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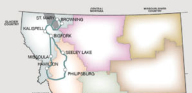

Get ready for a road trip packed with adventure. Learn to river surf, fly-fish, watch bison roam, mine for genuine Montana sapphires and wander through charming small towns. Rent a bike and enjoy scenery in Missoula, a gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community. In Moiese, grab binoculars to watch for bison, bighorn sheep, elk, deer and black bears at the National Bison Range. From the range visitor's center, it's about 10 miles to Charlo and Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge. Drive backroads to see kettle ponds where waterfowl congregate.

Plan ahead to play in, on or around one of the many lakes in western Montana. Flathead Lake—the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River—is open year-round and offers plenty of activities. Jump on a stand-up paddleboard, kayak, take a boat tour, fish or sail. Explore the charming small towns around the lake or discover outdoor adventure at one of six state parks. Be sure to grab delicious, locally grown Flathead cherries for a taste of Montana.

Photograph some of Montana's amazing wildlife around Kalispell or hike in Lone Pine State Park for far-as-the-eye-can-see mountain views. Travel to Browning to learn the history of the Blackfeet Tribe at the Museum of the Plains Indian. By way of St. Mary, head to the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road through Glacier National Park.

In Seeley Lake, boat or bike in the summer and snowmobile, snowshoe or cross-country ski in the winter. Make sure to save time to mine for Montana sapphires in Philipsburg.

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Flathead Lake, Bigfork

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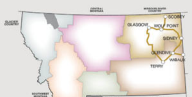

Retrace the path of Lewis and Clark and parallel two mighty rivers—the Missouri and the Yellowstone—on a loop around the state's northeastern badlands and spacious plains. This route-less-traveled crosses the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and passes through lands where dinosaurs once roamed.

From Glasgow, head to Wolf Point, home of the annual Wild Horse Stampede in July. Stop in Scobey for a back-in-time visit exploring the Daniels County Museum and Pioneer Town just west of town. Make time to venture to Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge and look for the beautiful white pelicans that call the refuge home.

View Western art and pioneer artifacts at the MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney. From here, take a side trip to the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, once the fur-trading hub of the Upper Missouri River. The site straddles the Montana–North Dakota border.

In Glendive, pre-book a dinosaur fossil hunt (open April to October). See a Triceratops horridus skull and hike the badlands at Makoshika State Park, one of the stops on the Montana Dinosaur Trail.

Drive along the Big Sky Back Country Byway, a 105-mile scenic route following a section of the historic Regina-Yellowstone (R-Y) Trail. Stop at the byway kiosk in Terry to learn more about the drive. At the northern end of the route, visit the Fort Peck Interpretive Center and Museum to see one of the world's most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeletons, named Peck's Rex™.

Explore any of the six recreation areas surrounding Fort Peck Lake. See Fort Peck Dam and take a free tour of the Fort Peck Power Plant Museum (open Memorial Day to Labor Day). Downstream, hike the Beaver Creek Nature Trail and look for bison on the Leo B. Coleman Wildlife Exhibit driving route.

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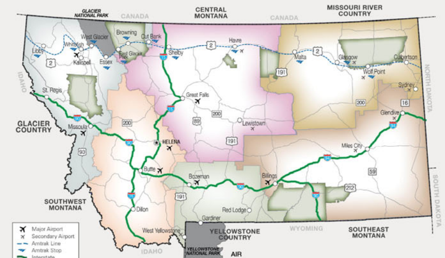
Fort Peck Interpretive Center, Fort Peck

Makoshika State Park

Yellowstone River, Sidney



GETTING HERE

Montana is a beautiful place filled with majestic mountains, big blue skies, wildflower-filled meadows, miles of hiking trails and crystal-clear rivers and streams. Home to major airports, beautiful highways and byways as well as passenger train service, getting here is easy.

AIR
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 arrive daily (some seasonal) from Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Phoenix/Mesa, New York/Newark, Portland, Salt Lake City and Seattle. Seasonal flights from Atlanta, Long Beach, Oakland and San Francisco are also available. Airlines flying to these airports include Alaska/Horizon Air, Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta/Sky-West, Frontier, Jet Blue and United. Montana is a big state. For quick access to eastern Montana, Cape Air makes it easy by offering direct flights from Billings. For more information, go to *www.visitmt.com/airports*.

