COVER PHOTO: Pelicans at Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge near Malta.

The Official MONTANA 1978 Highway Map

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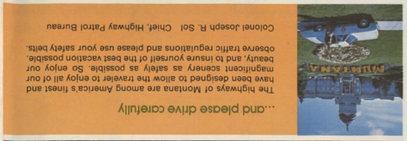
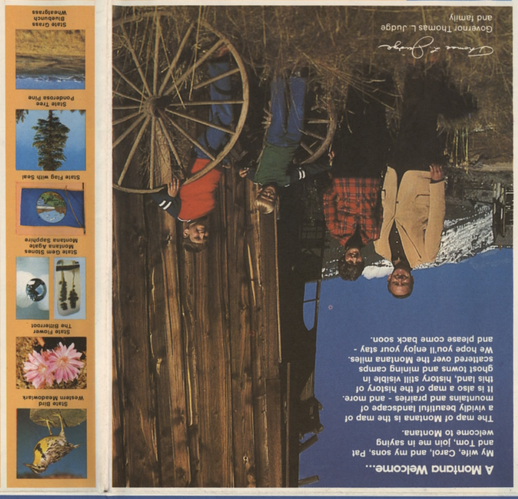
MONTANA, the nation's fourth largest state, averages 550 miles in length and 275 miles in width. The Continental Divide runs north and south through the western section. The highest point is Granite Peak, 12,799 feet; the lowest is 1,820 feet on the Kootenai River at the Idaho line. Climate varies with topography and altitude. Average annual rainfall is 15 inches varying from 9.6 to over 100 inches. Average daytime temperatures vary from 28° in January to 84.5° in July.

MONTANA was first recorded by FRENCH fur traders in 1742. Lewis and Clark explored the area as part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1805-06. The first trading post was built in 1807 while the first permanent settlement was St. Mary's Mission founded in 1841, still standing today. Gold prospectors struck it rich in Bannack in 1862 when later strikes in Virginia City and Helena. The first herd of longhorn cattle was trailed from Texas in 1866. The Indian wars ended with Custer's last Stand in 1876 and a year later Chief Joseph surrendered at the Battle of the Bear's Paw. MONTANA became a territory in 1864 and the 41st state in 1889. Today 4 railroads, 9 bus lines and 4 airlines serve Montana. 9,234 miles of paved urban, secondary, primary and interstate highways cross the state.

MONTANA has a land area of 93,157,952 acres richly endowed with natural resources. In addition to millions of acres of ideal range and cropland, other prominent commodities being utilized for the nation are water, copper, timber, coal, lead, of and natural gas. Livestock is by far the most important agricultural product. But Montana is also a leading producer of wheat, barley, hay and sugar beets. Cash receipts from farm products exceed $1,007,500,000 while the latest estimated value of mineral production is $870,000,000.

The timber industry produces about 1-4 billion board feet annually. Products include lumber, plywood, pulp and paper, manufactured wood products and over a million Christmas trees. Most of the state's power is hydroelectric, but there are 4 steam generating plants using coal as fuel. Two large additional mine-mouth generating plants are currently under construction. The annual value added by manufacture in Montana is more than $532,200,000 based primarily on processing of raw materials and agricultural commodities.





A Montana Welcome...

My wife, Carol, and my sons, Pat and Tom, join me in saying welcome to Montana.

The map of Montana is the map of a wintry beautiful landscape of mountains and prairies - and more. It is also a map of the history of this land. History still visible in ghost towns and mining camps scattered over the Montana miles. We hope you'll enjoy your stay - and please come back soon.

Governor Thomas L. Judge and family

...and please drive carefully

The highways of Montana are among America's finest and have been designed to allow the traveler to enjoy all of our magnificent scenery as safely as possible. So enjoy our beauty, and to insure yourself of the best vacation possible, observe traffic regulations and please use your safety belts.

Colonel Joseph R. Sol Chief, Highway Patrol Bureau

Montana Department of Highways
HELENA, MONTANA
59601

The Treasure State

"Big skies, towering mountains, wide open spaces and friendly people."

