Chasing the light—every photographer dreams of these moments, when a simple snapshot becomes transformative. Evelyn Cameron, a wealthy British woman turned Western pioneer, found that perfect light in Southeast Montana. She captured the rolling prairies dotted with buttes and the rivers that carved the land. Using primitive equipment and a mountain of grit, she preserved a snapshot of the region’s intriguing vistas, telling Montana’s story, which still rings true today.

We urge you to look closer, to peer through Evelyn’s lens rather than judging the book by its proverbial cover. Take the time to pursue Southeast Montana, and you will see colors that shift and shadows that dance as the sun spans the day. The high plains provide endless skies that stretch beyond reach, always beckoning. And when the day turns to night—or night turns to day—we challenge you to find a more stunning transition.

On this map, we’ve compiled 10 Picture-Perfect Places along with 10 Inspirational Spots to share with you, including the Evelyn Cameron Gallery at the Prairie County Museum. Some, like the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, are easy to find; its rich, revered history and high plains vista make it a “don’t miss.” Others, like the Snowy Mountain Road overlook, require more rugged exploration. Either way, we promise a big adventure under the big sky of Southeast Montana.

So, go ahead—open that book. Read the story. And, write your own chapter.
The ranges of yellow, orange and red will thrill sandstone spires of wind-worn, haunting hoodoos.

MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK
5 Av B & Fort Smith, MT 59335
Standing at the "top of the world" for 360-degree views. The third-largest canyon in the country crosses the Montana-Wyoming border with a 71-mile-long lake and colorful, 1,000-foot-high canyon cliffs. Home to moose, bears, wolves and, of course, bighorn sheep, this man-made lake is best seen from a boat (seasonal rentals) or on foot.

FOUR DANCES NATURAL AREA
1103 Culture Rd. • Billings, MT 59101
Soaring 100 feet above the Yellowstone River, Four Dances Natural Area gives “standing on top of the world” a concrete location. Look to the east for a stunning antelope or muley view, or look to the west for the best sunsets enhanced by three mountain ranges.

"THE RIMS" IN CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
State Highway 332 to Riverton-Carter Road. Turn south into Custer Gallatin National Forest. Stand atop these steep cliffs, locally known as "The Rims," and look down on several hundred feet to where the prairie rolls out. On a clear day, you can see Devils Tower to the south. Take a picnic or simply marvel in the majestic landscape before you in all directions.

TERRY BADLANDS OVERLOOK* North of Terry on State Highway 237 for 27 miles; left on Scenic View Road for 5.5 miles. Many locations in the Terry Badlands remain as pristine today as they were more than 100 years ago. Stop at the overlook for 360-degree views, and stellar skis. Drive, hike and camp this stunning public land for an amazing experience that includes natural bridges, wildlife, ecology, geology and the ever-mysterious hoodoos. The more adventurous may tackle the Calypso Trail.

VISIT BILLINGS
2100 S. Shiloh Road • Billings, MT 59106
MONTANA'S ONLY ZOO!
ZooMontana is home to animals from around the globe that live at the 45th parallel and north, like wolverines and Siberian tigers. Sometimes it's the road less traveled.

POMPES PILLAR NATIONAL MONUMENT
3100 Highways 25 & 12, Holton, MT 59349
Known by Native Americans as "the place where the mountains line," this 105-foot-high sandstone butte has always been a natural landmark. Make two stops to the top. The first is at the pullout to the north where the trail begins. Be sure to catch Capt. William Clark's carved signature—the only remaining physical evidence of the Corps of Discovery.

SNOWY MOUNTAIN ROAD* 40673°27’40”N 110°37’57”W South into Custer Gallatin National Forest, this road is less traveled. And, that's exactly the path you need to see the sweet white overlooking Devil's Backbone and the Snowy Mountains. We won't lie—this isn't off the beaten path, but it's worth every wild and rugged mile.

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT
Intricate 300 Frontage Road Crow Agency, MT 59322
Situated on a high ridge above the Little Bighorn River, this very soil swims with intense passion from the soldiers who stolidly followed orders and the warriors who gave their all to save their people's nomadic way of life. Listen to the story in a park ranger, a tour guide or in a private telling while standing within the circular Indian Memorial.

For more information on places to visit, check out the web sites listed in this section.