

# MONTANA WHAT'S NEW



## LODGING

### THE WILSON HOTEL IN BIG SKY

This Residence Inn by Marriott is situated within walking distance to all the local shops, restaurants and bars in town center village in Big Sky.

### SAGE LODGE

Located between Livingston and the North Entrance to Yellowstone, this new luxury lodge welcomes adventure seekers and rejuvenators alike.

### RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT MISSOULA DOWNTOWN

Located downtown at the site of the old Mercantile, this new hotel showcases architectural features and heavy reclaimed timbers from the historic former building.

### MINERS' BOUTIQUE HOTEL IN BUTTE

Uniquely historic rooms with a modern flair, located in fun uptown Butte, within walking distance to restaurants, breweries and shops.

### THE LARK BOZEMAN

Expansion completed so now the Lark offers more one-of-a-kind accommodations with its same downtown convenience.

### RSVP MOTEL

Mixing local and global styles with a fun personality, this boutique motel is the latest addition to Bozeman's unique lodging options.

### WONDERLAND CAFÉ & LODGE

Eco friendly small boutique hotel in the center of Gardiner, near Yellowstone's North Entrance.

### 1872 INN

Offering Montana lodge décor in an adult-only environment, this small boutique hotel in West Yellowstone offers an ideal location for exploring Yellowstone.

### WEST GLACIER RV PARK & CABINS

Quietly tucked away behind West Glacier Village, steps away from dining, shopping and Glacier National Park.

### TINY HOMES VILLAGE AT ST MARY

Ten small-but-mighty unique homes embrace simplicity and efficiency, with Going to the Sun Road at your doorstep.

### MONTANA BASECAMP

The newest campground in Kalispell offers upscale RV camping located just 45 minutes from Glacier National Park.



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PLACES TO STAY?

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# EXPERIENCES

## RIVER CITY BREWS RAFTING TOURS

Pick a river, pick your beer and float along on scenic flatwater sections of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork Rivers near Missoula.

## WILDLIFE AND ADVENTURE TOURS FROM GARDINER

Gardiner is nature's favorite entrance to Yellowstone. Offering more than a dozen unique and experienced guiding services into Yellowstone and the area.

## THE BITTERROOT TRAIL

Hike or bike along the 50-mile paved path that connects Missoula to Hamilton and quaint towns along the way in the beautiful Bitterroot Valley in southwestern Montana.

## YELLOWSTONE HOT SPRINGS

Natural Hot Springs located 10 minutes north of Yellowstone National Park, nestled between two mountain ranges and along the Yellowstone River.

## RIVER'S EDGE TRAIL IN GREAT FALLS

Take a hike or bike along more than 60 miles of trails alongside the Missouri River which also connect to Great Falls' historic downtown.

## SUN TOURS

Learn firsthand about tribal cultures and traditions on daily interpretive tours through Glacier National Park led by Blackfeet tribal members.

## GLACIER GUIDES

Book hiking, rafting, biking tours and overnight trips in and around Glacier National Park with an experienced guide service familiar with Glacier's hidden gems.

## HIKE 734

Get useful and practical details about hikes in Glacier National Park from someone who has hiked all 734 miles of trails.

## YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

See animals native to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem at this sanctuary for non-releasable wildlife. Located in Red Lodge.

## SOUTHEAST MONTANA

Discover unique events like Crow Fair or Buzzard Day, find a Native American tour guide at Little Bighorn Battlefield, and find activities, lodging and more in beautiful Southeast Montana.

## BILLINGS SCENIC GUIDE

Whether you have a few hours or a few days, use this guide to discover the best of Billings.

## BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY WAYFINDING GUIDE

When driving on the most beautiful road in America, make sure not to miss the points of interest that make this road so special.

## MONTANA'S 55 STATE PARKS

From ghost towns to buffalo jumps, explore Montana's rich history with a visit to one of its natural or cultural treasures. Contains a link to a downloadable guide.

## DISCOVER INDIAN COUNTRY

Download the new Indian Country Guide to Montana's tribal traditions and cultural treasures.



## RANCH UPDATES

**NINE QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH**, NORTH OF YELLOWSTONE, OFFERS A COWGIRL QUILT WEEK, YELLOWSTONE PACK TRIPS, FLY-FISHING WEEK AND PHOTOGRAPHY WEEK.

**SWEET GRASS RANCH** OFFERS AN ADULT-ONLY WEEK, CATTLE DRIVES, PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS AND A YOGA RETREAT.