RAIL
Experience Montana in a relaxing and comfortable setting. For travelers looking to experience the grandeur of changing landscapes, ride Amtrak's Empire Builder. This northernmost railway line travels through some of Montana's most charming towns, from the high plains of eastern Montana to the craggy cliffs of Glacier National Park. Routes operate daily from Seattle and Portland, as well as Minneapolis and Chicago. Bonus: There's a glass-topped viewing car. For more information, visit *www.amtrak.com*.

AUTOMOBILE
The state's scenic drives and byways provide countless breathtaking vistas, from engineering feats such as the stunning Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park to the 10,947-foot Beartooth Highway that travels to Yellowstone National Park. Whether crossing the wide-open plains from the east or climbing high mountain passes from the west, any route comes with a view. For more information on travel conditions, safety and weather, visit *www.mdt.mt.gov/travelinfo*.

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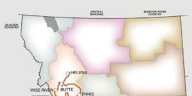
ROUTE: HELENA > BUTTE > WISE RIVER > VIRGINIA CITY > ENNIS > BUTTE



Wander through authentic 1800s ghost towns on this rambling route over mountains, across the Continental Divide and along blue-ribbon trout streams. Legend has it that some of the smaller towns harbor gold rush–era ghosts.

Start in the state capital, Helena, on foot or bike. The city is known for its network of classic multiuse single-track trails and its self-guided walking tours. Book a two-hour boat tour down the Missouri River through the Gates of the Mountains. The river route appears to be blocked by 1,200-foot-tall cliffs. Only those on the journey via boat can see the "gate" magically open to reveal a path down the river.

Discover Butte, once known as the Richest Hill on Earth thanks to the multi-billion-dollar mining industry of the 1800s. Discover the town's colorful history on a trolley tour or an underground tour. Be sure to grab a drink at a local brewery or distillery.

At Wise River, slow down and enjoy breathtaking views along the 49-mile-long Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway. In summer, visit the ghost town of Coolidge and dig for crystals at Crystal Park.

Stop in at Montana's three best-preserved ghost towns: Bannack State Park, Nevada City and Virginia City, which remains a living town with about 190 full-time residents. The three towns house a collection of 19th-century buildings and Americana, including more than 100 arcade and music machines.

Spend time in the tiny town of Ennis with a fly-fishing outfitter or relax with a soak in one of the area's natural hot springs.

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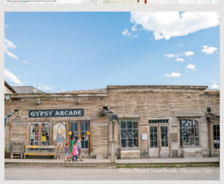
Gates of the Mountains, Helena



Main Street boardwalk, Virginia City

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ROUTE: GREAT FALLS > FORT BENTON > VIRGELLE > HAVRE > MALTA > LEWISTOWN > FORT BENTON > GREAT FALLS

For Native Americans, bison, also referred to as buffalo, are revered symbols of strength and unity. Celebrate bison, see them roam and discover how the national mammal helped mold the state on this adventure across badlands and prairies.

Discover Great Falls, home to the C.M. Russell Museum, a tribute to legendary Western artist Charlie Russell. In Ulm, visit the First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, a sandstone cliff with nearly 18 feet of compacted bison remains below the jump. This park is also a ceremony site used by the Little Shell Tribe.

Journey to the birthplace of Montana, Fort Benton. At the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center, buy a two-day admission that includes the center, Old Fort Benton, Museum of the Upper Missouri and Museum of the Northern Great Plains.

Antique in Virgelle and stop at Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeological Site in Havre (open June to Labor Day) to see a buffalo jump with an excavated wall of archaeological deposits, including compacted buffalo bones and skulls. See bison roam on a guided tour of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation's buffalo reserve.

Play paleontologist at the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Phillips County Museum in Malta. Take a side trip to Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge.

Follow the self-guided Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge auto tour, which parallels the Missouri River. Northwest of Lewistown, ride the Charlie Russell Chew Choo Montana dinner train (available select weekend days in summer and early fall).

Discover Bear Gulch Pictographs, a 313-million-year-old limestone inland sea formation with more than 3,000 drawings by ancient peoples.

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White Cliffs, Missouri River

Fort Belknap Reservation

BETWEEN THE PARKS

HIGHWAY 89 ROUTE
This route travels along the east side of Glacier National Park, down the Rocky Mountain Front, through Kings Hill Scenic Byway, and into Paradise Valley.

Start/end points: Babb, Gardiner
Time/distance: 6 hr 15 min, 363 miles

Highlights: Freezeout Lake, First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, Giant Springs State Park, Great Falls Portage, Paradise Valley

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT ROUTE
Travel the east side of the Rocky Mountain Front. Stop and explore the capital city, Helena, which serves as the halfway point for this route.

