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BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIGHORN



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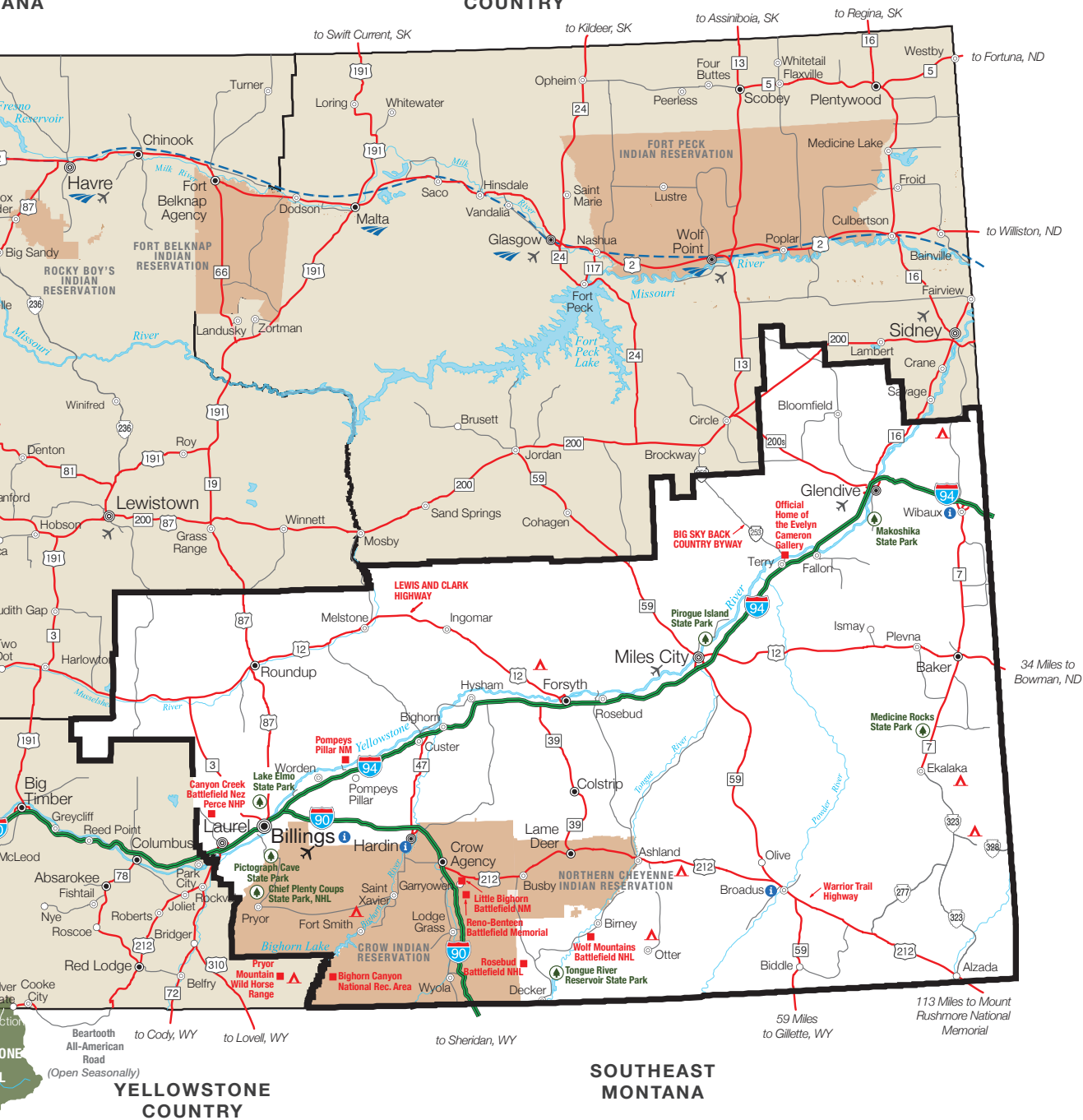


State Capital: Helena
Montana Population: 1,137,233*
*2024 U.S. Census Estimate

Land Area: 145,392 sq. miles
Water Area: 1,746 sq. miles
Total Area: 147,138 sq. miles

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**MISSOURI RIVER
COUNTRY**



CITY/ TOWN	POPULATION	HIGHWAYS	MAP SYMBOLS AND OTHER FEATURES
○	Under 50	 Interstate Route	 State Boundary
⊙	50-1,000	 Principal Highway	 Major Airport
●	1,000-2,500	 Other Highway	 Secondary Airport
●●	2,500-10,000	ROUTE MARKERS	 Amtrak Line
●●●	10,000-25,000	 Interstate	 Amtrak Station
●●●●	Over 25,000	 U.S. Route	 Montana State Park
●●●●●	State Capital	 State or Provincial Route	 Point of Interest
		 Other Route	 Visitor Information Center

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MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK
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THERE ARE NO SMALL PLANS UNDER **BIG SKIES**



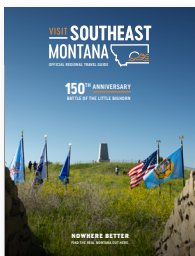
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Photos – Above: World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, Miles City, Cassie Solberg; Bottom Left: Makoshika State Park Night Sky, Nate Luebke; Roundup, Nathan Satran Photography



ON THE COVER

Marking 150 years at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. This sacred ground in Southeast Montana tells a story that still resonates—of courage, conflict and a moment that changed the course of the West.

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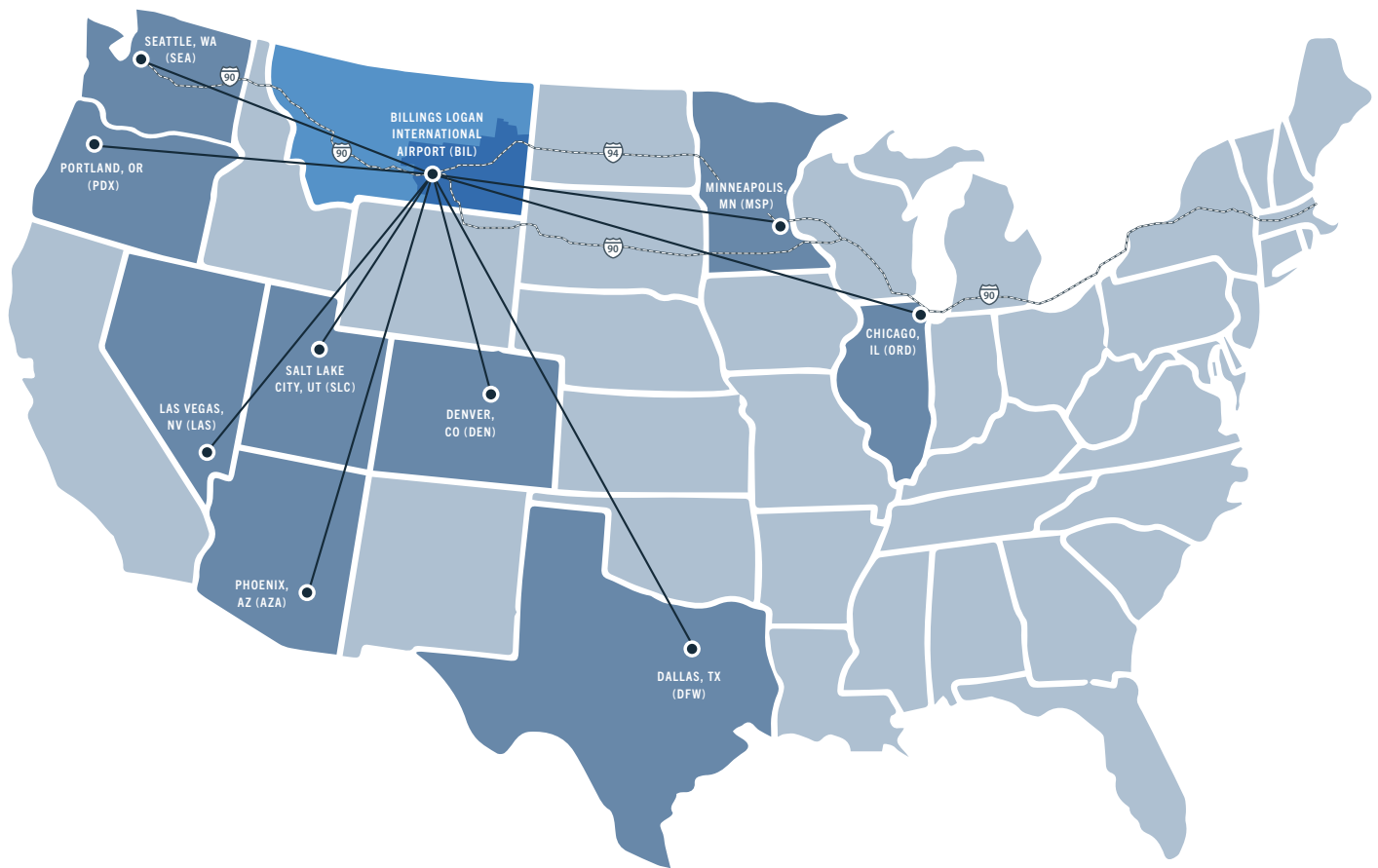


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GETTING HERE



GETTING HERE BY AIR

The Billings Logan International Airport (BIL) is the primary airport of the surrounding region and just a 5-minute drive from downtown Billings. Regional carrier Cape Air also flies directly from Billings to Glendive. Services available at BIL include car rentals, a restaurant and lounge, a concourse deli, a gift shop, visitor information and ATMs.

DIRECT FLIGHT TIMES TO BILLINGS (BIL)

Chicago, IL | 2.5 hours*
Dallas/Fort Worth, TX | 2.75 hours
Denver, CO | 1.5 hours
Glendive, MT | 1.5 hours
Las Vegas, NV | 2 hours
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN | 2 hours
Phoenix, AZ | 2.5 hours
Salt Lake City, UT | 1.5 hours
Seattle, WA | 2 hours

*seasonal service

GETTING HERE BY ROAD

Many travelers arrive via our two major thoroughfares, Interstate 94 and Interstate 90. Interstate 94 takes drivers across Montana's eastern border from North Dakota through Glendive, Miles City and Billings. Interstate 90 runs across the entire state, from the Wyoming border, to Hardin, then Billings, and on to Western Montana. These routes through Southeast Montana make the perfect addition to your Yellowstone or Glacier National Park trip.

DRIVE TIMES TO SOUTHEAST MONTANA

Casper, WY to Billings, MT | 4 hours
Denver, CO to Billings, MT | 8 hours
Glacier National Park to Billings, MT | 6 hours
Minneapolis, MN to Glendive, MT | 9 hours
Salt Lake City, UT to Billings, MT | 8.5 hours
Spokane, WA to Billings, MT | 9.5 hours
Rapid City, SD to Glendive, MT | 4.5 hours
Regina, Canada to Glendive, MT | 4.5 hours
Yellowstone National Park to Billings, MT | 2.5 hours

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PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Rugged badlands, free-flowing rivers and endless prairies are here for you to discover. Experience true solitude in wide-open spaces and escape into the cosmos under North America's darkest skies.

Get started on your bucket list with these incredible public lands, set aside to be enjoyed and protected by all.

ACTON RECREATION AREA

Bring your bike to Acton Recreation Area, located 25 miles northwest of Billings. Popular with mountain bikers because of its naturally challenging bluffs, badlands, steep drainages and ponderosa pines, this BLM (Bureau of Land Management) site is open year-round. In addition to biking, enjoy stargazing, hiking, horseback riding, snowshoeing, wildlife watching and hunting.

BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Boat this 71-mile lake on the Montana–Wyoming border and take in the colorful cliffs rising more than 1,000 feet above the water. Travel into canyon fingers and crevices to find the perfect picnic or camping spot. Stop by Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center for a bird's-eye view of the massive Yellowtail Dam, which creates Bighorn Lake. Bring your own boat or rent (seasonally) a pontoon boat at Ok-a-Beh Marina.

CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Visiting the Ashland Ranger District of the Custer Gallatin National Forest, located between Broadus and Ashland, you'll see abundant wildlife, ponderosa pines and open prairies. The forest provides excellent opportunities for hiking and horseback riding on Cook Mountain, King Mountain and the Tongue River Breaks. Near Ekalaka, the Sioux Ranger District preserves rich archeological and paleontological resources, including two National Landmarks: Capitol Rock and The Castles.

CANYON CREEK BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

This national monument memorializes the Battle of Canyon Creek, which took place September 12, 1877, between the Nez Perce and the 7th U.S. Cavalry under Samuel Sturgis. Located just 8 miles north of Laurel on Buffalo Trail Road you'll find a pavilion, stone monument, bronze plaque and a walk-through interpretive display.

FUN FACT: The Yellowstone River is the longest undammed river in the contiguous U.S., flowing 692 miles.