Montana. Big as all outdoors. With a lavish variety of things to do, and generous room to do 'em in.

The mountains are as high as the prairies are wide, and there's room—and time—enough for what is important to you. Roads are for wandering on…to ghost towns and art galleries, fishing streams and resort hideaways, dude ranches and golf courses, badlands and ski slopes. There's an abundance of wildlife and wilderness, and companionable space for backpacking, camping, hiking, canoeing, mountain climbing, star-gazing.

You won't meet a stranger…but you'll meet a lot of friends. Find yourself in Montana. It's as easy as falling off a log.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Yellowstone…not only America's biggest and oldest national park, but also the first national park in the world. Visitors enter the great natural preserve through three Montana entrances to wander in wonder through a world of geysers and steaming mountains, immense forests, a vast river-carved canyon, percolating mud pots, thundering waterfalls, horizon-wide lakes, unfettered rivers, trails that lead through solitude and scenery, and a living landscape of wild-world citizens like buffalo, elk, deer, moose, coyotes, swans, and opinionated bluejays. Yellowstone's fine campgrounds and hospitable lodges are scattered over 3,500 square miles dedicated "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people."

Yellowstone's summer season is from early May to mid-October, while winter activities run from December through March. For further information, contact the Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Exhilarating Glacier National Park is a feet-on-the-ground, head-in-the-clouds world of its own. 1,600 square miles of wilderness, with hundreds of miles of backcountry trails…50 glaciers…200 lakes…dozens of waterfalls…alpine meadows jeweled with wildflowers…moose, elk, eagles, high-and-mighty Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and wild goats…soaring peaks and granite ridges in breathtaking vistas that go on forever… and Going-to-the-Sun Road, crossing the Continental Divide at Logan Pass where nature's endless cycle of change centuries ago created an awe-inspiring panorama. Hikers' chalets perch on peaks, and Glacier's well-planned campgrounds and comfortable lodges invite travelers to linger.

Glacier is usually open from mid-June to late September, with guided cross-country ski-tours during the winter months. For further information, contact the Superintendent, Glacier National Park, Montana 59936.

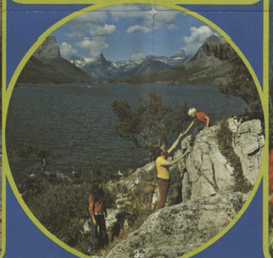


Photo Captions

1. Fly fishing in Montana...hundreds of lakes and thousands of miles of blue ribbon streams. 2. Visitors enjoy the 19th century, restored ranch house at Grant Kohrs Ranch, Montana's newest National Historic site. 3. St. Mary Lake in Glacier National Park. 4. The Hilgards are typical of Montana mountains, profuse with wildflowers through the spring and summmer seasons. 5. The shout "Wagons, Ho!" still rings annually during summertime celebration at Wolf Point. 6. Western-style family enjoyment at Holland Lake. 7. Historic Nevada City keeps Montana's past alive and well. 8. The Mission Mountains form a backdrop as backpackers head into the Bob Marshall Wilderness area. 9. Autumn is a glorious time of year anywhere in Montana. 10. Explore southwest Montana's Lewis and Clark Caverns — the nation's third largest. 11. Mother antelope welcomes two new-born fawns to Montana's abundant wildlife population. 12. Spectacular lower falls of the Yellowstone highlights any visit to Yellowstone National Park. 13. Snowmobiling — a zesty, enthusiastic way to enjoy Montana's winter season. 14. Powder snow makes skiing in Montana a wintertime plus. 15. Bighorn Canyon in southeast Montana — one of America's most scenic recreation areas.