Start/end points: St. Mary, West Yellowstone
Time/distance: 6 hr, 364 miles

Highlights: Two Medicine Dinosaur Center, Gates of the Mountains, Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park, Quake Lake, Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center

SMALL TOWN ROUTE
Enjoy some of Montana's most charming towns. Stroll down each main street and discover the unique character and hospitality of each town.

Start/end points: West Glacier, West Yellowstone
Time/distance: 7 hr 55 min, 455 miles

Highlights: Flathead Lake, National Bison Range, Smokejumper Visitor Center, Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, Missouri Headwaters State Park, Museum of the Rockies

GHOST TOWN ROUTE
Visit the once bustling towns that gave Montana the nickname, Treasure State, including Garnet, Granite, Bannack, Virginia City and Nevada City.

Start/end points: West Glacier, West Yellowstone
Time/distance: 8 hr 15 min, 457 miles

Highlights: Placid Lake, Salmon Lake, Philipsburg, Crystal Park, Virginia City Historic District and Nevada City

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 Antelope Wells, New Mexico.

Start/end points: Roosville border crossing, Lakeview
Time/distance: multiday ride, 600 miles

For route details and more information, visit *www.adventurecycling.org*.

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Governor Steve Bullock and family.

Montana's roads will lead you to some of the most special places in the world. The rivers, streams, mountains and plains you'll find under our wide open skies truly make Montana the Treasure State.

We hope you'll love visiting our state as much as we love living here. There is something for everyone in Montana—something that will leave you planning your next trip to our state.

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

Governor Steve Bullock and First Lady Lisa Bullock

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ROUTE: BOZEMAN > LIVINGSTON > ABSAROKEE > RED LODGE > YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SILVER GATE ENTRANCE > GARDINER > LIVINGSTON > BOZEMAN

Outdoor adventure and spectacular scenery abound on this scenic loop through southern Montana, along the Beartooth Highway and into Yellowstone National Park. Hike on a wilderness plateau, raft the Stillwater River or horseback ride in Paradise Valley.

Begin in Bozeman, the adventure capital of the northern Rockies. In winter, ice climb in Hyalite Canyon or hit the slopes at a local ski resort. During summer, learn to rock climb on a guided trip or hike through one of six nearby mountain ranges, including the spectacular Absarokas and Spanish Peaks.

Journey to Livingston and visit a local angler shop. Buy hand-tied flies, hire a local fly-fishing guide and get tips on where the trout are that day.

Trade your car for a horse and hit the trail with an outfitter in Paradise Valley that offers trips to places like Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. In Absarokee, take a ride into Montana's highest mountains.

Soak in the scenery on the Beartooth Highway (open late May to mid-October), which connects Red Lodge to the northeast entrance of Yellowstone National Park. This highway, designated as an All-American Road, winds across the Beartooth Plateau, which rises 10,900 feet above sea level, and past 20 peaks that tower over 12,000 feet.

Prepare to be amazed on a route that follows the Grand Loop Road through Yellowstone National Park. Highlights include the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone; the bubbling Mud Volcano area; and Mammoth Hot Springs, a hotbed of geothermal formations.

Take the Paradise Valley Scenic Drive (U.S. 89). Paralleling the Upper Yellowstone River between the Absaroka and Gallatin mountain ranges, this route passes through the lower valley and delivers pure Montana mountain and river vistas.

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Beartooth Plateau, Red Lodge

Roosevelt Arch, Gardiner

Bridger Range, Bozeman

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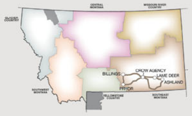

Start this history-packed trip in Billings and travel across southeast Montana for some of the best Native American warrior history of the Great Plains. Soak in the sights of the largest city in Montana, hear tales of tribal war chiefs, see historic battlefields and explore ancient indigenous art.

Explore Billings and walk its historic downtown, take a brewery tour or visit the Yellowstone Art Museum and Western Heritage Center for a look at art and history from the area. Bask in the beauty of Four Dances Natural Area and take a scenic nature hike overlooking the Yellowstone River. Walk the short trails of Pictograph Cave State Park and witness the unique pictographs left by ancient storytellers from hundreds of years ago. Learn about the fascinating life of the last traditional Crow war chief at Chief Plenty Coups State Park near Pryor.

