


centralMONTANA

heart of the big sky





EARN THE Dam VIEW

GET YOUR 3 DAY
ITINERARY HERE



SCAN WITH PHONE

VISIT
Great Falls
MONTANA

VisitGreatFallsMontana.org/CentralMontana

WELCOME

Between Glacier National Park to the north and Yellowstone National Park to the south, you'll find the heart of the big sky—Central Montana. Here, wide-open spaces, enchanting views, and friendly people welcome you to a truly authentic Montana experience. Consider this an invitation to make Central Montana your next destination.

- | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 3 | Travel Info | 46 | Drink It Up |
| 4 | Historic Trails | 48 | Wild About Wildlife |
| 6 | Scenic Byways | 50 | Birds of a Feather |
| 10 | Community Spotlights | 52 | Festival Fun |
| 32 | Lewis & Clark | 54 | The Big Screen |
| 34 | State Highway Map | 56 | Directory Listings |
| 36 | Shop Local | 60 | Accommodations |
| 38 | Pie A La Road | 68 | Events Calendar |
| 42 | Winter Fun | | |

Wonder why it's called Big Sky Country? This view from the Upper Missouri River Breaks holds the answer. PHOTO: KELLY ENGEN

COVER PHOTO: 10/10 recommend! Birdtail Butte, a laccolith located near Cascade, is a must-see. PHOTO: JOHN LAMBING

PROTECT MONTANA'S LAND & WATER

Invasive species can harm our land, water and native species.
Take these simple actions to help Montana's outdoor resources.

Learn to identify
noxious weeds
WeedAwareness.org



**DONTMOVE
FIREWOOD.org**

Protect the trees
you love from
tree-killing bugs
DontMoveFirewood.org



Keep the adventure -
Leave the invasive
species
PlayCleanGo.org

**CLEAN.
DRAIN.
DRY.**

Help stop the
spread of aquatic
invasive species
CleanDrainDryMT.com



LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT
YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT
THE PLACES YOU LOVE ♡

invasivespecies.mt.gov

CENTRAL MONTANA TOURISM

Take the trip! We're pretty sure after looking through this publication you are going to want to plan a trip to Central Montana—mission accomplished! As you begin planning your trip use this page as a reference guide.

Find everything Central Montana at
www.centralmontana.com or call 1-800-527-5348.

Follow us on social media to learn more and discover some hidden gems!



facebook.com/centralmontanaregion



@centralmontana

406

This is the area code for Montana so use it for all numbers listed in the planner, unless otherwise noted.



Road conditions?
Dial 511 while in Montana
or call 1-800-226-7623.
View conditions online at
www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/



Call 449-5204 to
check current weather
conditions or hear
the forecast.



Useful Resources:

**Lewis & Clark National
Historic Trail**
www.nps.gov/lecl

**Lewis & Clark National
Historic Trip Interpretive Center**
www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf

Bureau of Land Management
www.blm.gov

Nez Perce National Historic Trail
www.fs.usda.gov/npnht

**Glacier & Yellowstone
National Parks**
www.nps.gov

**Montana Department of Fish,
Wildlife and Parks**
www.fwp.mt.gov

The Central Montana Travel Planner is produced annually with accommodations tax funds. All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without written permission of Central Montana Tourism is prohibited. Printed in U.S.A. for free distribution. Produced by Central Montana Tourism • 1-800-527-5348 • PO Box 3555, Lewistown, MT 59457. Designed by Banik Communications.

HIT THE HISTORIC TRAILS OF CENTRAL MONTANA

LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL

Follow the expedition's route through northcentral Montana.

1 Missouri Breaks National Back Country Byway: Enjoy breathtaking landscapes, geology and wildlife throughout the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument off US 191.

2 Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument: Unique landscapes and 149 miles of the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River.

3 Decision Point: The Corps had to choose the correct route west at this confluence of the Marias and Missouri rivers, one mile off US 87 near Loma.

4 Fort Benton: Montana's Lewis and Clark memorial stands watch on the levee beside this historic stretch of river. Tour the Old Fort, museums, Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center and more.

5 Great Falls: It took the expedition one month to portage around the "sublimely grand spectacle" of the great falls and reach navigable waters again. Experience the route in one day via scenic overlooks, Giant Springs State Park and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

6 Camp Disappointment: The northernmost point of the journey, 22 miles west of Cut Bank.

7 Two Medicine Fight Site: On June 27, 1806, eight Blackfeet warriors attempted to steal horses and guns from Lewis and his party as they traveled back to the Missouri. A fight ensued, and two warriors lost their lives. Near Valier, this site marks the spot of the only Indian casualties during the expedition.

8 Tower Rock State Park: Unknown landscapes awaited the expedition at this prominent rock site. South of Cascade, take exit 247 off I-15.

OLD FORTS TRAIL

Experience early trade and settler life along this supply wagon trail from Fort Benton to Canada.

1 Fort Benton: Enjoy a relaxing day of sightseeing along the Missouri River at the "Birthplace of Montana," once a hub of trade and travel in Montana territory's early days. Visit the Museum of the Upper Missouri, steamboat levee, Old Fort Benton, Museum of the Northern Great Plains, the Historic Grand Union Hotel and Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center while you're here.

2 Fort Assinniboine: At one time, the largest military post west of the Mississippi; it housed over 750 people, 100 buildings and the area's first official Post Office in its heyday. Guided tours of post remnants available.

3 Fort Walsh/Wood Mountain Post/Fort Battleford/Fort Whoop-Up/Fort Macleod/Fort Calgary: Six forts along the trail reside in Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Portions of these trails may be undeveloped or inaccessible. Please consult the Montana Highway Map for details.



Hoodoos welcome those willing to make the trip to Rock City near Valier.

CHUCK HANEY

WHOOOP UP TRAIL

Beginning in Fort Benton and ending in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada this major trade route was carved by bootleggers and traders transporting illegal whiskey and goods across the US/Canadian border. Interpretive sights along the trail include:

- 1 Fort Benton
- 2 Fort Hamilton
(Fort Whoop Up), Canada

NEZ PERCE TRAIL

The Nez Perce's long flight from the US Army through Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana ended near Chinook and resulted in exile to Canada and Oklahoma. The Nez Perce were just 40 miles from freedom in Canada when they surrendered.

1 Cow Island Landing: This remote supply depot at the western limit of low-water navigation on the Upper Missouri refused to sell supplies to the Nez Perce. In a September 1877 skirmish, the Nez Perce destroyed the depot's supplies before continuing north up Cow Creek drainage toward Canada. Accessible by boat.

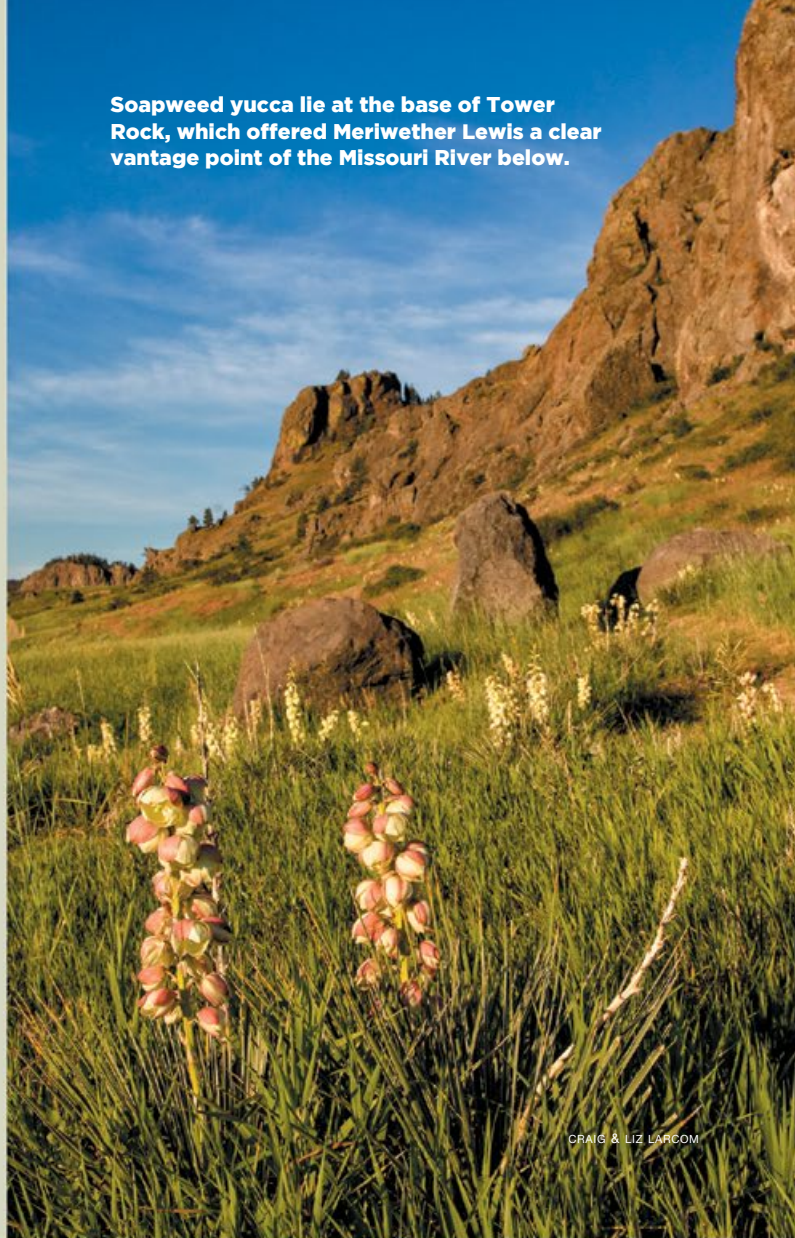
2 Bear Paw Battlefield: Located 16 miles south of Chinook on Route 240, the site is a tribute to the Nez Perce people and the battle ending the Nez Perce War of 1877. From here, the trail divides: some escaped to Canada, while others were relocated to Oklahoma. Annual commemoration takes place the first week of October.

OLD NORTH TRAIL

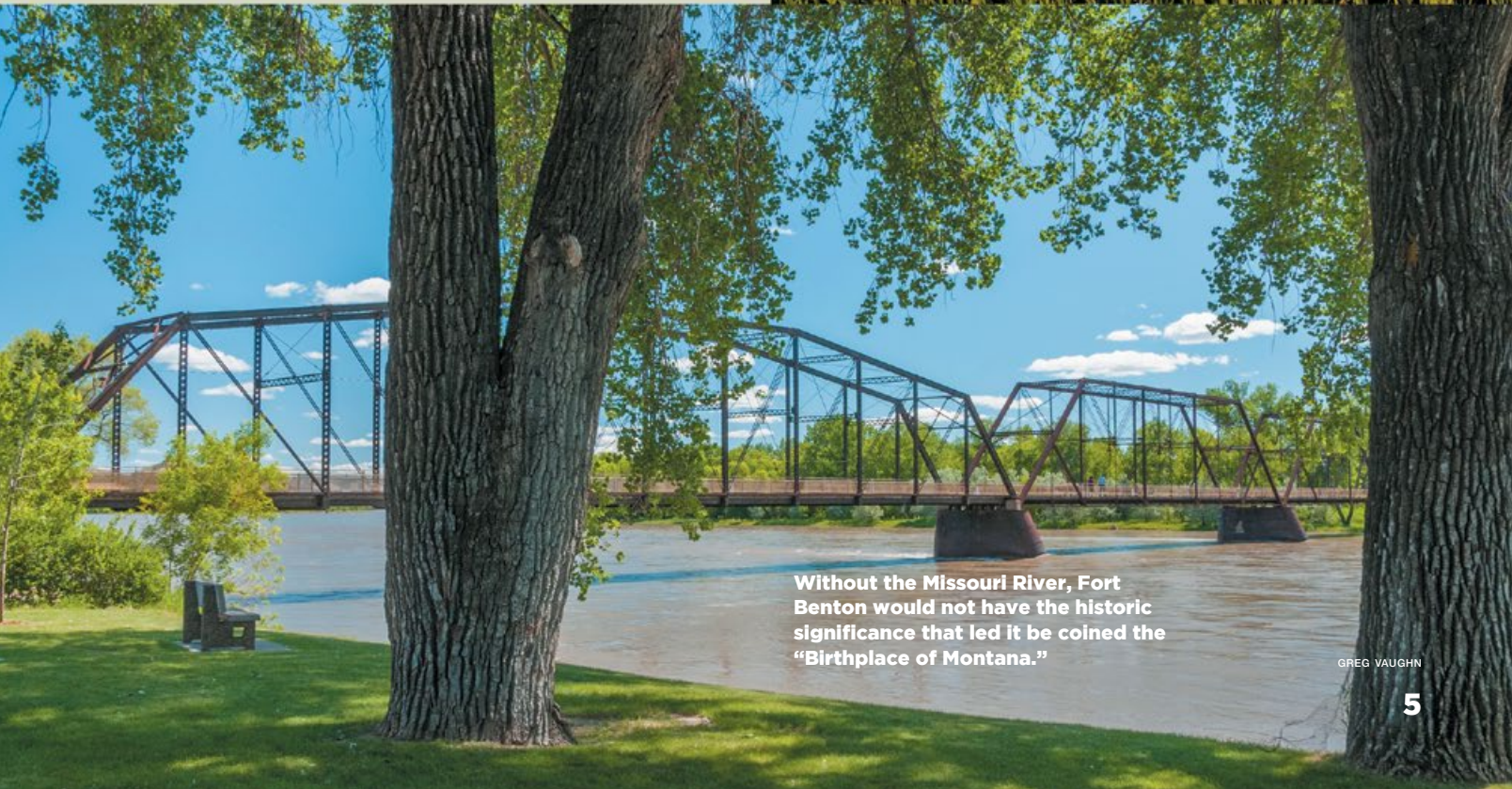
"One of the oldest trails known to mankind," this trail once extended across the ice bridge from Siberia southward into Mexico some 25,000 years ago. For generations, the Blackfeet used the trail on the east side of the Rockies for trade and travel from northern hunting grounds to southern winter encampments. Learn more at the Old Trail Museum in Choteau or experience part of the journey through trail markers located west of Highway 89 outside of:

- 1 Choteau: 20 miles west on North and South Forks of Teton Road
- 2 Bynum: Blackleaf Road
- 3 Dupuyer: 17 miles west on Swift Dam Road

Soapweed yucca lie at the base of Tower Rock, which offered Meriwether Lewis a clear vantage point of the Missouri River below.



CRAIG & LIZ LARCOM



Without the Missouri River, Fort Benton would not have the historic significance that led it to be coined the "Birthplace of Montana."

GREG VAUGHN

CENTRAL MONTANA'S SCENIC BYWAYS

1 Missouri Breaks Back Country

Byway: The Missouri Breaks National Back Country Byway, overlooking the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, covers a ruggedly spectacular landscape. The Byway begins at the community of Winifred, located 38 miles north of Lewistown on Montana Secondary 236. The Byway consists of gravel roads and unimproved roads that can become totally impassable when wet.

Driving time is approximately 2 to 3 hours and the length of the drive is about 80 miles. Information signs are located along the way and there are several side trips off the route. The area provides significant habitat for wildlife and travelers may see antelope, white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, prairie dogs, beaver, pheasant, sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse and a variety of songbirds and raptors.

2 Kings Hill Scenic Byway:

The Byway begins at the junction of US Highways 89 & 12 near White Sulphur Springs and travels north to Armington Junction near Belt. Allow two

hours to leisurely drive the route. Stretching 71 miles along US Highway 89, the Kings Hill Scenic Byway winds its way along pristine mountain streams and is home to an abundant variety of wildlife. Gravel roads criss-crossing the main highway lead to 450 miles of spectacular mountain scenery, high country lakes, trailheads, campgrounds and old mines.

At the top of Kings Hill Pass, Showdown Montana Ski Area offers 34 downhill ski runs of varied terrain. North of Kings Hill Pass is Silver Crest Nordic Ski Area with 17 miles of cross-country ski trails. There are over 200 miles of marked

snowmobile trails in the area. In addition to great winter recreation, activities like fishing, floating, camping, birdwatching, mountain biking and horseback riding are also popular in this rugged country.

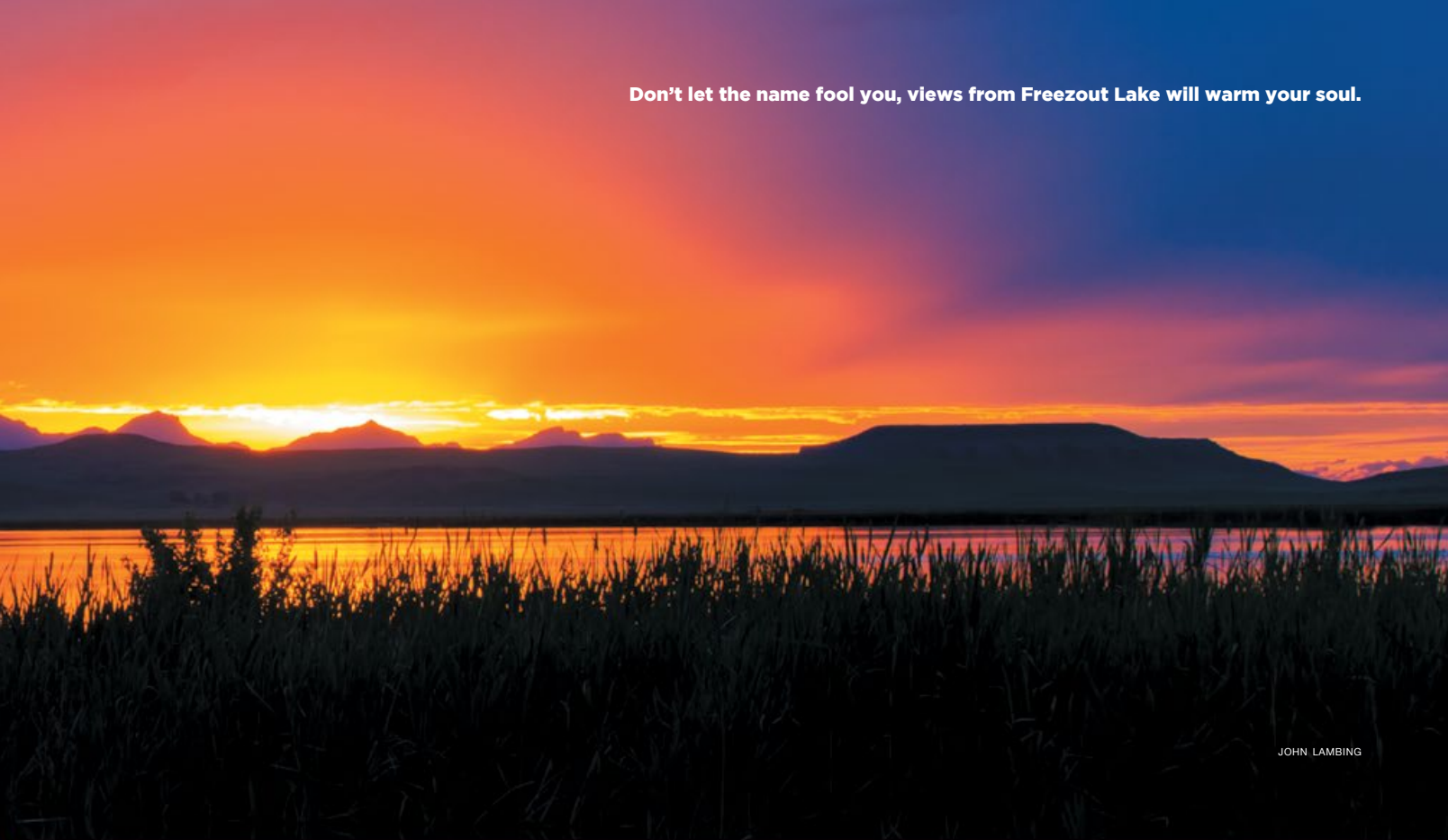
3 Montana Scenic Loop:

This route covers over 350 miles of spectacular landscapes and offers travelers the opportunity to see one of the most intact mountainous ecosystems. The route encompasses the Flathead, Lolo, Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forests and circles one of the largest expanses of wilderness in the lower 48 United States.

Replicas of buildings from the 1880s give visitors a glimpse into days gone by in Utica.



TERESA OTTO



JOHN LAMBING

Wilderness areas accessible from the Montana Scenic Loop include the Great Bear Wilderness, Scapegoat Wilderness and Bob Marshall Wilderness. Glacier National Park borders the northern section of the Loop and travelers can drive along the west and east slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

The southern part of the Montana Scenic Loop crosses Rogers Pass. Recreation opportunities are unparalleled along this route and there are many small towns offering a variety of services.

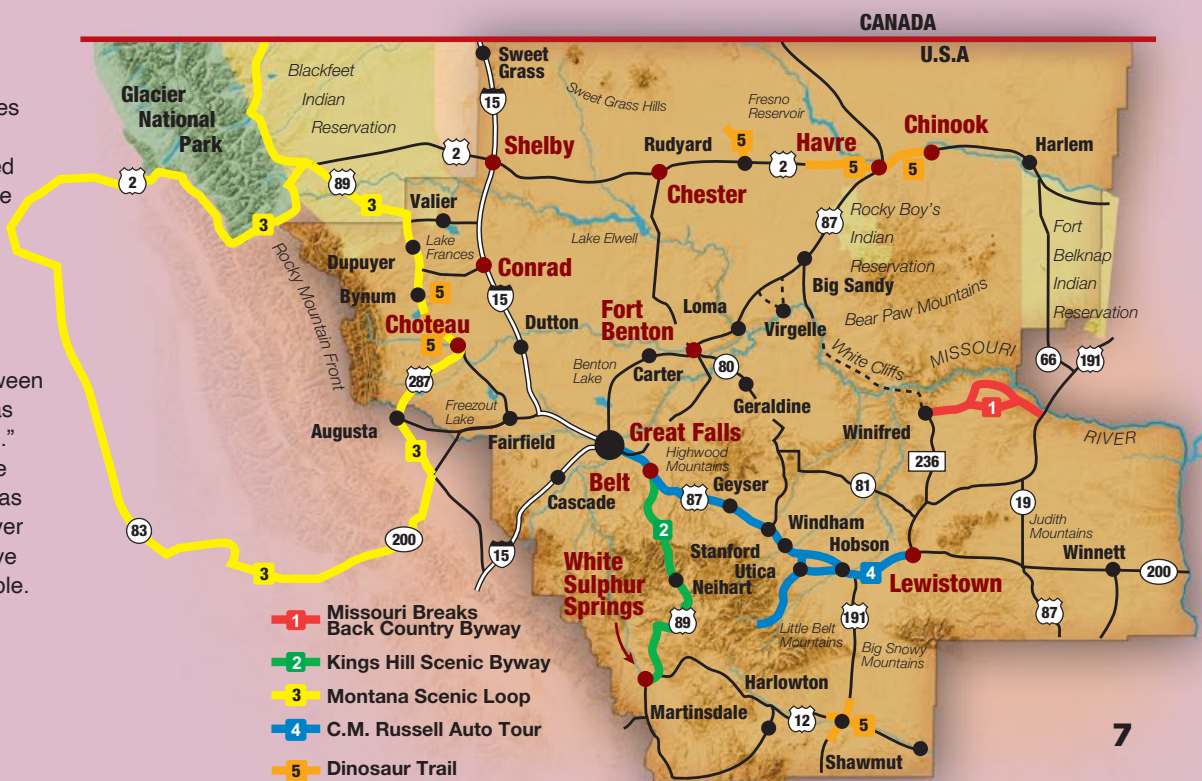
4 C.M. Russell Auto Tour: The Montana Legislature designated Highway 87 between Great Falls and Lewistown as the "Charles M. Russell Trail." The land continues to stir the imagination and spirit today as it did for the cowboy artist over 100 years ago. An interpretive booklet for the tour is available.

It depicts paintings of Charlie Russell with many scenic background vistas still visible today as you travel the route. (800-527-5348).

The main route follows Highway 87 for approximately 100 miles between Great Falls and

Lewistown. Memorial Loop turns south at either Windham or Hobson, travels to Utica and then south into the Little Belt Mountains. Interpretive signage is located on Memorial Loop.

5 Dinosaur Trail: Enjoy six stars of Montana's Dinosaur Trail: Choteau and Bynum (US 89), Rudyard, Havre and Chinook (US 2) and Harlowton (US 12). They offer significant paleontology displays and some have "hands-on" field digs.



