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We have included phone numbers throughout the planner for your convenience. Use Montana's area code (406) for all phone numbers unless otherwise noted.

Below are some resources that may be useful as you plan your adventure in Central Montana:

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

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

Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center
www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf

Glacier & Yellowstone National Parks
www.nps.gov

Lewistown Bureau of Land Management
www.blm.gov

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

Nez Perce National Historic Park
www.nps.gov

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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. I-15 exit 247, 8 miles south of Cascade.

OLD FORTS TRAIL

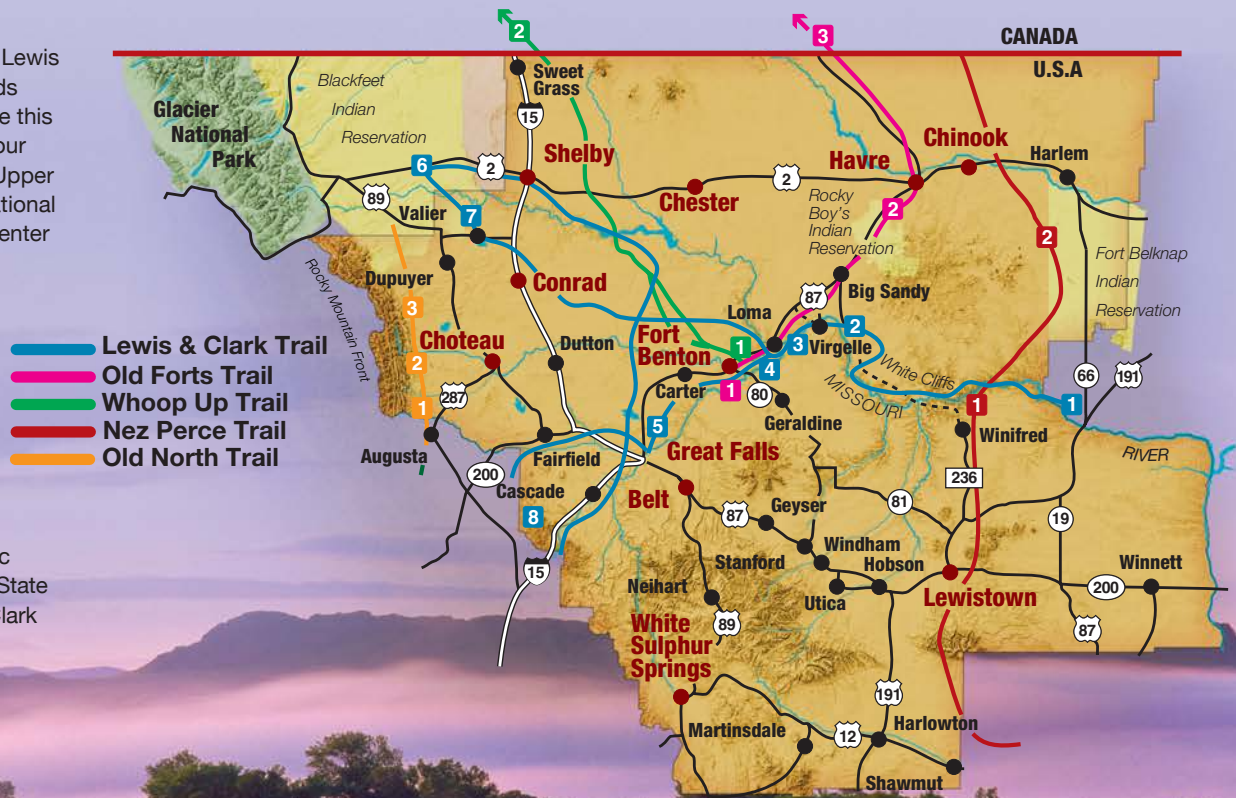
Experience early trade and settler life along this supply wagon trail from Fort Benton to Canada.

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.



You're seldom far from water along our historic trails—and with good reason. Reliable water sources were vital for earlier travelers and residents of what is now Central Montana.