For extra adventure, spend time on the water and explore the picturesque Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Rent a pontoon boat from the Ok-A-Beh Marina and float past canyon landscapes as you travel down the Bighorn River.

Journey to the Custer Battlefield Museum on the Crow Indian Reservation. Step back into history on a guided tour of the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument at Crow Agency. Plan ahead and watch history come alive at the Real Bird's Reenactment of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, held annually in June.

Discover Rosebud Battlefield State Park, location of one of the greatest Indian conflicts ever to occur in America. Travel to Tongue River Reservoir State Park for a modern frontier camping adventure or head to Ashland and explore St. Labre Mission and Cheyenne Museum.

Along the route, stop by traditional gift shops in Lame Deer and find beaded leather moccasins, beaded jewelry, wild plum jelly and much more. Visit Chief Two Moons Monument, created in honor of the famous Cheyenne chief who was a model for the buffalo nickel.

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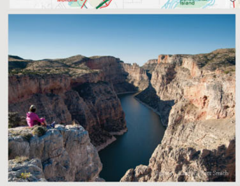
Bighorn Canyon, Fort Smith

Little Bighorn Battlefield, Crow Agency

PLAN YOUR TRIP

Montana is a special place, and one that we're all still exploring. With over 94 million acres to consider, and more off-the-beaten-path places than most can conquer in a lifetime, these free tools are sure to help you lose yourself in Montana's vast landscapes:

WEB
From general inspiration to specific trip ideas, **VISITMT.COM** is your source for places to go and things to do in Big Sky Country. With a wealth of information on the national parks, Indian country, outdoor activities, history, culture and more, there is something for every adventurer.

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Montana offers some of the greatest natural and cultural treasures on earth. From stunning scenery and dazzling waters to geologic wonders and cultural history, Montana State Parks offer something for everyone. Find more details at *www.stateparks.mt.gov*

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
Open year-round, Glacier National Park offers access to spectacular, unspoiled nature. Depending on weather, the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road and other park services are available mid-May to mid-September. For 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
Discover America's first national park year-round, with opportunities to explore every season. Most, though not all, park roads close to vehicles mid-November to mid-May. For more information on spring biking, park passes, safety and major attractions, call 307.344.7381 or visit *www.nps.gov/yell*.

MDT TRAVEL INFO APP
Access roadway information with the Montana Department of Transportation mobile app. Search for MDT Travel Info or download at *www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/mobile.shtml*.

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QUICK FACTS

STATE FLOWER **BITTERROOT**
STATE BIRD **WESTERN MEADOWLARK**
STATE GEMSTONE **SAPPHIRE & AGATE**
TRIBAL NATIONS **TWELVE**
STATE FISH **BLACKSPOTTED CUTTHROAT TROUT**
STATE ANIMAL **GRIZZLY BEAR**
HIGHEST POINT **GRANITE PEAK**
STATE TREE **PONDEROSA PINE**
AREA CODE 406
TOTAL AREA 147,040 Sq mi
TIME ZONE MOUNTAIN
POPULATION 1,042,520
STATE CAPITAL **HELENA**
NICKNAMES **BIG SKY COUNTRY TREASURE STATE**

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED, MONTANA HAS THE FOLLOWING SPEED LIMITS

Interstates	Interstates through the cities of Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Helena and Missoula	Public highways	Urban districts
SPEED LIMIT 80; TRUCKS 65	SPEED LIMIT 65	SPEED LIMIT 70; TRUCKS 60; NIGHT 65; NIGHT 55	SPEED LIMIT 25

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

BUCKLE UP IT'S THE LAW — All vehicle occupants must wear a safety belt. Children under six and weighing less than 60 pounds must be properly restrained by an approved restraint system. For more information visit *www.buckleup.mt.gov*.

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER — Montana law prohibits open alcoholic beverage containers in a vehicle. It is unlawful to drive or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle when the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level is 0.08 or more. The limit for drivers under age 21 is 0.02.

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. Operators and passengers under 18 must wear approved headgear.

Watch for wildlife and domestic animals crossing the roads. If you hit an animal, contact the Montana Highway Patrol at *855.647.3777* from the scene of the crash to write a report.

SHARE THE ROAD — 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*.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

PROTECT YOURSELF
Wear a DOT-compliant helmet.
Wear protective gear.

BE VISIBLE
Use lane position to see and be seen.
Use turn signal when changing lanes or turning.

USE HEADLIGHT
It's the law.