EST. 1946

SHELBY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

100 Montana Avenue Shelby, MT 59474

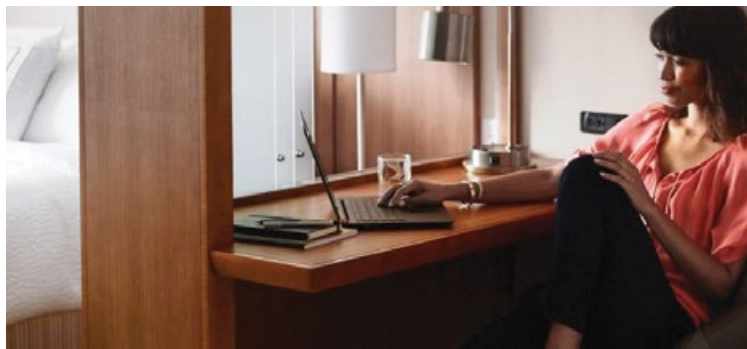
406-434-7184

Find yourself at home on the hi-line!



PHOTOGRAPH BY TOOL COUNTY PHOTO CONTEST GRAND PRIZE WINNER

VONLIEB PHOTOGRAPHY 785-731-1117 CHESTER, MT



SPRINGHILL SUITES[®]

MARRIOTT

A LITTLE EXTRA.
A LOT LESS ORDINARY.

Whether you're traveling for business or pleasure, SpringHill Suites promises a refreshingly unexpected stay filled with little extras, like roomy suites with separate workspaces and inviting outdoor fire pits.

SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT[®]

421 3RD STREET NW / Great Falls, MT 59404

P 406.952.4444 Marriott.com/GTFSH



6300 Limekiln Rd ~ Lewistown, MT
www.judithmountainlodge.com
406-538-7063

**Lodging * Indoor & Outdoor Dining * Family Reunions
Weekend Getaways * Business Conferences * Group Retreats
Anniversaries * Birthday Parties * Clubs * Perfect for all events**

DELICIOUS STEAK & SEAFOOD DINNERS.
Wednesdays - Saturdays, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
WE ALSO HAVE A FULL LIQUOR BAR.
We are located only 6 miles from town, in the beautiful
Judith Mountains. The perfect place to stay for
your next visit to Lewistown!



Wheatland County Chamber of Commerce

City Wide Yard Sale- May

Farmers Markets July-September

Summer Swim -June/July/August

Fourth of July Festivities - July 1st-4th

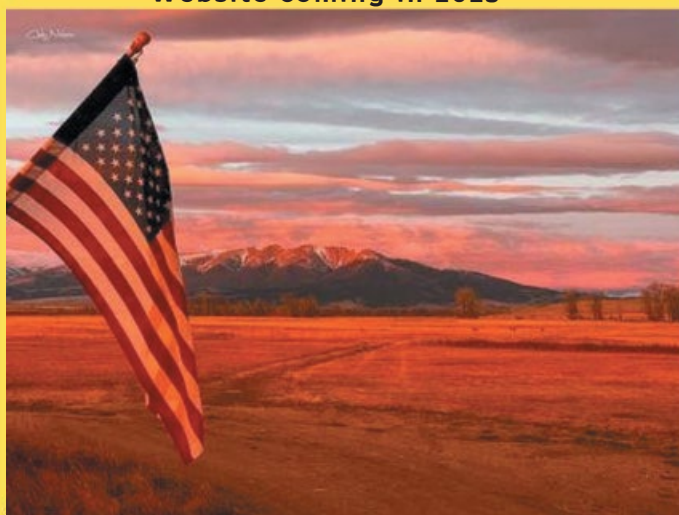
Harlo Music Project- 8/13

Fall Festival- DTBD

Craft Fair - First Saturday in December

Lighting of the Train- First Tuesday in December

Website coming in 2023



AUGUSTA



A rural ranching community located on US 287. Spectacular recreational opportunities in the Lewis & Clark National Forest and Bob Marshall Wilderness. Wildlife viewing in the Sun River Game Range. Fishing available at nearby Gibson Reservoir, Willow Creek Reservoir, Nilan Reservoir and Bean Lake. Maps and information available at the Forest Service office (seasonal 562-3247).

BELT



First built as a city jail in 1895, the Belt Museum now houses local history and art. Many downtown buildings are part of the Belt Commercial Historic District and interpretive markers explain history and architecture.

BIG SANDY



Near the beautiful Bears Paw Mountains on US 87. Visit the Big Sandy Historical Society & Museum in the old Great Northern Railroad depot, home to the largest collection of early pioneer photos in Chouteau County. Tour the old jailhouse and tourist center, or view wildlife northwest of town at Lonesome Lake. Closest access point to the White Cliffs area of the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River (622-4000).

BYNUM



A noted stop along Montana's Dinosaur Trail. Visit The Montana Dinosaur Center (469-2211) and experience a paleontology dig or view the 187 ft. long, 23 ft. tall reconstructed Seismosaurus. US 89.

CARTER



Cross the Missouri River here the old-fashioned way, via ferry boat. Fishing and concrete boat ramp are located at the Carter Ferry Fishing Access Site. Off US 87.

CASCADE



Riverfront community with plenty of public fishing access, camping, hunting and hiking sites nearby. Start a relaxing float trip down the Missouri. Area history and photos can be found downtown at the Senior Center Museum (468-9883 or 468-2684).

CHESTER



A short distance from the highest isolated peaks in the US, this community lies near the Sweet Grass Hills. Experience area history and culture at the Liberty County Museum (759-5256) or at the Liberty Village Arts Center (759-5652). Great fishing, hunting, boating and camping opportunities. Public marina, RV park and raft/canoe access to the Marias River at nearby Lake Elwell and Tiber Dam.

EXPLORE CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNITIES

CHINOOK



A gateway to northcentral Montana's history and a stop along the Dinosaur Trail. See history, archaeology and paleontology exhibits and view the Nez Perce War presentation "40 Miles from Freedom" at the Blaine County Museum (357-2590). Over 200 wildlife species are displayed in their natural habitat at the Wildlife Museum. Travel south to the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument and historic McClelland Ferry. Route 240 leads to the Bear Paw Battlefield, where Chief Joseph surrendered at the end of the Nez Perce War of 1877.

CHOTEAU



Rolling plains meet the high peaks of the Rocky Mountain Front here. Choteau is a full service community from tasty eateries to unique shopping and boundless recreation. Whether it's golfing, hunting, fishing or snowshoeing, Choteau offers something for everyone.

Visit the Old Trail Museum (466-5332) to learn about homestead life, Native American culture and the Two Medicine dinosaur discoveries. Outdoor recreation opportunities are abundant along BLM's Ear Mountain Trailhead, Bob Marshall Wilderness, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, or hike the A.B. Guthrie trail for views of Pine Butte. Stop by the Visitors Center or contact the Choteau Ranger Station (466-5341).

From the Missouri River to the foothills of the Highwood Mountains, the area near Fort Benton is rich in history and agriculture.

GATEWAY TO THE BREAKS

Fort Benton, the birthplace of Montana, is located just off US Highway 87. Relive the history of early Montana by taking a historic walking tour on the levee and viewing the inspiring landscape as you enter the Upper Missouri River Breaks.

- 1 Museums in Town** – Museum of the Upper Missouri, Museum of the Northern Great Plains – The State of Montana's Museum of Agriculture, Historic Old Fort Benton, Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center. Open Memorial Day weekend through the end of September (admission charged). 622-5316.
- 2 The Upper Missouri National Wild & Scenic River** – 149 miles of the Upper Missouri protected in its natural free-flowing state. Fort Benton is the western gateway community to the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.
- 3 Geraldine and Square Butte** – Noted scenic and geological natural area. Wildlife and raptor viewing. South 26 miles on Highway 80. No public access to Square Butte.
- 4 Highwood Mountains** – 20 miles south. Wildlife viewing, camping (fee), picnicking, hunting, mountain biking.
- 5 Loma** – 11 miles north on Highway 87. Richard Wood Watchable Wildlife Area, one mile south of highway. Lewis and Clark "Decision Point" Overlook. Earth Science Museum (admission charged). 739-4361.
- 6 Virgelle** – 27 miles north on Highway 87. Major launch point for floating the National Wild and Scenic Missouri River. Virgelle is a restored, homestead-era settlement and boasts one of three remaining ferry crossings on the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River.
- 7 Signal Point** – 9-hole public golf course. One mile southeast of Highway 87.
- 8 BLM's Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument** – Visitor Center and River Contact Station. Interpretive displays and river floating information. Open year 'round. (877) 256-3252 or 622-4000.
- 9 Lewis & Clark State Memorial "Explorers At the Marias"** – Located on the historic levee overlooking the expedition's route.
- 10 Shep Memorial** – Located on the levee. In memory of a legendary, faithful dog.

Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce, 622-3864.





**Cotton candy skies adorn
Priest Butte near Choteau.**

CHUCK HANEY



**As you travel through Central Montana take
time to learn about the value of agriculture.**

SHERRY BERG

CONRAD



Easy access off I-15, with something for everyone. Play a challenging 9 holes of golf at the Pondera Golf Course. Visit the Conrad Transportation Museum (278-0178) and the Conrad Depot Society Museum (627-2397). Boating, fishing and wildlife viewing available at nearby Lake Frances and Lake Elwell (271-7791). Bird and big game hunting access.

DENTON

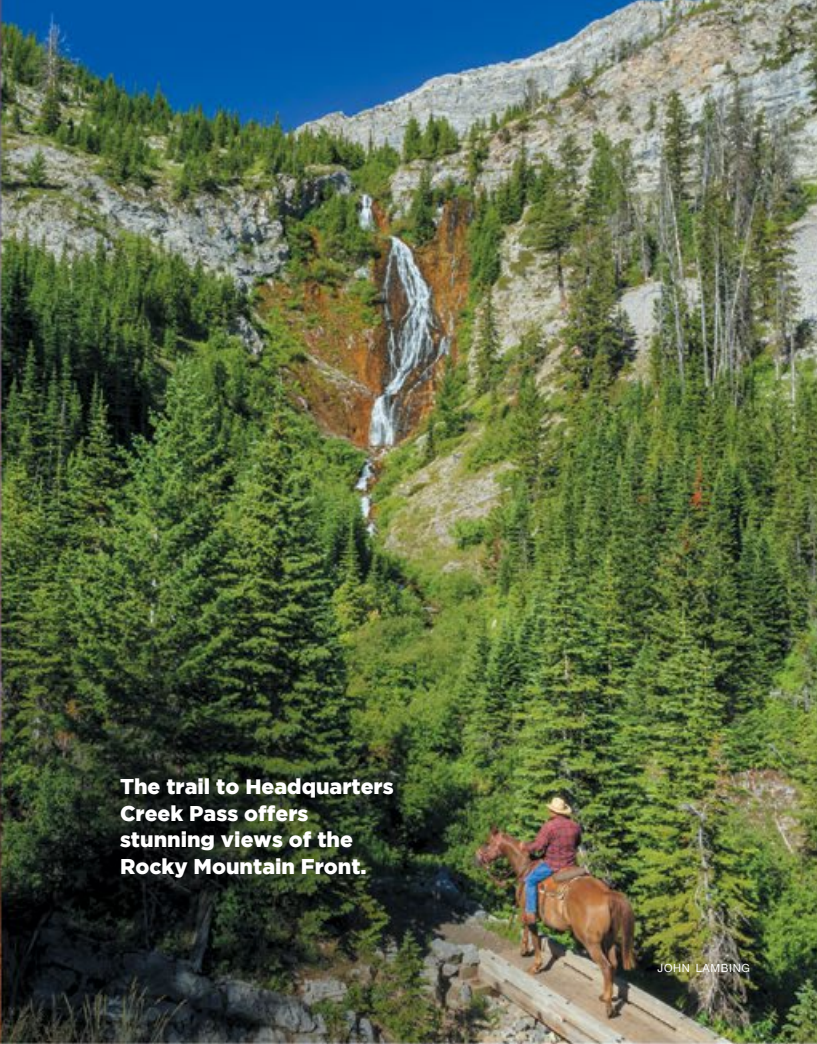


One of the top dry land farm and cattle production communities in the state. Located in the heartland of Montana, with great upland game bird hunting and the mid-point of the Charlie Russell Chew Choo.

DUPUYER



One of the earliest settlements along the East Slope of the Rocky Mountain Front. Picnicking and camping available at William



The trail to Headquarters Creek Pass offers stunning views of the Rocky Mountain Front.

JOHN LAMBING

Jones Memorial Park near town and 18 miles west at Swift Dam. Mountain bike the foothills of the Front. Horseback riding, backpacking, hiking, hunting, fishing and bird and wildlife viewing in the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, Bob Marshall Wilderness and Great Bear Wilderness.

FAIRFIELD



The malting barley capital of the world. Excellent bird watching opportunities north of town at Freezout Lake.

FORT BELKNAP/HARLEM



Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is home to the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes. Guided tours available (353-4350) to Snake Butte, Mission Canyon, Bear Gulch and St. Paul's Mission. View deer, antelope, waterfowl, upland birds, as well as the tribe's two buffalo herds.

FORT BENTON



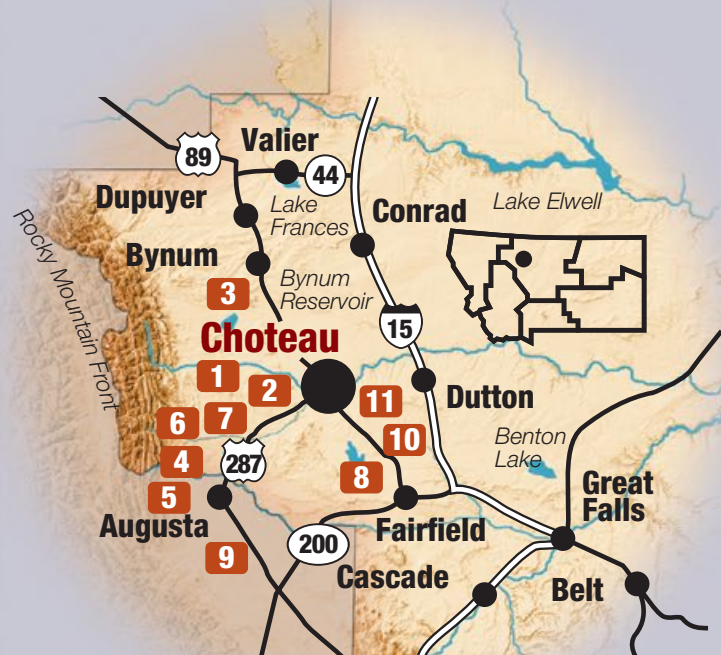
Originally an American Fur Co. trading post on the Missouri River, this town was the world's most inland port during the steamboat era. Visit the Museum of the Northern Great Plains, the State of Montana's Museum of Agriculture, Homestead Village, Museum of the Upper Missouri, Old Fort Benton, two galleries of western art, and the Smithsonian Hornaday Bison exhibit (622-5316) or take a relaxing walk along the levee. Experience the culture and natural history of the Upper Missouri at Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center (622-4000); western gateway to the monument's 375,000 acres, which stretch downstream on both sides of the river corridor to the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT

Choteau is located at the junction of US Highways 287 and 89 on the Rocky Mountain Front. It is a natural stopover on the route between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks.

- 1 Teton Pass Area** – 4 miles north on Highway 89, turn west on Teton Canyon Road. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, fishing, camping (fee).
- 2 South Fork of Teton/Ear Mountain Outstanding Natural Area/Our (Hidden) Lake/Headquarters Pass** – 4 miles north on Highway 89, turn west on Teton River Road, then south on South Fork Road. Hiking, fishing, camping (fee), picnicking.
- 3 Blackleaf Canyon/Bynum Reservoir** – 13 miles north on Highway 89, turn west from Bynum on County Road. Year 'round fishing, boating, hiking, rock climbing
- 4 Sun River Canyon/Gibson Dam** – 26 miles south on Highway 287 to Augusta, then west from Augusta on Sun River Canyon Road. Camping (fee), hiking, fishing.
- 5 Benchmark/Wood Lake** – 26 miles south on Highway 287 to Augusta, then west from Augusta on Benchmark Road. Non-motorized boating, fishing, camping (fee).
- 6 Pishkun Reservoir** – 6 miles west on Bellview Road, 13 miles southwest on Pishkun Road. Fishing, ice fishing, bird watching, camping (fee) and boat launch.
- 7 A.B. Guthrie Trail/The Nature Conservancy** – 1 mile south on Highway 287, then 19 miles west on Bellview Road. Turn north on the Cut Across Road and look for the kiosk on the west. Hiking, nature walks, wildlife viewing.
- 8 Freezout Lake/Waterfowl Refuge** – 10 miles south on Highway 89. Wildlife and bird watching, camping (no fee), bird and waterfowl hunting.
- 9 Sun River Game Range** – 26 miles south on Highway 287 to Augusta, 10 miles west of Augusta. Winter range for large population of elk and deer.
- 10 Priest Butte and Priest Lake** – 5 miles south on Highway 89. Scenic views with opportunities for bird and wildlife watching.
- 11 Museums/Old Trail Museum** – 823 N. Main, Choteau. Dinosaur, Native American, grizzly bear and local celebrity exhibits. Open seasonally. Visitor center adjacent to museum. The Montana Dinosaur Center 469-2211 in Bynum, 13 miles north of Choteau on Highway 89, offers paleontology digs and a visitor center.

Choteau Chamber of Commerce, (800) 823-3866.





Famed western artist, Charlie Russell, spent many hours in this log cabin studio.

GERALDINE, GEYSER, SQUARE BUTTE

[G](#) [E](#) [S](#) [E](#)

Visit the restored Geraldine Milwaukee Depot (737-4368), listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The town of Square Butte hosts a historic jail built with local shonkinite, and a short drive to the steep cliffs of Square Butte, depicted in several of Charlie Russell's frontier paintings.

GRASS RANGE

[G](#) [E](#) [S](#) [E](#)

Located one mile south of the junction of MT 200, US 87 and MT 19, the town boasts an impressive view of the Snowy Mountains. With plenty to see and do in any direction, take advantage of scenic drives along the north forks of McDonald Creek and Flatwillow Creek.

GREAT FALLS

[G](#) [E](#) [S](#) [E](#)

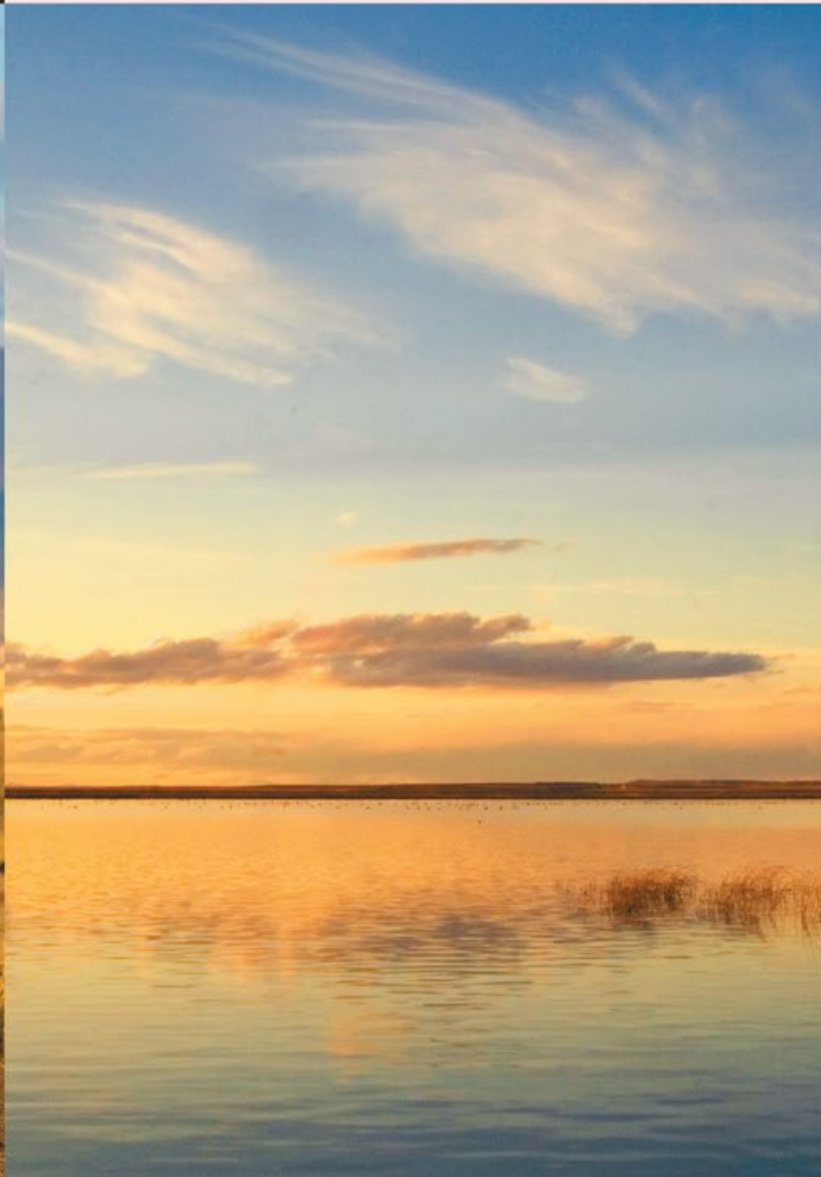
The largest city in central Montana and home of five waterfalls on the Missouri River that the Lewis and Clark Expedition spent nearly a month portaging in 1805. Learn about the Expedition and their encounters with the Plains Indians, walk interpretive trails and view demonstrations at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center (727-8733). View some of the falls by car via scenic turnouts or enjoy a walk, run or bike ride along the River's Edge Trail; nearly 60 miles of non-motorized trails including 19 miles of paved, handicap-accessible pathways. Experience one of the world's largest natural freshwater springs at Giant Springs State Park and enjoy trout fishing along the Missouri. The C.M. Russell Museum Complex (727-8787)



Looking to explore the area around Great Falls? Consider taking the scenic route on two wheels.



CHUCK HANEY



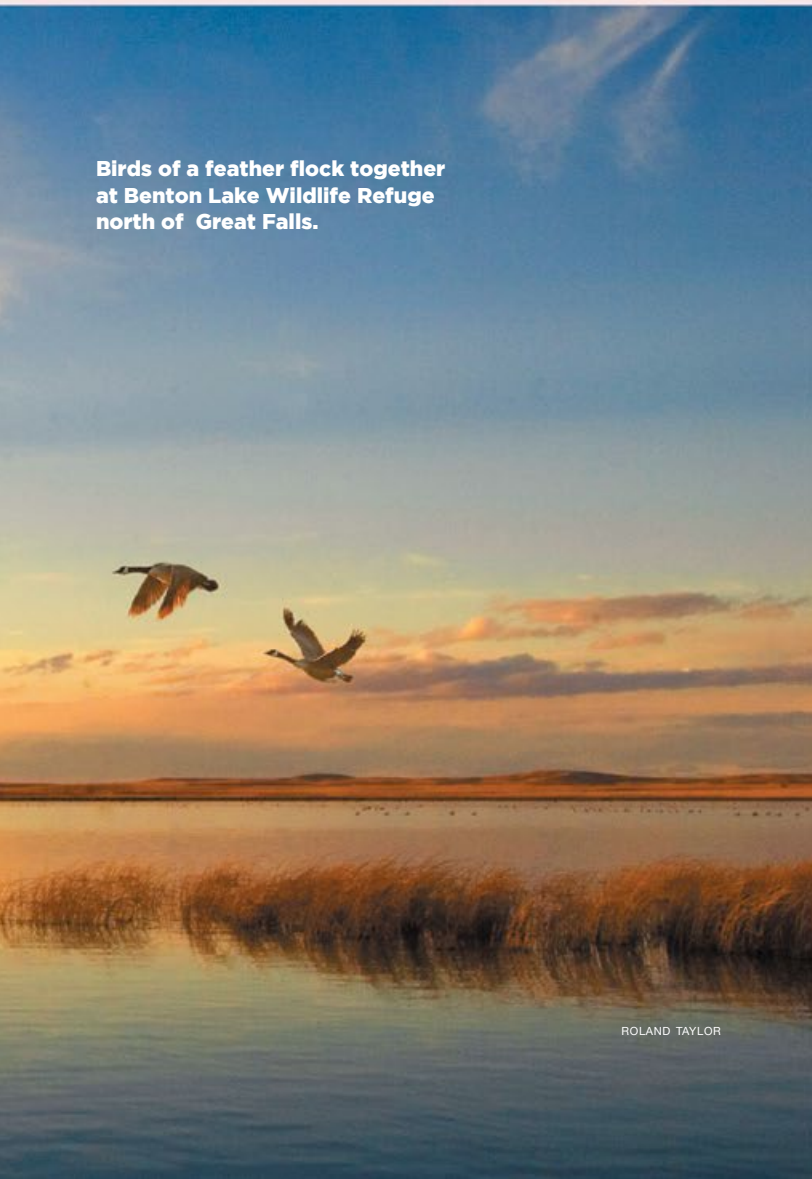
offers the largest collection of Charlie Russell's western art, and his home and log studio are National Historic Landmarks. Other museums include the Montana Cowboy's Bar and Museum (761-9299); Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum (731-2705); The History Museum (452-3462); Children's Museum of Montana (452-6661); Montana Museum of Railroad History (453-3025); Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art (727-8255); Ursuline Centre (452-8585); and Galerie Trinitas (791-5367) at the University of Providence. View or photograph wildlife and birds at Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge (727-7400). First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, a National Historic Landmark southwest of town, is believed to be one of the longest buffalo jumps in the US (866-2217). For historic walking tour brochures in Great Falls contact

Great Falls Montana Tourism (761-4436). Take a Great Falls trolley tour (868-2913).

