

Montana Attractions



Charlie Russell

Sites listed below are keyed to the highway map, opposite side. Cowboys and buffalo, Plains Indians, the Missouri River Breaks, cattle spreads, grass prairies and the grand Missouri River — this is the land memorialized by famed western artist Charlie Russell.

C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM (C-5), 1201 4th Ave. N., Great Falls. The works of Montana's beloved cowboy artist are preserved here, along with collections of western art and history. C.M. Russell's original log cabin studio and home are

GIANT SPRINGS (C-5), east side of Great Falls. One of the largest fresh water springs in the world, Giant Springs was discovered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. Visit the nearby fish hatchery and visitor center, and picnic along the Missouri. BEARS PAW BATTLEFIELD (B-7), 16 miles south of Chinook. This site marks

the surrender of the famed Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce on October 5, 1877 after a 1.700-mile retreat. FORT BENTON HISTORIC DISTRICT (C-6), Fort Benton. The discovery of gold in 1862 made Fort Benton an important overland connection with Missouri River steamers, playing a significant role in the opening of the Northwest. Fort Benton's new Montana Agriculture Center and Museum of the Northern Great

Plains will be dedicated in 1989. ADAMS' STONE BARN (C-4), 16 miles west of Great Falls on Hwy 89. This magnificent stone barn, built in 1884-1885 by J.C. Adams, is the only one of its kind west of the Mississippi.

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER (C-6). A member of the National Wild and Scenic River System, this 149-mile stretch of river offers rich wildlife, scenic, historic and recreation values. It stretches from Fort Benton to the Kipp Recreation Area on the west end of the Russell National Wildlife Refuge.

BUFFALO JUMP SITES: Wahkpa Chu'gn (B-7), US 2, Havre, listed in the National Register as the "Too Close for Comfort Site;" Ulm Pishkun (C-5), off I-15 west of Great Falls, thought to be the largest prehistoric buffalo kill site in

CHARLES M. RUSSELL ART AUCTION (C-5), Great Falls. Annual March exhibit, sale and auction of some of the West's finest original art, old and new. STATE FAIR (C-5), Great Falls. Montana's complete summer fair (last Saturday July-first Saturday August), with exhibits, horse racing, rodeo, nightly entertainment.



Here, in Montana's northwest corner, the Rocky Mountains provide a magnificent backdrop for wild rivers, jewel-like lakes, forests, wildlife, historic sites, golf courses, resorts, dude ranches — and the wonders of Glacier

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (A-2). Living glaciers and sparkling lakes, mountain-fresh streams, brilliant wildflowers, cascading waterfalls, dense forests and watchable wildlife provide a changing panorama. Going-to-the-Sun Road (open June to October), a spectacular 50-mile drive, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. Nearly a thousand miles of trails lead deep into Glacier's backcountry or to mountain chalets.

NATIONAL BISON RANGE (D-2), off US 93 at Moiese. The Range protects one of the most important remaining herds of American bison. Self-guided auto

FLATHEAD LAKE (C-2). Occupying nearly 200 square miles, Flathead Lake is the largest natural fresh water lake in the western U.S. The quality of fishing is renowned. East Shore Highway, bordered by the majestic Mission Mountains, offers 35 miles of unexcelled beauty. ST. IGNATIUS MISSION (D-2), St. Ignatius. Constructed in the early 1890s,

this unique Catholic Church contains 58 original murals on its walls and

THE CONRAD MANSION (B-2), Woodland Avenue, Kalispell. Built in 1895 and restored to Victorian elegance, this was the home of C.E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River trader, freighter and founder of the City of Kalispell. MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIANS (B-3), Hwys 2 & 89, west of Browning. Comprehensive collection of Blackfeet Indian tribal artifacts and history of the tribes of the Northern Great Plains. In July, visitors may view Blackfeet Indian games, chanting, dancing and parades during the annual North American

HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA (D-2), off South Ave., west of Reserve St., Bldg. 22, Missoula. Western Montana history, 12 historic structures on-site. GIANT CEDARS-ROSS CREEK SCENIC AREA (B-1), MT 56, south of Bull River.