Photo – Above Inset: Yellowstone River, Donnie Sexton





BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
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CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK
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CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK

Near the base of the Pryor Mountains lies the home of Chief Plenty Coups, the last chief of the Crow Tribe. Per the wishes of Plenty Coups and his wife, the property has been transformed into a state park where all cultures can come together to learn about unity. The park offers several picnic sites, walking trails, interpretive displays and a visitor center.

FOUR DANCES NATURAL AREA

Four Dances Natural Area, locally known as Sacrifice Cliffs, is located on a plateau overlooking the Yellowstone River and downtown Billings. Four Dances Rim Loop trail runs 1.5-miles and remains a favorite among Billings locals for its photo opportunities.

LAKE ELMO STATE PARK

Situated within Billings city limits, this urban park provides a great place to swim, boat (non-motorized only), paddleboard, fish, picnic, birdwatch and walk on the surrounding nature trail. The family-friendly park features a boat launch, playground, fenced dog park and two group-use sites.

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

The Battle of the Little Bighorn stands as the Plains Indians' greatest victory over U.S. military forces in their fight to maintain control over ancestral lands. Here, Lt. Col. Custer and many of his men lost their lives against a much larger force of Lakota Sioux, Arapaho and Northern Cheyenne warriors. Start your visit at the Custer National Cemetery and visitor center, gift shop and museum, then take the 4.5-mile road to the Indian Memorial and 7th Cavalry Memorial, ending at Reno-Benteen Battlefield Memorial.

NOTE: The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is undergoing some updates. For the most current information related to visitation, see the website at nps.gov/libi.

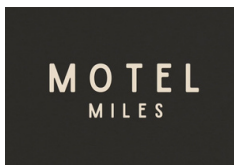


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MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK

Montana's largest state park expands over 11,000 acres and is arguably the most unique. It features incredible topography, like sandstone formations, caprocks and fluted hillsides. Some of the world's best-preserved dinosaur fossils, including those of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* and *Triceratops*, are displayed at the visitor center. The park includes an archery site, a scenic drive, hiking and biking trails, 28 camping sites, a group picnic area, an outdoor amphitheater and a disc golf course.

MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK

Nestled along the rolling prairies of Montana's eastern edge between Ekalaka and Baker lies Medicine Rock State Park. As its name implies, this area was once a place of "big medicine," where tribal hunting parties gathered before a hunt. Here, you'll spot fascinating sandstone pillars, sprouting a hundred feet above the rolling prairies. The park includes hiking and biking trails, 12 campsites and a group-use area.

DID YOU KNOW? Medicine Rocks State Park is one of only two Montana locations designated as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary because of its distinguished quality of starry nights and nocturnal environment thanks to sparse light pollution.

PICTOGRAPH CAVE STATE PARK

Pictograph Cave State Park is a National Historic Landmark just outside of Billings with historically significant preserved caves. Inside the park's three caves—Pictograph, Middle and Ghost—you can find over 100 pictographs created by prehistoric hunters approximately 2,000 years ago. The park has a $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile loop trail, day-use picnic area and visitor center with interpretive displays and a gift shop.

PIROGUE ISLAND STATE PARK

Pirogue Island State Park is located on the Yellowstone River just outside of Miles City. Widely believed to be the site where the Corps of Discovery and Captain Clark camped in 1806 on their return trip east, the park remains covered with cottonwoods and dozens of plant species that make the island an ideal destination for birdwatching. During low water, visitors can wade through the river channels to reach the island or stop while floating down the river.

POMPEY'S PILLAR NATIONAL MONUMENT

On his way back East, Capt. William Clark stopped along the Yellowstone River to climb a peculiar sandstone pillar jutting up from the riverbank. He carved his name into the sandstone on July 25, 1806, and named it after his guide's son, "Little Pomp." Centuries before Clark's visit, Native Americans used the area for camping, hunting and trading, as indicated by petroglyphs, pictographs and other artifacts.



MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK
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ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

Rosebud Battlefield State Park preserves a portion of the site where the Battle of the Rosebud was fought on June 17, 1876. Preceding the battle, generations of Indigenous peoples used the valley for hunting and gathering, as seen on petroglyphs marked into Kobold Buffalo Jump. The remote National Historic Landmark provides a quiet atmosphere where visitors can reflect on centuries of history.

STRAWBERRY HILL RECREATION AREA

Named for its strawberry-colored cliffs, Strawberry Hill Recreation Area encompasses 4,248 acres of trails, unique rock formations and views of the Yellowstone River Valley. It is a popular spot for rugged hiking, biking, wildlife watching and primitive camping. You'll need a high-profile, all-wheel-drive vehicle to drive the unmaintained trail, though many visitors prefer using an off-highway vehicle (OHV), mountain bikes or hiking in on foot.



SUNDANCE LODGE RECREATION AREA

This day-use-only area, at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone rivers, sits on both the Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce national historic trails. The cottonwood groves, meadows and riparian areas offer great birding opportunities and are popular for hiking, viewing wildlife, horseback riding and picnicking. Archery hunting and limited shotgun hunting is available through the Block Management Program with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

WILD & WACKY: POMPEYS PILLAR Which way do we go? While technically correct, this sign makes us laugh. Turn left for Pompeys Pillar National Monument, where Captain William Clark of the Lewis & Clark Expedition carved his name in the rock pillar in 1806. If you go right, you will drive through the unincorporated rail community with the same name.



Photos – Right Inset: Pompeys Pillar National Monument, Cassie Solberg;
Right: Pompeys Pillar National Monument, Melynda Harrison



STRAWBERRY HILL RECREATION AREA
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TERRY BADLANDS WILDERNESS STUDY AREA

The Terry Badlands Wilderness Study Area remains as pristine and untouched today as it was hundreds of years ago. You'll need an all-wheel drive vehicle to access the scenic overlook and a high-profile or off-road vehicle to drive on Calypso Trail, a primitive two-track road. Along the trail, hike (bikes not allowed on single-track trails) to the impressive arches, natural bridges, pinnacles, hoodoos and scoria escarpments. Take in a stunning sunset at scenic overlook as the changing light reflects off buttes, banded cliffs and sandstone spires.

TONGUE RIVER STATE PARK

Travel 10 miles north of Decker to visit Tongue River Reservoir for its incredibly scenic views of red shale formations and juniper canyons. The 12-mile-long reservoir is a favorite fishing spot with a few state-record fish snagged in its waters. The park features 160 campsites, a fish-cleaning station, two boat ramps, a beach area and a marina store. If you don't own a boat, you can rent (seasonally) a pontoon boat from Tongue River Marina.



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK
NATHAN SATRAN PHOTOGRAPHY



BIKING

From the rustic and remote **Calypso Trail** in the **Terry Badlands** to urban trails in Billings, Southeast Montana offers plenty of mountain biking options for the true trailblazer. Discover new and exciting terrain throughout the region—across the prairies, buttes and badlands on paved paths, downhill routes, switchbacks and gravel roads.



ADVENTUROUS RIDES

- ▶ Calypso Trail at Terry Badlands National Recreation Area | 15.5-mile out-and-back
- ▶ Owl Be Back Trail at Acton Recreation Area | 1.4-mile out-and-back
- ▶ Zimmerman Back 9 in Billings | 7.8-mile loop

CAMPING

There's nothing quite like roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over a campfire, and the sounds of nature can quiet the soul. Experience nature at its best while spending a night outside under the stars.

Rough it in quiet, primitive public lands or enjoy the amenities on developed campgrounds at state parks and RV parks. For unique camping accommodations, reserve the teepee site at **Makoshika State Park**, escape to boat-in only campgrounds within **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**, or reserve **Diamond Butte Lookout** fire tower (off-season) in Custer Gallatin National Forest. Stay at the world's first KOA campground in Billings, home of the 63-year-old company, at its original campground along the Yellowstone River.



RECREATE RESPONSIBLY: We encourage everyone to recreate responsibly by keeping yourself, others and outdoor places safe. Careful planning and precautions are key to sustainability and a successful adventure. To learn more about Recreate Responsibly guidelines, visit southeastmontana.com/recreate-responsibly.



Photos – Above Left: Makoshika State Park, Visit Southeast Montana; Above Right: Acton Recreation Area, Ian Hanson



FISHING

Anglers in the know make their way here for an unforgettable fishing experience at these world-class waterways. In the Bighorn River alone, there are at least a dozen species of catchable fish, and it tops the list of Montana's blue-ribbon trout streams.

A favorite for both open-water and ice fishing, **Tongue River Reservoir** is a hidden Montana gem for bass, crappie, walleye and Northern Pike. During late May and June, a special breed of anglers travels to a rocky stretch of the Yellowstone River near Glendive at **Intake Diversion Dam** to catch the prehistoric paddlefish.

To fish in Montana, you need to purchase both a conservation license and a fishing license through the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks office. Book a guided fishing adventure to ensure your fishing stories aren't centered around "the one that got away."

Photos this page – Above: Bighorn River, Nathan Satran Photography; Above Inset: Fishing the Bighorn River, The New Fly Fisher; Bottom Right: Spotted Eagle, Miles City, Andy Austin

Photos right page – Above Right: Mule Deer, Todd Johnson; Inset Right: Western Meadowlark, Kevin League

WATERSPORTS

With a variety of currents, from roaring rivers to calm lakes, you can paddle at your own pace out here. Take on the massive **Bighorn Lake** where the staggering canyon walls are best seen from a boater's perspective. **Tongue River Reservoir** offers a 12-mile-long lake teeming with opportunities for water fun. If you're looking for something more relaxing, try the calm waters of **Castle Rock Lake** in Colstrip or **Lake Elmo State Park** in Billings.

The iconic **Yellowstone River** is one of our state's greatest recreational treasures and remains the longest free-flowing river in the lower 48 states. Floating down the Lower Yellowstone you'll see scenic sandstone bluffs and rugged badlands between vast stretches of prairie. The river provides opportunities for wildlife watching and fishing, plus hunting for fossils (below the high-water mark) and elusive rocks, such as agates.

If you don't own a boat or kayak, rentals are available at Ok-A-Beh Marina at Bighorn Lake, Tongue River Marina, Makoshika Wellness in Glendive, as well as Sunshine Sports and The Base Camp in Billings. Or, reserve a custom, captained tour with Yellowstone River Adventures near Glendive.



HUNTING

In Southeast Montana, hunting is more than sport—it's tradition. From tracking mule deer in the breaks to flushing pheasants on rolling prairie, each outing connects you to the land and its heritage. Local outfitters and guides can help make your next hunt one to remember.

To hunt in Montana, you need to purchase both a conservation license and a hunting license through the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks office. You also need a tag and/or license for the species you are hunting.

HIKING

Find solitude in some of the most scenic vistas in the country—without crowds and packed parking lots. The badlands and prairies are brimming with trails, from beginner-friendly paths perfect for those who want to break in their new boots, to more difficult treks that challenge even the most experienced hikers.

Makoshika State Park and **Terry Badlands Wilderness Study Area** offer some of the most awe-inspiring views of the badlands with natural bridge crossings. You'll also find trails throughout the region near the **Yellowstone River**, like **Pompeys Pillar National Monument** and **Four Dances Natural Area**, both of which provide 360-degree views of the Yellowstone River Valley.

SCENIC HIKES

- ▶ Hungry Joe Trail at Makoshika State Park | 4.6-mile loop
- ▶ John H. Dover Memorial Park Loop in Billings | 2-mile loop
- ▶ Dalton Rock at Medicine Rocks State Park | 0.8-mile loop

GOLFING

Golf courses fit seamlessly into the Montana landscape, where rolling greens meet open horizons. Spend the day perfecting your swing or simply enjoying the peaceful surroundings. From early morning drives to sunset putts, every round here comes with views that stretch on forever.

WHERE TO GOLF

- ▶ Cottonwood Country Club | Glendive
- ▶ Eaglerock Golf Course | Billings
- ▶ Exchange City Golf Course | Billings
- ▶ Forsyth Golf Club | Forsyth
- ▶ Fort Custer Golf Club | Hardin
- ▶ Lake Hills Golf Course | Billings
- ▶ Lakeview Country Club | Baker
- ▶ Peter Yegen Junior Golf Club | Billings
- ▶ Pine Ridge Golf Course | Roundup
- ▶ Ponderosa Butte Golf Course | Colstrip
- ▶ Pryor Creek Golf Club | Huntley
- ▶ Rolling Hills Golf Course | Broadus



WILDLIFE WATCHING

While you won't see dinosaurs roaming around here anymore, several wildlife species currently call Southeast Montana home. In these high prairies, rolling hills and dynamic badlands there are over 400 bird species, white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain lions and black bears.

Hike **Bluebird Trail at Makoshika State Park** to view these namesake birds gathering at man-made nesting boxes. Boat along **Bighorn Lake** with a pair of binoculars to spot a variety of animals, such as bighorn sheep, mule deer, mountain lions and raptors. Black bears frequent this area, too.

Century-old cottonwood trees along the Yellowstone River provide the ultimate habitat for many animals, including ornithological critters, like the Ferruginous Hawk, Loggerhead Shrike, Franklin's Gull, Northern Goshawk and Peregrine Falcon.