HARLOWTON

Junction of US 12 and MT 191. Camping, scenic walkways, a fishing pond and playground available at Chief Joseph Park and Nez Perce Trail. The E-57B Electric Train engine commemorates the longest stretch of electric railway in North America. View the *Avaceratops lammersi* dinosaur display at the Upper Musselshell Museum and tour the Milwaukee Depot Museum. Play 9 holes of golf at the Jawbone Creek Golf Course. Enjoy camping, fishing and boating at Deadman's Basin, 20 miles east of town. See the Judith Gap Wind Farm and its 90 wind towers 12 miles north of town. Prime hunting country (632-4694).

Birds of a feather flock together at Benton Lake Wildlife Refuge north of Great Falls.



ROLAND TAYLOR

THE FALLS OF THE MISSOURI

Named after a series of waterfalls on the Missouri River, Great Falls is centrally located. From here, travelers can visit all areas of the region in an easy day's drive.

- 1 Giant Springs State Park** – 5 miles east of downtown Great Falls on River Drive. On your way, view Black Eagle Dam and Falls, Giant Springs, Roe River, state fish hatchery and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Visitor Center. Open year 'round (user fee for nonresidents). Picnic and recreation facilities available.
- 2 River's Edge Trail** – Nearly 60 miles of non-motorized trails including 19 miles of paved, handicap-accessible pathways, following the Missouri River from Oddfellows Park, through Gibson Park (downtown Great Falls), past the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center and Giant Springs State Park, toward Crooked Falls Overlook.
- 3 Rainbow Dam and Falls Overlook** – 1 mile beyond Giant Springs on Giant Springs Road. To view the other falls, take Highway 87 north 4 miles, turn on Ryan Dam Road and travel east 5 miles to Ryan Dam. Continue 6 miles to Morony Dam.
- 4 Golf** – 18-hole courses: Eagle Falls Golf Club 761-1078, south of the Missouri River. Anaconda Hills Golf Course 761-8459, north of the Missouri. Hickory Swing Golf Club 452-9400.
- 5 First Peoples Buffalo Jump** – Take I-15 west of Great Falls for 9 miles, turn at Ulm and follow signs for 4 miles to this National Historic Landmark. Hiking trails, picnic area and visitor center.
- 6 Historic Fort Shaw** – 11 miles north on I-15, turn at Vaughn and take Highway 87 west to Fort Shaw. On your way, view Adams Stone Barn.
- 7 Benton Lake Wildlife Refuge** – 14 miles north of Great Falls on Highway 87. Wildlife viewing. Open year 'round (no fee).
- 8 Museums** – C.M. Russell Museum, 400 13th Street North, log studio and home. Open year 'round (fee). Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, 1400 1st Ave. North (free admission). The History Museum, 422 2nd Street South, open year 'round (fee). The Children's Museum of Montana (fee), 22 Railroad Square, Tuesday - Saturday. Ursuline Centre, 2300 Central Ave., museum, meeting and retreat center. Tours by appointment. Galerie Trinitas, University of Providence campus, open Tuesday and Thursday, Noon to 3.
- 9 Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center** – Located along the Missouri River in Giant Springs State Park. Exhibits detail the 1804-1806 Lewis & Clark Expedition and their encounters with the Plains Indians. Outdoor living history area. Open year 'round (fee). 727-8733.

Great Falls Montana Tourism, 761-4436.





shedhorncabins.com



Your destination to Reconnect
with Family, Friends and Nature

Book with us @ www.shedhorncabins.com

Facebook at Shedhorn Cabins,
Horse Motel & Pet Boarding

Instagram

@mt_shedhorncabins.horsemotel

Call 406-547-3918

260 Jackson Road · White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

Life's 2 Short Not 2 Play



ELECTRIC CITY
WATER PARK



www.greatfallsmt.net • 406-771-1265

"TOUR THE LOOP"

TAKE TIME TO EXPLORE OUR ART AND CULTURAL
TRAIL WHEN YOU VISIT

Meagher County, Montana



-Over 90 Painted Quilts
within the County
-45 On the Loop
-23 Historical Sites
-12 Works of Literature sites
-7 Art Installations
-3 performing Arts sites



FIND MAPS AND
INFORMATION
AT

VisitMeagherCounty.com

White Sulphur Springs-Martinsdale-Ringling-Checkerboard-Lenep

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MEAGHER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2023
Don't miss
Events!



Red Ants Pants
Music Festival
July 27-30



4th Of July Parade,
Fun Run, BBQ
and Fireworks



White Sulphur Springs
PRCA Labor Day Rodeo
September 3-4



Community Wide
Christmas Stroll
December 1



YEAR AROUND DESTINATION. We are a - public golfing - ATVing - skiing - hunting - floating
fishing - camping - hiking - snowmobiling - hot spring soaking - music enjoying place!

LIBERTY COUNTY MONTANA



SWEETGRASS HILLS

TIBER DAM/LAKE ELWELL

Photo by Janice Hendrickson

CHARMING SMALL TOWNS



Fun Local Events



Great Fishing



**Abundant
Wildlife**



Museum

**Liberty County
Chamber
of Commerce**
(406) 759-4848

**Liberty County
Museum**
(406) 759-5256

**MX
Motel**
(406) 759-7165
mxmotel.com



(406)
759-5582

Fraser's Oil, Inc.
conoco
Inverness: (406) 292-3833
Chester: (406) 759-5541
Galata: (406) 432-2321

INFORMATION | LODGING | FOOD | FUEL



**Heritage
Inn** The Power
of
Independence
Locally Owned & Operated

1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT 59404
406-761-1900

www.gfheritageinn.com

The Heritage Inn is the largest full service hotel and convention center in Central Montana and is nestled in a quiet neighborhood close to adventure, entertainment, and shopping.

Staying a night, or longer, start your day with breakfast in the Willow Creek, or a cup of coffee from the Espresso Bar. Later on, enjoy lunch & dinner, and maybe a libation, in the Max Casino & Sports Bar before relaxing next to the Indoor Pool.

The hotel's central location provides easy access to the Missouri River, I-15 and Great Falls International Airport.





MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN **CENTRAL MONTANA**

Central Montana is the perfect setting to make new friends or spend time with old ones.

SHERRY BERG

Ackley Lake, near Hobson, makes a perfect spot for the family to cool off come summer.



ROLAND TAYLOR

HAVRE



Experience a guided Havre Beneath the Streets tour, the Railroad Museum and a historical re-creation of early Havre (265-8888). Stop along the Dinosaur Trail and visit exhibits, dioramas and Havre history at the H. Earl Clack Museum (265-4000). Tours of Fort Assiniboine Historic Site begin at the site 6 miles southwest of Havre on Highway 87; the largest military fort west of the Mississippi when it was built in 1879 (265-4000). Learn area Native American history and view artifacts at the Louis and Antoinette Hagener Museum of the Northern Plains Indians located in the Vande Bogart Library on the MSU Northern campus (265-3706). Enjoy a self-guided walking tour through the Historic Residential and Business districts; maps available at the Havre Chamber (265-4383). Havre Historic Tours offers several different guided walking tours of the residential historic district,

downtown, cemeteries and a tour of a c. 1898 house museum (fee) (399-5225). Tour the largest and best-preserved bison kill and campsite in the area at Wahkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Jump (265-4000 or 262-7656). Camping, hiking, fishing and biking available at Beaver Creek Park (395-4565), the nation's largest county park with over 10,000 acres; 10 miles south on Highway 234. Fresno Reservoir west of town offers boating, fishing and handicap fishing access for visitors.

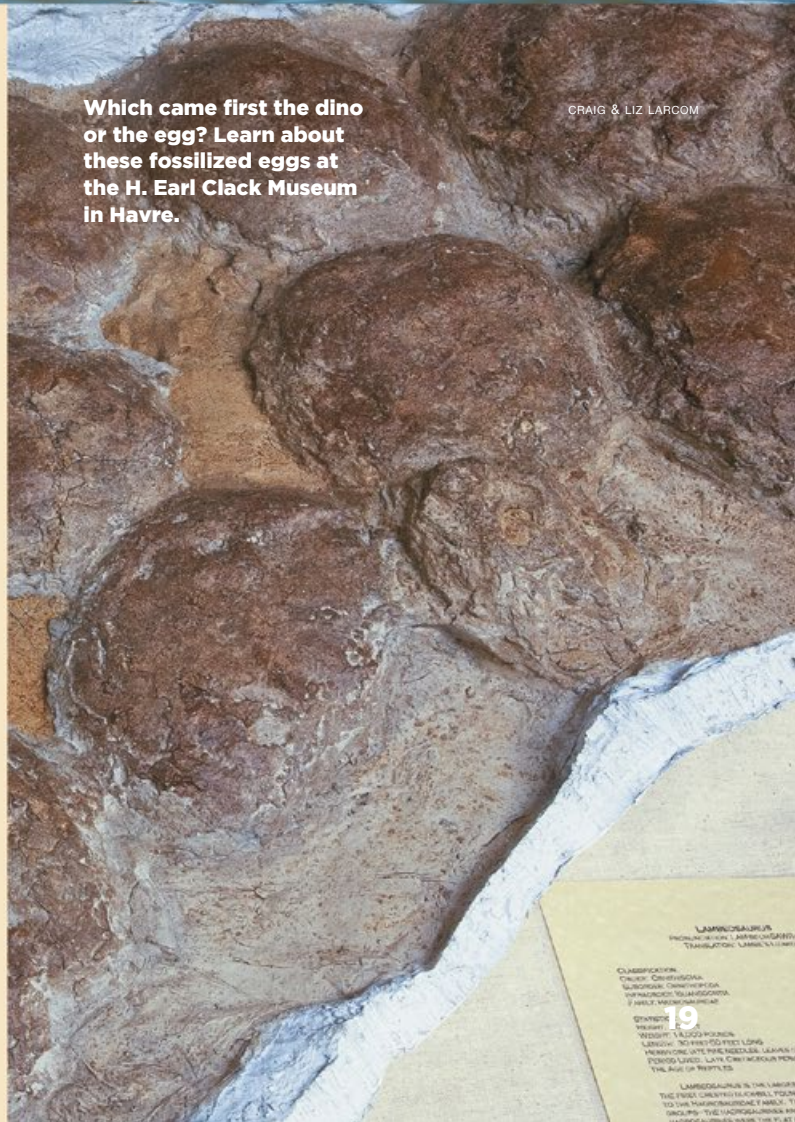
HOBSON



Along the historic Charlie Russell Trail with views of four mountain ranges, this "Pride of the Judith" is located in prime cattle and farm country. Camping, fishing and boating available at Ackley Lake State Park (454-5840), seven miles southwest of town.

Which came first the dino or the egg? Learn about these fossilized eggs at the H. Earl Clack Museum in Havre.

CRAIG & LIZ LARCOM



LAMPROSAURUS
PROBOSCIDEA L. LAMPROSAURUS
TRANSLATION: LAMPROSAURUS

CLASSIFICATION:
CHORDATA: CERVICODONTA
SUBPHYLUM: CHORDATA
INFRAPHYLUM: TETRAPODA
CLASS: MAMMALIA

STRATIGRAPHY:
PERMIAN: TRIASSIC PERIOD
LATE PERMIAN: TRIASSIC PERIOD
PERMIAN: UPPER PERMIAN PERIOD
PERMIAN: LOWER PERMIAN PERIOD
PERMIAN: EARLY PERMIAN PERIOD

19

LAMPROSAURUS IS THE LARGEST
THE FIRST CHORDATE TO HAVE FOUR
TO THE TRIASSIC PERIOD. IT WAS
DISCOVERED IN THE TRIASSIC PERIOD
IN THE TRIASSIC PERIOD.

PRAIRIES TO FOOTHILLS

Harlowton sits at the junction of US Highways 12 & 191, nestled between plains and several mountain ranges, in the heart of antelope country.

- 1** Upper Musselshell Museum and Milwaukee Depot Museum – Main Street. Dinosaur, early settler history and railroad history. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day (fee).
- 2** Chief Joseph Park – Enter from Highway 12 or US Highway 191 South. Campsites (fee), fire pits, picnic shelters, rest rooms, fish pond, playground, nature trails, volleyball, baseball, horseshoes.
- 3** Jawbone Creek Country Club – North edge of town. Scenic 9-hole golf course; open to the public.
- 4** Spring Creek Campground – 30 miles west on Highway 12, partially paved road to campsite (approximately 4 miles). Campsites (fee), fire pits, rest rooms, picnic tables, water.
- 5** Forest Lake Campground – 42 miles southwest on Highway 12 to junction of Highway 294. Rugged gravel road to campsite (approximately 9 miles). Campsites (no fee), fire pits, rest rooms, picnic tables.
- 6** Deadman's Basin – 20 miles east on Highway 12. Enjoy windsurfing, water skiing, fishing, picnics and camping (fee).
- 7** Two Dot – 12 miles west on Highway 12. Home of the historic Two Dot Bar and gateway to the streams of the Musselshell River.
- 8** Judith Gap – 18 miles north on US Highway 191. Scenic town located in the gap of the Little Belt and Snowy Mountains. Snowmobiling, hunting, camping.
- 9** Judith Gap Wind Farm – 12 miles north of Harlowton. 90 electricity-generating wind towers standing 300 feet high rise on both sides of US Highway 191.
- 10** Charles M. Bair Family Museum – 25 miles west of Harlowton on Highway 12, then one mile south on Highway 294. Open Memorial Day through October. Guided tours (fee). 572-3314.

Wheatland County Chamber of Commerce, 632-4694.



Views from this fire lookout in the Little Belt Mountains near Monarch simply can't be beat. Visitors can book a night or two for a truly authentic experience.



LEWISTOWN



Surrounded by the Judith, Moccasin and Snowy Mountains, spectacular scenery and wildlife viewing, cultural and recreational opportunities abound. Locations on the National Register of Historic Sites: Silk Stocking and Central Business Districts, Courthouse Square, Judith Place and Stone Quarry. Visit the Central Montana Museum (535-5436) and Lewistown Art Center (538-8278). Waterslides and swimming pool complex. Highway signs mark the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (538-1900). Camping, non-motorized boating, fishing, swimming, hiking, fossil and ice cave exploration available at Crystal Lake south of town (566-2292). Panoramic views await at the top of the Limekiln Canyon hiking trail east of town in the Judith Mountains; handicap

accessible near the trailhead. The Judith Mountain Recreation Area and Big Spring Trout Hatchery are located nearby (538-5588). Charlie Russell Chew Choo, a 4-hour dinner train adventure departs north of town. Beargulch Pictographs west of Lewistown offers guided tours of over 2,000 pictographs and petroglyphs (428-2439). Self-guided Ghost Town & Gold Mine brochures available (535-5436).

LOMA



US 87. Explore gems, minerals, fossils and Indian artifacts at the Earth Science Museum (739-4361). Richard Wood Watchable Wildlife Area (622-4000) and Lewis and Clark Trail "Decision Point" marker overlooking the confluence of the Marias and Missouri Rivers located one mile south of town.



The E57B electric engine, the last electric locomotive, still stands proudly in Harlowton's city park.

MAKE TRACKS IN CENTRAL MONTANA

CAROL POLICH

MARTINSDALE



Just off of US 12, between Harlowton and White Sulphur Springs. The Charles M. Bair Family Museum (572-3314) was once home of one of Montana's most successful sheep ranchers. Hiking, fishing and wildlife viewing available in nearby Crazy, Little Belt and Castle Mountains.

MONARCH



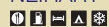
Mountain village located on the Kings Hill Scenic Byway with access to camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking and snowmobiling. Trail maps and information available at the Belt Creek Ranger Station (236-5511), south on US 89. Sluice Boxes State Park located 10 miles north of town.

MOORE

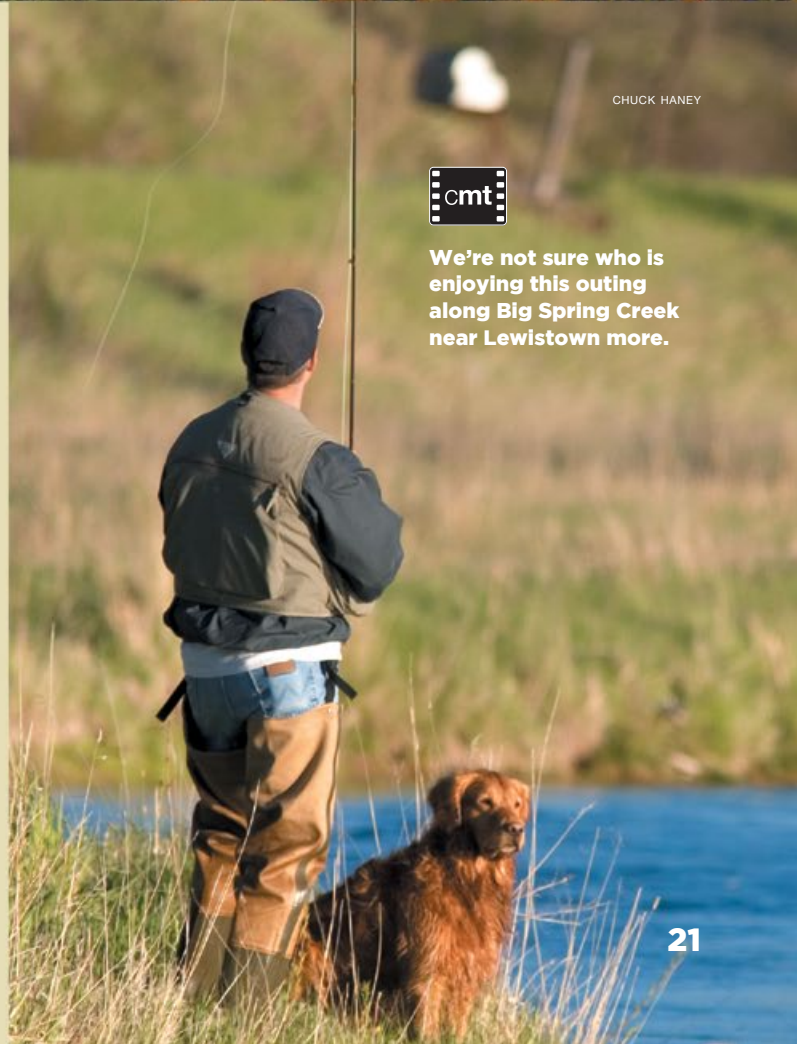


Agricultural community 17 miles west of Lewistown on Highway 200. Camping, non-motorized boating and hiking available at Crystal Lake, 20 miles south of town in the Big Snowy Mountains.

NEIHART



Historic mining town in the heart of the Little Belt Mountains with endless outdoor recreation opportunities. Showdown Montana (800-433-0022), at the top of Kings Hill Pass south of town, offers ski and snowshoe rentals. Nearby Memorial Falls has a handicap accessible nature trail.



CHUCK HANEY



We're not sure who is enjoying this outing along Big Spring Creek near Lewistown more.

Find Your Center

Chokecherry Festival of Montana
Saturday, September 9, 2023



Lewistown
MONTANA

Lewistown Area Chamber

408 NE Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-5436
LewistownChamber.com

Central Montana Museum

408 NE Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-3642
CentralMTmuseum.weebly.com

APR Discovery Center

302 W Main St, Lewistown
(406) 585-4600
AmericanPrairie.org

Lewistown Art Center

323 W Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-8278
LewistownArtCenter.net

Charlie Russell Chew Choo

408 NE Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-5436
MontanaDinnerTrain.com

Chokecherry Festival

1st Saturday after Labor Day
Lewistown :: (406) 535-5436
LewistownChokecherry.com

MT Cowboy Poetry Gathering

Starring Suzy Bogguss & Kathy Mattea
Lewistown :: (406) 538-4575
MontanaCowboyPoetryGathering.com

B & B Motel

520 E. Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-5496
B-BMotel.com

Cottonwood Log Cabins

Lower Cottonwood Creek Rd
Lewistown :: (406) 538-8411
CottonwoodLogCabins.com

The Calvert Hotel

216 7th Avenue S, Lewistown
(406) 535-5411
TheCalvertHotel.com

Judith Mountain Lodge

6300 Lime Kiln Rd, Lewistown
(406) 538-7063
JudithMountainLodge.com

Super 8 by Wyndham

102 Wendell Ave, Lewistown
(406) 708-4541
WyndhamHotels.com/super-8

Trails End Motel

216 E Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-5468
TrailsEndMotelmt.us

Yogo Inn, Lodging & Dining

211 E Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-8721
YogoInn.com

406 Cafe

109 W Main St, Lewistown
(406) 708-4323
406cafe.com

Brooks Market

104 2nd Ave S, Lewistown
(406) 535-6600
BrooksMarket.com

Central Feed Grilling Co.

220 E Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-2337
CFgrillco.com

Doc's Casino, Sports Bar & Grill

1660 W Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-6705
DocsLewistown.com

Harry's Place

630 NE Main St, Lewistown
(406) 538-9510
HarrysPlaceMT.com

Lewistown Elks Dining

320 Country Club Ln, Lewistown
(406) 538-5885
PineMeadowsLewistown.com

Parr Creek Bakery

122 W Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-2867

McDonald's

907 W. Main St, Lewistown
(406) 535-8178
mcdonalds.com

Judith Shadows Golf Course

464 Rifle Range Rd, Lewistown
(406) 538-6062
JudithShadows.com

Pine Meadows Golf Course

320 Country Club Ln, Lewistown
(406) 538-7075
PineMeadowsLewistown.com

LewistownChamber.com ❖ (406) 535-5436 ❖ LewistownDowntown.com ❖ (866) 912-3980 ❖ EnjoyLewistown.com

THE ART AND SOUL OF THE AMERICAN WEST

Experience the historical West as it once was through the breathtaking artworks of Charles Russell, revered cowboy artist and fabled storyteller. View more than 3,000 pieces of Western art, including outdoor sculpture garden, educational spaces, and his original home and studio.



C.M. RUSSELL
MUSEUM

A MUST SEE WHEN IN CENTRAL MONTANA

FOR UPCOMING EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS
406-727-8787 | CMRussell.org

400 13th Street North • Great Falls, Montana

Great Falls' Finest Hotel!



Location

Off I-15, a half mile from the airport.
Located next door to Marketplace
with several Restaurants, theater complex
and shopping.

Facilities & Services

- 118 guestrooms (15 suites)
- Non-smoking rooms and accessible rooms available
- Full service Great American Grill®
 - Full service Lounge
 - Indoor pool and whirlpool
- Workout facility and Stay Fit Kit® available for check-out
- 24-hour Pavilion Pantry® convenience mart
- Complimentary 24-hour business center
- Complimentary wireless internet access



2520 14th St SW Great Falls, MT 59404
406.452.1000
www.greatfalls.hgi.com
1-877-782-9444



© Chadd Depner Photo



Where the Rockies meet the Plains



Scenic Drives ~ Birding ~ Golfing ~ Montana Dinosaur Trail
Legendary 4th of July Celebration ~ A.B. Guthrie Trail
Old North Trail ~ Endless Hiking ~ Montana Pie Trail
Wild Wings Festival (March 24-26, 2023)
Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone ~ Bob Marshall Wilderness

1-406-466-5900

www.visitchoteau.com

Sponsored by Choteau Tourism Business Improvement District.
Choteau Stage Stop Inn, (406) 466-5900, www.stagestopinn.com,
Big Sky Motel (406) 466-5318, Gunther Motel (406) 466-5444.

ROCKY BOY/BOX ELDER



Rocky Boy's Reservation located near Box Elder is home to the Chippewa Cree Tribe. From rolling plains to the Bears Paw Mountains, the diverse terrain supports Bear Paw Ski Bowl and a variety of wildlife. Celebrate culture of the Chippewa Cree at an annual August powwow and Christmas powwow.

ROY



Thirty-six miles northeast of Lewistown on US 191. Access to Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge available north on US 191 at James Kipp Recreation Area's Wilder and Sand Creek Trails. Campground and marina available at Crooked Creek Recreation Area east of town. Snag a paddlefish on the Missouri River during May and early June; spectacular elk viewing during the months of September and October.

RUDYARD



A stop along Montana's Dinosaur Trail, the Depot Museum (355-4322 or 355-4356) houses the "Oldest Sorehead," a fully articulated Gryposaurus. Also home to other dinosaur displays, area homestead history, a blacksmith shop, county schoolhouse, teacherage, milk house and paper museum. Visit the Vintage Auto Museum on Main Street. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10am-4pm.

