastern MONTANA's majestic State Parks.\*

# VACATION IN MONTANA

THE BIG SKY COUNTRY



## GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

The history of Glacier National Park begins with the Blackfoot Indians who lived under the spell of the majestic mountains. Regarding the mountain wilderness with awe they entered this abode of spirits only to fast or cross to the Flathead Indian country.

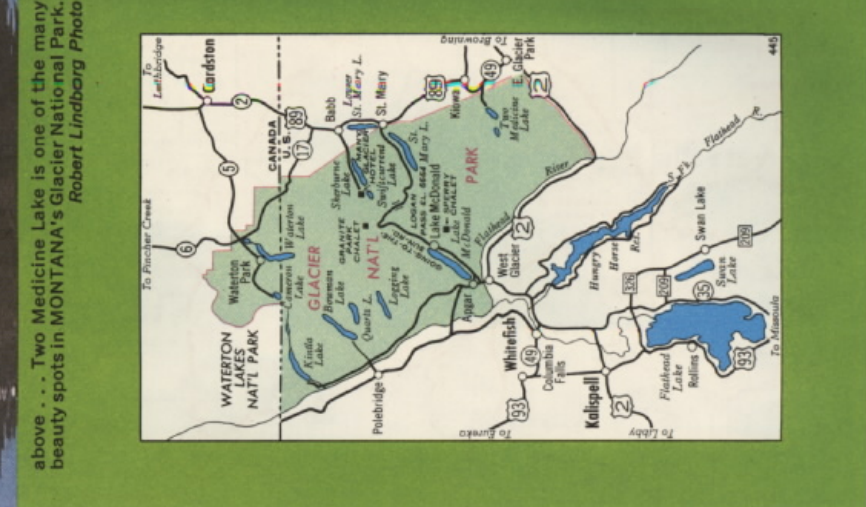
The park, lying in a rugged section of the MONTANA Rockies, is named not from the approximately 40 glaciers of today, but because huge Ice Age glaciers carved the rugged scenery of what is now Glacier National Park. Here the rugged glacial lakes and the towering peaks of the park offer good fishing . . . and no fishing license is required. Fields of brilliant mountain wild flowers, cascading waterfalls, sheer cliffs, dense forests, inquisitive bears, friendly marmots and proud mountain goats and mountain sheep make up its changing panoramas.

Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 50-mile drive east and west through the park, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the park's heart. The road is well maintained and accessible easily by car and nearly a thousand miles of trails lead deep into untouched wilderness or to isolated mountain chalets. Some of the glaciers are visible from the roads; others are easily accessible on foot or horseback. Saddle horses are available; riding experience is unnecessary.

Warm sunny days and cool starry nights are the rule throughout the summer. Early season visitors and waterfalls at their most glorious and mountain peaks are covered in snow. The brilliant colors of deciduous trees display brilliant colors. The peaks glisten with their first white dusting of snow and skies deepen to a startling blue.

Going-to-the-Sun Road, open about the first week in June, remains open well into October. All year around accommodations are conveniently located on the park's fringes. Accommodations in the park are available from about June 10 to September 10.

This million acre alpine wonderland, often termed "The Crown of the Continent," was established by Congress as a National Monument in 1909. It is the United States section of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.



Map courtesy U.S. Forest Service  
Robert Lindberg Photo



MONTANA's wilderness and primitive areas (often termed "America's Rhyolite") total over 2 1/2 million acres in National Forests . . . freedom roadless back country areas where hunting, fishing, camping and fishing in these areas. (above) Spanish Peaks Wilderness Area in the Gallatin National Forest.



Photo courtesy U.S. Forest Service

## The Treasure State

MONTANA, for centuries the home of Indians and buffalo, was first seen by white men—the Verendryes, French traders—in 1743. Clark explored the area, then part of the Louisiana Territory.

In 1807 Marmel Lisa, a fur-trader, built Montana's first permanent white settlement was St. Mary's Mission at Stevensville, founded in 1841 . . . Hill country was first settled by gold seekers in 1855.

The fourth largest state, Montana averages 550 miles in length and 275 miles in width. The Continental Divide runs north-south through the center of the state. The highest point is Granite Peak, 12,799 feet; the lowest is 1,420 feet on the Kootenai River at the Idaho line. Varied topography and altitude average annual rainfall throughout the state is 15" and varies from a minimum 0.69" to over 100" on some mountain tops. Average daytime temperatures vary from an average of 28° to 70°.

Nine railroads, ten bus lines and five air lines serve Montana; 11,236 miles of paved urban, secondary, primary and gravel roads are available.

Val lands suited to cultivation and grazing, water, minerals, and timber are Montana's most valuable resources.

One of the largest farm and ranching states about \$275,000,000 annually. Major crops are winter and spring wheat, hay, barley, sugar beets, corn, oats, potatoes, alfalfa seed, mustard seed, flax seed, beans

Principal livestock in cattle and sheep. Montana is a large supplier of stocker and feeder cattle. The state's mineral resources offer vital sources of energy, iron, copper, lead, zinc, silver, uranium, and more. The state's mineral resources offer vital sources of energy, iron, copper, lead, zinc, silver, uranium, and more. The state's mineral resources offer vital sources of energy, iron, copper, lead, zinc, silver, uranium, and more.

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Whether you may be in Montana, you will find out-therop information at a local Chamber of Commerce or the Advertising Department, Montana Highway Commission, Helena, Montana 59601.



State Bird The Western Meadowlark  
State Flower The Bluet  
State Tree The Ponderosa Pine  
State Flag with Seal and Gold and Silver  
State Fish and Trout



There's a rodeo nearly every day during MONTANA's summer season. The rodeo season runs from June through September annually in 100. It attracts spectators and participants from all over the world. The rodeo season is all in the Wild Horse Stampede at Wolf Point (Gardiner) and the Snake River Stampede at Shoshone (Shoshone).

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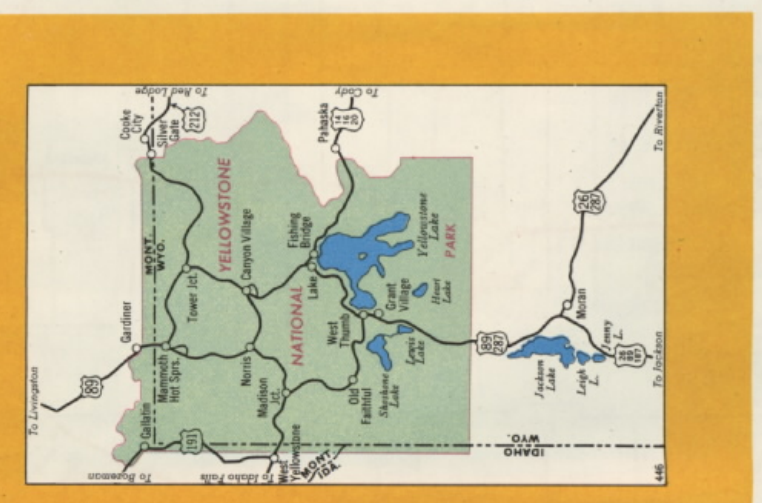
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## Fishing and Hunting

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Fishing in GREAT MONTANA, whether you cast from shore, stand in stream or from a boat. Enjoy the freedom of Montana's scenic Indian Reservations offer colorful photographic opportunities.

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The Festival of Nations is an annual August celebration in Helena. The festival is a celebration of the state's diverse cultures and traditions.



Portrait of H. Anderson, Governor

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## State Parks and Monuments

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