TOP WILDLIFE VIEWING AREAS

- ▶ Lake Mason National Wildlife Refuge | Roundup
- ▶ Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area | Fort Smith
- ▶ Pirogue Island State Park | Miles City
- ▶ Amelia Island Wildlife Management Area | Hysham



Read more about recreating on the Yellowstone River with the Lower Yellowstone River Guide at southeastmontana.com/lakes-and-rivers

STARGAZING

Montana is known for its big skies during the day and bright stars at night. Nothing compares to the moment you first see, with your naked eye, the billions of stars that make up the Milky Way. Because of light pollution, fewer than 500 stars are visible in urban areas—but in Southeast Montana, the night sky truly comes alive. **Medicine Rocks State Park**, designated as an **International Dark Sky Sanctuary**, offers some of the clearest and most awe-inspiring stargazing in the region.

Stargazing here is a year-round experience, and some of the best nights are the crisp, cold ones when the air is perfectly clear. With a little luck and an aurora forecast, you might even glimpse the northern lights dancing across the horizon.

For a complete list of stargazing locations in Southeast Montana, visit southeastmontana.com/trail-to-the-stars.



NIGHT SKY EVENTS

Experience the wonder of Montana's dark skies at **Makoshika State Park**, where monthly stargazing sessions (April–October) invite visitors to explore the heavens with expert guidance and telescopes. Special Full Moon Hikes (weather and staff permitting) reveal the park's otherworldly formations under soft lunar light.

At **Medicine Rocks State Park**, the darkest of dark skies make for unforgettable seasonal viewing events—perfect for photographers, astronomers and anyone eager to see the night in its truest form.





MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK NIGHT SKY
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DINOSAURS



CARTER COUNTY MUSEUM, EKALAKA
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DINOSAUR ADVENTURE



If you're ready to step back in time, Southeast Montana is home to some of the state's most fascinating fossil finds.

The region sits atop the Hell Creek Formation, one of the world's richest sources of dinosaur fossils. Every year, snow, wind and rain reveal new discoveries—proof that this prehistoric landscape is still full of surprises.

For dinosaur enthusiasts, the Montana Dinosaur Trail offers four stops right here in Southeast Montana: Carter County Museum in Ekalaka, Makoshika State Park in Glendive, Frontier Gateway Museum in Glendive and the newest addition, Musselshell Valley Historical Museum in Roundup. Each location offers a unique look into the area's ancient past—from fossil exhibits (including one-of-a-kind specimens like "Margie," the *Struthiomimus*) to life-size replicas and active dig sites.

The Montana Dinosaur Trail invites visitors to collect stamps in a Prehistoric Passport as they explore all 15 stops statewide. Learn more and plan your route at mtdinotrail.com.



GUIDED DIGS

We dig dinosaurs out here, and you can, too. If you're ready to join a dinosaur dig, several organizations lead individuals on private excursions and teach fossil preservation and preparation.

- ▶ Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum - full and half-day private digs
- ▶ Baisch's Dinosaur Digs - day trips on private land near Glendive
- ▶ Dawson Community College's Paleo Experience with Dinodave in Glendive
- ▶ Makoshika State Park's Paleo Experience

CARTER COUNTY MUSEUM'S DINO SHINDIG

Listen to lectures from leading paleontologists and excavate fossils alongside paleontologists from one of the museum's active dig sites. This annual event takes place at the end of July. cartercountymuseum.org/programs-and-events



Photos – Above Top: Musselshell Valley Historical Museum, Roundup, Nathan Satran Photography;
Above Middle: Baisch's Dinosaur Digs, Glendive, Montana Department of Commerce;
Above Bottom: Makoshika State Park, Cassie Solberg

ROCKHOUNDING



ROCKHOUNDING ON THE YELLOWSTONE RIVER
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The Yellowstone River cuts through Southeast Montana's plains and breaks. Along its shifting gravel bars and sandy shores, rockhounding is becoming a favorite pastime for locals and visitors alike. As you explore the hills and riverbanks, you may spot fossils, jasper, petrified wood, quartz, and the region's true gem: Montana moss agate. Found only along the Yellowstone River and its tributaries, each agate reflects ancient landscapes shaped by ever-changing currents.

The real magic is the search. Rockhounding is free, accessible, and a simple way to connect with Southeast Montana's natural history. Whether you leave with treasures or just a peaceful memory, the experience is rewarding all the same.



Learn more:
southeastmontana.com/rockhounding.

NOTE: Always use caution when stepping into the Yellowstone River—its currents can run stronger than they appear, even in calm or shallow spots. Stay mindful of uneven or shifting ground, move with intention, and rely on proper gear and attire to keep your adventure safe and enjoyable.

ROCKHOUNDING FINDS

RIVERFRONT PARK (BILLINGS) | AGATE

Gravel bars along the Yellowstone River near Riverfront Park regularly yield river-polished **agate**, **jasper**, **chert** and pieces of **petrified wood**. Finds are often subtle in color and texture, so slow, careful searching pays off. Seasonal changes in water level can dramatically shift what is exposed from year to year.

LOCATION: Riverfront Park, Billings

BEST FOR: Mixed Yellowstone River agate

TIP: Visit after water levels drop in late summer or fall for newly exposed material.

LAVINA | FOSSILS

A short roadcut south of Lavina exposes layers of shale and lignite that contain well-preserved **fossilized oysters**. The fossils are concentrated in the northwest portion of the outcrop beneath a darker band of rock, making them easier to spot once you know where to look. This site offers a clear window into Montana's ancient marine past.

LOCATION: South of Lavina along MT 3

BEST FOR: Marine fossils (oysters)

TIP: Look just below the dark lignite layer for the densest fossil beds.

MILES CITY | FOSSILS

Hills just east of the I-94/US 12 junction expose rock that can contain **marine fossils** along with occasional **agate** and **chalcedony**. Finds tend to be scattered, so covering ground slowly is key. The setting offers wide views of the breaks as you search.

LOCATION: East of I-94/US 12, Miles City

BEST FOR: Marine fossils with occasional agate

TIP: Focus on naturally eroded slopes rather than fresh, intact rock faces.

STRAWBERRY HILL | PETRIFIED WOOD

Badlands terrain east of Miles City contains pieces of **petrified wood** and **iron concretions** weathering out of the soft sediment. The colorful, sculpted landscape makes this as much a scenic outing as a rockhounding stop. Material is often partially exposed on gentle slopes.

LOCATION: Southeast of Miles City along US 12

BEST FOR: Petrified wood

TIP: Look for rounded, wood-like shapes that contrast with the surrounding clay.

TERRY | AGATE (CHERRY CREEK)

Gravel bars along Cherry Creek hold a mix of **agate**, **jasper**, **chalcedony**, **chert**, **petrified wood**, and occasional **fossils**. Public land along the northwest side of the creek offers room to explore upriver at a relaxed pace. The nearby backcountry byway adds dramatic badlands scenery to your trip.

LOCATION: Cherry Creek north of Terry

BEST FOR: Variety of river-tumbled material

TIP: Search both wet and dry bars—different materials settle in each.

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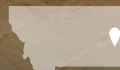
BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, HARDIN
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HISTORY



During your visit to Montana, you will undoubtedly see beautiful mountains, sparkling rivers full of trout and maybe a bison or two. However, to truly know Montana, you must experience the bond that connects our land, culture and people. Immerse yourself in the heart and soul of the region through the museums and historic sites that hold the stories and artifacts of those who came before us.

NOTE: Many small-town museums are open only seasonally, so call ahead before planning your visit. As an added bonus, many docents grew up in the community and, as a result, you may even get a personal tour.



PRAIRIE ROSE CLASSICS CAR MUSEUM, BAKER
NATHAN SATRAN PHOTOGRAPHY

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM | HARDIN

Montana's largest historical museum expands across 24 restored historic structures, four exhibit buildings and the main building, each brimming with artifacts that give a full view of life before our time. Explore the rich culture of the Plains Indians, the history of Fort Custer and what it means to be a cowboy from famous artist and writer, Will James.

CARTER COUNTY MUSEUM | EKALAKA

Explore an impressive collection of paleontological finds at Montana's first county museum. Exhibits include a mounted skeleton of a *Hadrosaur*, complete skulls of *Triceratops* and a juvenile *Tyrannosaur*—all of which were collected in the local Hell Creek Formation.

Photos – Above Left: Western Heritage Center, Billings, Montana Department of Commerce;
Above Right: Yellowstone County Museum, Billings, Cassie Solberg



MOSS MANSION MUSEUM, BILLINGS
NATHAN SATRAN PHOTOGRAPHY



EVELYN CAMERON HERITAGE | TERRY

Everyday life on the prairie was documented photographically by this surprising aristocrat-turned-American homesteader, Evelyn Cameron, to supplement her family's income. Modern day photographers will be astonished by her precise technique more than a century later.

FRONTIER GATEWAY MUSEUM | GLENDIVE

Frontier Gateway Museum offers a walk way back in time with a full-size *Struthiomimus* replica (named Margie, in honor of its finder), plus an impressive collection of historic structures, vintage photographs and books, fossils, authentic medieval armor, farm machinery and turn-of-the-century gowns.

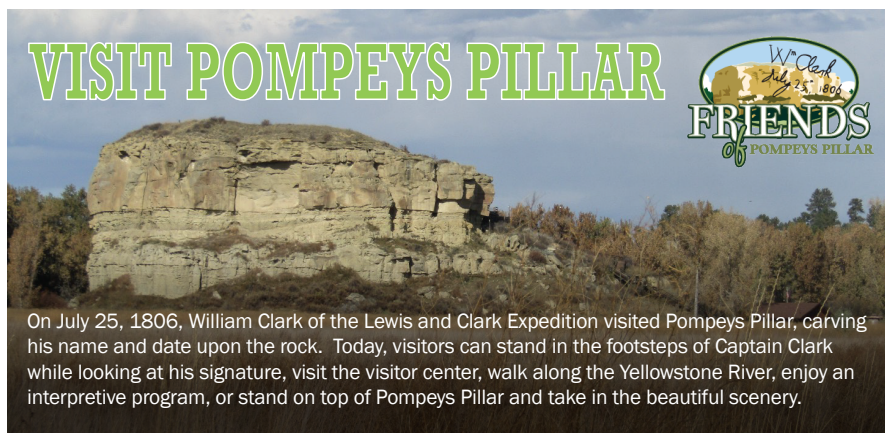
Photo – Above Inset: Frontier Gateway Museum, Glendive, Donnie Sexton

GLENDIVE DINOSAUR & FOSSIL MUSEUM | GLENDIVE

Inside you'll find an awe-inspiring collection of 24 full-sized dinosaur fossils and replicas. Exhibits are presented in the context of biblical history and chronology. This is the largest creationist dinosaur and fossil museum in the country.

HUNTLEY PROJECT MUSEUM | HUNTLEY

Here you'll learn about the innovative Huntley Irrigation Project and the technology behind irrigated agriculture. Exhibits tell the story of homesteading life at the beginning of the 20th century, with 18 original homestead buildings, horse-drawn agriculture machinery, two schoolhouses, an early-day doctor's office, a bank and a horse barn made from sawed cottonwood.



On July 25, 1806, William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition visited Pompeys Pillar, carving his name and date upon the rock. Today, visitors can stand in the footsteps of Captain Clark while looking at his signature, visit the visitor center, walk along the Yellowstone River, enjoy an interpretive program, or stand on top of Pompeys Pillar and take in the beautiful scenery.



O'FALLON HISTORICAL MUSEUM, BAKER
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MOSS MANSION HISTORIC HOUSE | BILLINGS

Tour turn-of-the-century life as the prominent Moss family lived it. Inside the mansion, marvel at the original and opulent draperies, furniture, fixtures, Persian carpets and artifacts displayed in the red sandstone structure that—along with the Moss family—greatly influenced the culture of Billings.

MUSSELSHELL VALLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM | ROUNDUP

Experience life as it was in the Old West—the days of coal mines, cowboys and cattle drives. Tour an original log cabin built by English lords for their early cattle operation, plus an old barber shop and general store. Also on display, a 1932 Pietyenpol airplane built from a kit with a Model A Ford engine. In addition, the museum has recently been added to the Montana Dinosaur Trail and features a “Dino Depot.”

O'FALLON HISTORICAL MUSEUM | BAKER

Here you'll find Montana's largest steer, a featured attraction in the museum's main building that was once the county jail and sheriff's quarters. A tar paper homestead house illustrates pioneer life, and the Duffield and Lambert homes display everyday items from the early 1900s. Take a walk back in time at the trading post, barber shop, dress shop and parlor.

PIERRE WIBAUX MUSEUM | WIBAUX

Former cattle baron Pierre Wibaux's office building now houses a collection of his family's antiques and belongings as well as collectibles from other settlers in Wibaux. You can step inside the Montana Centennial Train Car, which traveled to the World's Fair in New York in 1964, an old-style barber shop, and a horse and wagon stable adorned with local ranch brands.