SHELBY



Thirty-five miles south of the Canadian border at the junction of US 2 and I-15. Experience area history, homesteading, a dinosaur collection and more at the Marias Museum of History (424-2551). Enjoy a ride on the town's new indoor carousel while you're here. Deer, antelope, elk, fox, golden eagle, grouse and the unique 'sweet grass' can be seen in the nearby Sweet Grass Hills; private access to hiking and wildlife viewing (434-7184). The Marias River winds past the Marias Valley Golf Course, Country Club and Williamson Park south of town. Camping and outdoor recreation available at Lake Shel-oole (434-5114). The Roadrunner Recreational Trail has 3 and 5 mile loops starting in Shelby and winding through the natural prairie.

STANFORD



Visit the Judith Basin Museum (566-2277) and famous White Wolf at the Basin Trading Post. Tour a local sculptor's studio, foundry and collection of old agricultural machinery at the Prairie Past Museum. Recreational opportunities in nearby Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest in the Little Belt Mountains (566-2292).

SWEET GRASS



24-hour port of entry into Canada. Be sure to stop for gasoline and visit the duty-free store before continuing on with your trip across the border.

ULM



Southwest of Great Falls on I-15 and a popular place to embark on a float trip down the Missouri. Plenty of public fishing access sites along the Frontage Road. Visit one of the longest buffalo jump sites in the country at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, just four miles out of town.

A brick stable and cavalry outpost built in the early 1800s still stand today at Fort Assinniboine near Havre.

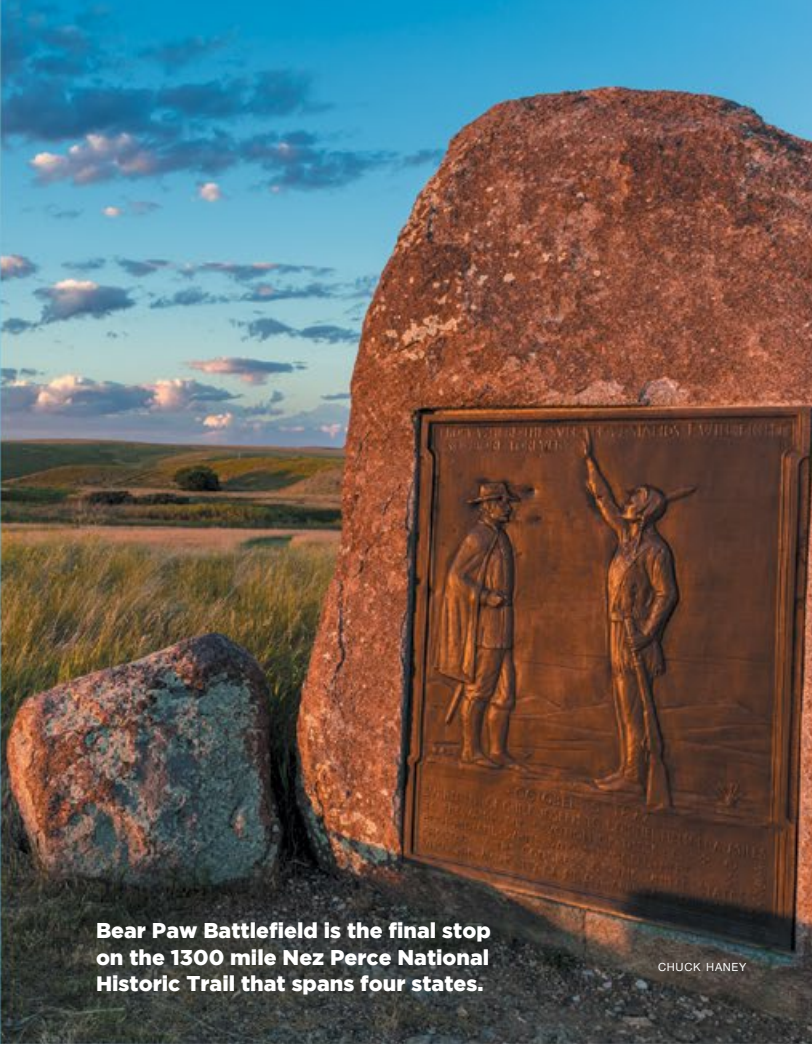
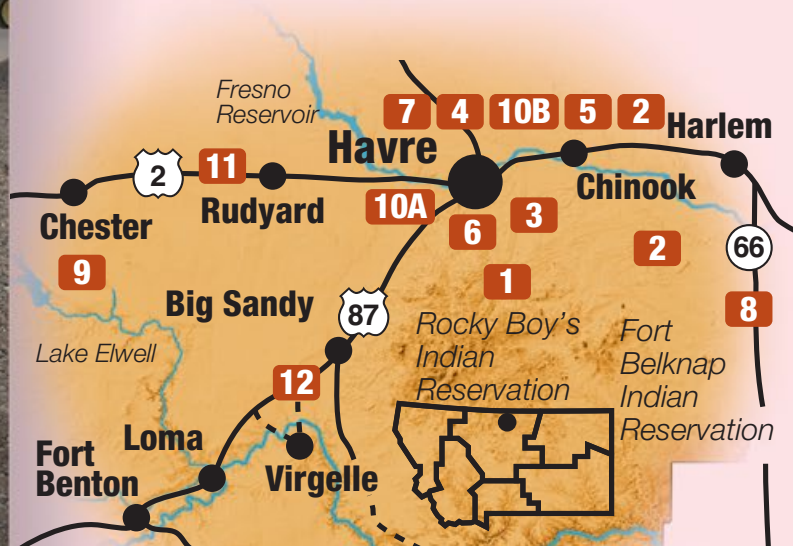
EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF CENTRAL MONTANA

ALONG THE HI-LINE

Havre and surrounding communities are located along US Highway 2, making up what is known as the Hi-Line.

- 1** Beaver Creek Park/Rocky Boys Reservation – South on Highway 234, picnicking, camping (fee), fishing, boating, skiing and snowmobiling in winter. 395-4565.
- 2** Blaine County Museum/Bear Paw Battlefield – The Museum in Chinook also serves as the Interim National Park Service Visitor Center for the Battlefield, 16 miles south on Route 240. Both open year 'round (no fee). For hours and tours, call the Museum 357-2590 and the Battlefield 357-3130.
- 3** H. Earl Clack Museum – The Museum is located at 2 5th Street in Havre. Open daily Memorial Day – Labor Day, winter hours in effect after Labor Day (no fee). 265-4000.
- 4** Wahnapi Chu'gn Buffalo Jump – Take a 1-hour walking tour, which provides an unequalled view of the area's prehistory. Located behind Holiday Village Mall. Tours daily 9am – 4pm (fee) June 1st – Labor Day. 265-4000.
- 5** Havre Beneath the Streets and Railroad Museum – Downtown Havre. Re-creation of Havre's past. Tours available. Open year 'round (fee). 265-8888.
- 6** Fort Assiniboine Historic Site – 6 miles southwest of Havre on Hwy 87. Guided tours only. Summer hours 9 am-4 pm Thursday through Sunday. 265-4000 or 265-7656.
- 7** Fresno Reservoir – 12 miles west on Highway 2, then north at sign. Water sports, fishing, camping, boating, picnicking, handicap access for boaters.
- 8** Mission Canyon/Hays – On Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, 45 miles east of Havre. For more information contact Fort Belknap Agency. 353-2205.
- 9** Tiber Dam/Lake Elwell – 65 miles west of Havre on US Highway 2. Boating, fishing, camping (fee), marina.
- 10** Public Golf Courses – Beaver Creek Golf Course (10A) – 3 miles west of Havre, 9-holes. 265-4201. Prairie Farms Golf Course (10B) – 5 miles east of North Havre, 9-holes. 265-4790.
- 11** Rudyard Depot Museum – 40 miles west of Havre. Area history and dinosaur displays. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10am to 4pm. 355-4322 or 355-4356.
- 12** Big Sandy Historical Museum – 35 miles southwest of Havre on Highway 87.

Havre Area Chamber of Commerce, 265-4383.



Bear Paw Battlefield is the final stop on the 1300 mile Nez Perce National Historic Trail that spans four states.

CHUCK HANEY



KEVIN EVELAND

The Sugar Shack in Rudyard is a place for classics! Burgers, shakes, and occasionally a vintage motorcycle.

TAKE THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED IN **CENTRAL MONTANA**

UTICA



Explore area history at the Utica Museum (423-5208). Outdoor recreation available in nearby Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest (566-2292) and Judith River Wildlife Management Area (454-5840).

VALIER



Upland bird hunting, big game hunting and year 'round fishing opportunities with full service camping at Lake Frances just outside this small community 14 miles west of I-15. Lewis and Clark Trail interpretive markers detailing the Expedition's confrontation with the Blackfeet located 14 miles west of town, at the junction of US 89 and MT 44, and north of town on MT 358.

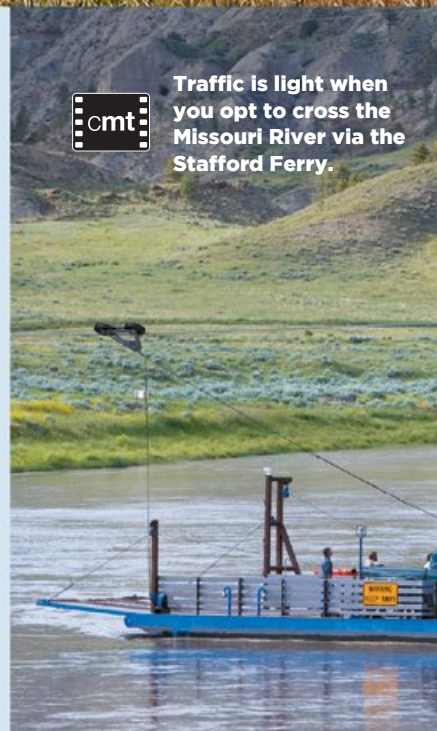
VIRGELLE



Northeast of Fort Benton, eight miles off US 87. Find historic accommodations and a free ferry crossing near the restored remnants of this tiny homestead-era town. Coal Banks Landing is located one mile downstream, a primary launch along the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River. Float the river and view bighorn sheep and elk along the Lewis and Clark Trail further downstream, deep within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.



Traffic is light when you opt to cross the Missouri River via the Stafford Ferry.



THE HEART OF MONTANA

Lewistown, the geographical center of Montana, is surrounded by the Judith Mountains, Moccasin Mountains and Big and Little Snowy Mountains, and offers access to the Missouri Breaks to the north.

- 1 Crystal Lake** – 9 miles west on MT Highway 200, 24 miles south on county roads. Non-motorized boating, fishing and hiking trails. Nearby ice caves. Camping (fee).
- 2 Judith Mountains Recreation Area** – 10 miles northeast of Lewistown. Scenic overlook and Collar Peak trail. Auto loop tour route passes Maiden and Gilt Edge ghost towns and Limekiln Canyon hiking trail.
- 3 Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument** – Roughly 60 miles north, features the 149-mile Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River and adjacent 375,000 acres of public land. The Missouri Breaks Back Country Byway offers spectacular scenery and wildlife viewing on unimproved roads between Winifred and James Kipp Recreation Area. Access to C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge 75 miles northeast of Lewistown on Highway 181; fishing, boating, scenic drive trails, camping (fee).
- 4 Big Spring** – 7 miles south of Lewistown. State fish hatchery, public recreation area. Source of Spring Creek (no fee).
- 5 Charles M. Russell Memorial Trail** – From Lewistown to Great Falls along Highway 200, passing many scenic landmarks painted by Charlie Russell.
- 6 Stanford** – 45 miles west on Highway 200/87. Judith Basin Museum open June through August. View the famous "White Wolf" at the Basin Trading Post. Prairie Past Museum open year 'round (no fee).
- 7 Utica** – 30 miles west of Lewistown, Charlie Russell's stompin' grounds. Gateway to the Little Belt Mountains, camping (fee), hunting, fishing and the Judith River Game Range.
- 8 Kendall/South Moccasin Mountains** – Vehicle loop tour northeast of Lewistown near Hilger. See interpretive panels near Kendall and scenic view of historical gold mining activities.
- 9 Pine Meadows Golf Course and Judith Shadows Golf Course** – Both are open to public. Outskirts of Lewistown.
- 10 Winifred** – 37 miles north of Lewistown. Historic Museum contains largest Tonka Toy collection in the world. Open Feb. 1 through Nov. 30, 11am - 4:30 pm. 462-5426.
- 11 Hobson** – 23 miles west of Lewistown on Highway 200/87. Public swimming pool, parks, library with computer access.
- 12 Ackley Lake State Park** – 7 miles southwest of Hobson. Fishing, improved campgrounds, boating, ice fishing.
Lewistown Chamber of Commerce, 535-5436.

These aspen are proof that although short in duration, autumn in Montana is worth the wait.

TERESA OTTO

CHUCK HANEY

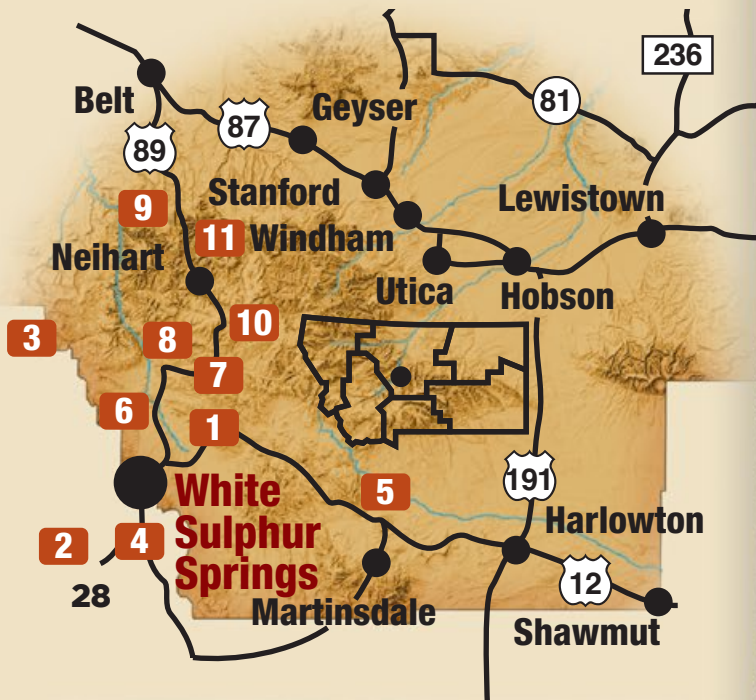


THE LITTLE BELTS

White Sulphur Springs sits at the junction of Highways 89 and 12, surrounded by the Big Belt, Little Belt and Castle Mountains.

- 1 Natural Hot Mineral Springs Pools** – Open to the public (fee). 406-547-3366.
- 2 Castle Mansion and Museum** – Stagecoach and buggy collection (fee). Self-guided driving tour to view many Victorian-era houses in town. Open May – Sept. 547-2324.
- 3 Fort Logan Blockhouse** – 18 miles west of White Sulphur Springs on Highway 360. Located on private land, open to the public (no fee).
- 4 Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course** – 9 holes. Open to the public. Beverage service, club and cart rentals. 547-3993.
- 5 Bair and Martinsdale Reservoirs** – Highway 12, east from White Sulphur Springs. Fishing, boating, camping (no fee). Also visit the Charles M. Bair Family Museum one mile south of Martinsdale turn on Highway 12. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day (fee).
- 6 Newlan Creek Reservoir** – 6 miles north, then turn west for 2 miles. Camping, fishing, boating (no fee).
- 7 Kings Hill Pass/Showdown Montana/Silver Crest** – 30 miles north of White Sulphur Springs. Alpine ski area, groomed cross-country ski trails, over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Downhill ski and snowshoe rentals available.
- 8 Porphyry Peak Lookout** – 30 miles north of White Sulphur Springs on Forest Service road, 1.25 miles off the highway. Forest Service volunteer on duty July 1 through Labor Day (no fee).
- 9 Kings Hill National Scenic Byway** – 71 miles north from White Sulphur Springs to junction of Highways 89 and 87.
- 10 Memorial Falls** – 37 miles north of White Sulphur Springs on Highway 89; short, easy hike to beautiful falls.
- 11 Belt Creek Forest Service Ranger Station** – 45 miles north of White Sulphur Springs on Highway 89. Open year 'round.

White Sulphur Springs Chamber of Commerce, 547-2250.



Find both relaxation and recreation at Newlan Creek Reservoir near White Sulphur Springs.

ERIC HEIDLE

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS



Located in southern Central Montana, halfway between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Soak in natural sulphur hot springs at the Spa Hot Springs Motel; open to the public. Visit the Castle Museum (547-2324). Skiing, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, golfing, mountain biking and hiking also available. Watch for barn quilt signs and outdoor art along Meagher County's Art & Culture Trail.

WINDHAM



Turn here for a scenic drive along the Charles Russell Memorial Trail loop.

Make sure to plan time for a hike through Sluice Boxes State Park as you drive the Kings Hill Scenic Byway on US Hwy 89.



ROD BENSON

VISIT
BLAINE COUNTY MUSEUM
in historic CHINOOK, MONTANA



Battle of Bear's Paw Documentary & Exhibit | MT Dinosaur Trail
Aaniiih & Nakoda | Ranching & Homesteading | Photo Archives
Montana's Last Best Bookstore

FREE ADMISSION | OPEN YEAR-ROUND

Call or visit our website for updated hours

501 INDIANA STREET, CHINOOK

WWW.BLAINECOUNTYMUSEUM.COM | 406-357-2590



STAYBRIDGE
SUITES
AN IHG HOTEL

*Everything you need
and so much more!*

- Studio, 1 and 2 Bedroom Suites
- Fully equipped kitchens
- Complimentary social receptions
- Free hot breakfast buffet
- Space to spread out
- Fitness room
- Pet friendly
- Free self-serve laundry
- Indoor pool and hot tub
- Nightly and Extended stay rates
- IHG Reward points

406.761.4903

staybridge.com/greatfallsmt

201 3rd St NW • Great Falls



GRAND UNION
HOTEL

Make a visit to the historic Grand Union

The oldest operating hotel in Montana, located in
"the birthplace of the West," Fort Benton, Montana!

Celebrating 140 years!

Weddings
Special occasions
Corporate Retreats

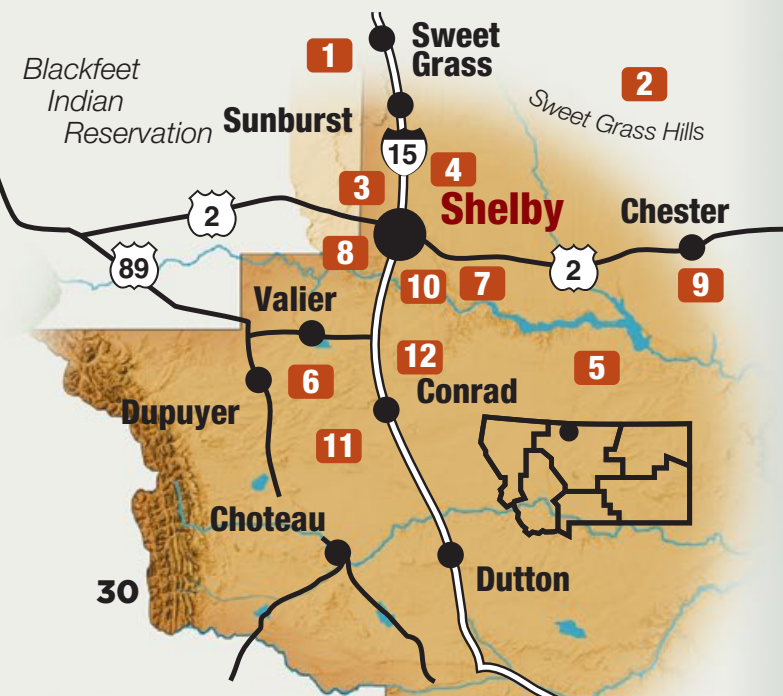
Beautifully renovated
Award-winning dining
Now under new ownership
www.grandunionhotel.com 406.622.1882

THE SWEET GRASS HILLS

Shelby, Valier, Conrad and Chester all have impressive views of the Sweet Grass Hills along Central Montana's northern border, and the Rocky Mountains to the west. Shelby is located at the crossroads of I-15 and Highway 2, just 89 miles east of Glacier Park and was the site of the Dempsey/Gibbons fight on July 4, 1923.

- 1 Sweet Grass/Coutts** – 35 miles north of Shelby on I-15, 24-hour US/Canada port, duty-free shopping. Jerusalem Rocks sandstone formations, travel west of Sweet Grass on county road for 4 miles.
- 2 Sweet Grass Hills** – Take I-15 north 27 miles to Sunburst, then east on Nine Mile road for 9 miles. Scenic views, hiking.
- 3 Marias Museum and Annex** – Shelby. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Dempsey/Gibbons fight memorabilia.
- 4 Carousel, Indoor Pool & Racquetball** – Shelby. Indoor pool and racquetball open year 'round (fee). Splash Park open summer months. Carousel open Friday and Saturday (fee).
- 5 Lake Elwell** – 20-40 miles from Shelby, Highway 2 East. Takes you to several marked access roads, camping, boating, fishing, marina. Hookups available.
- 6 Lake Frances** – 15 miles south on I-15, 15 miles west on Highway 44, at Valier. Swimming, boating, windsurfing, fishing, campground, picnicking, restaurants, lodging.
- 7 Williamson Park** – Near Shelby. Picnicking, riverfront access.
- 8 Marias Valley Golf Course** – 5 miles south of Shelby on I-15, then take marked road for 4 miles. 18-holes, restaurant, pro shop. Open to the public.
- 9 Liberty Village Art Center and Liberty County Museum** – 42 miles east of Shelby in Chester. Open May through September (fee).
- 10 Toole County Library** – Shelby. See an extensive Plains Indian artifact exhibit. Open year 'round (no fee).
- 11 Pondera Golf Club** – 9-hole course, open to the public. 1 mile west of Conrad on the Conrad-Dupuyer road.
- 12 Conrad Transportation and Historical Museum** – Conrad. Open May through September (fee). 278-0178.

Shelby Chamber of Commerce, 434-7184.



WINIFRED



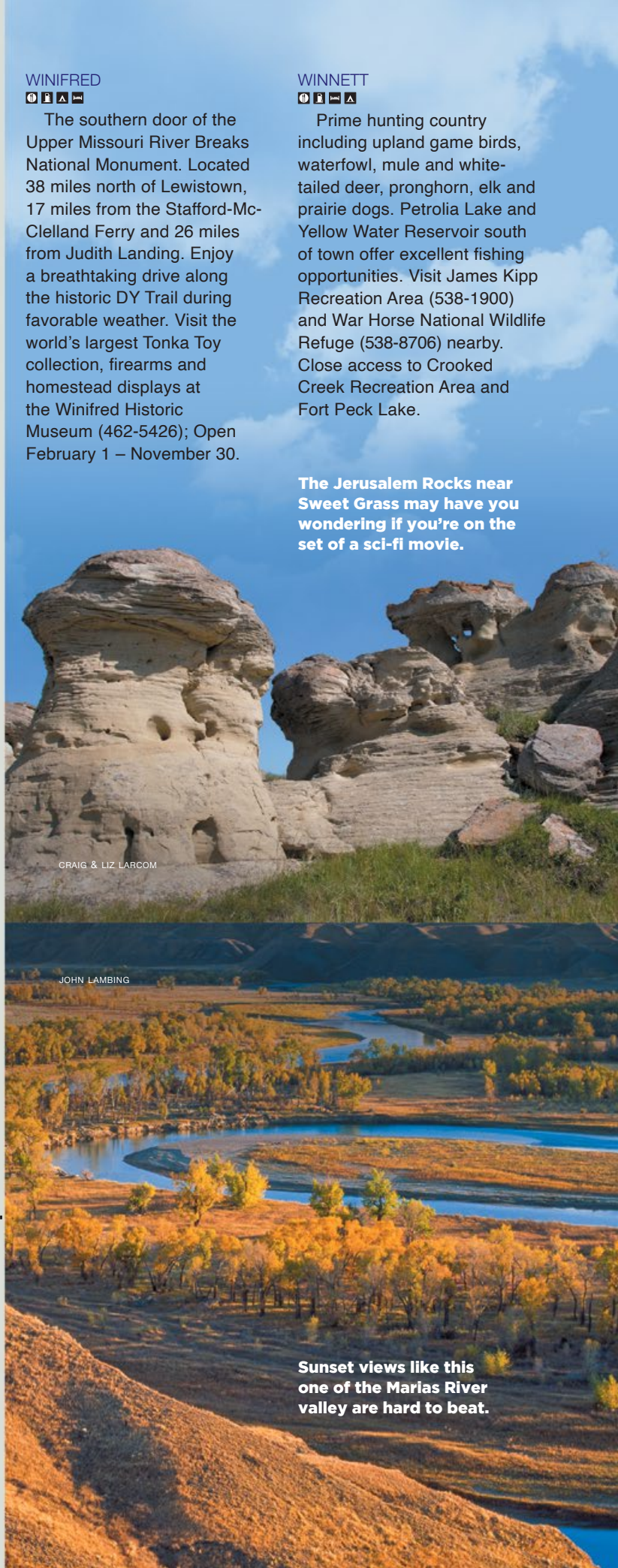
The southern door of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. Located 38 miles north of Lewistown, 17 miles from the Stafford-McClelland Ferry and 26 miles from Judith Landing. Enjoy a breathtaking drive along the historic DY Trail during favorable weather. Visit the world's largest Tonka Toy collection, firearms and homestead displays at the Winifred Historic Museum (462-5426); Open February 1 – November 30.