National Register of Historic Places

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- Conrad Mansion (Charles E.—early merchant)...Kalispell B-2
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- Canyon Creek Laboratory USFHS...Hamilton E-2
- Chief Joseph Battlefield National Monument F-3
- Clark Mansion (Charles W.)...128 W. Washington St., Butte F-4
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- Fort Owen...Stevensville E-2
- Former Executive Mansion...Helena E-4
- Fort Logan and Blockhouse...White Sulphur Springs E-5
- Fort Missoula...Missoula Historical Museum D-3
- Fraternity Hall...1890's Architecture...Elkhorn Ghost Town E-4
- Grant-Kohrs Ranch...Deer Lodge E-4
- Hamilton Public Library...Hamilton E-2
- Helena Historic District...Sites Capitol E-4
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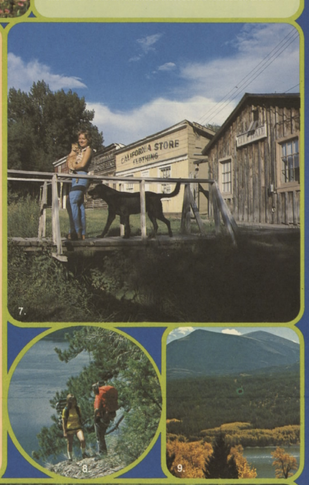

Montana State Parks, Monuments and Recreation Areas

★LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS...F-5 Yellowstone Treasure Country
Montana's first and best-known park features one of the largest known limestone caverns in the Rocky Mountains. Its 3 miles of passageways are lighted and electrically lighted and safe to visit. Two-hour guided tours are conducted daily during the summer. Picnic and camping area. Just off I-90 47 miles east of Butte

BANNACK...G-3 Yellowstone Treasure Country
Montana's first territorial capital is now a ghost town...well maintained, full of history. Off U.S. 91 near Dillon.

MISSOURI WATERWAY...B-6, 7 Charlie Russell Country
Fort Benton, the "Head of Navigation" on the Missouri, downstream to Fort Peck Reservoir remains free and unspoiled. Five border campsites are within this waterway: Coal Banks Landing, Cow Island Landing, Judith Landing, Hole-in-the-Wall and Slaughter River. On the route of Lewis and Clark.

MISSOURI RIVER-WOLF CREEK CANYON RECREATION ROAD...D-4 Yellowstone Treasure Country
The Recreation Road begins approximately 25 miles north of Helena just off I-15 and continues north along Prickly Pear Creek and the Missouri River for about 33 miles. Camping, fishing and picnic area are available along this scenic recreation area.

CHIEF JOSEPH BATTLEFIELD STATE MONUMENT...B-7 Charlie Russell Country
Marks the final battle and surrender of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce. After a bitter six-day siege the famed warrior said: "From where the sun now stands I will fight no more forever." 16 miles south of Chinook.

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE MONUMENT...G-8 Yellowstone Treasure Country
Home of the last great Indian chief, Plenty Coups. Indian relics museum. 16 miles south of Billings on Pryor.

PICTOGRAPH CAVE STATE MONUMENT...F-6 Yellowstone Treasure Country
This monument commemorates a significant archaeological site. Indian Pictographs on cave walls. East of Billings.

FORT OWEN STATE MONUMENT...E-2 Yellowstone Treasure Country
Montana's first white settlement. Off U.S. 93 at Stevensville south of Missoula.

MADISON BUFFALO JUMP STATE MONUMENT...F-5 Yellowstone Treasure Country
Indian buffalo jump where Indians demonstrates a hunting technique used by pre-historic man in Montana as long as 2,000 years ago or more. 7 miles south of Logan west of Bozeman off I-90.

★MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK...F-5 Yellowstone Treasure Country
Lewis and Clark discovered the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin Rivers joining to form the Missouri. Off I-90 near Three Forks.

GIANT SPRINGS STATE PARK...C-5 Charlie Russell Country
Giant Springs is the largest spring in Montana. It flows 338 million gallons fresh water a minute or 475 million gallons of water per day. Discovered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. Near Great Falls.