POWDER RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM | BROADUS

At the Powder River Museum, discover Plains Indian artifacts, antique guns and ammunition, pre-1900 buggies, vintage autos, rebuilt engines and farm implements. You'll also find prized battlefield artifacts from the Reynolds Campaign in 1876—a precursor conflict that influenced the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

PRAIRIE COUNTY MUSEUM AND EVELYN CAMERON GALLERY | TERRY

On the edge of the scenic Terry Badlands, the Prairie County Museum displays the essence of old pioneer life the way it was lived, how it was endured and how pioneers thrived in Eastern Montana. In the adjacent building, view the gallery of Evelyn Cameron, a talented female pioneer photographer whose large collection of photographs are legendary because of her ability to capture the spirit of homesteading families and farms.



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POWDER RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM, BROADUS
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PRAIRIE ROSE CLASSICS CAR MUSEUM | BAKER

Over a dozen classic cars are on display at Prairie Rose Classics, surrounded by memorabilia from the 1950s and 60s. One special car on display is a 1912 Ford Model T Roadster that once belonged to famed painter Thomas Kincade. Outside you'll find a captivating, bright mural painted on the building, featuring classic cars at a diner during sunset. Prairie Rose is an iconic feature of downtown Baker.

RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM | MILES CITY

Gain a glimpse of the pioneer days at this museum. Displays include an eclectic assortment of farm tools, historic photographs, an extensive barbed wire display and one of the nation's premier arrowhead collections, plus an entire building dedicated to one man's weaponry, including some pre-American Revolution pieces.

RICHEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM | RICHEY

This museum documents fascinating historical heritage from the early homesteading days using artifacts from the local newspaper and post office. The entire complex of six buildings includes Lisk Creek School, a homestead, the town's first mercantile, the old jail and the bank building.

ROSEBUD COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM | FORSYTH

The Rosebud County Pioneer Museum houses a large steam engine and collections from the founding families of Forsyth and Rosebud counties. You'll find vintage clothing, a barbed-wire display, military exhibits and an abundance of farm implements.



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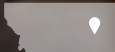
 RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM, MILES CITY
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SCHOOLHOUSE HISTORY & ART CENTER | COLSTRIP

The Schoolhouse History & Art Center (SHAC) was originally built in 1924 as a schoolhouse for the new community of coal miners and area ranchers. Today, as the name implies, the schoolhouse serves as a museum-art center combination with two galleries, one with Colstrip historical photographs and the other for rotating art exhibits.

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TREASURE COUNTY 89'ERS MUSEUM & YUCCA THEATRE | HYSHAM

Treasure County 89'ers Museum is housed in a former drugstore on the main street of Hysham. The building retains the original soda fountain counter as well as exhibits on local history, fossils, Plains Indian artifacts, Lewis and Clark, railroading and homesteading. Across the street you can visit the Yucca Theatre and Manning Home, a historical theater built with a southwest architectural style unusual for Montana.

WATERWORKS ART MUSEUM | MILES CITY

Located in the old concrete basins of the 1910 Water Works that produced Miles City's drinking water for over 60 years, this center displays extensive, elegant galleries featuring a rotation of regional and national exhibits from a several artists, mediums and styles. The permanent collection includes work from noted regional photographers L.A. Huffman, Evelyn Cameron, Edward S. Curtis and Christian Barthelmess.

WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER | BILLINGS

This center tells the stories of the people of the Yellowstone River Valley and Northern Plains, with an emphasis on a deeper understanding of the region and appreciation of its inhabitants. With permanent and traveling exhibits, oral histories, presentations and walking tours, the 1901 former Parmly Billings Memorial Library Building remains a regional treasure.

YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM | BILLINGS

The YAM serves the region as an extraordinary cultural destination for creative exchange and growth with a rotation of exhibitions, art education and community events. Their Montana Gallery permanently displays a collection of Western art, including pieces by Russell Chatham, J.H. Sharp and Charles M. Russell, plus the world's largest public collection of drawings, paintings and memorabilia from cowboy illustrator Will James.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MUSEUM | BILLINGS

The "Museum of the Rims" offers an unrivaled view of Billings and a stunning array of cultural artifacts and rare memorabilia from the pioneer days into the mid-20th century. This treasure trove includes a vast collection of Old West weaponry from the days of Calamity Jane and Jesse James, along with pioneer wagons and stunning tribal beadwork.

FUN FACT: Montana's first county museum—the Carter County Museum in Ekalaka—was created in 1936 to display remains found in Carter County by amateur paleontologists.

MONTANA'S GREAT WIDE OPEN: BADLANDS TO BREAKS TO BEARTOOTH

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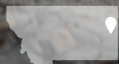
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CHEYENNE VICTORY DAYS, BUSBY
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Va'tame—welcome to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, home to the Tsétséhéstahese and Só'taeo'o people, in Montana. This 444,000-acre reservation was established by executive order in 1884. It is neighbored on the west by the Crow Reservation and on the east by the Tongue River. Approximately 34% of the 12,266 tribal members live on the reservation.

One of the most striking features of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation is the wooded, rolling terrain created by the Wolf Mountains that run across the reservation, making it one of the most beautiful areas in Eastern Montana. In Lame Deer, stop at the Cultural Center at Chief Dull Knife College to learn the amazing story of how its namesake and other tribal ancestors escaped captivity in Oklahoma and returned to Montana.

ANNUAL POWWOWS & ARTISANS

The Battle of the Little Bighorn, also known as “Where Long Hair Was Wiped Away,” is considered the most decisive Native American victory in history. Today, the Northern Cheyenne celebrate their victories over “Long Hair” (Lt. Gen. Custer) and Gen. Crook during the Battle of the Rosebud through storytelling, victory dances, traditional horse relays and hand games.

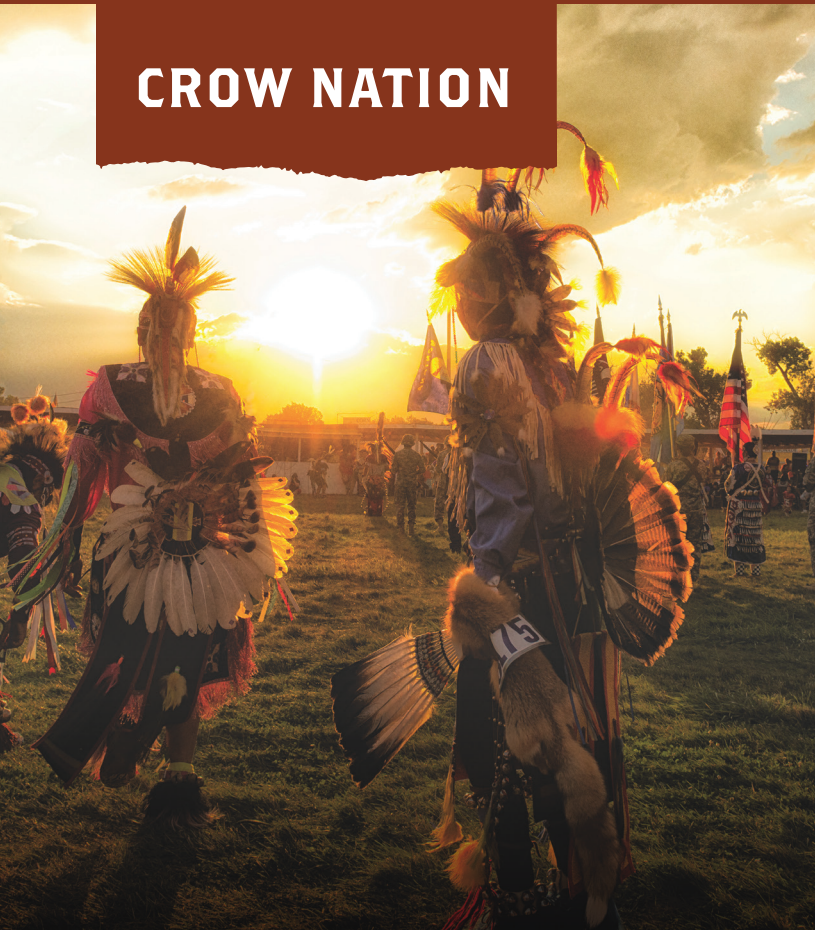
Attend **Cheyenne Victory Days**, a powwow celebration, which typically takes place the last weekend in June in the small town of Busby. Additionally, the **4th of July Chief's Powwow** in Lame Deer features full-regalia dancing, rodeo, fireworks, food and other festivities.

The **Lame Deer Mini Mall**, located at the Highway 212 roundabout, offers an ideal spot to purchase work from local tribal artisans. At powwows, there are many opportunities to shop booths featuring locally crafted jewelry, beadwork and unique artwork.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Battle of the Rosebud, a precursor to the Battle of the Little Bighorn, is also known as The Battle Where the Girl Saved Her Brother.

CROW NATION



CROW FAIR, CROW AGENCY
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Kahée—welcome to Crow Country. The Crow Reservation is home to the Crow Tribe, or Apsáalooke people. Early translators misinterpreted the word Apsáalooke or “children of the large-beaked bird” to mean ravens or crows. This 2.2-million-acre reservation is home to about 8,000 of the 15,000 tribal members, 35% of whom speak their native language.

The reservation encompasses many renowned historic and recreation sites, including the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Bighorn River and Chief Plenty Coups State Park.

The Crow Tribe manages multiple businesses, including the Afterbay and Grapevine Campgrounds in Fort Smith, as well as Apsaalooke Tours.

Alternatively, you can rent a pontoon at Ok-Ah-Beh Marina and spend the day exploring the massive Bighorn Canyon, with colorful cliffs towering over the clear water of Bighorn Lake. Call 406.638.2400 from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends for reservations.

To experience the tribe’s rich heritage and culture, attend an annual event or purchase handmade goods from local artisans and craftsmen. Learn more at [visitcrowcountry.com](https://www.visitcrowcountry.com).

CROW NATIVE DAYS

Held in conjunction with the anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, this event includes a PRCA rodeo and parade. Plus, the Real Bird family hosts a reenactment of the battle on their property adjacent to the battlefield.



LODGE GRASS 4TH OF JULY POWWOW

Celebrate Independence Day weekend in the Valley of the Chiefs in Lodge Grass, Montana. It is the birthplace of many of the Crow Nation’s most prominent leaders, including renowned historian and last Crow war chief Joseph Medicine Crow.

CROW FAIR AND POWWOW

Held annually since 1918, Crow Fair is the largest powwow in Montana and possibly the nation. Part family reunion, part cultural celebration, hundreds of teepees transform Crow Agency into the “teepee capital of the world.” The event, which is open to the public, celebrates the Crow with daily parades, powwows, a rodeo and Indian relay races.

Photo – Above Left: Crow Fair, Crow Agency, Allen Russell

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There's no better way to immerse yourself in cowboy culture than by attending a good rodeo. Get into some big Western fun in Billings, like bull riding at the annual PBR performance, the NILE stock show and rodeo or Chase Hawks Rough Stock Invitational.

On the flip side, there is no better showcase for everything great in rural communities than a county fair, and many feature PRCA-sanctioned rodeos and big-name country music concerts.

For a realistic rodeo experience, venture out into small towns where cowboying is not just entertainment but a way of life. Ranch rodeos feature teams of true working ranch hands—male and female—competing in events like wild-cow milking, team sorting, ranch bronc riding and team branding. Or attend an Indian rodeo and see tribal members display their deep kinship with their horses.

BIG RODEO FUN

CROW FAIR AND RODEO | CROW AGENCY

The Crow Fair is one of the largest gatherings of the Apsáalooke Nation, which features a powwow each evening as well as daily parade, rodeo events and Indian-relay horse races.

DAWSON COUNTY RODEO | GLENDALE

Featuring top rodeo talent in classic events, this rodeo is a PRCA-sanctioned summer highlight. It delivers exciting Western competition and family-friendly entertainment as part of the annual Dawson County Fair.

LITTLE BIGHORN DAYS RODEO | HARDIN

Honoring the anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, Little Bighorn Days provides a fun-filled weekend with a rodeo, battle reenactments, living history demonstrations, parades and a street dance. The PRCA rodeo at the Big Horn County Fairgrounds includes contests like Indian relays, professional bull riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, mutton bustin' and team roping.

RANCH RODEO AND MATCH BRONC RIDE | EKALEKA

Only in Ekalaka can you attend events with dinosaurs and cowboys on the same day. The Ranch Rodeo and Match Bronc Ride celebrates authentic ranching skills and Western horsemanship at the Ekalaka Track & Arena. Featuring ranch bronc riding, the traditional Match Bronc Ride and classic ranch-style competitions, this lively summer event honors Montana's cowboy heritage and community spirit.



RODEO BILLINGS | BILLINGS

An all-new PRCA Pro Rodeo at MontanaFair in a brand-new outdoor arena at MetraPark. Experience pro rodeo's biggest names and an all-star lineup of bucking horses and bulls for three nights of world-class Western action.

RODEO ROUNDUP | ROUNDUP

Another PRCA-sanctioned rodeo, which takes place on the 4th of July weekend. Cowboys from across the country come here to compete in bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing and calf roping. Attendees also enjoy other festivities at Roundup Independence Days Extravaganza, like the parade, carnival rides and country concert, all within the authentic atmosphere of the red, white and blue.