Stroll among cedars more than 500 years old and 250 feet tall on this handicapped-accessible .9-mile interpretive trail. Picnic area. RAVALLI COUNTY HISTORIC SITES (E-2), Bitterroot Valley. St. Mary's Mission was the first Catholic mission in the Northwest, established in Stevensville in 1866. The Daly Mansion was built near Hamilton in the late 1800s for Marcus Daly, an Irish immigrant who became one of Montana's

colorful "copper kings." NATIONAL WILDERNESS AREAS. All or part of eight wilderness areas are located in Glacier Country: Bob Marshall (C-3), Great Bear (B-3), Cabinets (B-1), Rattlesnake (D-2), Selway-Bitterroot (F-2), Welcome Creek (E-2), Missions (C-2) and Anaconda-Pintler (F-2).



Tournament, Tours available.

One of the world's great rivers sets the theme for a vast landscape of

prairie, mountains, streams, forests, wildlife and recreation. Here, everything is big — prairies from horizon to horizon, ranches measured in miles.

FORT' PECK DAM AND RESERVOIR (B-10), Fort Peck. This

huge earth-filled dam forms a reservoir 134 miles long with more than 1,600 miles of shoreline. Beautiful recreation

CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

area. Home of the annual Governor's Cup Walleye

viewing and photographing, including a scenic loop wildlife tour of Slippery Ann, 6 miles east of US 191.

BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (B-9), 6

miles east of Malta. Established for waterfowl, this refuge protects 208 bird species. Auto, hiking tours.

MEDICINE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(B-12), 3 miles southeast of Medicine Lake on MT 16. Abundant wildlife, self-guided auto tour

Also the site of Tepee Hills Natural Area, where

many tepee rings are preserved.

WILD HORSE STAMPEDE (B-11),

Show -- every July.

Grandidaddy of Montana rodeos. July.

THRESHING BEE AND ANTIQUE SHOW

old car and tractor display, parade, Dirty Shame Saloon

producing gold mines in the nation. Mine tours available.

shopss, stores, antique farm machinery, cars and trucks.

killed. Visitor center, museum, self-guided auto tour.

PEGAISUS GOLD'S ZORTMAN MINE (C-8), Zortman. One of the largest-

NORTHEAST MONTANA THRESHING BEE & ANTIQUE SHOW (B-12).

Culbertson. Annual September event features restored steam engines, old tractoors and farm implements, antiques, exhibits.

REST(ORED PIONEER TOWN OF 1900s (A-11), Scobey. Homestead shack,

FORT: PECK THEATER COMPANY (B-10), Fort Peck. Musicals and drama every

MUSEUMS, tracing northeastern Montana's farm and ranch history, homestead

era, Irndian cultures, plus art and wildlife exhibits, are located in Wolf Point (B-11), Glasgow (B-10), Malta (B-8), Poplar (B-11), Sidney (C-12), Circle

Custer

Site of the most famous Indian battle in U.S. history. You'll also see cattle ranchies, Indian reservations, coal fields, Bighorn Canyon and Pompeys Pillar.

CUST'ER BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT (G-9), 15 miles southeast of

Hardim. The famous Battle of the Little Big Horn between 12 companies of the

U.S. (Cavalry and the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne Indians was fought here on

Billings. Bighorn Lake, extends 71 miles, including 47 miles through spectacular Bighorn Canyon. Below Yellowtail Dam, Bighorn River is one of the nation's

POMPEYS PILLAR (F-8), 30 miles east of Billings. In 1806, Captain Clark of

MAKOSHIKA (D-12), 3 miles southeast of Glendive off US 94. The Sioux Indiams named this place Makoshika, meaning "bad earth" or "bad land."

MEDICINE ROCKS (F-12), near Ekalaka on MT 7. A place of "Big

Bill" Cody. Downtown.

and pari-mutuel betting.

IBIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER (F-9),

of Chief Plenty Coups. Museum.

Hardin. Cultural exhibits, restored farmhouse, log cabin, church, gas station, store, school, picnic

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE MONUMENT (G-8).