WINNETT



Prime hunting country including upland game birds, waterfowl, mule and white-tailed deer, pronghorn, elk and prairie dogs. Petrolia Lake and Yellow Water Reservoir south of town offer excellent fishing opportunities. Visit James Kipp Recreation Area (538-1900) and War Horse National Wildlife Refuge (538-8706) nearby. Close access to Crooked Creek Recreation Area and Fort Peck Lake.

The Jerusalem Rocks near Sweet Grass may have you wondering if you're on the set of a sci-fi movie.



CRAIG & LIZ LARCOM

JOHN LAMMING

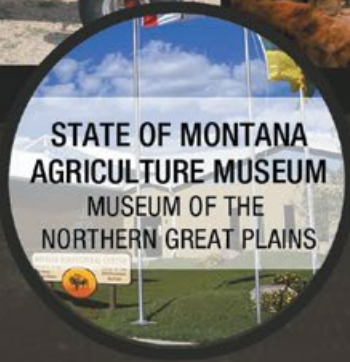
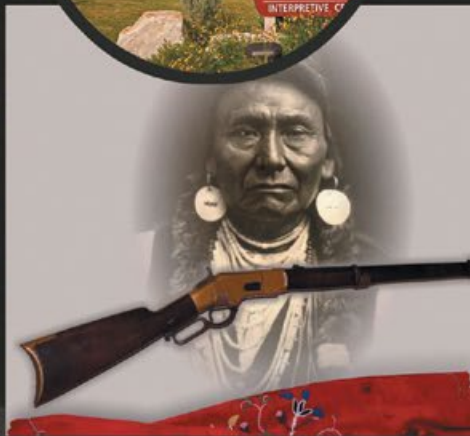
Sunset views like this one of the Marias River valley are hard to beat.

FORT BENTON

VISIT THE OLDEST CITY IN MONTANA!



△ The Wild & Scenic Upper Missouri River
▽ 5 Millionth IH Tractor



www.fortbenton.com 406-622-4000

This advertisement is funded by the Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce: www.fortbentonchamber.org, Fort Benton Museums: www.fortbentonmuseums.com, Missouri River Breaks Interpretive Center: www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/umrbnm/interpcenter.html, and the Community Improvement Association.



A stop at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls is sure to shed some light on the explorers' time here.

CAROL POLICH



Local historians bring history to life at Old Fort Benton.

GREG VAUGHN

CASCADE

Tower Rock is located on the west side of the Missouri River, approximately eight miles south of Cascade, exit 247 off I-15. This was the end of the Great Plains and transition to the unknown Rocky Mountain terrain ahead.

CHESTER

Eighteen miles south of Chester on Montana Secondary Road 66, four interpretive signs detail Meriwether Lewis' 1805 and 1806 trips through this area.

DUPUYER AND VALIER

Two interpretive panels mark the only hostile encounter with Indians experienced by the Corps of Discovery on their long journey. One is located 14 miles west of Valier at the junction of US Highway 89 and MT 44 north of Dupuyer and the other is north of Valier on the Cut Bank highway (MT 358).

FORT BENTON

This historic town boasts Montana's Lewis and Clark Memorial: a heroic-sized statue of the explorers, Sacagawea and her son. A walking tour includes the steamboat levee; museums; reconstructed portion of the Old Fort Benton fur post, which includes the bastion (the oldest building in Montana) and other historic buildings. Fort Benton is also a launch point for the 149 mile "Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River" waterway segment of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and the western gateway for Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. The Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center displays the cultural and natural history of the Upper Missouri, and serves as a contact station for floaters.

GREAT FALLS

Great Falls features many opportunities for Lewis and Clark enthusiasts. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, along the River's Edge Trail, is an essential stop for visitors. Along the same stretch of the River's Edge Trail, Giant Springs State Park can be reached, as well as overlooks for Black Eagle and Rainbow Falls. Don't forget to visit Broadwater Overlook Park, also home to the Visitors Center.

LEWISTOWN

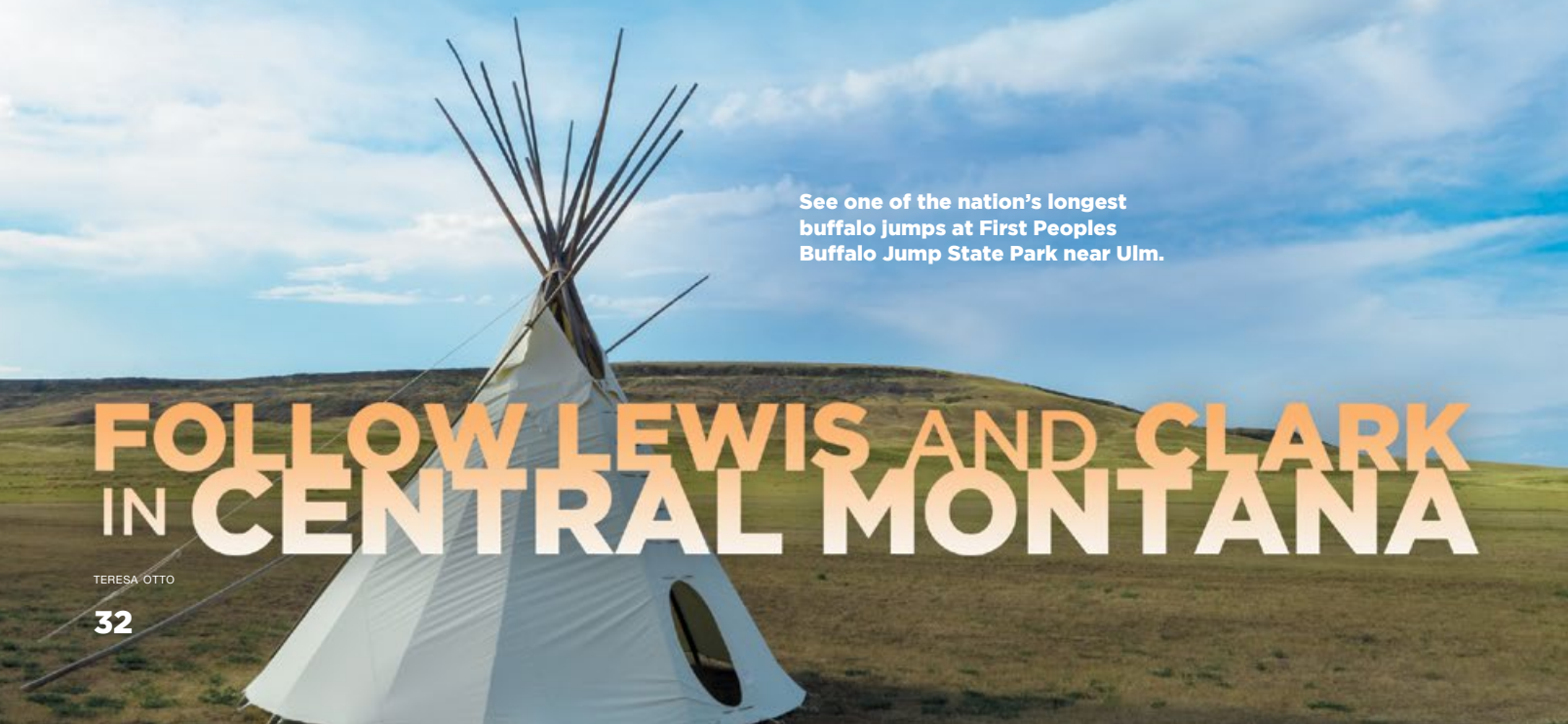
North of Lewistown and Winifred, the Judith Landing public access site provides an excellent opportunity to re-trace a section of the actual Lewis and Clark Expedition trail on the Missouri River.

LOMA

In June 1805, the Lewis and Clark Expedition spent nine days at the Marias River trying to determine whether or not the Marias was a main stem of the Missouri; they correctly concluded that it was not. Visit Decision Point Overlook while there.

ULM

Visit First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park and Visitor Center to see what is believed to be one of the longest buffalo kill sites in the United States. Though not actually part of the Lewis and Clark route, Lewis described in great detail these buffalo kills. First Peoples Buffalo Jump National Historic Landmark gives visitors a way to "see" what Lewis described in his journal.



See one of the nation's longest buffalo jumps at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park near Ulm.

FOLLOW LEWIS AND CLARK IN CENTRAL MONTANA

TERESA OTTO

HAVRE

MONTANA

HAVRE IS PERFECTLY PLACED ALONG THE HI-LINE WITH ENDLESS PRARIE, MOUNTAINS, CREEKS, BIG SKIES, & DAZZLING SUNSETS. HAVRE IS A STOP ALONG THE WAY FOR PASSERSBY, A DESTINATION FOR EXPLORATION, AND A FRIENDLY COMMUNITY FOR ALL.

ANNUAL EVENTS *You don't want to miss*

BEAR PAW MARATHON
LIVING HISTORY DAY
ART ALLEY CELEBRATION
SOUNDS ON THE SQUARE
SATURDAY MARKET
ROCKY BOY POWWOW
FESTIVAL DAYS
HOLIDAY STROLL

1st Saturday in June
 1st Saturday in June
 1st Saturday in June
 Wednesdays June - August 6-8pm Town Square
 Saturdays July - September 8am-12pm Town Square
 1st weekend in August Rocky Boy Reservation
 3rd weekend in September
 1st Saturday in December

- HAVRE BENEATH THE STREETS
- WAHKPA CHU-GN BUFFALO JUMP
- FORT ASSINNIBOINE
- MONTANA ACTORS THEATER
- HISTORIC DISTRICT
- H. EARL CLACK MUSEUM
- BEAR PAW SKI BOWL
- MSU-NORTHERN

- GOLFING
- FOLFING
- FISHING
- BIRDING
- HIKING
- HUNTING
- DINOSAURS
- HISTORY

- BEAVER CREEK PARK
- BEAR PAW MOUNTAINS
- LAKES, RIVERS, & CREEKS
- NORTHERN LIGHTS
- STARRY SKIES
- RODEOS
- POWPOWS
- BREWFESTS

- CAMPING
- SKIING
- DINING
- COFFEE
- SHOPPING
- DISTILLERY
- BREWERY
- ART ALLEY

Find Yourself In Havre

AMERICINN
 2520 US-2 W
 406-395-5000

**BEST WESTERN PLUS
 GREAT NORTHERN INN**
 1345 1ST ST
 406-265-4200

HAVRE CHAMBER
 130 5TH AVE
 406-265-4383

**BEST WESTERN PLUS
 HAVRE INN & SUITES**
 1425 US-2 NW
 406-265-2888

SUPER 8
 1901 US-2 W
 406-265-1411

QUALITY INN
 601 1ST ST
 406-564-1145

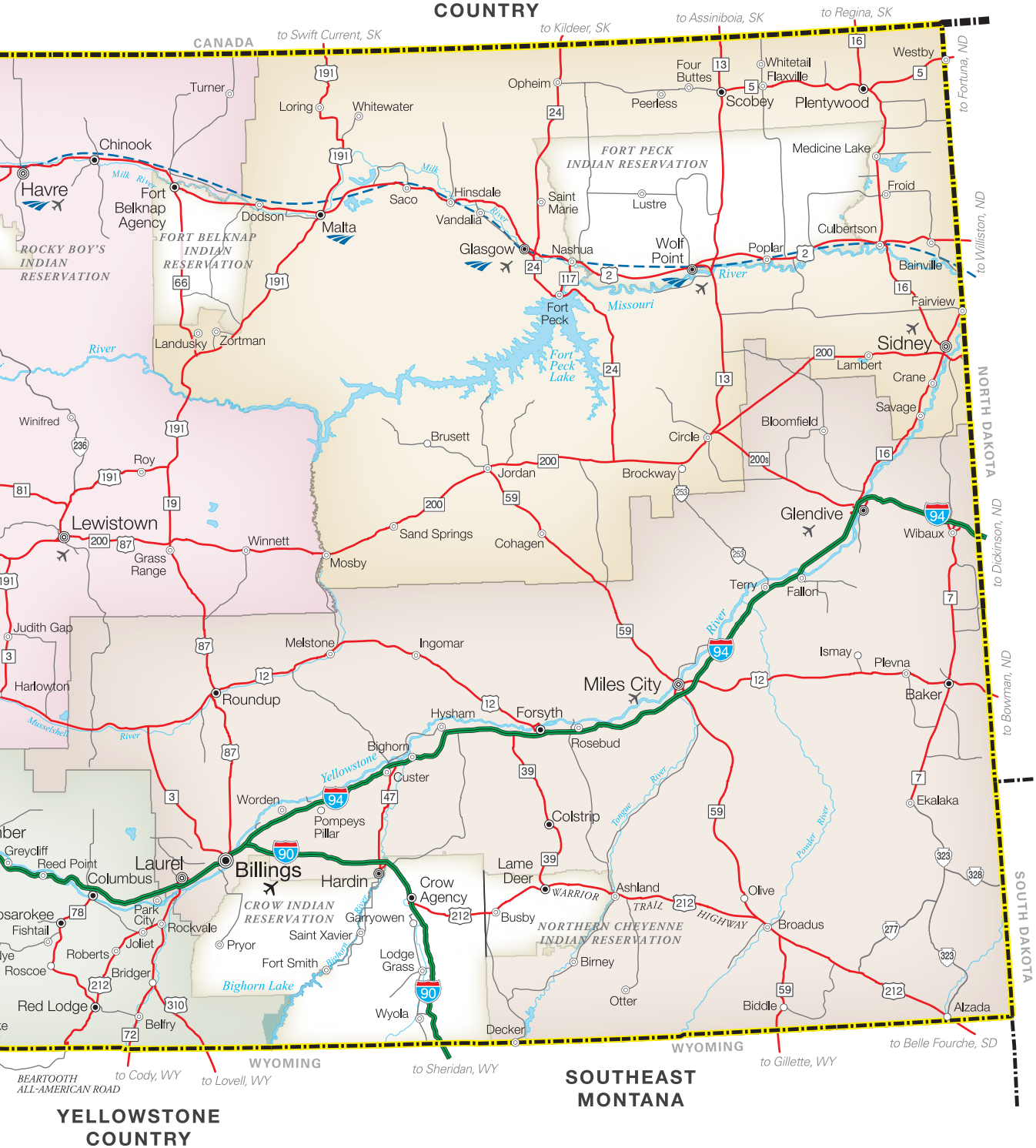




State Capital: Helena
 Montana Population: 998,199*
 *2011 U.S. Census Estimate

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

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY



SHOP LOCAL IN CENTRAL MONTANA

Safflower Oil

Extracted from local safflower seeds, this organic cooking oil is the definition of farm to table. Once you try this product from The Oil Barn in Northcentral Montana you'll be back!



Drink Mixes

Have too much fun? We've got the cure with Parker's Hangover Tonic made in Great Falls. Whether you prefer a Bloody Mary or Caesar, this mix is a sure fix!



Leather Wallet

No room to take home a handcrafted saddle this trip? Well then, these custom leather wallets made by Sting Saddlery in Lewistown are the perfect fit!



While vacationing in some of the most beautiful open country on earth you are bound to find some treasures you'll want to take home. Throughout Central Montana you'll find amenities to suit every taste—from locally roasted coffee beans to artwork. With our wide variety of locally grown and Montana-made products your luggage may return home fuller than it came. Now, whether you share your finds with others or keep them all for yourself is totally up to you. Check out this spread of Central Montana finds!

Table Runner

Looking for a heirloom piece to take home? Hand-woven table runners and rugs crafted by Rooted Rugs in Havre are sure to be a conversation piece for years to come.

Coffee

Roasted with pride in Great Falls, a bag or two of Morning Light Coffee is sure to make the transition back to reality easier after your trip to Central Montana.

Artwork

Share the scenes of Central Montana through pieces by Joe Ziolkowski in Lewistown. Whether it's a watercolor painting, mug, or calendar each piece is inspired by the local landscape.



TAKE A BITE OF CENTRAL MONTANA

Touring Central Montana is a ton of fun, but it's hungry work. After a day of horseback riding, fly fishing, biking, or floating the river you will likely be ready to refuel. About anywhere you stop in Central Montana you're sure to find a great burger bigger than your plate or a delicious cut of locally-raised steak. But...round here we believe that dessert is the most important meal of the day.

Montana is certainly famous for our huckleberry offerings, including pie, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. Come summer in Montana you'll find raspberries, gooseberries and other seasonal treats gracing our pie tins. And traditional favorites like apple, peach and lemon meringue are always on the menu at the end of a great meal. Pecan, pumpkin or chocolate cream more your style? You're sure to find them too.

The best part is, no matter where you are in the region you're never far from flaky crust and flavorful fillings. Homemade pies welcome locals and visitors alike at almost any community diner and restaurant you'll find in Central Montana.



Cream pie without whipped cream is, well, just plain silly. This slice of heaven is calling your name.



When life gives you lemons, make pie.

Grab a cup of coffee and a warm slice of this fruity goodness for a truly well-rounded breakfast.

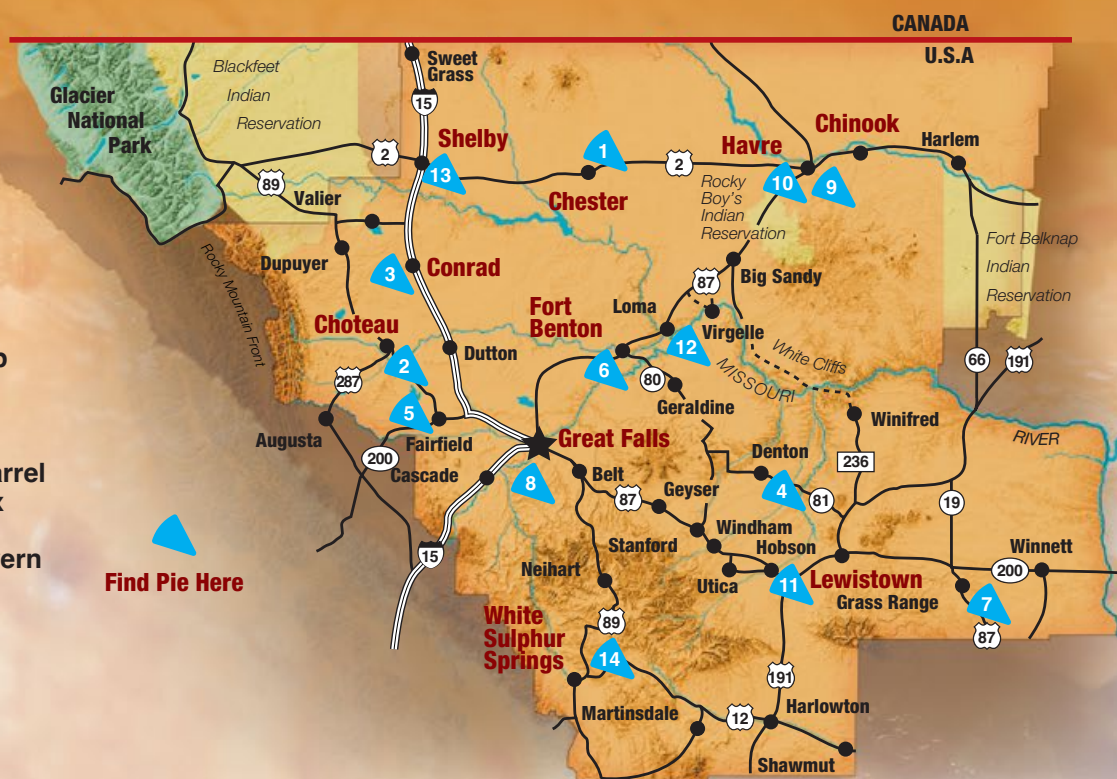


LIZ WISE

PIE A LA ROAD

From the The Griddle Restaurant in Shelby to Shade Tree in Denton (and everywhere in-between), you'll easily find a mouth-watering treat served with a smile along Central Montana's Pie Trail. There is surely a tasty treat to fit your fancy.

1. Chester – Spud's Café
2. Choteau – Log Cabin
3. Conrad – Home Cafe
4. Denton – Shade Tree
5. Fairfield – Cozy Corner
6. Fort Benton – Wake Cup Coffee House
7. Grass Range – Little Montana Truckstop
8. Great Falls – Double Barrel
9. Havre – The Lunch Box
10. Havre – Wolfer's Diner
11. Hobson – Tall Boys Tavern
12. Loma – Ma's Café
13. Shelby – The Griddle Restaurant
14. White Sulphur Springs – Branding Iron Café



IT'S ABOUT DAM TIME TO REALLY *start living!*



Selena Coburn

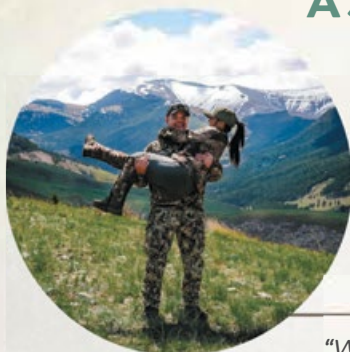
LICENSED CLINICAL
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

"Moving back to Montana was always part of my plan.

The opportunities that I had growing up in Great Falls helped shape who I am and I would like the same opportunities for my family. We are able to be close to grandparents and native culture – Blackfeet country is so sacred, it feels wonderful to be back and able to learn even more of the Blackfeet ways."

AJ & Donna Rouse

MACHINERY/WELDING
SPECIALIST FOR
MALMSTROM AIR
FORCE BASE
& PROFESSIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHER



"We chose this area because of the beauty

of local wildlife and the peace of nature. We're both passionate about volunteering to keep the wilderness here healthy and thriving – we are truly so grateful to call such a beautiful place home."

LIVE IN
Great Falls
MONTANA

LiveInGreatFalls.com



Mark Juras

SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER
FOR CITY OF GREAT FALLS

Great Falls is my hometown and my first choice in Montana.

Options are endless: bicycling along the river, spending time on the Missouri River in my rowboat or canoe, fly fishing in nearby

streams, cutting powder at Showdown, getting involved in the community. The infrastructure is great, too: conveniently located one-way streets, quality street intersections, crisp drinking water, efficient sanitation services, and the pro-business and pro-development attitude of the City and people in it.

Helal Al-Najrani

PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR
SLETTEN CONSTRUCTION

"Whether I'm looking forward to a morning run on River's Edge Trail or a hike in the surrounding mountains, Great Falls always offers a great environment for an active lifestyle. In addition to the low cost of living and great jobs available, Malmstrom Air Force Base and the Air National Guard bring people from all sorts of backgrounds, making the community a multicultural place and a fertile ground for new businesses."



IT'S ABOUT DAM TIME TO *launch* THAT VENTURE!



“It has been a blessing to be able to contribute to the health and happiness of our friends and neighbors in Great Falls.”

CENTRAL AVENUE MEATS

“The community response to our shop has been incredible, and the chance to partner with restaurants such as Roadhouse Diner, Harvest Craft Kitchen, Enbar, 5th and Wine, and The Wake Cup Coffee House in Fort Benton has confirmed the demand for locally- and ethically-raised meat. Furthermore, knowing that the McCafferty Ranch in Belt, Faltree Farm in Loma, and the Montana Sheep Company in Fairfield are all being appreciated for raising a premium product has been fulfilling, as well. In terms of community impact, we play a very small role in the larger picture, but it has been a blessing to be able to contribute to the health and happiness of our friends and neighbors in Great Falls.”



Drew Hicks, owner of Central Avenue Meats, untamed his entrepreneurial spirit in Great Falls, Montana.

GROW
Great Falls
MONTANA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Great Falls Development Authority

GrowGreatFallsMontana.org

Winter provides unique opportunities for fun in Central Montana. From the thrill of downhill skiing to the quiet mystique of soaking in natural hot springs, we have it all. A wide variety of winter activities will provide you with memories that last a lifetime. Check out all there is to do once winter arrives.

DOWNHILL SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Bear Paw Ski Bowl: Dubbed “Steep-n-Deep” by the locals, this ski area is located 29 miles south of Havre on the Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation (265-8404). Top elevation is exactly one mile with a 900 foot vertical drop. Of 10 ski runs, half are advanced and the other half intermediate. Food can be purchased in the warming lodge. Ski rentals can be found in Havre.