**TRIPLE J WILDERNESS RANCH** OFFERS WILDERNESS PACK TRIPS, AN ADULT-ONLY WEEK AND KIDS PROGRAMS.

**MOUNTAIN SKY GUEST RANCH**, SOUTH OF LIVINGSTON, NOW HAS AN 18-HOLE GOLF COURSE, OFFERS TOURS OF YELLOWSTONE AND OFFERS AN ADULT-ONLY WEEK.

# ITINERARIES

**VISITMT.COM** has plenty of ideas for enjoying Montana's unique landscape, history and culture.

Explore **Trip Ideas** in each of Montana's regions, or select a theme to explore, or a season.

Explore **Between the Parks routes** that take you to charming small towns and past unique local attractions.

There seems to be an infinite number of **scenic drives** in Montana. Explore some of our favorites that might take you to unexpected places.

# AIRPORTS

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN) is Montana's largest airport and is the closest to the North and West Entrances to Yellowstone National Park.

Missoula (MSO) and Billings (BIL) are other great access points for Montana.

Glacier Park International Airport (FCA) in Kalispell is the closest airport to Glacier National Park.

Montana has **7 main airports** throughout our state, connecting to major hubs such as Salt Lake City, Minneapolis, Denver, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas Fort Worth.



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**MONTANA FOLK FESTIVAL | BUTTE**  
JULY 10-12, 2020

**CROW FAIR & RODEO | CROW AGENCY**  
MID-AUGUST

**SWEET PEA FESTIVAL | BOZEMAN**  
FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST

**BANNACK LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND**  
BANNACK | THIRD FULL WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

**MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING & WESTERN MUSIC RENDEZVOUS** LEWISTOWN |  
MID-AUGUST

**HUCKLEBERRY DAYS ARTS FESTIVAL**  
WHITEFISH | EARLY AUGUST

**LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP RODEO & FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS** | LIVINGSTON | JULY 2,3 & 4

**NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS**  
BROWNING | MID-JULY

**MONTANA STATE FAIR | BILLINGS**  
LATE JULY/EARLY AUGUST

# FACTS ABOUT MONTANA

Montana is the 4th largest US state. It stretches 630 miles (1,015 km) wide and 255 miles (410 km) long.

Montana has the largest migratory elk herd in the United States. It has the largest breeding population of trumpeter swans in the lower 48 states and has the largest population of golden eagles.

No state has as many different species of mammals as Montana. Its populations of elk, deer and pronghorn outnumber the humans.

There are over 100 mountain ranges in Montana.

Flathead Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake in the West and has over 200 square miles of water and 185 miles of shoreline.

Glaciers still exist in Montana in Glacier National Park and in the Beartooth Absaroka Wilderness.

Montana is the only state with a Triple Divide allowing water to flow into the Pacific, Atlantic and Hudson Bay/Arctic Oceans. This is located at Triple Divide Peak in Glacier National Park.

Montana's Dinosaur Trail encompasses 14 locations across the state offering a glimpse of dinosaur discoveries in Montana.

The state fossil is also the first dinosaur fossil launched into space. It is the duck-billed dinosaur, *Maiasaura peeblesorum*.

On Montana's Pie Trail you can discover pies made from our famous huckleberries, but also raspberries, apples and Flathead cherries. Yum!

Montana has no sales tax, although some communities impose a resort tax.

Montana is home to the National Bison Range, one of the oldest wildlife refuges in the United States.

Montana is nicknamed the Treasure State for the large deposits of gold, silver, copper and sapphires still being found here.



## MONTANA IN THE NEWS

*TRAVEL + LEISURE'S* A LIST TRAVEL ADVISORS NAMED MONTANA ONE OF **13 UNDER-THE-RADAR PLACES TO PLAN YOUR NEXT FAMILY VACATION.**

DISCOVER **7 THINGS TO LOVE OUT HERE IN SOUTHEAST MONTANA** ON *IEXPLORE*.

*BUDGET TRAVEL* EDITORS NAMED GLACIER NATIONAL PARK AS ONE OF **11 SUMMER VACATIONS YOU'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER.**

**THE RANCH AT ROCK CREEK** IS THE WORLD'S FIRST FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE FIVE-STAR GUEST RANCH – AND A RELAIS & CHATEAU MEMBER EVERY YEAR SINCE 2012.

FROMMER'S NAMED **TWO BEST MONTANA MUSEUMS:** *LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL INTERPRETIVE CENTER* IN GREAT FALLS AND *MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES* IN BOZEMAN.

FLATHEAD LAKE NAMED BY *OUTSIDE* AS ONE OF **THE BEST PLACES TO COOL OFF THIS SUMMER.**

FIND **6 PERFECT SPOTS TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN SOUTHEAST MONTANA'S HISTORY** FROM *BUDGET TRAVEL*.

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