Pryor, between Hardin and Billings on Old Hardin Road. On the Crow Reservation and once the home

prehistoric culture. Picnic sites and interpretive area.

RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM (E-11), Miles City. Fort (eogh officers' quarters, Pioneer Memorial Hall, ndian artifacts. Bert Clark Gun Collection.

BILLINGS HISTORIC DISTRICT (F-8), Billings.

and the Rex Hotel, built with support from "Buffalo

BUCKING HORSE SALE (E-10), Miles City. Annual

CROW FAIR (F-9), Crow Agency. Every August,

Indian tribes gather for rodeo, parades and dancing

PICTOGRAPH CAVE (F-8), 7 miles southeast of Billings off I-90. A National Historic Landmark, this major archaeological site preserves the remains of a

[Medicine" where Indian hunters conjured up magical spirits.

massiive sandstone block, and named it for Sacajawea's baby son.

June 25-26, 1876. Lt. Col. George A. Custer and about 268 of his force were

BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (G-8), southeast of

POPLAR INDIAN POW-WOWS (B-11), Poplar. Traditional celebrations on the

FOSSIL BEDS (D-10), Jordan. On Hell

discovered an almost complete skeleton o

Tyran nosaurus, the largest and fiercest

Country

Yellowstone

Savor the world's finest fishing in Yellowstone Country, along with the awesome Beartooth Highway, the aptly-named Paradise Valley, remote wilderness areas and Yellowstone National Park. YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (H-5). Three of the five entrances to Yellowstone, the oldest and largest park in the lower 48 states, are in Montana. Often termed "nature's wonderland," Yellowstone is renowned for spouting geysers, brilliant pools, bubbling caldrons, mountains, canyons, streams and lakes, forests and

BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY (G-7). The section of US 212 from Red Lodge, Montana, to Yellowstone National Park. Rated by Charles Kuralt as one of the 10 most scenic highways in America. It takes about 3 hours to travel, and offers views of the world's most breathtaking mountain scenery at every turn. MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES (F-5), Montana State University campus, Bozeman. Best known for its world-class dinosaur collection, the museum will add the only public planetarium in a three-state region as part of a \$6.5 million expansion in April 1989. Other attractions are homestead history, contemporary Indian culture and the Kirk Hill Nature Area.

MISSOURI HEADWATERS (F-5), Three Forks. Where Lewis and Clark found the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin rivers joined to form the Missouri. nterpretive displays, campground and picnic areas. Headwaters Heritage Museum in nearby Three Forks. NATURAL BRIDGE (G-6), 28 miles south of Big Timber. Spectacular falls and

river canyon. Constrained by a deeply-cut chasm, during high water the river flows over a 100-foot precipice, creating Boulder River Falls. **DEPOT CENTER (F-6)**, Livingston. Restored 1902 Northern Pacific railroad station offers historic and artistic views of the Yellowstone Park region. POWDER PERFECT SKIING at Big Sky (G-5), Bridger Bowl (F-5) and Red Lodge Mountain (G-7). Montana is famous for its "cold smoke" — deep, dry, powder snow. Choose Big Sky for its world-class resort atmosphere, Bridger Bowl for its steep chutes and wide-open bowls or Red Lodge — the family.

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD (H-5), West Yellowstone. Headquar ters for an extensive snowmobile trail system, this lively community offers full service for winter enthusiasts. Gardiner, Cooke City and many other areas in Yellowstone Country have developed snowmobile trails.

MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING (F-6), Big Timber. Poets and musicians recite backcountry ballads and rhymes of the range. August. FESTIVAL OF NATIONS (G-7), Red Lodge. A 9-day August celebration featuring a different nation's food, music, crafts and exhibits each day.



Gold West Country

historic mining city of Butte and world-famous, blue-ribbon trout streams and

Helena Cathedral, State Capitol, original Governor's Mansion, many historic

PINTLER SCENIC ROUTE (E-3), 63 miles of Hwy 1 off I-90. Drive through high mountain passes, mining and ghost towns along the shores of Georgetown

MADISON CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA (H-5), west of Yellowstone National Park. On August 17, 1959, an awesome earthquake slid half a mountain into gold discovery in 1862. A walking tour of this ghost town, Montana's first territorial capital and now a state park, includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's Gallows and the Hotel Meade.