Showdown Montana: With a top elevation of 8,200 feet and 1,400 feet of vertical drop, Showdown Montana offers a wide range of skiing and snowboarding opportunities. Showdown has 34 pristine runs, with the longest measuring 2 miles. Downhill and telemark skis, snowboards, snow bikes

and snowshoes are available for rent. Full-service day lodge includes a grill, saloon, daycare, pro-shop and coffee bar (800-433-0022).

Teton Pass Ski Area: Located at the edge of the Rocky Mountain Front west of Choteau, Teton Pass boasts a diverse terrain and unbeatable views. The 1,000 foot vertical drop from 7,200 feet to 6,190 feet will entertain skiers and snowboarders alike, no matter the skill level. There are 46 runs of varying difficulty, giving everyone an opportunity to join the fun. They offer a day lodge, restaurant, ski school, and rental shop (406-466-2209).

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Beaver Creek Park: An ideal setting for cross-country skiing can be found south of Havre in the Bears Paw Mountains. With two lakes close by and ample scenery, it’s a natural!

Great Falls: Giant Springs State Park on the eastern edge of town is available for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Green Pole & Rock Creek:

Located 35 miles southwest of Lewistown, Green Pole and Rock Creek offer excellent cross-country trails.

Showdown Montana: Located in the Little Belt Mountains southeast of Great Falls, the area offers beautiful scenery for cross-country skiing. There are maps at the Belt Creek ranger station or at Showdown Montana.

Silver Crest: Silver Crest has 18 km of marked and groomed cross-country touring trails, just 7 short miles south of Neihart. Two warming huts offer pause along the trail.

Choteau: Variety of options for cross-country skiing on the Rocky Mountain Front, west of Choteau. Located just east of the Bob Marshall Wilderness area, Teton Pass Ski Area offers a variety of cross-country ski trails.

Think pizza and you’ll have the perfect wedge as you learn to downhill ski.

POWDER PERFECT IN CENTRAL MONTANA





The sun sets on another beautiful day at Showdown Montana ski area.

ROLAND TAYLOR

ICE FISHING

Chester: Lake Elwell, 18 miles south of Chester, has both walleye and northern pike. In 2007, the walleye state record was caught in Lake Elwell and weighed 17.75 pounds.

Choteau: Enjoy ice fishing on nearby Bynum Reservoir or try your hand at catching trout and pike at Eureka Reservoir. There are many other favorite local spots, so ask around town to find out where the fish are biting best!

Conrad: Arod Lake, located between Conrad and Choteau, is a great place to try your hand at ice fishing.

Havre: If you want to stay close, try fishing for perch at Beaver Creek Park. Fresno Reservoir, 17 miles west of Havre is excellent for trout, walleye, pike, and perch.

Lewistown: Hanson Creek Dam and East Fork Dam are great ice fishing spots in the area. You can find trout at Carter's Pond. Ackley Lake near Hobson is another hot spot for trout.

Martinsdale: Martinsdale Reservoir, south of town, and Bair Reservoir, west on US Highway 12, offer area anglers ample ice fishing opportunities.

Valier: Lake Frances is a popular ice fishing spot for walleye, pike and perch. You're sure to find that the local folks will lend a hand should you need it.


HOCKEY

The Great Falls Americans play in the American West Hockey League, December-March.



GEORGIA MILLER


Located near Valier, Lake Frances is a popular ice fishing destination for those looking to reel in Northern Pike, Walleye, or Perch.



Warning: A day like this on untouched snow in the mountains of Central Montana may make you love winter.

GEORGIA MILLER

CHILL OUT IN CENTRAL MONTANA



What's better than spending the day hunting waterfowl at Freezout Lake? Doing it with your best friend.

NEAL MISHLER

SNOWMOBILING

Belt: Many opportunities for snowmobile enthusiasts near the town of Belt. For trail maps, call 236-5511.

Choteau: There are 5 miles of marked snowmobile trails 29 miles northwest of Choteau, at South Fork Waldron.

Havre: Beaver Creek Park has several excellent areas for snowmobiling. Be sure to watch out for cross-country skiers sharing trails in the area.

Kings Hill: In the Little Belt Mountains southeast of Great Falls, the Kings Hill recreation area has more than 200 miles of marked snowmobile trails. Follow the trailheads off Highway 89 for these popular loop trails, big powder playgrounds and spectacular panoramic views.

Lewistown: Try the Big Snowy Mountains near Crystal Lake for great snowmobiling! Lewistown is nearby, so supplies are always close by!

Stanford/Utica: Discover the Little Belt Trail southwest of Utica and marvel at the unspoiled beauty of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. The trail winds along the Judith River through the South Fork Canyon.

ICE BOATING

Try this sport at Freezout Lake near Fairfield, Lake Frances near Valier, or Priest Butte Lake outside of Choteau.

HUNTING

Central Montana offers great hunting opportunities during the fall and winter months for upland game birds, waterfowl and big game.

ICE SKATING

For less strenuous winter fun, check out the ponds, lakes and reservoirs located throughout Central Montana.



**See for yourself
what fun winter is at
youtube.com/centralmontana**

Since 1910

STOP. STAY. SHOP. PLAY

SHELBY

**Best Western
Shelby Inn & Suites**
1948 Roosevelt Hwy
(406) 424-4560

**Comfort Inn & Suites
of Shelby**
455 McKinley
(406) 434-2212

VATSHATS
744 Roosevelt Hwy
(406) 434-5181

**OYO Hotel
of Shelby**
1200 US Highway 2
(406) 434-5134

**CARING FOR
MONTANA'S FUTURE**

Become a licensed child care provider,
no one will do more important work.

As a licensed child care provider, you can stay home
with your children, have your own business, and
make a difference in the lives of children in our
community. Family Connections can support your
business through financial incentives, professional
development, and more.

Visit FamilyConnectionsMT.org
or call 800.696.4503

**family
connections**
helping children, families, & providers thrive



**MONTANA
DPHHS**

This project is funded under a Contract with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. The statements herein do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Department.

answers to Marco.

With a little help from my friends, family time is better than ever. We check in, kick back and immerse ourselves in all that Hampton has to offer. Fun is the name of the game. It's easy when you're among friends. **Call or visit us online to book your stay today.**



FREE fresh waffles



clean and fresh
Hampton bed™



FREE
breakfast bags

we love having you here®



Great Falls • 2301 14th Street S.W. • Great Falls, Montana
www.greatfalls.hamptoninn.com • 1-800-HAMPTON

©2010 Hilton Worldwide



Official Sponsor

DRINK IT UP IN **CENTRAL MONTANA**



After a jam-packed day of exploring Central Montana, you're bound to be thirsty! May we suggest an ice cold, locally-brewed beverage? Central Montana is home to a growing list of breweries that offer a wide range of libations to please any palette. Whether your favorite is an amber, an IPA, a porter, a pale ale, or something more unique you are bound to find a new favorite in Central Montana. And as an added bonus, many are made using locally-grown barley—making your stop a truly authentic Central Montana experience!

As you settle in to enjoy a frosty drink, make sure to ask the friendly staff about a bite to eat. Many of Central Montana's breweries also offer great food

too or can recommend a local eatery to help you refuel for your next adventure. And while you're thinking of your next adventure, don't forget to ask about options to take some Central Montana brews with you as most breweries now offer growlers, cans or bottles to go. Cheers friends!

A mighty smelter once stood just across the river from Great Falls, where **Black Eagle Brewery** now forges great beers like Smoke Stack Scottish Ale.

The Rocky Mountain Front has seen many mountain men come and go, but Mountain Man Scotch Ale from **Jeremiah Johnson Brewing Company** in Great Falls can still be found in these parts today.

Run the legendary trout waters of the Missouri via kayak, raft or canoe. Even if you don't catch any, you'll be ready to reel in a Rising Trout or Lip Ripper IPA from **Mighty Mo Brew Co.** in Great Falls.

Harvest Moon Brewing Company in the historic town of Belt is one of Central Montana's oldest breweries, and they have a fondness for local history. Try a Charlie Russell Red, named in honor of the region's famed Western artist, to see why.

Triple Dog Brewing Co. in Havre believes in hops, and you should hop on the chance to try one yourself. The Bear Paws Belgian Wit and Fresno Wheat are local favorites.

2 Basset Brewery in White Sulphur Springs is just down the street from the town's fabled hot springs. Get a hot soak and a cool pint all in one trip for a truly epic day!

Located in the center of Montana, Lewistown is the perfect stop during your Central Montana Travels. Be sure to hit up **Big Spring Brewing**, named after the crystal-clear Big Spring Creek that runs through town. Sip a Crystal Pale Ale or try the Highwood American Wheat which is one of their main stay beers.

Enjoy a Rusted Rail Irish red ale, a nod to Harlowton's rail history at **Gally's Brewing Co.** A stop at Gally's is a celebration of Harlo's past with great beers.





BOUNTIFUL WILDLIFE IN CENTRAL MONTANA

This mule deer has hit the jackpot for grazing—a field of sainfoin.

CAROL POLICH

Wildlife watching opportunities are abundant in Central Montana—home to over 100 mammals. It's safe to say there is no shortage of chances to spot animals in their natural habitat here. Several wildlife management areas and wildlife refuges in the region offer excellent access for viewing a variety of wildlife. Check with Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (454-5840) for information on access to Central Montana's wildlife management areas.

The Sun River Wildlife Management Area

Located on the Rocky Mountain Front, nine miles northwest of MT Highway 287 near Augusta. Large numbers of elk can usually be observed during winter months.

Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area

Borders US Highway 89 between Fairfield and Choteau. There are year 'round viewing opportunities: upland game birds and raptors in winter, waterfowl migrations in spring and fall, and waterfowl and shore birds in summer.

Ear Mountain Wildlife Management Area/Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area

Ear Mountain WMA is 22 miles west of Choteau. Entrance to Blackleaf WMA is fifteen miles west of Bynum on US Highway 89. Both provide viewing opportunities for elk, mule and white-tailed deer, black bear, grizzly bear and a variety of songbirds and raptors.

Judith Wildlife Management Area

11 miles southwest of Utica in the east end of the Little Belt Mountains. This area provides abundant vegetation for wintering elk and deer.

Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge

14 miles north of Great Falls just off US Highway 87. Self-guided auto tour route through the refuge, which provides critical habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife (727-7400).

The Kevin Rim Area

North of Shelby has outstanding raptor viewing along county roads. Northwest of Shelby in the Sweet Grass Hills are deer, elk, fox, raptors and upland game birds.



View more wildlife at
youtube.com/centralmontana

The Missouri River not only offers epic fishing, but also great views. And, a cool drink for these bighorn sheep.



GEORGIA MILLER



The banks of the Marias River make an ideal habitat for porcupine who spend their days climbing trees.

KELLY ENGEN



CAROL POLICH

You may be hard-pressed to find a cuter pair of siblings than these two red fox kits.



ELIZABETH MOORE

Although a fairly solitary animal, catching a glimpse of a bobcat is possible while exploring Central Montana.

BIRD WATCHING IN CENTRAL MONTANA

A male bluebird stops for a rest. Between April and August, Stanford is a great place to view this species.

The diversity of Central Montana's landscape supports an incredible variety of bird species. Wildlife management areas and refuges in the region provide great opportunities for bird watching.

We'd like to ensure your birding experience is safe and rewarding. Please be aware of all wildlife and maintain a respectful distance. When viewing from roads, please park

in a safe location and make sure you're visible to other drivers.

You'll want to keep your binoculars handy as you travel our byways and hike our trails, as over 250 species call Central Montana home.

Follow usage regulations for each site and always get permission from landowners before accessing private property. Stay on roads/trails and leave sites as you found them for others to enjoy.



For more detailed information on where to view our feathered friends in the region, get your free copy of Birding Trails in Central Montana. This brochure includes directions, access information and detailed species lists for Central Montana's major birding areas.

Download a brochure PDF at centralmontana.com/birding or call 1-800-527-5348 for a free copy.

GEORGIA MILLER



See birds in motion at youtube.com/centralmontana

These young Eared Grebes are taking advantage of a free ride since they aren't quite ready to swim solo yet.

NEAL MISHLER



Saw-whet owls, like this one, are often seen in dense thickets like those found in the Highwood Mountains.

ELIZABETH MOORE



Although there's great birding nearly everywhere in the region, we've identified a few of the best sites in Central Montana to spot feathered friends.

TWELVE HOT BIRDING SPOTS

- 1 The Rocky Mountain Front
- 2 Freezout Lake
- 3 First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park
- 4 Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge
- 5 Giant Springs State Park
- 6 Sanford Park
- 7 Kings Hill Scenic Byway
- 8 Stanford Bluebirds
- 9 Kingsbury Lake Waterfowl Production Area
- 10 Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River
- 11 Beaver Creek Park/Chippewa Cree Recreational Park
- 12 Chinook/Lloyd Loop



FUN CENTRAL IN CENTRAL MONTANA

BANIK COMMUNICATIONS

Each August, the streets of downtown Great Falls come to life during ArtsFest Montana.


Here in Central Montana we live for a good party! Whether it's a festival, fair, or celebration, we are here for a good time. Fortunately there is no shortage of exciting gatherings and events to keep us busy. While you are here we encourage you to check out area festivals, music events, powwows, county fairs, parades, beer festivals, holiday events and more.

When it comes to celebrating, we find ourselves embracing opportunities to honor our history, culture, and local landscapes. Native American powwows present the opportunity to partake in traditional dancing, music, games and food that are time-honored traditions of our First People. You'll find a whole host of music events such as the Harlo Music Project and Red Ants Pants Festival which both draw world-class talent to the region.

Travel through the region and taste locally brewed beers and spirits at a local beer fest. Many local breweries use barley grown in the area for a true farm-to-glass experience.

Art more your style? Central Montana is the place to be! Many communities host street fairs where local artists offer pieces for sale giving locals and visitors the opportunity to take home unique finds. If you happen to be in the area come March, a must do is Western Art Week. This world-renowned event draws artists and art lovers from all corners of the planet as Great Falls becomes the Western Art Capital of the the World! See art-in-action, shop for a piece to take home, enjoy live music, and take in the rich history of the American West.

Come join us for some festive fun in Central Montana!



The annual Lewis & Clark Festival is the perfect intersection of history, culture and art.

ELIZABETH MOORE

BEST FESTS IN THE WEST

Western Art Week

Great Falls
Mid March

Hi-Line Brewfest

Havre
Late March

Brew Fest

Fort Benton
Late May

Kite Festival

Shelby
Mid June

Lewis & Clark Festival

Great Falls
Late June - Early July

**Fort Benton
Summer Celebration**

Fort Benton
End of June

Buffalo Kite Festival

Ulm
Mid July

WakeFest

Great Falls
Mid July

**Red Ants Pants
Music Festival**

White Sulphur Springs
Late July

**CenterFest
Music Festival**

Lewistown
Early August

ArtsFest Montana

Great Falls
Mid August

Harlo Music Project

Harlowton
Mid August

Roots Fest

Great Falls
Mid August

Havre Trails Brewfest

Havre
Late August

Chokecherry Festival

Lewistown
Early September

Big River Ruckus

Great Falls
Mid September

Havre Festival Days

Havre
Mid September

HarvestFest Art Auction

Lewistown
Early October

When the sun goes down, the party is just getting started at Red Ants Pants Music Festival.



BIG SCREEN BIG SKY

THE PERFECT SETTING

Montana is a multiplex with blockbusters playing on a hundred screens at once. And, Central Montana has the biggest screens of all. From inspiring landscapes to epic adventures, we know you're going to love the show!

Before you visit Central Montana, be sure to check out a few videos that highlight our featured attractions. These videos have been created to give you a sneak peek at all the area has to offer during your visit here. Here we are spotlighting two of our newer videos featuring local wildlife and local libations. These videos, and much more, can be found on Central Montana's video page at youtube.com/centralmontana.



Look for the film icon throughout this guide for links to more films on related subjects.

Who needs a zoo when you experience animals in their natural habitat? Whether you're wanting to see birds or 4-legged friends, Central Montana is sure to deliver. Our fav? Check out this video for a quick glimpse at some of the most majestic animals that call Central Montana home.

Thirsty for adventure? Central Montana can quench your thirst in more ways than one! As you travel the region you may notice the area is home to craft breweries and distilleries. Many are proud to work with locally sourced products, such as barley and honey. Drink it in!

LIVE MUSIC ^{AND} EVENTS
IN DOWNTOWN GREAT FALLS

The NEWBERRY



420 CENTRAL AVE ⚡ THENEWBERRYMT.COM

Spending the night in Great Falls?
Stay at the O'Haire Inn.



Home of the Montana Mermaids

Recently retrovated to our retro cool!

Downtown - Clark & Lewie's Restaurant - Sip 'n Dip Lounge
Call 406-454-2141 www.montanamermaids.com



Learn more at www.valier.org

VADC

Valier Area Development Corporation

Come for the views...


VALIER

Stay for the fun!

Valier Ice Fishing Derby - Homesteader Days
Lake Frances Triple P Triathlon - Winter Light Festival
Camping - Boating - Fishing - Hunting - Water Sports
Gorgeous Views of the Rocky Mountain Front
and Quickest Route to Glacier National Park!



DIRECTORY LISTINGS



North America's longest river, the Missouri River, runs right through Central Montana creating vast opportunities to explore.

KELLY ENGEN

AUGUSTA

Guest Ranch/Outfitters and Guides

The JJJ Wilderness Ranch on the majestic Rocky Mountain Front specializes in dude ranch vacations with horseback riding, trout fishing, hiking and gracious western hospitality. Fantastic Kid's Program, home-style meals, cowboy barbecues, singing, marshmallows around the campfire & much more! Horse pack trips into the famous Bob Marshall Wilderness also available. Limited guest numbers. Reservations only. (406) 562-3653 or www.triplejranch.com

Sun Canyon Lodge & Outfitting, nestled in the Rocky Mountain Front, is surrounded by national forest and the Sun River Elk Range. Our historic log lodge has provided food, drink and western hospitality for over 70 years. Rent a cabin, park your RV or set up a tent and enjoy trout fishing, horseback riding, hiking and wildlife viewing. Visit for an hour or a week. Saddle up for backcountry adventure with our Bob Marshall Wilderness tent camp, summer pack trips or fall elk hunting. (406) 562-3654 or (888) 749-3654. www.suncanyonlodge.com

CHESTER

Lodging/Grocery

MX Motel offers a variety of room choices from small economy rooms for one person, to the family suite with 2 queen beds and a pull-out couch. Also standard queen rooms, double queen rooms, king rooms, and beautiful garden suites. All except the economy rooms have refrigerators and microwaves. On-site convenience store, Liberty Quick Stop, serves as front desk and has snacks, fresh sandwiches, ice cream, and beverages. Free wi-fi. www.mxmotel.com or (406) 759-7165

DUPUYER

Enroute from Great Falls to Glacier Nat'l Park be sure to stop in Dupuyer located on US Hwy 89. West of town the Helena/Lewis & Clark Nat'l Forest, Great Bear and Bob Marshall Wilderness areas and Boone & Crockett's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch provide habitat for deer, elk, grizzly, black bear and mountain sheep. Dupuyer is a perfect base camp for outdoor recreation. Hike, backpack, fish, hunt, ride horseback or cross-country ski into the Bob Marshall complex. Like us on Facebook DupuyerCommunityClub.

Retail

Dupuyer Cache is a unique store with groceries, beverages, specialty books, the retail outlet for Beaverside Dry Goods' Merino wool yarn, photography, artisan crafts, a gallery for display of art by local artists, and much more. Books include collections by many Montana authors and feature local favorite Ivan Doig. Look for us on Facebook. 307 Montana Street, Highway 89, (406) 472-3272

FORT BENTON

Visit historic Fort Benton, "The Birthplace of Montana" and gateway for float trips through the spectacular Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument. Explore the Old Fort, two great museums and the BLM's Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center. Walk the scenic Steamboat Levee with multiple interpretive signs and memorial to Shep—the World's Most Faithful Dog. Enjoy big game and bird hunting; Missouri River fishing open all year. Contact Fort Benton Chamber (406) 622-3864 or visit www.fortbenton.com.

Lodging

Emily's Vacation Cottage is a comfortable and relaxing furnished home in historic Fort Benton. Easy access to golfing, biking, river recreation, hunting or simply vacationing. We are 2 1/2 blocks from the Missouri River, walking trail and BLM Interpretive Center. Comfortably accommodates 6 people, fully equipped kitchen, WiFi, off-street parking, backyard sitting area and BBQ grill. Great for family reunions, weddings or business. (406) 231-2764 or visit www.emilysvacationcottage.com

The historic **Grand Union Hotel** is the oldest operating hotel in Montana. Elegantly restored in 1999, it features 26 luxurious guestrooms commanding impressive views of the Missouri River. Enjoy elegant dining in the Union Grille Restaurant enhanced by an exceptional menu of Montana regional cuisine complemented with premium brews and an excellent wine selection. Visit our website at www.grandunionhotel.com or call (888) 838-1882 for reservations.

Pioneer Lodge – Uniquely remodeled 1916 historic building overlooking the Missouri River features spacious non-smoking rooms, each with an historical theme. Moderately priced accommodations include cable TV, free wireless internet, private bath, continental breakfast and laundry facilities. Perfect for groups & reunions, our safe, friendly community is the ideal vacation spot. (406) 622 5441, (800) 622-6088 or www.pioneerlodgemt.com

Outfitters & Guides

Montana River Outfitters – Since 1977 MRO has provided a professional, personable team offering scenic, historic & fishing trips on the Wild & Scenic Missouri, Blackfoot, Smith & wilderness rivers. 1/2 to 7 day trips. Lewis & Clark adventures. Fully & partially guided trips. Superb trout & walleye fishing. Top guides, luxurious camps, shuttles, and jet boat trips. Canoe, kayak, raft, SUP board and camping equipment rentals. (800) 800-8218 or (406) 761-1677 www.greatfallsrafting.com

GERALDINE

Lodging

Dave & PJ's Place is quaint and homey B&B located on Main Street. Our B&B has four rooms with a sink in each room and shared full bath. Breakfast is served next door at a full-service restaurant and lounge. Enjoy our small-town charm, beautiful scenic views of Square Butte and nearby recreation including hunting, fishing, birdwatching and hiking. 262 Main Street Geraldine, MT. (406) 737-4549

GREAT FALLS

Dining

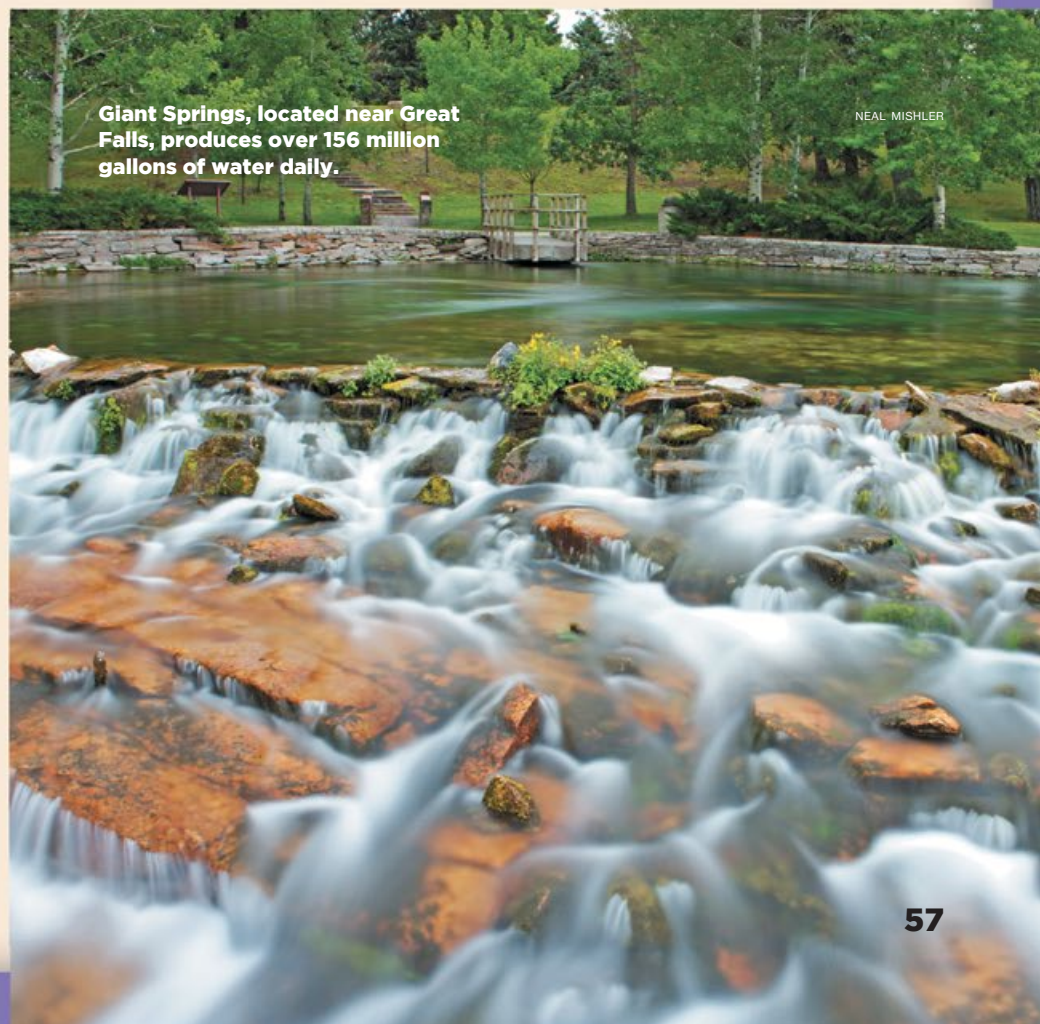
Borrie's – For the finest in American and Italian food! Restaurant, lounge, banquet, take-out. Mouth-watering Prime Rib every Tuesday! Steaks, chicken, seafood, spaghetti, ravioli. Dinner service 5:00 pm Monday – Friday; 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Established in 1938 – third generation proudly serving you! Across the river in Black Eagle. 1800 Smelter Avenue. (406) 761-0300

3D Restaurant – Family-owned and operated since 1946. Homemade Italian, excellent steaks, seafood, Angus prime rib, Montana's first Mongolian Grill. Children's menu. Full-service bar & lounge. Handicap accessible. VISA, MC, AMEX and Discover accepted. Enjoy the 3D's unique Art Deco surroundings in historic Black Eagle. Open for lunch Monday – Saturday. Dinner 7 days a week. 1825 Smelter Avenue, Black Eagle. Inquire about delivery, take out or reservations (406) 453-6561

Lodging

The **Great Falls Hilton Garden Inn** is Great Falls' "Finest Hotel". We offer a full-service restaurant, bar, room service, indoor pool and hot tub. Our Pavilion Pantry is open 24 hours. Guest Rooms feature the incomparable Garden Sleep System bed, 32" flat screen TVs, microwaves, refrigerators and wireless internet. The hotel offers 19 beautiful suites, 3 with fireplaces. We are located next to The Marketplace shopping complex, restaurants and movie theater. Call (406) 452-1000 or book online at www.greatfalls-hgi.com

Hampton Inn – Located just off I-15 next to The Marketplace. One of Great Falls' finest hotel and conference center with 97 guest rooms including King Jacuzzi suites. We offer free high-speed internet in all rooms, business center, indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center, airport shuttle & guest laundry. Complimentary breakfast bar. Within walking distance of shopping center, restaurants & movie theater. 2301 14th St. SW, Great Falls, MT 59404. (406) 453-2675 or (800) HAMPTON or visit greatfalls.hamptoninn.com



Giant Springs, located near Great Falls, produces over 156 million gallons of water daily.

