Charlie Russell Country



Cowboys, Plains Indians, the Missouri River Breaks, cattle spreads, grass prairies and the grand Missouri River-this is where the mountains meet the plains, 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 adjacent. GIANT SPRINGS HERITAGE STATE PARK (C-5), east side of Great Falls. One of the largest freshwater 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. New Montana Agriculture Center and Museum of the Northern Great Plains were dedicated in 1989.

DINOSAUR DIGS (C-4), Choteau. Hands-on training in dinosaur fossil location and identification at the Old Trail Museum fossil beds near Choteau. At the museum in Choteau: fossil displays, Indian artifacts, farming and pioneer exhibits.

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER (C-6), Part 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 the

U.S., interpretive trail. 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.

WINTER SPORTS: Downhill skiing at Showdown ski area (E-5) and Rocky Mountain Hi ski area (C-4). Groomed cross-country sk and snowmobile trails at King's Hill Winter Sports Area (E-5), next door to Showdown.

Mark Van Donsel photo

Custer Country



Site of the most famous Indian battle in U.S. history. You'll also see cattle ranches, Indian reservations, coal fields, Bighorn Canyon and Pompeys Pillar. CUSTER BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT (G-9), 15 miles southeast of Hardin. The famous Battle of the Little Bighorn between 12 companies of the U.S. Cavalry and the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne Indians was fought here on June 25-26, 1876. Lt. Col. George A. Custer and about 268 of his force were killed. Visitor center, museum, ranger and self-guided tours.

BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (G-8), southeast of Billings. Bighorn Lake extends 71 miles, including 47 miles through spectacular Bighorn Canyon. Below Yellowtail Dam, Bighorn River is one of the nation's premier trout

POMPEYS PILLAR (F-8), 30 miles east of Billings. In 1806, Captain Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition carved his signature—still visible—into this massive sandstone block and named it for Sacajawea's baby son.

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

MEDICINE ROCKS (F-12), near Ekalaka on MT 7. A place of "Big Medicine" where Indian hunters conjured up magical spirits. BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER (F-9), Hardin.

Cultural exhibits, restored farmhouse, log cabin, church, gas station, store, school, picnic area, visitor information center. CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE MONUMENT (G-8), Pryor, between Hardin and

Billings on Old Hardin Road. On the Crow Reservation and once the home of Chief Plenty Coups. Museum, log home and picnic area. 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 prehistoric culture. Picnic sites and interpretive area. RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM (E-11), Miles City. Fort Keogh officers' quarters,

Pioneer Memorial Hall, Indian artifacts, Bert Clark gun collection. BILLINGS (F-8). Montana's largest city. Visitor Center and Cattle Drive Monument, I-90 Exit 450, full information on all area attractions. 2-Bit Horse Drawn Trolley

Western Heritage Center, Peter Yegen Museum and Moss Mansion, a restored historical home. BUCKING HORSE SALE (E-10), Miles City. Annual May rodeo, auction of rodeo stock, wild horse races and pari-mutuel betting.

Rides, downtown, summer and holidays. Museums: Yellowstone Art Center,

CROW FAIR (F-9), Crow Agency. Every August, Indian tribes gather for rodeo,

Glacier Country



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

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (A-2). Living glaciers and sparkling lakes, mountain-fresh streams, brilliant wild flowers, cascading waterfalls, dense forests and watchable wildlife provide a changing panorama. Going-tothe-Sun highway (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 back country 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 tour. FLATHEAD LAKE (C-2). Occupying nearly 200 square miles, Flathead Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake in the western U.S. The quality of the 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 1854, this unique Catholic Church contains 58 original murals on its walls and ceilings.

THE CONRAD MISSION (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 Kalispell.

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIAN (R-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 Indian Days Celebration. 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 handicappedaccessible .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 1841. 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 national 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).

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 Lake. MADISON CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA (H-5), west of Yellowstone National Park. On August 17, 1959, an awesome earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon. creating Quake Lake. Memorial, visitor center and scenic vista.

RANNACK (G-3), off Hwy 278 west of Dillon. The site of Montana's first major 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 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 Indians to reservations.

BUTTE HISTORIC DISTRICT (F-4). Much of Montana's history was written in mineralrich Butte. Old architecture, historic mines and monuments recall these colorful times. Walking tours. World Museum of Mining on Hell Roarin' Gulch brings a 1905 mining camp back to life.

MONTANA TERRITORIAL PRISON (E-3), Deer Lodge. A castle-like stone structure at the end of Main St. is the site of the West's first territorial prison. Now

> MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (E-4), 225 N. Roberts, Helena. The Montana Homeland exhibit explores the relationship between the people who have inhabited this of 12,000 years. Charles M. Russell art also on display. TOWE ANTIQUE FORD COLLECTION (E-3), 1106 Main St., Deer Lodge. Antique Ford auto collection.