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS (F-4), 47 miles east of Butte off I-90. One of the largest limestone caverns in the Northwest. Naturally air conditioned, these spectacular caves are electrically lighted and safe to visit. BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD (F-3), 12 miles west of Wisdom on MT

BUTTE HISTORIC DISTRICT (F-4). Much of Montana's history was written in

MONTANA TERRITORIAL PRISON (E-3), Deer Lodge. A castle-like stone

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (E-4), 225 N. Roberts, Helena. 1989 marks the first full year of the Montana Homeland exhibit, a permanent, 10,000-sq.-ft. exhibit that explores the relationship between the people who have inhabited Charles M. Russell art also on display.



Gold was the prize in this area of Montana, and history is still alive in abandoned and restored gold camps. You'll also find the capital city of Helena,

CAPITAL CITY OF HELENA (E-4). An 1864 gold discovery transformed Helena into the "Queen City of the West" and Montana's capital city. Trace her evolution along Last Chance Gulch, with buildings dating to the 1870s. St.

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE (E-3), outskirts of Deer Lodge. Once the home ranch of one of the nation's largest and best-known 19th-century range ranches, Grant-Kohrs has been preserved as a working ranch with a bunkhouse and numerous outbuildings, wagon collection, Victorian ranch house and visitor center.

VIRGINIA CITY AND NEVADA CITY (G-4), 67 miles southwest of Bozeman on Hwy 287. Virginia City is the site of the richest placer gold discovery ever made (1863) and former territorial capital. Both towns have been restored to show how businesses flourished in the boom days. The Virginia City Players

the canyon, creating Quake Lake. Memorial, visitor center and scenic vista. BANNACK (G-3), off Hwy 278 west of Dillon. The site of Montana's first major

Hwy 43. Nez Perce Indians and U.S. Army troops fought here in 1877 — a dramatic episode in the long struggle to confine the Nez Perce and other

mineral-rich Butte. Old architecture, historic mines and monuments recall these colorful times. Walking tours. World Museum of Mining on Hell Roarin'

structure at the end of Main St. is the site of the West's first territorial prison. Now a museum with daily tours.

TOWE ANTIQUE FORD COLLECTION (E-3), 1106 Main St., Deer Lodge.

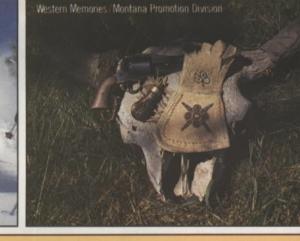
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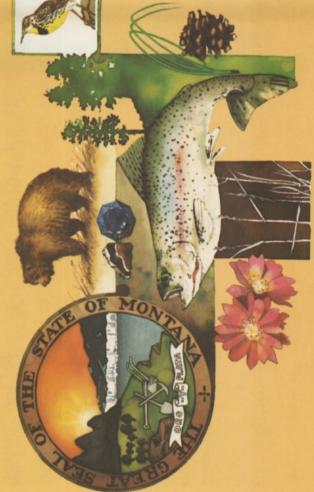


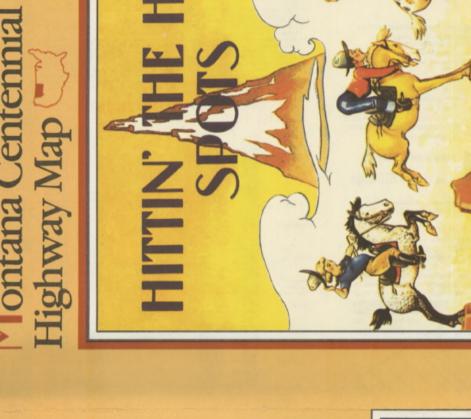










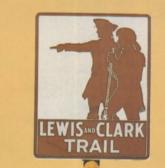
















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