NEAL MISHLER



DONNIE SEXTON

A trip to Central Montana wouldn't be complete without catching a rodeo, like this one in Cascade!

Heritage Inn is the largest full-service hotel in Central Montana with 230 sleeping rooms and 17,000 sq. ft. of convention space nestled in a quiet upscale neighborhood close to entertainment. Enjoy breakfast in the Willow Creek, lunch & dinner at the Max Casino & Sports Bar and relax next to the Atrium Indoor Pool. The hotel is conveniently located to provide easy access to shopping, I-15 and Great Falls International Airport. (406) 761-1900, 800-548-8256 www.gfheritageinn.com

Best Western Plus Riverfront Hotel & Suites, 600 River Drive South, offers a relaxing place to stay with the Missouri River and River's Edge Trail out our backdoor. Free airport shuttle, free full hot breakfast & free WIFI. Pet friendly, 24-hour pool, hot tub & fitness center. Gather around the outdoor fire pit for good conversation while roasting s'mores over the flames or stroll along the scenic River's Edge Trail. Visit www.BestWestern.com or call (406) 761-2600

Discover the newest hotel in Great Falls, the **Sleep Inn/MainStay Suites**. Conveniently located on 10th Avenue South with easy access to attractions, shopping, dining & the airport. The all-suites guestrooms feature pillow top beds, 50" tv, Keurig, microwave & fridge. Fast, reliable Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. MainStay Suites offers a fully equipped kitchen and living area, perfect for a longer stay. Enjoy the hot breakfast buffet, pool, spa and fitness center. SleepInnGreatFalls.com or (406) 761-4600.

At **SpringHill Suites** of Great Falls every room is a suite which features separate living and sleeping areas, spa-like bathrooms, airy beds, and a separate workspace with natural lighting along with a comfortable trundle sleeper sofa. Our complimentary hot breakfast features healthy and indulgent choices. Choose from our standard king or double queen suites, or enjoy one of our spacious premium balcony suites with spectacular views of the Missouri River and downtown. 421 3rd St NW, (406) 952-4444 www.Marriott.com/GTFSH

Staybridge Suites is an all-suite hotel with a comfortable, home-like atmosphere. Choose from our studio, 1 and 2 bedroom suites, all featuring a fully equipped kitchen with full size microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator and cooktop. We offer a complimentary breakfast buffet, social receptions, a beautiful outdoor courtyard, indoor pool, fitness center and free guest laundry. Nightly and extended stay rates available. 201 3rd St NW, (406) 761-4903 www.staybridge.com/greatfallsmt

Outfitters & Guides

Montana River Outfitters – Since 1977 MRO has provided a professional, personable team offering scenic, historic & fishing trips on the Wild & Scenic Missouri, Blackfoot, Smith & wilderness rivers. ½ to 7 day trips. Lewis & Clark adventures. Fully & partially

guided trips. Superb trout & walleye fishing. Top guides, luxurious camps, shuttles, and jet boat trips. Canoe, kayak, raft, Superb board and camping equipment rentals. (800) 800-8218 or (406) 761-1677 www.greatfallsrafting.com

HAVRE

Come live the history of Havre. Tour Havre Beneath the Streets, Railroad Museum, Fort Assiniboine Historical Site, Buffalo Jump and the new Museum of the Northern Plains Indians. Enjoy all types of recreation in Beaver Creek Park and at Fresno Reservoir. For more information contact the Havre Chamber of Commerce www.havrechamber.com

Dining

Infinity Bake Shoppe is one of Havre's greatest gems. A locally owned bakery where everything is made fresh daily. We offer a variety of homemade baked goods, come try our famous Scones (sweet & savory), variety of sweet rolls, assortment of cookies, frosted rice treats & we have not forgotten to bake Gluten Free items. LUNCHTIME: we offer a homemade soup and salad bar. Located in the Historic Masonic Temple. 309 3rd Ave Suite B (406) 879-8100

Lodging

Americinn by Wyndham of Havre is located just off US Highway 2, which runs cross country, making us a convenient stop for road trippers. Amid breathtaking mountains and plains of North Central Montana, our hotel is close to Bear Paw Ski Bowl, Montana Dinosaur Trail, Havre Beneath the Streets tours, fantastic fishing, hunting, nature walks and award-winning breweries and distillery. Watch the sun set and enjoy our rock fireplace and lodge structure. (877) 395-5001 www.americinn.com/hotels/MT/Havre

Best Western Plus Great Northern Inn is suited to fit the needs of every traveler. Our spacious newly updated rooms include multiple amenities; Mini Suites, indoor pool/hot tub, hot continental breakfast, exercise room, lounge/casino, free internet, business center, meeting space, shuttles, electric charging station and truck parking. Located downtown near 3 restaurants. Speak to a friendly staff member waiting to assist you at (888) 530-4100 or view us at www.bestwestern.com.

Best Western Plus Havre Inn & Suites – Guests will enjoy this prime location west of Havre. The view from Best Western Plus Havre Inn & Suites provides you a true northern Montana experience. View the famous open plains of Montana while overlooking the City of Havre, BNSF Railway, Milk River and Havre's prehistoric scenic badlands. All this plus a glimpse at our Bear Paw Mountains too. Truly a view provided by no other. www.bestwestern.com 1425 US Hwy 2 NE, Havre, (406) 265-2888

Montana Style Events – Our indoor event center opens to an outdoor pavilion perfect for weddings, parties, family reunions and dinners. Lots of specialty drinks, endless views of Montana's big sky and the Milk River valley. A variety of B&B rooms are available for event attendees, all decorated with Montana style. Choose from a rustic farm-style cabin, lower-level home or our loft rooms. Find her on Facebook Montana Style Events (406) 394-2245 www.montanastylebnb.com

LEWISTOWN

Lewistown is the gem in the center of Montana. You'll find unique shopping, unparalleled outdoor recreation and great restaurants. The Charlie Russell Chew Choo dinner train adventure, blue ribbon trout fishing and a variety of lodging will make wonderful memories of your visit to Central Montana. Contact Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce, 408 NE Main, Lewistown, MT 59457. (406) 535-5436 or www.lewistownchamber.com

Events

37th MT Cowboy Poetry Gathering & Western Music Rendezvous – Aug. 10th – 13th, Lewistown. Over 100 cowboy poets, western musicians & artist/vendors gather to celebrate the heritage of the "American Cowboy." Gathering includes 50+ hrs. of cowboy poetry & western music, dance, dinner train, Dave Stamey show, Art & Gear Show, cowboy church. MontanaCowboyPoetryGathering.com (406) 781-1422 for poet, musician or artist/vendor registration.

Lodging

The B & B Motel is located in the center of Lewistown, Montana and is within walking distance of restaurants, downtown shopping, the trail system, and Creekside Marketplace and Pavilion. This true to Montana roadside motel offers freshly remodeled rooms with cable TV, free WiFi, microwaves and refrigerators. If you're bringing your dog let us know – we have room for them too! You will find friendly customer service, ample parking and a variety of room types to choose from. Call (406) 535-5496 www.b-bmotel.com

The Calvert Hotel was built in 1917 as a dormitory for local ranch kids. Today it's luxurious accommodations and exemplary customer service make it Lewistown's only boutique hotel. Room rate includes our signature breakfast with custom blended coffee and Montana made products. Call for meeting and conference space availability. Relax...you're at The Calvert. (406) 535-5411 www.thecalverthotel.com

Judith Mountain Lodge – Nestled on 80 acres in the Judith Mountains just north of Lewistown, our lodge is perfect for a weekend getaway, family reunion, business retreat or wedding. We offer sleeping rooms, a conference room, fine dining and full liquor bar open to the public. With our friendly staff, miles of hiking trails and public land right outside our door, we invite you to come as a guest and leave as a friend while enjoying the beauty of Central Montana. (406) 538-7063 www.judithmountainlodge.com

VALIER

Valier and Lake Frances offer year 'round fishing for walleye, perch, and pike. Along the quickest route to Glacier Nat'l Park, Valier offers gorgeous views of the Rocky Mountain Front, dining, airport, fishing derbies, the Lake Frances Triple P Triathlon, and Homesteader Days. Enjoy water sports, birding, lakeshore camping with hookups and bird and game hunting. Located on Hwy 44 near the Lewis and Clark Trail. (406) 279-3721 www.valier.org

VIRGELLE

Virgelle Merc Antiques & Accommodations – Unique lodging. Listed in the National Historic Register. Stay in our picturesque B&B or restored homestead cabins. Located along the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument between the Virgelle Ferry and Coal Banks Landing. Experience Virgelle's one hundred years of Montana history. Check out our unusual selection of antiques. Highly rated. "A wonderful place to stay!" (800) 426-2926 www.VirgelleMontana.com



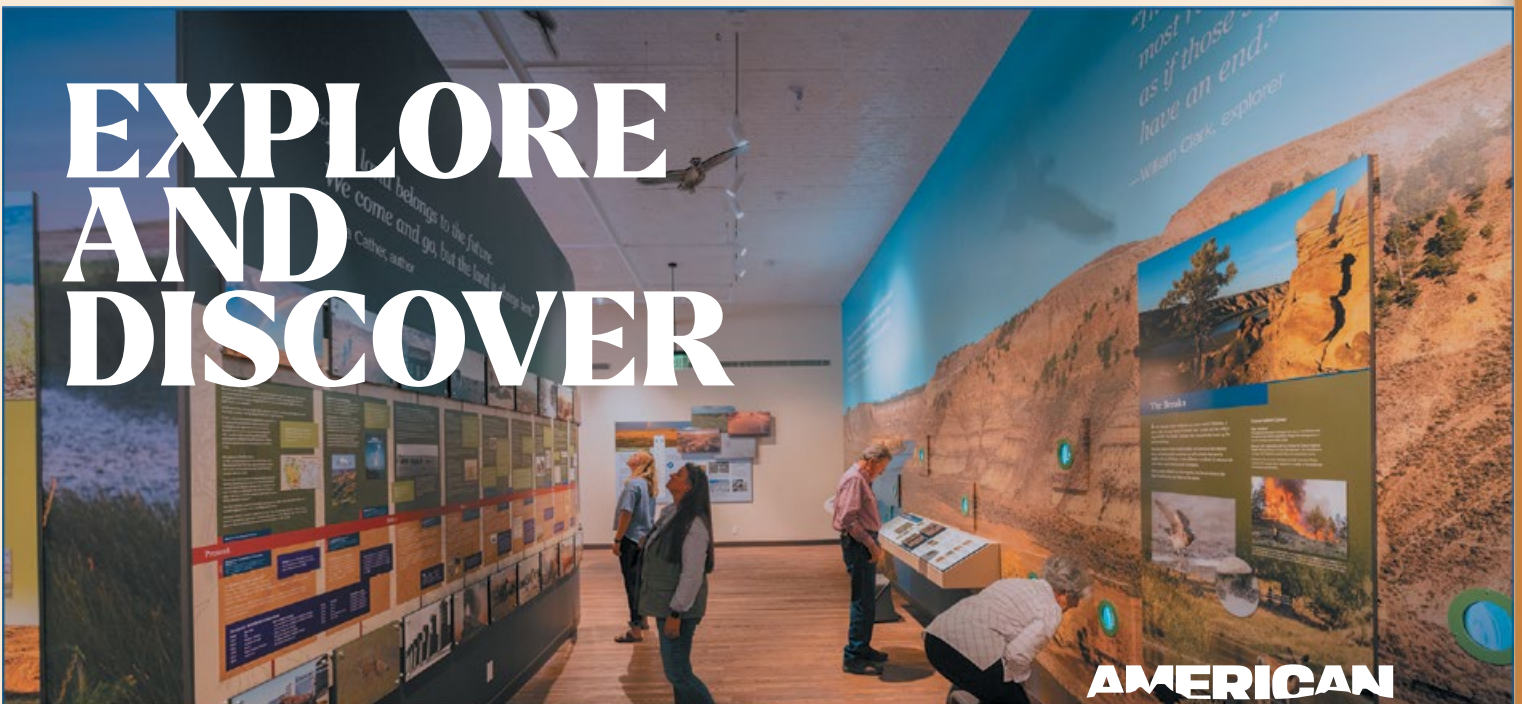
A Real Slice of Montana.

When it's grown in Montana, the quality is exceptional. And you'll know it—the moment you taste a slice of it.

Discover MadeInMontanaUSA.com



EXPLORE AND DISCOVER



AMERICAN PRAIRIE

Plan your visit today.

American Prairie National Discovery Center
302 W Main Street
Lewistown, MT

[AmericanPrairie.org/
national-discovery-center](http://AmericanPrairie.org/national-discovery-center)

Accommodations IN CENTRAL MONTANA

HOTEL/MOTEL				
BIG SANDY	The Motel	98 Judith Landing Rd	406-378-2389	
CASCADE	Bobkat Mountain Retreat & Motel	62 Bluebird Dr	406-468-2364	https://bobkatmountainmotel.com
	Rivers Edge Motel	1400 Old US Hwy 91	406-468-5910	https://myriversedgemotel.com
	Trout Montana	15 2nd Ave N	406-468-9330	http://www.troutmontana.com
CHESTER	MX Motel	113 E Washington Ave	406-759-7165	https://www.mxmotel.com
	The Westland Suite	1 First St E	406-759-5900	https://stayinchestermt.com
CHINOOK	Bear Paw Motel	145 Cleveland Rd	406-357-2221	
	Chinook Motor Inn	100 Indiana St	406-357-2248	https://chinookmotorinn.com
CHOTEAU	Big Sky Motel	209 S Main Ave	406-466-5318	
	Choteau Stage Stop Inn	1005 Main Ave N	406-466-5900	https://www.stagestopinn.com
	Gunther Motel	20 7th Ave SW	406-466-5444	
CONRAD	Super 8	215 N Main St	406-278-7676	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/conrad-montana/super-8-conrad/overview
DENTON	Denton Motel	313 Broadway	406-567-2626	
DUPUYER	Buffalo Wallow Motel	107 Morton Ave	406-472-3399	https://www.buffalojoesmt.com
FORT BENTON	Fort Motel	1809 St. Charles St	406-622-3312	
	Grand Union Hotel	1 Grand Union Sq	406-622-1882	https://www.grandunionhotel.com
	Pioneer Lodge	1700 Front St	406-622-5441	http://www.pioneerlodgemt.com
GALATA	Galata Motel & RV	30323 US Hwy 2	406-432-2352	
GREAT FALLS	Airway Motel	1800 14th St SW	406-761-8915	
	Alberta Motel & Annex	1101 Central Ave W	406-452-3467	https://albertamotel.weebly.com
	Best Resting Great Falls Inn	5001 River Dr N	406-268-8333	http://bestrestinginn.com
	Best Western Plus Riverfront Hotel & Suites	600 River Dr S	406-761-2600	
	Central Motel	715 Central Ave W	406-453-0161	http://www.centralmotelgreatfalls.us
	Comfort Inn	1120 9th St S	406-454-2727	https://www.choicehotels.com
	Comfort Inn & Suites Market - Airport	1801 Market Place Dr	406-455-1000	https://www.choicehotels.com
	Crystal Inn & Suites	3701 31st St SW	406-727-7788	https://www.crystalinnngreatfalls.com
	Days Inn	101 14th Ave NW	406-727-6565	https://www.daysinnngreatfalls.com
	Econolodge	220 Central Ave	406-761-3410	https://www.choicehotels.com
	Extended Stay America	800 River Dr S	406-761-7524	https://www.extendedstayamerica.com
	Hampton Inn	2301 14th St SW	406-453-2675	http://www.greatfalls.hamptoninn.com
	Heritage Inn	1700 Fox Farm Rd	406-761-1900	https://www.gfheritageinn.com
	Hilton Garden Inn	2520 14th St SW	406-452-1000	http://greatfalls.hgi.com
	Holiday Inn	1100 5th St S	406-727-7200	http://www.holidayinnngreatfalls.com
	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites	1625 Market Place Dr	406-453-4000	http://www.hiexpress.com
	Hotel Arvon	116 First Ave S	406-952-1101	https://www.hotelarvon.com
	Imperial Inn	601 2nd Ave N	406-452-9581	
	Mid-Town Motel	526 2nd Ave N	406-453-2411	https://midtownmotelmontana.com
	O'Haire Motor Inn	17 7th St S	406-454-2141	https://ohairemotorinn.com
	Plaza Inn	1224 10th Ave S	406-452-9594	
	Royal Motel	1300 Central Ave	406-452-9548	
	Ski's Western Motel	2420 10th Ave S	406-453-3281	
	SpringHill Suites	421 3rd St NW	406-952-4444	https://Marriott.com/GTFSSH
	Staybridge Suites	201 3rd St NW	406-761-4903	https://www.staybridgesuites.com/greatfallsmt
	Super 8	1214 13th St S	406-727-7600	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8
	The Great Falls Inn	1400 28th St S	406-453-6000	https://www.greatfallsinn.com
	Wingate	1000 9th Ave S	406-205-0327	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wingate
HARLOWTON	Corral Motel	1307 Hwy 12 E	406-632-4331	
	Country Side Inn	309 3rd St NE	406-632-4119	



HOTEL/MOTEL

HAVRE	AmericInn by Wyndham	2520 US Hwy 2 W	406-395-5000	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/american
	Best Western Plus Great Northern Inn	1345 1st St	406-265-4200	https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-havre/best-western-plus-great-northern-inn/property-Code.27073.html
	Best Western Plus Havre Inn & Suites	1425 Hwy 2 NW	406-265-2888	http://bestwesternmontana.com/hotels/best-western-plus-havre-inn-and-suites
	Budget Inn	115 9th Ave	406-265-8625	
	Hi-Line Motel	20 2nd St	406-265-5512	https://hi-line-motel.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral
	Quality Inn	601 W 1st St	406-265-6711	https://www.choicehotels.com/montana/havre/hotels
	Siesta Motel	600 1st St	406-265-5863	
	Super 8	166 19th Ave W	406-265-1411	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8
HOBSON	Stumble Inn	202 Central Ave	406-600-8079	https://202emporium.com/the-stumble-inn-1
LEWISTOWN	B & B Motel	520 E Main St	406-535-5496	https://b-bmotel.com
	Eddie's Corner	65000 US Hwy 87	406-374-2471	
	Sunset Motel	115 NE Main St	406-535-8741	
	Super 8	102 Wendell Ave	406-538-2581	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8
	The Calvert Hotel	216 7th Ave S	406-535-5411	https://www.thecalverthotel.com
	Trail's End Motel	216 NE Main St	406-535-5468	http://trailsendmotelmt.us
	Yogo Inn & Conference Center	211 E Main St	406-535-8721	https://www.yogoinn.com
LOMA	Rose River Inn	101 Wood's Beach Rd	406-739-4224	
MARTINSDALE	Crazy Mountain Inn	110 Main St	406-572-3307	https://www.crazymountaininn.com
MONARCH	Cougar Canyon Lodge & Escape	17 Missoula Ave	406-236-5922	https://www.cougarcanyonlodgeandescape.com
NEIHART	Bob's Bar, Dining & Motel	320 N Main St	406-236-5955	https://www.neihart-montana.com
SHELBY	Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites	1948 W Roosevelt Hwy	406-424-4560	http://bestwesternmontana.com/hotels/best-western-shelby-inn-and-suites
	Comfort Inn	455 McKinley	406-434-2212	http://www.comfortinnshelby.com
	Glacier Motel & RV Park	744 W Roosevelt Hwy	406-434-5181	
	Motel 6	1200 Hwy 2 W	406-434-5134	https://www.motel6.com
	O'Haire Manor Motel	204 2nd St S	406-434-5555	http://shelbymtchamber.org/ohaire-manor-motel/
STANFORD	Sundown Motel	36141 US Hwy 87	406-566-2316	http://thesundownmotel.com
VALIER	Lake Frances Inn	407 Teton Ave	406-279-3476	https://sites.google.com/site/lakefrancesinn/
VAUGHN	Office Bar & Motel	128 US Hwy 89	406-965-9982	
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	The Edith Hotel	808 3rd Ave SW	406-547-8888	https://www.showdownmontana.com/theedithhotel
	Tenderfoot Cabins & Motel	301 W Main	406-547-3303	
WINNETT	Northern Motel	101 N Grand Ave	406-429-7781	

Expert **Central** | STEVE BELL
STARGAZER SINCE AGE 5

“The dark skies of Central Montana allow us to see the same constellations as our early ancestors saw. Just 30 minutes from Great Falls, you can find one of my favorite places to view the night sky.”