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

Gold West Country

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 back to the 1870s. St. Helena Cathedral, State Capitol, original Governor's Mansion and many historic homes and buildings. GRANT-KOHRS RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE (E-3), outskirts of Deer Lodge. Once the home 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 entertain all summer long.

Missouri River Country

tains, 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

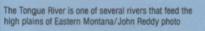
reservoir 134 miles long with more than 1,600 miles of shoreline. Beautiful recreation area. Home of the annual Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. Tours available. CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (C-9), between Hwys 24 and

culture and the Kirk Hill Nature Area. MISSOURI HEADWATERS (F-5), Three Forks. Where MEDICINE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (B-12), 3 miles southeast of Lewis and Clark found the Madison, Jefferson and Medicine Lake on MT 16. Abundant wildlife, self-guided auto tour. Also the site of Gallatin rivers joined to form the Missouri. Interpretive Tepee Hills Natural Area, where many tepee rings are preserved. displays, campground and picnic areas. Headwaters

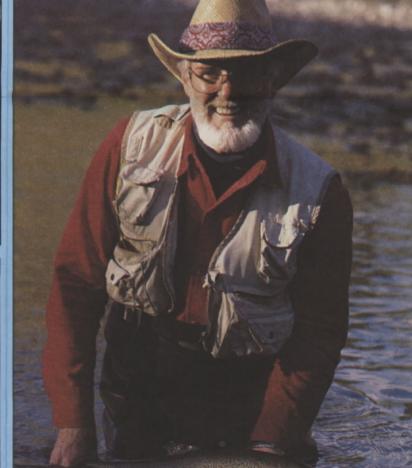


One of the world's great rivers sets the theme for a vast landscape of prairie, moun-

US 191 southwest of Glasgow. A variety of wildlife for 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 available.



Heritage Museum in nearby Three Forks.



FOSSIL BEDS (D-10), on Hell Creek, north of Jordan. Paleontologists discovered an

almost complete skeleton of Tyrannosaurus, the largest and fiercest carnivorous

WILD HORSE STAMPEDE (B-11), Wolf Point. Since 1901, the Granddaddy of Mon-

THRESHING BEE AND ANTIQUE SHOW (A-11), Scobey. Thresherman's breakfast,

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

gold mines in the nation, located in the scenic Little Rocky Mountains. Mine tours

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

Annual September event features restored steam engines, old tractors and farm

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

RESTORED PIONEER TOWN OF 1990s (A-11), Scobey. Homestead shack, shops,

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

(B-10), Malta (B-8), Poplar (B-11), Sidney (C-12), Circle (C-11), Plentywood (A-12).

Indian cultures, plus art and wildlife exhibits, are located in Wolf Point (B-11), Glasgow

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POPLAR INDIAN POWWOWS (B-11), Poplar. Traditional celebrations on the Fort Peck

old car and tractor display, parade, Dirty Shame Saloon Show—every July.

tana rodeos, July.

Indian Reservation, June-August.

weekend in historic Fort Peck Theater, June-August.

Savor the world's finest fishing in Yellowstone Country,

aalong with the awesome Beartooth Highway, aptly-named

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (H-5). Three of the

wonderland," Yellowstone is renowned for spouting

geysers, brilliant pools, bubbling caldrons, mountains,

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 and newly designated a

MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES (F-5). Montana State

University campus, Bozeman. Best known for its

world-class dinosaur collection, the museum has the

only public planetarium in a three-state region. Other

attractions are homestead history, contemporary Indian

to travel and offers views of the world's most

breathtaking mountain scenery at every turn.

National Forest Scenic Byway. It takes about 3 hours

canyons, streams and lakes, forests, waterfalls and

five entrances to Yellowstone, the world's first national

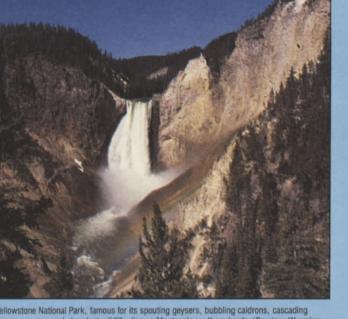
Paradise Valley, remote wilderness areas and

park, are in Montana. Often termed "nature's

Yellowstone National Park.

stores, antique farm machinery, cars and trucks.