THE ROSEBUD-TREASURE COUNTY RODEO | FORSYTH

This long-lived PRCA-sanctioned cornerstone of the summer season features top cowboys and cowgirls competing in classic rodeo events. It pairs high-energy action with family-friendly fair attractions while celebrating Montana's Western heritage and community tradition. The Rosebud-Treasure County Fair has been a beloved Montana tradition since its first year in 1906, making it one of the state's oldest county fairs.

WORLD FAMOUS MILES CITY BUCKING HORSE SALE | MILES CITY

The Bucking Horse Sale annually debuts some of the finest bucking stock seen across the continent. Alongside the bucking horse contest and sale, visitors can enjoy a concert and horse racing events.



See our Cheat Sheet for Rodeos in Southeast Montana at southeastmontana.com/rodeos.

CLASSIC COWBOY HANGOUTS

Looking for an authentic Western experience without the rodeo? Do as the cowboys do and head down to the local watering hole to catch up on the day's adventure over some homemade food and a pint of beer. At these classic cowboy hangouts, once you're in, you're a regular.

We recommend stopping in Miles City, the birthplace of genuine Montana cowboying with its deep roots in the Old West cattle trade. To get some chow, visit the historic Montana Bar where every piece of the establishment has a story behind it, from the wooden stand-up bar to the now-extinct Audubon bighorn sheep mounted on the wall. Miles City's other historic tavern, the Bison Bar, is known to always have a fun crowd.

If you're traveling into Montana from Wyoming on Highway 212, don't miss the Stoneville Saloon in Alzada, an old-style saloon with sawdust-covered floors, an antique bar and a bartender with a million stories. Other friendly small-town taverns include the Stockman's Club in Broadus and Baker's Heiser's Bar. Hang out long enough at either of these establishments and someone might invite you to their cattle branding later.

Around here you'll see local cattle brands, old posters and pictures embellishing the walls that serve as great conversation-starters. If you're driving north out of Billings on Highway 87, pull up a stool at Roundup's Grand Bar to learn a bit about the cattle-wrangling town.



Photo – Above: Heiser's Bar, Baker, Visit Southeast Montana

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MULE TRAIN ALPACA RANCH | MOLT

While alpacas are not native to Montana, they adapt well and live happily at Mule Train Alpaca Ranch near Billings. During this hour-long tour you'll learn that alpacas don't have wool; they have fiber. And, while they don't spit nearly as often as their cousins, the llama, it does happen. These adorable and inquisitive creatures, along with the other farm animals, make the tour a solid, hands-on activity for the entire family.

SWANKY ROOTS | BILLINGS

Sustainable growing practices are highlighted at this aquaponics facility that provides fresh greens to Billings-area stores, restaurants and consumers year-round. During this tour, you'll likely get to touch, taste, see, hear and smell the environmental twist on large-scale gardening, based on fish and their byproducts.

TONGUE RIVER WINERY | MILES CITY

In production since 2010, this family-owned and -operated vineyard and winery offers a unique taste of wines crafted exclusively from hardy Montana-grown fruits and hybrid grapes. Located near Miles City, at Tongue River Winery you will savor an educational tasting experience that blends craftsmanship with the rugged beauty of its land along with loads of Montana charm—and perhaps an impromptu tour.



WILD & WACKY: WORLD'S LARGEST STEER

Recorded as the largest steer in the world at 3,980 pounds, Steer Montana was born in the Fertile Prairie Community (yes, you read that right). He "toured" the country, both alive and taxidermied, as an early 1900s fair attraction, with the O'Fallon Historical Museum in Baker as his final resting place. Rumor has it that whiskey mash contributed to his Prohibition-era girth.



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Start your adventure in Billings, which is hopping with craft breweries and distilleries. Follow the Billings Brew Trail, Montana's only Walkable Brewery District, located in historic downtown Billings, and sign up for your Billings Brew Pass at visitbillings.com/billings-brew-trail.



8 GREAT GRAIN-TO-GLASS BREWS

1889 BREWING | BILLINGS

A family-owned neighborhood brewery that nods to Montana's rich history with a cozy taproom and rotating lineup of house-made beers. Settle in with a *Downtown Sammy Brown*, *Montanafest Oktoberfest*, *Intergalactic IPA* or spicy *Dog Days Pepper Ale*.

BEAVER CREEK BREWERY | WIBAUX

This brewery exclusively uses Montana malt barley as a base in each of their beers and is known locally as the original "Beer Oasis" of Eastern Montana. Try a local favorite, the *Paddlefish Stout Ale*, a coffee lover's delight.

CROSS COUNTRY BREWING | GLENDIVE

A family-run craft brewery and taproom known for its friendly, community-oriented vibe and locally brewed beers. Enjoy handcrafted rotating selections and flagship brews like *Einstein's Beard IPA*, *Otelia Wheat*, *Trans-Sybeerian Stout* and *Campfire Brown*—all served in a relaxed setting perfect for locals and visitors alike.

CARTER'S BREWING | BILLINGS

A rail-side staple on the Billings Brew Trail, Carter's is known for its constantly rotating taps and small-batch experimentation. Catch a one-of-a-kind release before it's gone while trains rumble past the back patio.

HIGH PLAINS BREWING | LAUREL

At this brewery, you'll come as a stranger and leave as a friend. Taste one of their popular, original brews: *High Plains Honey Porter*, *Haywire Honey Wheat* or *Boney Dog IPA*.



OTIUM BREWING | MILES CITY

These brewers commit to using Montana-made ingredients for a truly local brew. Grab a pint here and slow down by their cozy fireplace or seasonal patio.

THIRSTY STREET BREWING | BILLINGS

This lively downtown microbrewery pours everything from hazy IPAs to gluten-reduced ales and house-made brewed cocktails. Try a *Hopster Doofus IPA*, *Bear's Delight Honey Wheat*, or a *Mountain Margarita* on the patio between trivia nights and live music.

TILT WÜRKS BREWHOUSE | MILES CITY

Larger than the traditional tap room, you'll find beer alongside gastro-pub food options. With names like *Bang Back Blueberry Wheat* and *Pinball Pilsner*, plus flavors like peanut butter and chocolate stout, you are sure to hit on an original.



Photos – Bottom Left: Tongue River Winery, Miles City, Nate Luebke; Bottom Right: The Backporch, Roundup, Nathan Satran Photography; Above Right: Meadowlark Brewing, Billings, Cassie Solberg; Bottom Right: Bar MT, Billings, Visit Southeast Montana

SOUTHEAST MONTANA BURGER TRAIL

No matter where you are out here, we have the answer to the “hangries”—hop on the Southeast Montana Burger Trail and chow down. From the tastiest of small-town burgers to award-winning, finger-lickin’ feasts in Montana’s largest city, you will savor a unique, locally inspired burger at each stop.

Taste true Montana flavor from small-town eateries that show off unique craftsmanship and local humor, all smothered with genuine culinary ingenuity. Locals will confirm—this is a foodie experience you don’t want to miss.

A FEW OF OUR FAVES



CUSTER BATTLEFIELD TRADING POST & CAFÉ | CROW AGENCY

After touring Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, continue your experience at Custer Battlefield Trading Post & Café—or “Putts,” as the locals call it. Order the Buffalo Burger, made with 100% buffalo meat, grilled and plated with all the classic toppings.

DIAMOND X BEER CO. | BILLINGS

This brewery recently added this masterpiece to their menu. The French Onion Burger is a ½ lb. patty, heaped with onion rings, caramelized onion and garlic aioli, as well as Swiss and Havarti cheeses. It’s plated with an au-jus dipping bowl and thick-cut parmesan fries.



RIVER BOTTOM BAR AND GRILL | HYSHAM

Enjoy a 7-ounce beef patty loaded with sweet, caramelized onions, melted Swiss cheese and crispy bacon. The real adventure comes from the signature habanero bacon jam, bringing a sweet-and-spicy kick hot enough to rival a geyser.

STOCKMAN’S CLUB | BROADUS

The Stockman’s Club in Broadus serves a legendary A-1 Burger featuring a juicy patty, choice of cheese, crispy bacon and caramelized onions, all crowned with a tangy house-made A-1 sauce that makes it an unforgettable local favorite.



TASTEE HUT | WIBAUX

The Buccaneer Burger has crispy gabagool, grilled portobello, smoked Gouda and tangy horseradish bistro sauce teamed up to create a flavor combination that’s both unexpected and delicious. Built on their house-baked sesame seed buns, this burger proves that sometimes the best adventures happen right in your mouth.

For even more fun, download the Southeast Montana Burger Trail Passport, then be sure to check in at each location to win prizes. The friendly establishments along the Southeast Montana Burger Trail will make you fall more in love with Montana, bite after bite, so come hungry.



Check out the complete Burger Trail map or download the passport to win prizes at southeastmontana.com/burgertrail.



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SID'S EAST SIDE, LAUREL
VISIT SOUTHEAST MONTANA



ARTS & CULTURE



BUCKING HORSE SALE, ARTIST-QUICK DRAW ART SHOW, MILES CITY
ALLEN RUSSELL





ART

With all that inspiration from scenic views just outside the door, it's no surprise that the region has motivated artists to capture the beauty of Southeast Montana. There is an emerging art scene not only in the larger city of Billings but also in the region's vibrant small towns, where colorful murals cover brick walls and intricate metal sculptures dot the landscape. Eye-catching murals, like the bold, beautiful one on the Bison Bar in Miles City, or the vibrant Western heritage-themed art adorning underpasses in Billings, bring local history and culture to life in stunning detail.

The best of the Billings art scene is on display during the bimonthly ArtWalk Downtown, which pairs artists with local businesses for informal showings, sales and demonstrations. Other notable public art scenes include a 12-foot bucking horse sculpture by Erin Thormodsgard in Miles City, the massive bronze "Teddy Blue Crossing the Musselshell" in Roundup and the Bridger Bronze statue trail in Glendive created by local artist Pamela Harr.

If you are interested in Native-made artwork and jewelry, browse and shop at trading posts on the Crow and Northern Cheyenne reservations. Or visit the vendors during seasonal powwows.

Tour public works of art in Billings using the Downtown Billings Public Art map, here: downtownbillings.com/downtown-directory/art



For a current list of events, go to southeastmontana.com/events



CULTURE

Experience our flourishing music scene with music festivals like Cowtown Moosic in Miles City, community concert series such as Alive at Five in Billings and even big-name concerts hosted at MetraPark and The Pub Station. Venture out to a small-town music and arts festival like Mako-Chella at Makoshika State Park. Enjoy an evening at Alberta Bair Theater listening to the Billings Symphony or a theatrical performance by local talent at the NOVA Center for The Performing Arts. Share a bucket of popcorn and watch debut films at one of our restored historic movie theaters, like the Roxy Theatre in Forsyth and Montana Theatre in Miles City.



Photos – Bottom Left: Roundup RIDE, Roundup, Jamie Blotske; Bottom Middle: Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, Visit Southeast Montana; Bottom Right: Public Art by Erin Thormodsgard, Miles City, Visit Southeast Montana; Above Inset: O'Fallon Historical Museum, Baker, Nathan Satran Photography

ANTIQUING



VINTAGE AND RUSTICS, MILES CITY
MELYNDA HARRISON



For antique enthusiasts, Southeast Montana is more than a collection of rare finds—it's a living museum where weathered storefronts and creaking floorboards tell stories of the American West. From intimate small-town stores housed in century-old buildings to expansive multi-vendor markets, Southeast Montana rewards curiosity and unhurried exploration.

Expect to discover everything from ranch memorabilia and classic furnishings to heirloom collectibles and unexpected curiosities. Whether you're searching for a special piece or simply enjoying the thrill of discovery, antiquing out here is a meaningful way to experience Montana's enduring spirit.



MADE IN MONTANA

Find more shopping options, including unique Made in Montana products, here:
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Photos – Bottom Left: Jane's Weathered Antiques, Broadus, Ian Hanson

TOP ANTIQUE SPOTS TO EXPLORE IN SOUTHEAST MONTANA

JANE'S WEATHERED ANTIQUES | BROADUS

Enter Jane's Weathered Antiques in picturesque Broadus, where each visit unveils a time capsule of Western heritage. This inviting space showcases a meticulously assembled personal collection, where vintage glassware gleams alongside weathered ranch tools and historical signage. The shop's appeal lies in both its diverse selection and Jane's enthusiasm for every piece in her store.

JUNCTION 39 | BAKER

At the convergence of State Highways 39 and 7, Junction 39 occupies the historic Baker State Building—a fitting location that mirrors its role as a meeting point for past and present. This thoughtfully organized space transforms its historic setting into a vibrant marketplace of vintage discoveries, preserved antiques and select consignment pieces. Whether you're seeking a distinctive Montana souvenir or hunting for the perfect vintage piece, Junction 39 has you covered.