Accommodations IN CENTRAL MONTANA

BED AND BREAKFAST

CASCADE	River's Bend Lodge	57 Seibold Ln	406-468-2225	https://www.riversbendlodge.net
	The Ranch at the Dearborn	206 Cooper Dr	406-468-4069	https://troutfishinglodgingmontana.com
CHESTER	The Great Northern B&B	14 E Monroe Ave	406-759-5900	https://www.stayinchestermtn.com
	The Homestead	331 Main St	406-759-5900	https://www.stayinchestermtn.com
CHOTEAU	Spring Creek B&B	327 3rd Ave NE	406-840-4025	
DUPUYER	Inn Dupuyer B&B	308 Morton Ave	406-472-3241	http://www.inndupuyer.com
GERALDINE	Rusty's B&B	262 Main St	406-737-4549	
GREAT FALLS	Self Made Association LLC	1621 5th Ave NW #9	406-200-3864	
HARLOWTON	Beley Manor on Main	10 5th St NW	406-632-4205	
HAVRE	Montana Style Events B&B	10975 River Rd	406-394-2245	https://montanastylebnb.com
HOBSON	Gumbo Flats Farm B&B	2485 Gumbo Flats Rd	406-423-5565	
LEWISTOWN	Pheasant Tales Bed & Bistro/The Bears' Den Guest House	1511 Timberline Rd	406-538-2124	https://www.pheasanttales.biz
STOCKETT	Tiger Butte Manor	1470 Evans Riceville Rd	406-736-5404	https://www.tigerbuttemanor.com
VALIER	Glacier Basecamp	219 Chouteau Ave	406-363-8918	
	Stone School Inn B&B	820 3rd St	406-279-3796	
VIRGELLE	Virgelle Mercantile	7485 Virgelle Ferry Rd N	406-378-3110	http://www.virgellemontana.com
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Smith River Gateway Apartment	200 S Central Ave	406-461-2775	

GUEST RANCH

AUGUSTA	Benchmark Wilderness Guest Ranch	23600 Benchmark Rd	406-467-3110	http://benchmarkwildernessranch.com
	Ford Creek Guest Ranch	15245 Benchmark Rd	406-562-3672	http://fordcreek.com
	JJJ Wilderness Ranch	91 Mortimer Rd	406-562-3653	https://www.triplejranch.com/home
	K Bar L Ranch	108C Sun Canyon Rd	406-562-3551	https://www.kbarlranch.com
BELT	The Ranches at Belt Creek	277 Armington Rd	406-750-1631	https://www.ranchesatbeltcreek.com
CHOTEAU	Deep Canyon Guest Ranch	2055 Teton Canyon Rd	406-466-2044	http://deepcanyonguest ranch.com
HOBSON	Circle Bar Guest Ranch	206 Porcupine Ridge Rd	406-272-3403	https://www.circlebarranch.com
	Homestead Ranch	948 Highland Rd	406-466-5775	
MARTINDALE	Bonanza Creek Country Guest Ranch	523 Bonanza Creek Rd	406-572-3366	https://bonanzacreekcountry.com
ULM	Heaven On Earth Ranch	15 Upper Millegan Rd	406-866-3316	https://www.deepcreekoutfitters.com

LODGE

AUGUSTA	Shoco Ranch	3506 Hwy 435	406-562-3553	
	Sun Canyon Lodge & Outfitting	8571 Sun Canyon Lodge Rd	406-562-3654	https://suncanyonlodge.com
CASCADE	Hidden Canyon Lodge	2629 Old US Hwy 91	406-468-0080	https://hiddencanyonlodge.com
	Iron Trout Inn	322 2nd Ave N	406-799-6338	
	Missouri Riverside Outfitters & Lodge	3103 Old US Hwy 91	406-468-9385	https://www.missouririverside.com
	Prewett Creek Inn	2468 Old US Hwy 91	406-468-9244	https://prewettcreekinn.com
	The Blue Canoe Lodge		406-442-6244	http://www.bluecanoe lodge.net
HARLOWTON	The Barnsion	402 S River Dr	406-220-0795	https://www.thebarnsion.com
LEWISTOWN	Judith Mountain Lodge	6300 Limekiln Rd	406-538-7063	https://www.judithmountainlodge.com
STANFORD	Hughes Mountain Ranch	1862 Sage Creek Trailhead Rd	406-566-2640	https://www.hughesmtn ranch.com
WINNETT	Lodge At Winnett	209 E Main St	412-848-0441	

OUTFITTER/GUIDE

AUGUSTA	Mark Young Outfitters, LLC	351 Lovers Ln	406-562-3250	https://markyoungoutfitters.com
	Mills Wilderness Adventures of Montana	1 Hogan St	406-562-3576	https://www.millswildernessadventures.com
	Triple J Wilderness Ranch	91 Mortimer Rd	406-562-3653	https://www.triplejranch.com
BIG SANDY	Chase Hill Outfitters	43 Chase Hill Dr	406-386-2447	http://www.chasehill.com
CASCADE	DL Elk Outfitters, Inc.	282 Ten Mile Rd	406-468-2642	https://comehunt.com
	Scenic Valley Outfitters	35 Scenic Valley Ln	406-468-9328	
CHOTEAU	7 Lazy P Outfitting	2250 Teton Canyon Rd	406-466-2245	https://sevenlazyp.com
	A Lazy H Outfitters	190 S Fork Teton Rd	406-466-5564	https://www.alazyhpacktrips.com
	Dropstone Outfitting	4365 US-89	406-289-0863	https://dropstoneoutfitting.com
FORT BENTON	Missouri River Outfitters	1856 State Highway 387	406-622-3295	https://www.mroudfitters.com
	Upper Missouri River Canoe Guides	2220 Main St	773-458-0474	https://www.uppermissouri.com
GREAT FALLS	Blackfeet Outfitters	499 MT-49	406-450-8420	https://blackfeetoutfitters.com
	Craig Madsen's Montana River Outfitters	923 10th Ave N	406-761-1677	http://montanariveroutfitters.com
	Deep Creek Outfitters	1700 Alder Dr	406-866-3316	https://www.deepcreekoutfitters.com
	Falls Outfitters	145 Bridge St	406-235-3447	https://www.headhuntersflyshop.com
	Knowcals	413 Central Ave	800-630-7780	https://www.knowcals.com
HAVRE	Montana Outfitting Company		406-399-4100	https://www.montanaoutfittingcompany.com
LEWISTOWN	Beaver Creek Outfitters	207 W Montana St	406-366-2112	https://www.beavercreekoutfitting.com
MOCCASIN	Pigeye Outfitters	6352 Pioneer Rd	406-423-5332	http://www.pigeye.com
TURNER	Borderline Outfitters	41235 Turner Rd	406-379-2661	http://www.borderlineoutfitters.com
TWODOT	McFarland & White Ranch	500 Big Elk Rd	406-632-4868	https://www.mcfarlandwhiteranch.com
VAUGHN	Montana Safaris	200 US Highway 89	406-466-2004	https://www.montanasafaris.com
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Camp Baker Outfitters	913 Smith River Rd	406-547-2173	
	Howard Zehntner Hunting	111 Zehntner Ln	406-547-3483	
	Landers Fork Outfitters	507 West Main	406-870-3117	https://landersforkoutfitters.squarespace.com
	Smith River Expeditions, LLC	201 East Baker St	406-370-2868	http://www.smithriverflyfishing.com
WINIFRED	Tri Mountain Outfitters	63 Slaughter House Rd	406-547-2177	http://www.trimt.com
	Dog Creek Outfitters	2105 Kucera Rd	406-462-5612	https://www.dogcreekoutfitters.co
	Knox Ranch, Whiskey Ridge Outfitters	3899 Woodhawk Rd	406-462-5525	
WINNETT	Flatwillow Creek Outfitters	371 Kiehl Ranch Rd	406-429-5601	https://www.flatwillowcreekoutfitters.com

Expert **Central** | DOUG RAHN ROAD WARRIOR

“Looking for a destination to quench your thirst for a ride on the open road? Central Montana has miles of vast plains, mountain curves and scenic byways. Cruise the highways or the backroads to find the views you’ve been looking for.”



Accommodations IN CENTRAL MONTANA

PUBLIC CAMPGROUND

AUGUSTA	Home Gulch Campground		406-466-5341	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Mortimer Gulch Campground		406-466-5341	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	South Fork Sun Campground		406-466-5341	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
BIG SANDY	Judith Landing Recreation Area		406-622-4000	
CHESTER	Island Area Campground		406-759-5077	https://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
	North Bootlegger Campground		406-759-5077	https://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
	Sanford Park Campground		406-759-5077	https://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
	South Bootlegger Campground		406-759-5077	https://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
	VFW Campground		406-759-5077	https://fwp.mt.gov
	Willow Creek Campground		406-759-5077	https://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
CHOTEAU	Cave Mountain Campground		406-466-5341	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Elko Campground	Lewis and Clark National Forest	406-466-5341	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Mill Falls Campground	Lewis and Clark National Forest	406-466-5341	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	West Fork Guard Station		406-466-5341	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
FORT BENTON	Coal Banks Landing Recreation Site		406-622-4000	https://www.blm.gov/montana-dakotas
GREAT FALLS	Thain Creek Campground		406-566-2292	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
HARLOWTON	Jellison Place Campground		406-632-4391	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Spring Creek Campground		406-632-4391	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
HAVRE	Fresno Reservoir Campground		406-759-5077	https://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
	Kiehns Bay Campground		406-759-5077	https://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
	Kremlin Campground		406-759-5077	https://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
HOBSON	Hay Canyon Campground		406-566-2292	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Indian Hill Campground		406-566-2292	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Judith Station Campground		406-566-2292	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
LEWISTOWN	Crystal Lake Campground		406-566-2292	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	James Kipp Recreation Area		406-622-4000	https://www.blm.gov/montana-dakotas
MONARCH	Logging Creek Campground		406-236-5511	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
NEIHART	Aspen Campground		406-547-3361	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Kings Hill Campground		406-547-3361	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Many Pines Campground		406-236-5511	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
STANFORD	Dry Wolf Campground	15060 Dry Wolf Rd	406-566-2292	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Grasshopper Creek Campground		406-547-3361	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Jumping Creek Campground		406-547-3361	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Moose Creek Campground		406-236-5511	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
	Richardson Campground		406-547-3361	https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf
WINNETT	Crooked Creek Campground		406-526-3411	

HOT SPRINGS

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Spa Hot Springs Motel	202 W Main	406-547-3366	https://www.spahotspings.com
------------------------------	-----------------------	------------	--------------	---



PRIVATE CAMPGROUND

CASCADE	Prewett Creek RV & Campground	18 Bighorn Sheep Drive	406-788-5360	https://prewettcreekrv.com
CHOTEAU	Choteau City Park & Campground	204 1st St NE	406-466-2510	https://choteaumt.org/campground
	Choteau Mountain View Campground	85 MT Hwy 221	406-466-2615	https://campchoteaumt.com
CONRAD	Pondera RV Park	120 7th Ave SW	406-271-2263	https://conradrvpark.com
	Sunrise RV & Trailer Court	309 S Minnesota	406-253-3920	
DENTON	Denton Campground	307 Broadway	406-567-2626	
FORT BELKNAP	Fort Belknap RV Park	71 Assiniboine Ave	406-353-4260	
FORT BENTON	Benton RV Park & Campground	2410 Chouteau St	406-622-5015	https://montana-rv-park.com
	Canoe Launch Campground	205 Fairgrounds Loop	406-622-5505	https://www.chocofair.com/camping
	D & S RV Park	316 Franklin	406-622-5104	
	Little Montana Truckstop & Campground	44045 US Hwy 87	406-428-2270	
GREAT FALLS	Great Falls KOA	1500 51st St S	406-727-3191	https://koa.com/campgrounds/great-falls
HARLOWTON	Chief Joseph Park	3rd St SW	406-632-5523	https://harlowton.municipalimpact.com/home
HAVRE	Beaver Creek Park	17863 Beaver Creek Rd	406-395-4565	https://www.bcpark.org
	Evergreen Campground	4850 72nd Ave W	406-265-8228	https://evergreencampground.com
	Great Northern Fair & Campground	1676 US Hwy 2 W	406-265-7121	https://www.greatnorthernfair.net
	Hansen Family Campground & Storage	39180 US Hwy 2 E	406-945-6629	https://www.hansenfamilycampground.com
	Havre RV Park	1415 1st St	406-265-8861	
JUDITH GAP	Bar 100 RV Court	2 High St	406-473-9906	
LEWISTOWN	Mountain Acres RV Park & Campground	103 Rocklyn Ave	406-538-7591	https://www.enjoylewistown.com/mountain-acres-rv-campground
SHELBY	Lake Shel-oole Campground	1210 Oilfield Ave	406-434-5222	https://www.shelbymt.com/parks-recreation
	Lewis & Clark RV Park	1535 Oilfield Ave	406-434-2710	https://lewisandclarkrvpark.com
	Shelby RV Park & Resort	455 McKinley Ave	406-434-2233	https://www.shelbymtrvpark.com
	Trails West RV Park	770 Adams Ave	406-424-8436	
	Williamson Park Campground	72 Williamson Park Rd	406-434-5222	https://www.shelbymt.com
STANFORD	Double B RV Park	519 3rd St S	406-566-2363	https://www.russellcountry.com/double-b-rv-park.html
SUNBURST	M&R RV Park	208 2nd Ave W	406-937-7030	
	Sun Down RV Park	205 2nd St N	406-937-3232	
VALIER	Lake Frances Campground & RV Park	505 Lake Shore Dr	406-279-3721	https://www.townofvalier.com
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Conestoga Campground & RV Park	815 8th Ave SW	406-547-3890	https://conestoga-campground.com
	Springs Campground	1004 W Main	406-547-3982	
WINIFRED	SRA Campground	45 Truck Bypass	406-462-5456	
WINNETT	Hilltop Campgrounds	813 N Broadway	406-429-5321	

Expert **Central** | ERIC HEIDLE HIKING ENTHUSIAST

“Central Montana Hiking Checklist: Good clothing. Sturdy shoes. Water. Snacks. Bear spray. First aid kit. Shared itinerary. Camera. Companions. Spare time. Sense of wonder. Creekside naps. Willingness to be amazed by wild, spectacular landscapes.”



Accommodations IN CENTRAL MONTANA

VACATION HOME

AUGUSTA	Schradly Rest	112 Fleming St	907-209-3247	
BRADY	Weikum Inn	1331 Arod Lakes Rd	406-278-0150	
BYNUM	Andersen's Blackleaf Guest House	27 Blackleaf Rd	406-469-2318	
CASCADE	Best Place on the Missouri River	29 Missouri Overlook	406-202-4424	
	BobKat River Cabin	26 River Dr	406-468-9135	
	Canyon Meadows Retreat	1 Meadow Ln	406-468-3431	http://www.vrbo.com/471607
	Dave Keene Life is Good Lodge	40 Meadow Harbor Ln	703-671-5602	http://www.vrbo.com/118896
	Hidden View Estate	22 Cox Creek Ln	208-898-3853	
	Missouri River House & Mid-Canon House		406-431-7638	http://www.missouririverhouse.com
	Missouri River Vacation Home	20 River Dr	206-909-1919	http://www.vrbo.com/570289
	Rivers Edge Retreat	#3 Meadow Ln	406-443-7829	https://www.hipcamp.com/en-US/montana/rivers-edge-retreat/rivers-edge-retreat
	Wood River House	58 River Dr	406-461-1814	
CHOTEAU	Beds by the Creek	506 Main Ave S	406-799-7222	
	Kirk Matting Ly LLC	14 9th Ave NE	406-868-7349	
	Rocky Mountain Front Retreat	46 Bellview Cutacross Rd	604-603-7137	http://www.vrbo.com/3628800ha
FORT BENTON	12th & Front Suites	1212 Front St	406-871-4205	https://www.airbnb.com
	Emily's Vacation Cottage	806 Franklin St	406-231-2764	https://www.emilysvacationcottage.com
	Fort Benton River House	417 River St	406-622-5298	http://www.fortbenton.com/riverhouse
	Franklin Street Guest House	1105 Franklin St	406-733-2261	http://www.fortbenton.com/franklin/index.htm
GREAT FALLS	909 Apartment	913 3rd Ave W	406-868-7933	
	Boulder Ridge Montana	417 Wilson Butte Rd	406-788-4285	https://www.boulderridgemontana.com
	Miller Rental	307 16th St N	406-231-3198	
	Russell Country Inn	2516 4th Avenue N	406-761-7125	
LEWISTOWN	Central Montana Vacation Home	112 10th Ave S	406-366-0317	http://www.nickieedwards.com/duplex.html
	Central MT Cozy Vacation Space	112 1/2 10th Ave S	406-366-0317	http://www.nickieedwards.com/duplex.html
	East Fork Creekside Cottage	1276 Red Hill Rd	406-366-9295	http://www.airbnb.com/h/eastforkcreekside
	Home Away From Home	913 W Janeaux	406-535-2234	
	Home on the Hill		406-535-7380	
	Vacation Bungalow	206 10th Ave S	406-366-0317	http://www.nickieedwards.com/duplex.html
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Montana Sunrise Lodge	2063 US Highway 89 N	720-900-8089	https://www.montanasunriselodge.com
	The Blue House	301 2nd Ave SE	406-539-6234	
	Townsend Ranch Willow Creek Cabins		406-580-6928	https://www.willowcreekcabinsmontana.com

CAR RENTAL

GREAT FALLS	Alamo/National Car Rental	2800 Terminal Dr	406-453-4386	https://www.nationalcar.com/en/home.html
	Avis Rent-A-Car	2800 Terminal Dr	406-761-7610	https://www.avis.com/en/home
	Budget Rent-A-Car	2800 Terminal Dr	406-453-0837	https://www.budget.com/en/home
	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	3305 10th Ave S	406-761-1600	https://www.enterprise.com/en/home.html
	Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Airport	2800 Terminal Dr	406-216-5001	https://www.enterprise.com/en/home.html
	Hertz Rent-A-Car	2800 Terminal Dr Suite 106C	406-761-6641	http://www.hertz.com
HAVRE	Budget Rent-A-Car of Havre	4514 Highway 2 W	406-265-1156	https://www.tillemamotor.com
	Havre Ford	1991 Highway 2 W	406-265-2246	https://www.havreford.net
LEWISTOWN	Sparks Rent-A-Car and Sales	519 W Broadway	406-535-7701	

CABIN

AUGUSTA	Elizabeth's Cabin	937 Arrowhead Dr	619-742-8812	https://www.evolvevacationrental.com/431125
BELT	Belt Creek Cabin	49 Castner St	559-577-0585	
BYNUM	Wolf Willow Cabin	1212 Blackleaf Rd	406-469-2304	
CASCADE	Cabin on Cox Creek	26 Cox Creek Ln	208-863-4046	https://umoriverrentals.com/cabin-on-cox-creek/
	Missouri River Cottage	4349 Marshal Ln	406-866-0981	
FAIRFIELD	Rusty Spur Guesthouse & Gallery	221 10th Ln SW	406-467-2700	https://rustyspur.net
LENNEP	Sawmill Canyon Cabin	Sawmill Canyon	406-350-9066	
LEWISTOWN	Cabin on Casino Creek	3682 Casino Creek Rd	406-535-5797	
	Cottonwood Cabins	4197 Lower Cottonwood Creek Rd	406-538-8411	https://www.cottonwoodlogcabins.com
	Montana Bunkhouse	772 Beaver Creek Rd	406-366-0986	https://www.montanabunkhouse.com
LOMA	Cabins at Mas Loma Cafe	203 US Highway 87	406-739-4400	
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Grassy Mountain Cabins	100 Grassy Mountain Rd	406-547-3357	
	King's Hill Getaway	30 Bingham Ln	406-547-2437	
	OP Rental	2059 US Hwy 89 N	406-853-5573	
	Rhynard Ranch Recreation		406-572-3612	http://rhynardranchrec.com

SPECIAL INTERESTS

BIG SANDY	Missouri River Breaks Tours	1736 Butte View Rd	406-386-2486	
FORREST GROVE	Beargulch Pictographs	2749 Fairview Rd	406-428-2439	http://www.beargulch.net
GREAT FALLS	Giant Springs Trout Hatchery	4801 Giant Springs Rd	406-727-1212	http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/hatcheries
HARLEM	Fort Belknap Aaniiih Nakoda Tours	71 Assiniboine Ave	406-673-3002	https://www.fortbelknapcedc.org/aaniiih-nakoda-tours
HAVRE	Havre Beneath the Streets	120 3rd Ave	406-265-8888	https://havrechamber.com/explore
HEART BUTTE	Feather Woman Mountain Adventures	1 Park Rd Box 245	406-338-2021	
LEWISTOWN	Big Springs Trout Hatchery	2051 Fish Hatchery Rd	406-538-5588	https://fwp.mt.gov
	Charlie Russell Chew-Choo Dinner Train		406-535-5436	https://montanadinnertrain.com
SHELBY	Carousel Rest Area of Shelby	441 11th Ave N	406-424-8444	
VALIER	DeBoo's Ranch Adventures	2900 High Plains Ln	406-472-3344	https://www.debooranchadventures.com



EAT LOCAL IN FLAVOR CENTRAL

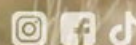
Look for Montana's Taste Our Place logo when you're wanting to sample the best locally-sourced grub in Big Sky Country. Beef, bread, beer—some of the finest foods start right here at area farms and ranches. To find great local food, visit madeinmontanausa.com/Taste-our-Place

HOMETANA®

All Things Montana gifts & apparel

DOWNTOWN GREAT FALLS
112 1st Ave. S.

Shirts
Hats
Kids Gifts
Candles
Stickers
Souvenirs
Huckleberry Items
& More



We ship!

www.hometana.com



JANUARY

- 12-14** MT Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals
Great Falls
- 18-20** MAGIE Ag Expo Great Falls
- 26-29** Montana Winter Fair Lewistown
- 27-29** MT Performing Arts Consortium
Fort Benton

FEBRUARY

- 18-19** Banked Slalom
Showdown Ski Area

MARCH

- 15-18** Western Heritage Art Show
Great Falls
- 16-18** Out West Art Show
Great Falls
- 16-19** Great Western Living & Design Show
Great Falls
- 17-18** Charlie's March Roundup
Great Falls
- 24-26** Wild Wings Festival Choteau
- 25** Hi-Line Brewfest Havre
- 25** Brock Stokke Bump-Off Bash &
Tacky Attire Showdown Ski Area
- Mar 31-Apr 2** Home & Garden Show
Great Falls

MAY

- 6** Cruisin' the Drag Car Show
Great Falls
- 20** Kickin' Assphalt Half Marathon &
10k Great Falls
- 20** Brewfest Fort Benton

JUNE

- 2-3** Whoop Up Days Rodeo Conrad
- 3** Bear Paw Marathon Havre
- 3** Living History Day Havre
- 3** Art Alley Celebration Havre

- 3** Hands On Montana Lewistown
- 10** Triple P Triathlon Valier
- 23-25** Homesteader Days Valier
- 23-25** Summer Celebration Fort Benton
- 23-25** Augusta Rodeo Augusta
- 27** Ivan Doig Day Dupuyer
- June 30-July 2** Annual Lewis and Clark
Festival Great Falls

JULY

- 2-3** Harlowton NRA Rodeo Harlowton
- 2-4** Art In The Park / Car Show Joplin
- 3-4** Choteau American Legion Rodeo
Choteau
- 9** Flea Market Virgelle
- 10** Home and Studio Tour Lewistown
- 15** Bull Run & Bike Half Marathon
Stanford
- 16** CM Russell Stampede Stanford
- 19-23** Hill County Fair Havre
- 19-23** Marias Fair Shelby
- 21** Montana Hot Summer Nights
Lewistown
- 26-29** Central MT Fair Lewistown
- 27-30** Red Ants Pants Music Festival
White Sulphur Springs
- July 28-Aug 5** Montana State Fair
Great Falls

AUGUST

- 5** CenterFest Music Festival Lewistown
- 5** Grizzly Day Dupuyer
- 5-6** Rocky Boy Powwow
Rocky Boy Reservation
- 10-13** Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering
Lewistown
- 11-18** ArtsFest Montana Great Falls
- 12** Harlo Music Project Harlowton
- 18-20** The Russell Great Falls

- 19** Montana's Longest Table Lewistown
- 26** Havre Trails Brewfest Havre

SEPTEMBER

- 3-4** PRCA Labor Day Rodeo
White Sulphur Springs
- 9** Chochecherry Festival Lewistown
- 9** Trails and Ales Lewistown
- 15-16** Havre Festival Days Havre
- 24** Sugarbeet Festival Chinook

OCTOBER

- 7** HarvestFest Art Auction Lewistown

NOVEMBER

- 24** Lewistown Christmas Stroll
Lewistown
- 24-26** Bright Country Nights Christmas
Light Display Lewistown

DECEMBER

- 1-3** Chouteau County Country Christmas
Big Sandy, Fort Benton, Geraldine,
Loma, Virgelle
- 2** Holiday Stroll Havre

ONGOING

Electric City Speedway
May-September Great Falls

Sounds on the Square
June-August, Havre

Kicks @ 6
June-August, Havre

Voyagers Baseball
June-August, Great Falls

Community Farmers Market
June-September

Charlie Russell Chew-Choo Train Rides
June-December, Lewistown

Americans NA3HL Hockey
September-March, Great Falls

Dates are subject to change.

For more event listings visit centralmontana.com.

2023 EVENTS

This buck takes the title
of King of the Hill.



Find Your Center

Enjoy the time and space to do what you love



Lewistown
MONTANA



520 E Main
Lewistown, MT
406-535-5496
B-Bmotel.com



216 7th Avenue S
Lewistown, MT
877-371-5411
TheCalvertHotel.com



102 Wendell
Lewistown, MT
406-538-2581
Super8.com



216 NE Main
Lewistown, MT
406-535-5468



211 E Main
Lewistown, MT
406-535-8721
YogoInn.com

ENJOYLEWISTOWN.COM ❖ (406) 535-5436

Funding Provided By Lewistown Hoteliers Tourism Business Improvement District

CHARLIE RUSSELL CHEW-CHOO

Montana's Dinner Train Lewistown, Montana

The Charlie Russell Chew-Choo glides across the beautiful Judith Basin crossing three trestles, passing ghost towns and slipping through a 2000 ft tunnel along the way.

- ❖ 4 Hour Train Adventure
- ❖ Prime Rib Dinner
- ❖ Abundant Wildlife
- ❖ No Host Bar



For Reservations and Information
(406) 535-5436 :: (866) 912-3980
MontanaDinnerTrain.com