OTHER STATE PARKS, MONUMENTS AND RECREATION AREAS

GLACIER COUNTRY
- Ashley Lake Recreation Area...west of Kalispell off U.S. 2 B-2
- Beaverfoot Recreation Area...north of Helena near Holter Lake off I-15 B-4
- Big Arm Recreation Area...north of Polson on Flathead Lake off U.S. 93 C-2
- Bitterroot Lake Recreation Area...west of Kalispell off U.S. 2 B-3
- Elmo Recreation Area...north of Polson on Flathead Lake off U.S. 93 C-2
- Finley Point Recreation Area...south of Polson on Flathead Lake C-2
- Lambert Recreation Area...northwest of Polson off U.S. 93 C-2
- Logan Recreation Area...west of Kalispell off U.S. 2 B-1
- Lone Pine Site...Kalispell off U.S. 93 B-2
- Thompson Falls Recreation Area...west of Thompson Falls C-1
- Wayfarer Memorial Recreation Area...north of Polson U.S. 93 C-2
- Wild Horse Island Site...east of Bigfork on Flathead Lake B-2
- West Shore State Park...south of Polson on Flathead Lake off U.S. 93 C-3
- Whitefish Recreation Area...out of Whitefish off U.S. 93 B-2
- Woods Bay Recreation Area...out of Bigfork on Flathead Lake B-2
- ★Yellow Bay Recreation Area...south of Bigfork on Flathead Lake C-2

CHARLIE RUSSELL COUNTRY
- ★James Kipp Recreation Area...northeast of Lewistown off U.S. 191 C-8
- Judith Landing Recreation Area...U.S. 87 at Big Sandy B-8
- Nelson Reservoir...Malta D-10
- Ulm Pishkun State Monument...3 miles northwest of Ulm off I-15 C-6
- Crater Rock State Monument...25 miles southeast of Virginia City
- Fort Mizpah State Monument...20 miles northeast of Lewistown B-7
- Ryegate Recreation Area...Ryegate

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY
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- Nelson Recreation Area...east of Malta off U.S. 2 B-9
- Rock Creek Recreation Area...southeast of Glasgow C-10
- Makoshika State Park...out of Glendive off I-94 D-12

YELLOWSTONE TREASURE COUNTRY
- Beaverhead Rock State Park...northeast east of Missoula off I-90 E-3
- ★Canyon Ferry Recreation Area...east of Helena off U.S. 12 E-5
- ★Cooney Recreation Area E-7
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- Gravelly Prairie Dog Town State Monument F-7
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- Granite State Monument E-3

CUSTER COUNTRY
- Medicine Rocks State Park...north of Ekalaka F-12
- Rosebud Recreation Area...at Forsyth on the Yellowstone River E-12
- South Sandstone Recreation Area E-12

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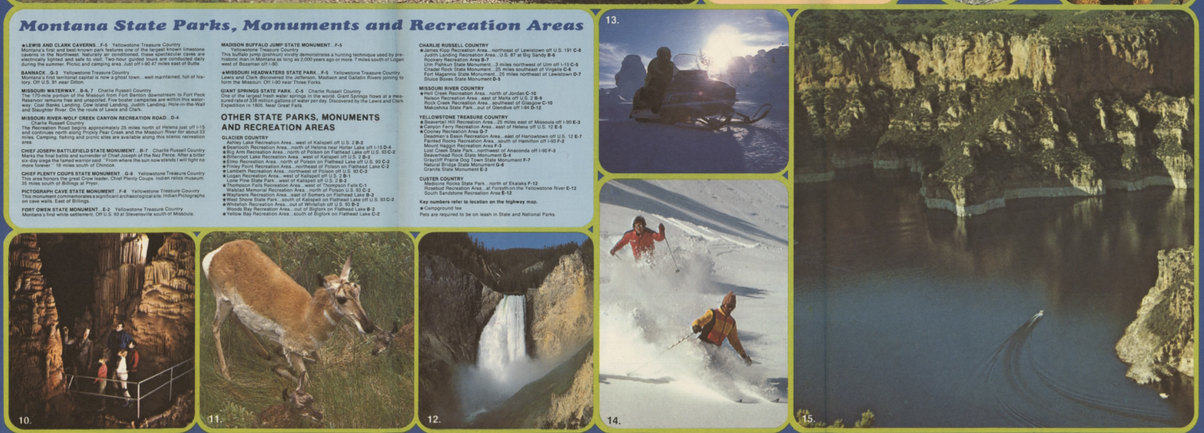
★ Campground fee
Pets are required to be on leash in State and National Parks



MONTANA...last of the big time splendors