RUSTY DOG ANTIQUES | FORSYTH

This distinctive destination serves triple duty as the town's Visitor Center, an antique shop and a welcoming eatery. Browse through hand-picked collections featuring everything from rustic furniture to eye-catching retro décor, while admiring work from talented Montana artisans. After exploring, follow the enticing aromas to the back of the store, where a homestyle lunch counter awaits.

RED BARN ANTIQUES | LAUREL

A short drive from Billings, discover the enchanting Red Barn Antiques in Laurel. This intimate converted barn offers a selective array of vintage pieces, from farmhouse-inspired décor to pristine glassware and china. Whether seeking the perfect accent piece or a remarkable conversation starter, Red Barn Antiques provides an accessible stop right off Interstate 90.

VINTAGE & RUSTICS | MILES CITY

Spanning six historic storefronts in the heart of Miles City, Vintage & Rustics stands as a testament to Montana's frontier legacy. With over 100 vendors under one roof, this family-owned establishment offers an extraordinary journey through time, featuring everything from vintage Stetsons to handcrafted Montana gifts and thoughtfully upcycled clothing. The crown jewel is its original Woolworth's luncheonette, where guests can step back in time.

YESTERYEARS ANTIQUE MALL | BILLINGS

As the largest antique mall in the region, Yester Years in Billings is a must-visit destination for serious antiquers. With over 200 vendor booths, this expansive space offers endless opportunities for discovery. From vintage clothing and jewelry to rare collectibles and repurposed furniture, the sheer variety of items on offer is astonishing.



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SCENIC DRIVES



TERRY BADLANDS
KELLY WICKS



Venture off the beaten path to discover some of Montana's most charming small towns and hidden adventures. The views through your windshield will tempt you to stop again and again as you journey through the rugged plateaus and vast prairies of Southeast Montana.

DINOSAURS & BADLANDS

This route is heavy on outdoor adventure and packed with prehistoric history. It will lead you to locally found dinosaur skeletons, past historic landmarks and stunning scenic overlooks of the badlands.

GOOD FOR:

- ▶ Dino Lovers
- ▶ Traveling Families
- ▶ Expert Adventurers

PLACES TO EXPLORE:

- ▶ Makoshika State Park | Glendive
- ▶ Frontier Gateway Museum | Glendive
- ▶ Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum | Glendive
- ▶ Terry Badlands Overlook | Terry
- ▶ Prairie County Museum | Terry
- ▶ Range Riders Museum | Miles City
- ▶ Strawberry Hill Recreation Area | Miles City
- ▶ O'Fallon Historical Museum | Baker
- ▶ Medicine Rocks State Park | Ekalaka
- ▶ Carter County Museum | Ekalaka
- ▶ Musselshell Valley Historical Museum | Roundup



PICTOGRAPH CAVE STATE PARK
ANDY AUSTIN

NATIVE AMERICAN SITES & STORIES

This one-of-a-kind route guides you to the most scenic and historically significant sites of Southeast Montana. Along the way you'll enjoy pristine landscapes, stories of the distant past and meaningful Native American places.

GOOD FOR:

- ▶ History Buffs
- ▶ Expert Adventurers
- ▶ Experience Seekers

PLACES TO EXPLORE:

- ▶ Big Horn County Historical Museum | Hardin
- ▶ Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area | Fort Smith
- ▶ Chief Plenty Coups State Park | Pryor
- ▶ Four Dances Natural Area | Billings
- ▶ Pictograph Cave State Park | Billings
- ▶ Pompeys Pillar National Monument | Pompeys Pillar

*Dinosaurs & Badlands Photos – Left: Strawberry Hill, Made to Explore; Right: Medicine Rocks State Park, Nathan Satran Photography;
Native American Sites & Stories Photos – Below Left: Four Dances Natural Area, Aaron Agosto; Right: Pompeys Pillar, Melynda Harrison*



BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Trace the paths of explorers, Native Nations and pioneers across Southeast Montana. Quiet highways lead to iconic landmarks, where sweeping landscapes and powerful stories bring the region's rich history to life.

GOOD FOR:

- ▶ History Buffs
- ▶ Traveling Families
- ▶ Experience Seekers

PLACES TO EXPLORE:

- ▶ Chief Plenty Coups State Park | Pryor
- ▶ Canyon Creek Battlefield National Monument | Molt
- ▶ Yellowstone County Museum | Billings
- ▶ Pompeys Pillar National Monument | Pompeys Pillar
- ▶ Big Horn County Museum | Hardin
- ▶ Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument | Crow Agency
- ▶ Reno-Benteen Battlefield Monument | Crow Agency
- ▶ Custer Battlefield Trading Post and Café | Crow Agency
- ▶ Rosebud Battlefield State Park | Busby



CUSTER TRADING POST & CAFE, CROW AGENCY
VISIT SOUTHEAST MONTANA



THESE ROADS WERE MADE TO RUMBLE

SCENIC DRIVES



NEAR GLENDAVE
NATHAN SATRAN PHOTOGRAPHY



It's relaxing, even liberating, to hit the limits on the open road, but not just any stretch of pavement will do the job. From small towns to picturesque landscapes to horizons that seemingly never end, these wide-open roads were made for bikes.

Epic trips start on lesser-known byways, and this motorcycle loop takes you through some of the Western prairie's most distinctive scenery. The route runs through Eastern Montana and the far-western sections of the Dakotas. It takes about nine hours round trip, and there's no rush to finish.

Experience hospitality at its best, and make a new friend or two in each town you visit. Plan to make stops along the way, including county museums to experience the rich history in this region, or drive the scenic roads inside our state parks. Local eats and drinks will enrich your experience. Stop in for a drink at Stoneville Saloon in Alzada, a quirky biker bar built on Western authenticity, or the historic Montana Bar in Miles City.



If you seek the less-crowded road,
then this route is yours to explore:
southeastmontana.com/mondak.

Photos – Left Bottom: Rosebud Battlefield State Park, Montana Department of Commerce; Pompeys Pillar National Monument, Nathan Satran Photography; Above Left: Baker, Nathan Satran Photography

TRAIL TO THE LITTLE BIGHORN



ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Out here, history is complex and multilayered, with stories that continue to shape our understanding of the past. The Battle of the Little Bighorn is perhaps one of the most talked-about and controversial battles in American history.

On June 25 and 26 in 1876, the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry, along with Crow and Arikara scouts and with attached personnel, were defeated by Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapaho warriors in one of their last armed efforts to preserve their way of life.

This battle was not an isolated fight but rather part of a much larger strategic campaign to force the capitulation of the non-reservation Lakota and Cheyenne people.

The Trail to the Little Bighorn helps visitors look at the bigger picture. The events leading up to and resulting from this climactic battle still reverberate across the western plains. To better understand how history affects life today, one must consider all sides, all voices, and all stories.

PLACES TO EXPLORE:

- ▶ Reynold's Battlefield National Monument | Broadus
- ▶ Big Horn County Museum | Hardin
- ▶ Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument | Crow Agency
- ▶ Rosebud Battlefield State Park | Busby
- ▶ Chief Dull Knife College | Lame Deer
- ▶ Chief Plenty Coups State Park | Pryor



Photo – Above: Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Montana Department of Commerce



Follow the Trail to the Little Bighorn across Southeast Montana at bighorn.southeastmontana.com to learn more.



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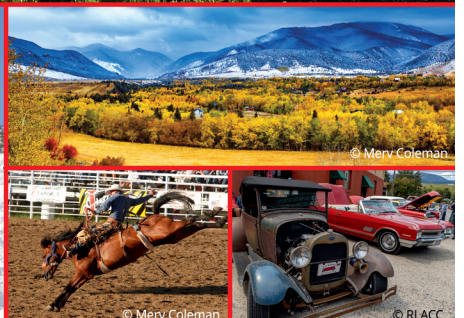
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COMMEMORATING THE BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIGHORN



INDIAN MEMORIAL, LITTLE BIGHORN
BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



In June 2026, the nation will mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, a pivotal moment in American history that unfolded along the Little Bighorn River in what is now Southeast Montana. Fought on June 25 – 26, 1876, the battle involved U.S. Army forces and a large coalition of Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho warriors defending their way of life.

Often referred to historically as “Custer’s Last Stand,” the battle was a notable military victory for the Tribal Nations involved, followed by consequences that forever altered Native life across the Northern Plains. Today, the story of the Battle of the Little Bighorn is understood not as a single narrative, but as many—shaped by the land, the people and the perspectives connected to this place.

Those stories are preserved and shared at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, where visitors can explore the rolling hills and river valley where the battle unfolded. Stone markers across the landscape indicate where soldiers fell, while the Indian Memorial, dedicated in 2003, honors the Native warriors who fought here. Interpretive trails, exhibits and ranger-led programs offer insight into the events of June 1876 and the broader historical and cultural context surrounding them.

The 150th anniversary in 2026 will be marked with special commemorative events, memorial services and educational programming at the monument and in nearby communities. Visitors can expect expanded ranger talks, memorial observances and programs that highlight tribal perspectives and participation. These events emphasize remembrance and understanding, inviting reflection on the battle’s lasting significance.

As the sesquicentennial approaches, the Battle of the Little Bighorn sites remain as places to pause, listen and learn—where history feels present and the landscape itself tells the story.

For more info and events surrounding the anniversary, go to southeastmontana.com/battle-little-bighorn-150



Photo – Above: Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Andy Austin



NOTE: The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is undergoing some updates. For the most current information related to visitation, see the website at nps.gov/libi.

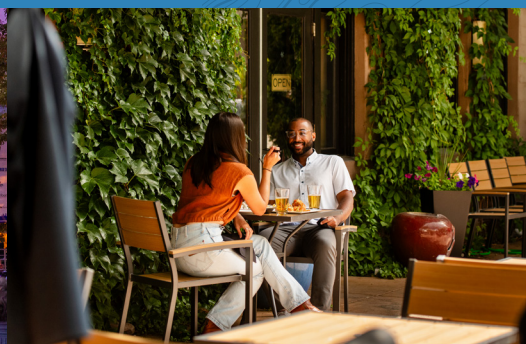
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DIRECTORY OF TOWNS

The real richness of Montana comes from its people, culture and communities, and every town has a story. We share a few with you here, or wander over to southeastmontana.com/communities for an even more in-depth look.



ACTON

Located just 20 miles northwest of Billings, Acton is an unincorporated cattle town that began as a station on the Great Northern Railroad. It is the “gateway” to Acton Recreation Area.

ALZADA

Alzada, which began as little more than a saloon in 1877, stands strategically along cattle trails where thirsty cowboys were looking for a break from their long, hard days. Today Alzada is much as it was then and is a great place to tame your hunger or wet your whistle at Stoneville Saloon.

ASHLAND

Located along the Tongue River at the mouth of Otter Creek, the town’s name comes from the abundance of ash trees. Today Ashland is the division headquarters for the Custer Gallatin National Forest. The town is a trade center for cattle ranchers and Northern Cheyenne tribal members.

BAKER

Baker boomed when the Milwaukee Railroad came across Montana in the early 1900s. It received its name from A.G. Baker, the construction engineer for the main railroad line. Today, energy and agriculture drive its economy. Visit the world’s largest steer at the O’Fallon Historical Museum or check out exquisite antique cars at Prairie Rose Classics.

BILLINGS

Born from a land of big dreams, big history, big adventure and big opportunity is the biggest city in Montana. Grab a craft beer along the Billings Brew Trail in historic downtown Billings. Experience modern amenities, award-winning cuisine and unparalleled views, all with the small-town hospitality you expect in Montana. Billings is a city doing mighty things under mighty big skies.

BROADUS

Broadus is a small, friendly community situated on the scenic Warrior Trail, U.S. Highway 212. The town draws its name from the Broadus family, early 1800s settlers on the Powder River. Take some extra time to visit the nine-hole golf course and Cottonwood Park or enjoy the treasures at the Powder River Historical Museum.

BROADVIEW

Broadview was established around 1908 when the Great Northern Railway’s Billings and Northern branch line was built. Although nearly half the town burned in a devastating fire in 1934, it remains a small ranching community and includes one of many stops along the Southeast Montana Burger Trail.

BUSBY

Busby is named for Sheridan Busby, a homesteader who established the first post office here in 1904. Trader W.P. Moncure erected the Two Moon Monument at Busby in 1936. In 1993, the remains of 10 men, five women and two children who died during the historic Ft. Robinson Outbreak were retrieved from museums across the country and buried in a circle near the Two Moon Monument on U.S. Highway 212.

WILD & WACKY: TWO-HEADED CALF

The weird cattle theme continues at Yellowstone County Museum in Billings with a two-headed calf—named Charlie & Russell (more quirky Montana humor). While adults might be weirded out by this anomaly, children are naturally drawn to the cuddly, faux version for sale in the gift store, getting two for the price of one.



Photos – Left: Zimmerman Trail, Billings, Visit Southeast Montana; Inset: Yellowstone County Museum, Billings, Cassie Solberg; Above Left: Glendive, Kristi Powell; Above Right: Colstrip, Ed LaDuke Photography; Bottom Right: Roundup, Nathan Satran Photography



COLSTRIP

Colstrip was founded in 1924 when the Northern Pacific Railroad started mining coal to fuel its steam locomotives. With the advent of diesel fuel, the mines closed until Montana Power Company purchased the mine as well as the town site of Colstrip and re-opened the mine plus the Colstrip Power Plant. Today, it's a quiet, closely-knit community with 22 parks, including the picturesque Castle Rock Lake.