Montania's legendary rivers and lakes offer anglers the opportunity to catch wild trout in a pristine environment/Steve Blv photo



Yellowstone National Park, famous for its spouting geysers, bubbling caldrons, cascading rivers, canyons and abundant wildlife, lies on Montana's southern border/Courtesy Wyoming

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 National 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-for its relaxed, friendly feel.

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD (H-5), West Yellowstone. Headquarters 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.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS (G-7), Red Lodge. A 9-day August celebration featuring a different nation's food, music, crafts and exhibits each day



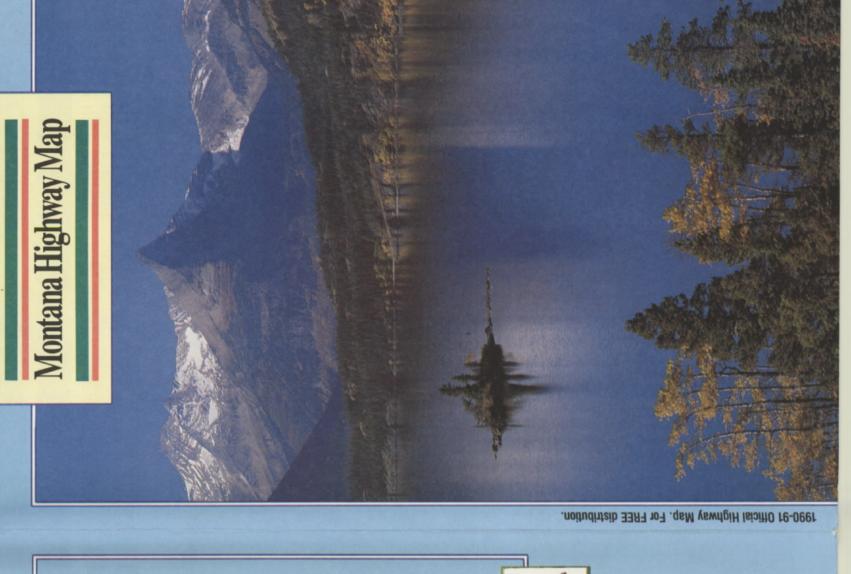
unforgettable.

he world-famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale in May officially icks off the rodeo season in Montana/Michael Crummett photo

Medicine Rocks State Park, regarded by some Northern Plains Indian tribes as a place of "big medicine," is one of 60 state parks that feature Montana's natural beauty, cultural heritage and

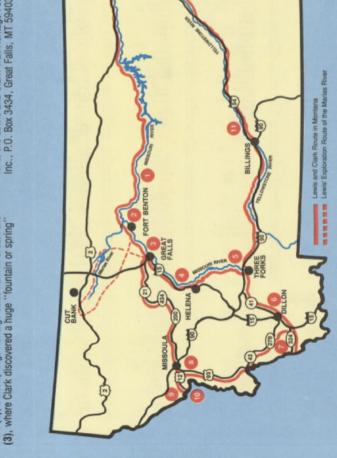


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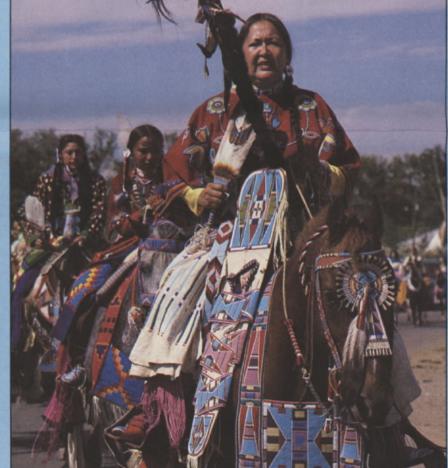


St. Mary's Lake shimmers in the pristine beauty of Montana's Glacier National Park/John Reddy photo



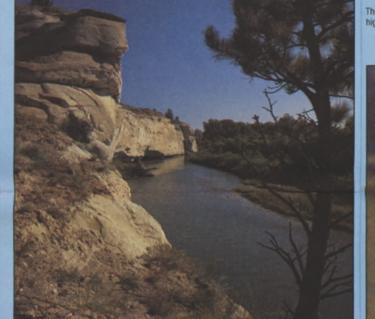


With its many downhill and cross-country ski resorts, plus miles of groomed snowmobile trails, Montana is a powder-perfect winter vacation destination/Gordon Wiltsie photo



Mountain bikes were made for Montana/David Hiser photo courtesy Big Sky Resort Association

The Mountain Goat is one of several wildlife species that can still be seen in their natural environment in Montana/Tim Christie photo





The color and pageantry of Montana's Indian heritage can be seen every summer at Crow Fair and the powwows and celebrations of six other Indian tribes/Michael Crummett photo