CROW AGENCY

Crow Agency is the headquarters of the Crow Indian Tribe and is close to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area and Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Little Big Horn College, located in the center of Crow Agency, is a great example of modern American Indian architecture.

CUSTER

Named for Lt. Col. George A. Custer, who was killed at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, this town started as a freight station for traders. Today Custer is a friendly town along the Yellowstone River where visitors can enjoy agate hunting and fishing. Nearby, at the junction of the Bighorn and Yellowstone rivers, lies the site of Fort Manuel Lisa, the first building in Montana built by European settlers.

EKALAKA

Ekalaka is named for Ijkalaka, the Oglala Sioux niece of Chief Red Cloud and the bride of David Russell, who settled here in the mid-1800s. Though small, the community continues to thrive on Montana's Eastern prairies. Visit Carter County Museum, Montana's first county museum; Camp Needmore, a refurbished CCC Camp; and Medicine Rocks State Park, an International Dark Sky Sanctuary, nearby.

FALLON

Fallon is one of the oldest towns along the Yellowstone River. The nearby creek was named for Benjamin O'Fallon, an Army officer and nephew of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Fallon itself, founded by cowboys of the XIT Ranch, is now in the middle of rich grain fields. Be sure to stop at BD Bar to meet the locals.

FORSYTH

With the abundant growth of cottonwood along the Yellowstone River, steamers often stopped here to refuel their engines. Forsyth earned its post office in 1882 when the Northern Pacific Railway arrived. The opulent buildings reflect the wealth of Forsyth's early years. Be sure to see the Rosebud County Courthouse and the Rosebud County Museum, both located along Forsyth's architecturally stunning Main Street.

FORT SMITH

Fort C.F. Smith was established in 1866 to protect those traveling along the Bozeman Trail. Today, the nearby Bighorn Lake extends approximately 71 miles across Wyoming and Montana; 55 miles of the lake are held within the spectacular Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, which includes a visitor information center. The Bighorn River below the Afterbay Dam and Campground is a world-class trout fishing area, and numerous fishing outfitters dot the valley.

FUN FACT: When 80 acres for the township of Broadus were gifted to Powder River County in 1919, a stipulation was included that the town's streets must be designed wide enough to turn a four-horse team and wagon. Today, the businesses situated on those wide streets offer lodging, dining, Montana gifts, antiques, clothing, Western wear and tack, groceries, fuel, hardware and more.

GLENDIVA

Glendive is tucked between Montana's badlands and the Yellowstone River right off I-94. Spend time visiting local stores, restaurants and museums, including Makoshika Dinosaur & Fossil Museum and Frontier Gateway Museum. Explore the downtown historic district and Bell Street Bridge or make a day out of going to Makoshika State Park, with over 22 miles of hiking over beautiful landscapes.



FORSYTH
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HARDIN

Hardin was named for Samuel H. Hardin, a cattleman who leased tracts of land on the Crow Reservation to range his cattle. Today, the local industry includes farming and ranching, surface coal mining and recreational endeavors. Learn about local history and culture, plus see artifacts from the original Fort Custer, at Big Horn County Museum.

WILD & WACKY: DINOSAURS DOWNTOWN

Dinosaurs certainly qualify as “wild,” with a few in Glendive being wilder than others. In this town, they have evolved into pop culture icons. Play “I Spy” with the dinos or cast your vote for the wackiest. Selfies encouraged.



HUNTLEY

Huntley was named for S.S. Huntley, a pioneer stockman, and is short for Huntley Irrigation Project, which was the second of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s innovative irrigation project at the turn of the 20th century. Huntley is a valley of lush crops and comprises four small, planned communities: Huntley, Worden, Ballantine and Pompeys Pillar. The Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture features a collection of more than 5,000 artifacts related to irrigated agriculture on Montana’s prairie.

HYSHAM

The Yellowstone River and beautiful Hysham Hills border this quiet, small agricultural community spread out among the panorama of green pastures and strips of grain fields. Today visitors enjoy local history at the Treasure County ‘89ers Museum and Yucca Theatre, plus outdoor recreation at Howrey Island, Myers Bridge and Isaac Homestead Wilderness Management Area.

LAME DEER

Northern Cheyenne chiefs Dull Knife and Little Wolf led a dramatic escape from confinement in Oklahoma and a long march home to Lane Deer in 1878-79. Located between Broadus and Hardin, Lane Deer is now the official headquarters of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. Attractions here include the Cultural Center and Jesse Mullin Picture Museum located at Chief Dull Knife College. Local artisans sell wares at the mini-mall and local IGA store.

LAUREL

Located just west of Billings, the small community of Laurel is growing with quaint shops, cafés and High Plains Brewing. Just north of town, stop at the Chief Joseph Monument, where he led the Nez Perce Indians in a battle against the U.S. Cavalry as the tribe moved toward Canada in 1877. In addition, many active and veteran military personnel visit the nearby Yellowstone National Cemetery.

LAVINA

In 1903, it took 12 hours to travel by stagecoach from Billings to Fort Benton, so Lavina was an important stop on the stage line. The nearby Musselshell River is noted for its catfish and trout. Hunters and fishermen often congregate at the Cozy Corner Bar to purchase licenses, register their harvest or exchange tall tales.

LODGE GRASS

Lodge Grass, located on the Little Bighorn River and Crow Indian Reservation, is the trading center for ranchers whose cattle graze the rich, grass-covered uplands where buffalo roamed. In the early days, the Crow Tribe made their summer hunting camps here.

MELSTONE

Melstone began as a Milwaukee Railroad station and was named for Melvin Stone, an Associated Press reporter who was aboard the train with the railroad’s president, his daughter and a friend, all of whom were naming towns along the line. Dryland farmers followed the railroad; the surrounding area is now dotted with producing oil wells.

MILES CITY

The city sprouted up around Fort Keogh, where the commanding officer was Col. Nelson A. Miles. Ironically, Miles City was named for the teetotaling leader. As the cattle industry became more important, it was fitting that the Montana Stockgrowers Association was formed here in 1884. After the coming of the railroad, Miles City became, and still is, a leading cattle market. The town's main attractions include the Range Riders Museum, WaterWorks Art Museum and the annual Bucking Horse Sale.

PRYOR

Pryor, located south of Billings, takes its name from the nearby creek and mountains which were named by Lewis and Clark for Sgt. Nathaniel Pryor, a member of the expedition. Pryor is the home of Chief Plenty Coups State Park, located on the Crow Indian Reservation.

RICHEY

The Shell Oil Company discovered oil in the nearby Williston Basin on July 13, 1951; many wells remain active today. As a lively, small and friendly town, Richey has a variety of businesses to serve visitors. It hosts the annual Richey Rodeo, which takes place on the third Sunday in July, and the Richey Historical Museum, which features more than 7,000 artifacts.

ROUNDUP

Roundup exemplifies rural small-town America. Flags adorn Main Street all summer long, green trees line streets and avenues alike and a community garden blooms in brilliant colors. The 100-year-old grandstands at the county fairgrounds still stand tall at the base of the Bull Mountains, and 4th of July celebrations bring cowboy whoops and fireworks. People stroll along the RiverWalk in the cool morning air next to the winding Musselshell River. Families enjoy splashing in the free public swimming pool and winding their way through artifact-filled rooms in the Musselshell Valley Historical Museum.

ROSEBUD

Rosebud, a name inspired by the wild roses that grow profusely in Montana, is the namesake for this town, county and creek. The region was originally explored and used by the fur traders. On July 28, 1806, William Clark and company passed through this area. The Longhorn Bar & Steakhouse is open Thursday through Saturday.

RYEGATE

Ryegate is located between sandstone cliffs and the Musselshell River on Montana Highway 12. History buffs know this is where Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce crossed the Musselshell in their valiant but futile effort to reach Canada. This farming and ranching community is also known for waterfowl, pronghorn and prairie dog hunting.

ST. XAVIER

St. Xavier lies on the Crow Indian Reservation along the Bighorn River. In 1887, Fr. Prando, a Jesuit missionary, and two companions founded a mission here and named it St. Xavier. Today the St. Xavier area is a patchwork of fields of malting barley, alfalfa and sugar beets.

FUN FACT: Col. Nelson A. Miles, commanding officer of the nearby Fort Keogh, was a teetotaler who immensely disliked it when soldiers rode "up the road" to visit the saloons and other illicit businesses, so the soldiers nicknamed the area "Miles Town."

TERRY

The town of Terry is named for Gen. Alfred H. Terry, who commanded an 1876 expedition in connection with Custer's campaign. Major attractions include the nearby Terry Badlands, the Evelyn Cameron Heritage, as well as the Prairie County Museum and Evelyn Cameron Gallery (both open seasonally). The town is also home to the Kempton Hotel, the longest continuously operating hotel in Montana.

VOLBORG

Located between Broadus and Miles City, Volborg is more ranching community than town. Pumpkin Creek originally attracted stockmen to the area of vast, unfenced and unclaimed ranges. Locals often gather at the post office and small store, including 2017 and 2019 professional bull rider champion Jess Lockwood, who grew up in the area.

WIBAUX

During the days of open-range cattle ranching, Wibaux was one of the largest shipping points on the Northern Pacific Railway and its population grew rapidly with homesteaders. The town was renamed for Pierre Wibaux, a flamboyant French cattle baron. Visit the Pierre Wibaux Museum and nearby statue or stop at one of the state's first microbreweries, Beaver Creek Brewery, which is enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.



Photo – Above: Laurel, Cassie Solberg

TRIP PLANNING RESOURCES



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TRAVEL TIPS

1. Carry cash, rather than cards, for small towns.
2. Expect spotty mobile phone coverage.
3. Drive safely; watch for wildlife on the roads.
4. Rattlesnakes call this area home—but they do not want to see you either.
5. Prepare for sudden and drastic changes in weather.
6. Use maps to respect private property.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

For a map of weather, current road conditions, alerts, closures and incidents, please visit 511mt.net.

TRAVEL ALERTS

To stay informed about the latest travel updates in Montana on issues relating to weather and fire, please visit visitmt.com/plan-your-trip/travel-alerts.

PLACES TO STAY

MONTANA STATE PARKS

montanastateparks.reserveamerica.com

FEDERAL CAMPGROUNDS

recreation.gov

VISITING TRIBAL NATIONS

- ▶ Expect event start times in Indian Country to be approximate; time in Native American cultures is more fluid than in Western culture.
- ▶ While watching powwows or other traditional events, feel free to take photos but recognize the times when it is considered inappropriate to do so. When in doubt, ask.
- ▶ Support the tribes by purchasing Native American-made arts and crafts and eating with local food vendors.
- ▶ While out and about, if you discover any artifacts, please leave all such cultural resources undisturbed, just as you found them.



Be a respectful traveler and learn more about traveling to Tribal Nations in Montana at visitmt.com/indian-country.

LODGING

southeastmontana.com/places-to-stay

VISITOR INFORMATION

BAKER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE

406.891.1364 • bakermt.com

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER | HARDIN

406.665.1671 • bighorncountymuseum.org

CARTER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | EKALAKA

406.775.8731 • ekalaka.gov/chamber-of-commerce

CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA | CROW AGENCY

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HEAD WEST TO YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

PARADISE VALLEY. NATE LUEBBE

Otherworldly badlands, sweeping plains and authentic western character make Southeast Montana a must-visit destination, but even more wonders await to the west in Montana's Yellowstone Country. Stretch out your Montana stay with a summer road trip among mountain peaks and stunning valleys, through Yellowstone National Park, and to friendly mountain towns, with unforgettable hidden gems, too. From Billings to Bozeman to West Yellowstone, experience unforgettable big-sky views and big-time exploration.



RED LODGE. KADEN HARRISON

1. BILLINGS + RED LODGE: Explore downtown Billings' shops and eateries or hike along the Rims and at Four Dances Natural Area before taking a scenic drive on Highway 78 to Red Lodge, passing through Columbus, Absarokee and Fishtail along the way. Check out Red Lodge's local shops and galleries, and then check in to the historic Pollard Hotel, which serves up exceptional food and a mighty fine lodging experience right downtown.



TRAVEL TIPS

- Campgrounds fill up early! Book in advance.
- Purchase a National Park Pass.
- Cell service can be spotty, so plan ahead.



BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY. ANDY AUSTIN



ROOSEVELT ARCH, GARDINER. ANDY AUSTIN



OUSEL FALLS. CHARLIE MCLAUGHLIN



MADISON RIVER. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

2. BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY + COOKE CITY-SILVER GATE: Get up bright and early for breakfast at Cafe Regis followed by a visit to the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary. The best time to see the animals is in the morning when they're most active. Then enjoy the drive of a lifetime by taking the scenic Beartooth Highway, one of the most beautiful roads in America, to the small towns of Cooke City and Silver Gate. Explore Cooke City (don't miss the visitor center) and grab a meal there or in Silver Gate before turning in for the night.

3. YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK + GARDINER: Rise and shine! Dawn is the best time to see wildlife in Yellowstone National Park's Lamar Valley, sometimes called "America's Serengeti," so grab a quick breakfast and head into the park through its Northeast Entrance. Keep an eye out for bison, bears and wolves as you drive west through the valley and on to the unique geological formations of Mammoth Hot Springs. Head to Gardiner and visit its shops and restaurants or enjoy a soothing soak at nearby Yellowstone Hot Springs.

4. LIVINGSTON: Take in the iconic sights and sounds of Big Sky Country's Paradise Valley. Relax at nearby Chico Hot Springs, hike in the mountains and along river valleys, or explore Livingston's historic downtown—an arts mecca and literary hot spot with tons of personality.

5. BOZEMAN: Arrive in Bozeman, a hip, urban mountain town. Visit the Museum of the Rockies—with the largest collection of dinosaur fossils in North America, a planetarium and more—and explore the impressive array of local shops, restaurants, breweries and distilleries.

6. BIG SKY: Big Sky is a world-renowned ski destination, but it's a perfect spot to live the mountain life in warmer months too. Hike to Ousel Falls or ride the ski lifts for endless views. Visit breweries, restaurants and the Music in the Mountains summer concert series.

7. WEST YELLOWSTONE + YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK: Soak up some small-town charm in West Yellowstone and its galleries, local shops, eateries and attractions, including the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. "West," as it's fondly known, marks the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park and provides easy access to explore the western portion of the park, including Old Faithful geyser and Yellowstone Falls. To make this trip a loop, travel through the park to the Northeast Entrance and back to Cooke City.



Start planning your Yellowstone Country road trip today. Get a free travel guide, maps and more by calling **1.800.736.5276** or going to **VisitYellowstoneCountry.com/plan-your-trip.**



**MONTANA'S
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BUSINESS LISTINGS

BUSINESS	CITY	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBSITE
Alberta Bair Theater	Billings	2801 3rd Ave. N.	406.256.6052	albertabairtheater.org
Bringing the excitement of the performing arts to Big Sky Country. Located in Billings, Montana. Alberta Bair Theater is the largest fully equipped performing arts venue in Montana.				
Billings Logan International Airport	Billings	1901 Terminal Circle	406.247.8609	flybillings.com
The Billings Airport (BIL) serves a large geographical area covering all of Eastern Montana and Northern Wyoming, providing direct year-round commercial air service to multiple airline hubs and communities in Eastern Montana. Come and enjoy our newly remodeled facilities and new services. Travel with Us!				
Far West Gallery	Billings	2817 Montana Ave.	406.245.2334	farwestgallery.com
In the heart of the Old West, bordering the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian reservations and one hour from the Little Bighorn Battlefield, FarWest Gallery offers a unique trading post-experience combining gallery, shopping & trading.				
Friends of Pompeys Pillar	Billings	1523 14th St. W., Ste. 2	406.969.5380	pompeyspillar.org
The FOPP works to support the Pompeys Pillar National Monument, which offers incredible Yellowstone River views, outdoor recreation, and wildlife-viewing experiences, along with education and artifacts related to ancient North American life, Crow/Apsáalooke Tribe history, and the Lewis & Clark Expedition.				
Home2 Suites	Billings	2611 7th Ave N.	406.252.2255	hilton.com/en/hotels/biltshome2-suites-billings
With a stay at Home2 Suites by Hilton Billings, you'll be centrally located in Billings, just a 4-minute walk from Dehler Park and 5 minutes by foot from Yellowstone Art Museum. This hotel is 0.4 mi (0.7 km) from Alberta Bair Theater and 0.5 mi (0.8 km) from Skypoint.				
Moss Mansion Museum	Billings	914 Division St.	406.256.5100	mossmansion.com
The Moss is a Historic House Museum and cultural center that celebrates the influential entrepreneurial accomplishments of Preston Boyd (P.B.) Moss and the ongoing legacy nurtured by his wife, Mattie and daughter, Melville. The Moss offers social events, fundraisers, daily tours and more! Every visit is an opportunity to experience some aspect of this Montana legacy.				
Visit Billings	Billings	815 S. 27th St.	406.245.4111	visitbillings.com
Born from a land of big dreams, big history, big adventure and big opportunity is the biggest city in Montana. Grab a craft beer along the Billings Brew Trail in historic downtown Billings. Experience modern amenities, award-winning cuisine and unparalleled views, all with the small-town hospitality you expect in Montana. Billings is a city doing mighty things under mighty big skies.				
Western Heritage Center	Billings	2822 Montana Ave.	406.256.6809	ywhc.org
The Western Heritage Center is a regional museum whose collections, exhibits, and programs share the story of the Yellowstone River Valley.				
Yellowstone County Museum	Billings	1950 Terminal Circle	406.670.0888	ycmhistory.org
The mission of the Yellowstone County Museum is to collect, preserve, and share the history of Montana's Yellowstone River Basin through a range of dynamic educational programs and storytelling exhibitions.				
Baker Chamber	Baker		406.778.2266	bakermt.com
Stop at this friendly town on Montana's border for a glimpse of vintage treasures and the world's largest steer at the O'Fallon Museum. Or cool off in Baker Lake—the lake offers fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, picnic areas and a softball complex. Baker offers year-round activities for all.				
Montana's Yellowstone Country	Bozeman	PO Box 3048	800.736.5276	visityellowstonecountry.com
The raw splendor of Yellowstone National Park doesn't stop at the park boundary—it spills north for miles into an extraordinary region. Explore the Yellowstone you haven't seen yet in Montana landscapes, towns and sights beyond the park.				
Mahlstedt Ranch	Circle	990 Road 422	406.939.1890	mahlstedtranch.com
True Montana Moments are made on Mahlstedt Ranch. 114-year-old working ranch. Family vacations, horseback riding, branding, roping, hiking, biking, shed hunting, stargazing, birding, homesteading/foraging, small group retreats, working cattle retreats, kid camps, wedding venue. Create your dream vacation!				
Custer Battlefield Trading Post & Café	Crow Agency	347 US-212	406.638.2270	laststand.com
The Custer Battlefield Trading Post & Café is across from the Little Bighorn Battlefield. Enjoy world-famous Indian tacos or try a delicious buffalo burger or steak. Featuring American Indian jewelry, souvenirs, collectibles and art. Buses welcome!				

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Bighorn Trout Shop	Fort Smith	7477 Park Dale Ct	406.666.2375	bighorntroutshop.com
Bighorn Trout Shop is a full service fly fishing shop and lodge near Montana's famous Bighorn River. We provide guided float trips and quality accommodations.				
Glendive Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture	Glendive	808 N. Merrill Ave.	406.377.560	glendivechamber.com discoverglendive.com
Discover Glendive with the Glendive Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture! Proudly promoting community growth and tourism. Visit us for area information, event details, and resources to make your Glendive experience unforgettable. Stop by or explore online.				
Visit Glendive	Glendive	PO Box 22	406.671.7544	visitglendive.com
Embark on an adventure in Glendive, Montana! Nestled along the Yellowstone River, Glendive offers unparalleled experiences including Montana's largest state park, Makoshika. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the badlands and secure your lodging for an unforgettable experience today!				
Miles City Bucking Horse Sale	Miles City	42 Garryowen Road		buckinghorsesale.com
Since 1951, The World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale has been uniting bucking horses, bronc riders and horse racing. We look forward to welcoming you to our event, the 3rd weekend in May, where the spirit of the West comes alive.				
Miles City Chamber	Miles City	511 Pleasant St.	406.234.2890	milescitychamber.com
Founded in 1876, at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Tongue rivers, Miles City is rich in history. Discover why we are truly a legendary Western town!				
Range Riders Museum	Miles City	W. Main St. 435 W. I-94 Bus. Loop	406.232.6146	rangeridersmuseum.com
The museum, started by the cowboys who rode the open range, is jam-packed with exhibits ranging from the age of the dinosaurs to the 21st century! Exhibits include Native Americans of the area, the pioneers of the Great Plains' range country, and soldiers—including Generals Custer and Miles.				
Destination Missoula	Missoula	101 E. Main St.	800.526.3465	destinationmissoula.org
There's a place in Montana that might just surprise you. Missoula is a mountain town where three rivers and seven nearby wilderness areas meet, offering solitude and adventure just minutes from downtown. Pair fresh mountain air with standout dining, local shops and a live music scene that punches well above its weight, and you'll find a place that delights the senses and nourishes the soul.				
Western Montana's Glacier Country	Missoula	PO Box 17631	800.338.5072	glaciermt.com
Come for the Montana you have in mind. Stay for the Montana you didn't expect. In Western Montana's Glacier Country, natural beauty meets creative small towns, rich history, a strong food and drink scene, and an easygoing sense of welcome.				
Explore Medora, North Dakota	Medora			medora.com
From frontier cow town to treasured family tradition, Medora has always welcomed adventure. Just ask Theodore Roosevelt. These buttes and North Dakota Badlands shaped the course of his life way back in 1883. These same landscapes still inspire visitors today with the legendary Medora Musical, outstanding outdoor beauty, exciting entertainment, and the rich history of Medora.				
Red Lodge Visitors Center	Red Lodge	701 Broadway Ave. N.	406.446.1718	redlodge.com
Nestled in Montana's magnificent Beartooth Mountains, Red Lodge delivers world-class outdoor recreation and access to Yellowstone National Park via the Beartooth Highway. A historic downtown features locally owned shops, restaurants and entertainment. Make Red Lodge your Base Camp to the Beartooths.				
Historic Kempton Hotel	Terry	204 Spring St.	406.635.5543	kemptonhotel.co
Not much can compete with service and hospitality that has been around for more than 100 years. The Kempton is the longest continually operating hotel in Montana—it opened in June 1902.				
Prairie Unique	Terry	114 Logan Ave. S.	406.635.5598	prairieunique.com
Prairie Unique is scenically located along the Yellowstone River, below the Terry Badlands and Calypso Trail. You'll find hundreds of products including art, skincare, gourmet food, home decor, toys and one-of-a-kind treasures.				

FREE THINGS TO DO



STRAWBERRY HILL RECREATION AREA, MILES CITY
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You don't have to spend much to create lifelong memories in Southeast Montana. Plan your next trip with our list of 10 Things to Do that everyone can enjoy, without spending a dime.

1. VISIT A MUSEUM

Out here, there's always history to uncover and our small-town museums pack a big historical punch. Most county museums operate only on donations and volunteer efforts, but they hold massive collections. Did you know 16 out of our 22 museums have free admission?

Use the Follow the Story Map to locate museums and historical sites throughout the region.



2. GO ROCKHOOUNDING

The region's diverse geologic features present unique rockhounding opportunities. Search for Montana moss agates—a semi-precious stone found along the Yellowstone River between Forsyth and Glendive.

3. TAKE A SCENIC DRIVE

View the best of Montana's wide-open spaces on two-lane highways and alternate routes. Check out our map of top scenic drives on page 46.

4. ENJOY FREE ENTRANCE DAYS IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

Every year, The National Park Service offers free admission to Pompeys Pillar National Monument and Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument on select dates.

More info: nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm

NOTE: The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is undergoing some updates. For the most current information related to visitation, see the website at nps.gov/libi.



5. PLAY DISC GOLF

Bring along a couple of those disc golf frisbees you have laying around with you on your adventure to Southeast Montana. Play at any of our eight courses for wholesome family fun.

6. TAKE IN THE DARK SKIES

Stargazing is easy, inexpensive and often beyond memorable. There is no need to purchase a telescope right away—just start with the naked eye or a pair of binoculars while you learn to identify a few anchor objects in the night sky.

7. FLOAT THE YELLOWSTONE RIVER

Do as the locals do and float the Yellowstone River in mid-to-late summer when the water level goes down and the flow slows. Drop in your kayak or raft at one of several fishing access sites. For more on the Lower Yellowstone River Water Trail, visit fwp.mt.gov/activities/boating/lower-yellowstone-river.

8. PHOTOGRAPH OUR LANDSCAPES

Follow in the footsteps of Evelyn Cameron, a wealthy British woman turned pioneer, who had a knack for capturing the perfect light in Southeast Montana. Start at the Evelyn Cameron Gallery in Terry, then venture out to create your own masterpieces.

9. GO BIRDWATCHING

If you find enjoyment being out in nature and have a desire to learn more about wildlife, birding may be just what you're looking for. Our big skies and wide-open spaces are perfectly suited for birdwatching opportunities.

NOTE: Some activities, specifically those on Montana state land, now require a conservation license. To learn more, go to ols.fwp.mt.gov.

10. EXPLORE MURALS AND PUBLIC ART

Stroll through downtown streets in towns like Billings, Broadus, Forsyth, Glendive and Miles City and you'll quickly encounter murals, sculptures and public art installations. Find street art in even the smallest towns, like Ekalaka and Laurel.

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