Remembrances and markers ensure that history lives on at the Bear Paw Battlefield.



GEORGIA MILLER

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.

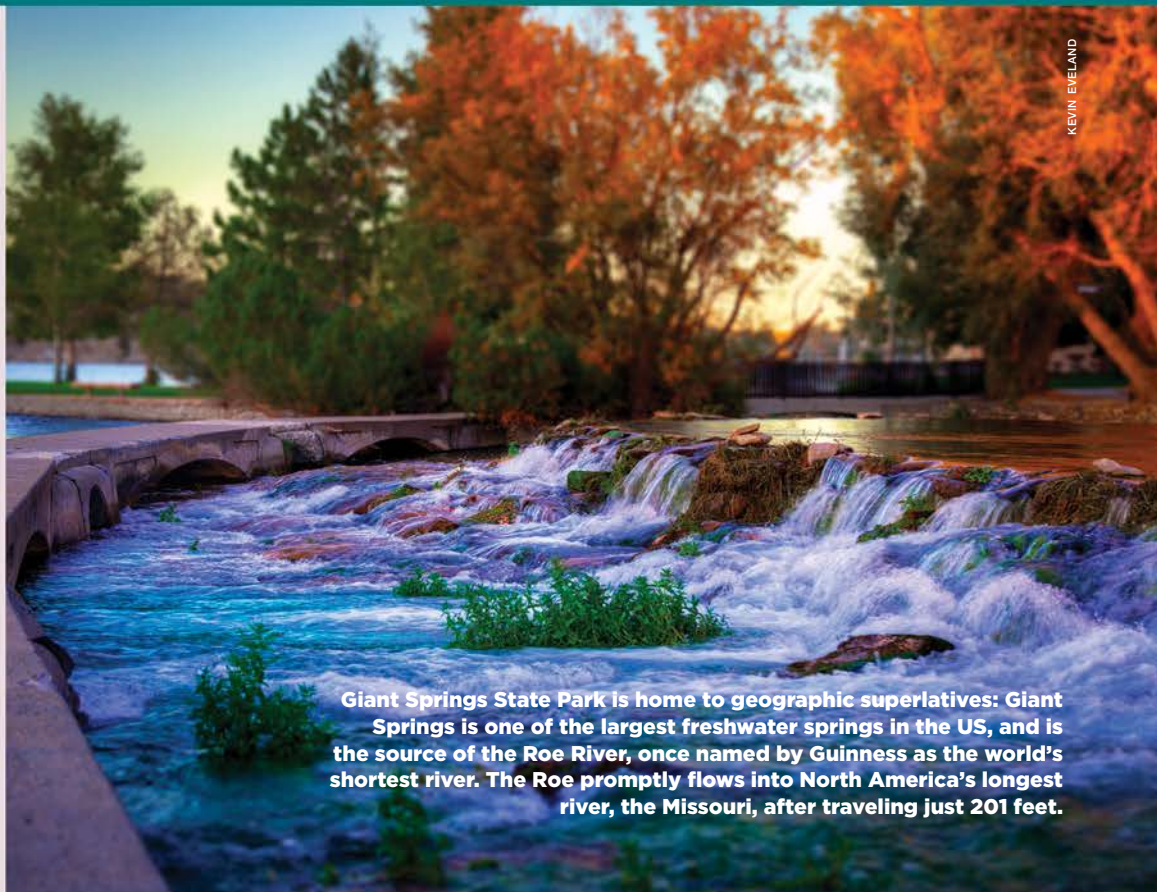
2 Bear Paw Battlefield: Located 16 miles south of Chinook on Route 240, the site is a tribute to the Nez Perce people and the battle ending the Nez Perce War of 1877. From here, the trail divides: some escaped to Canada, while others were relocated to Oklahoma. Annual commemoration takes place the first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

EXPLORING THE HISTORIC TRAILS OF CENTRAL MONTANA

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:

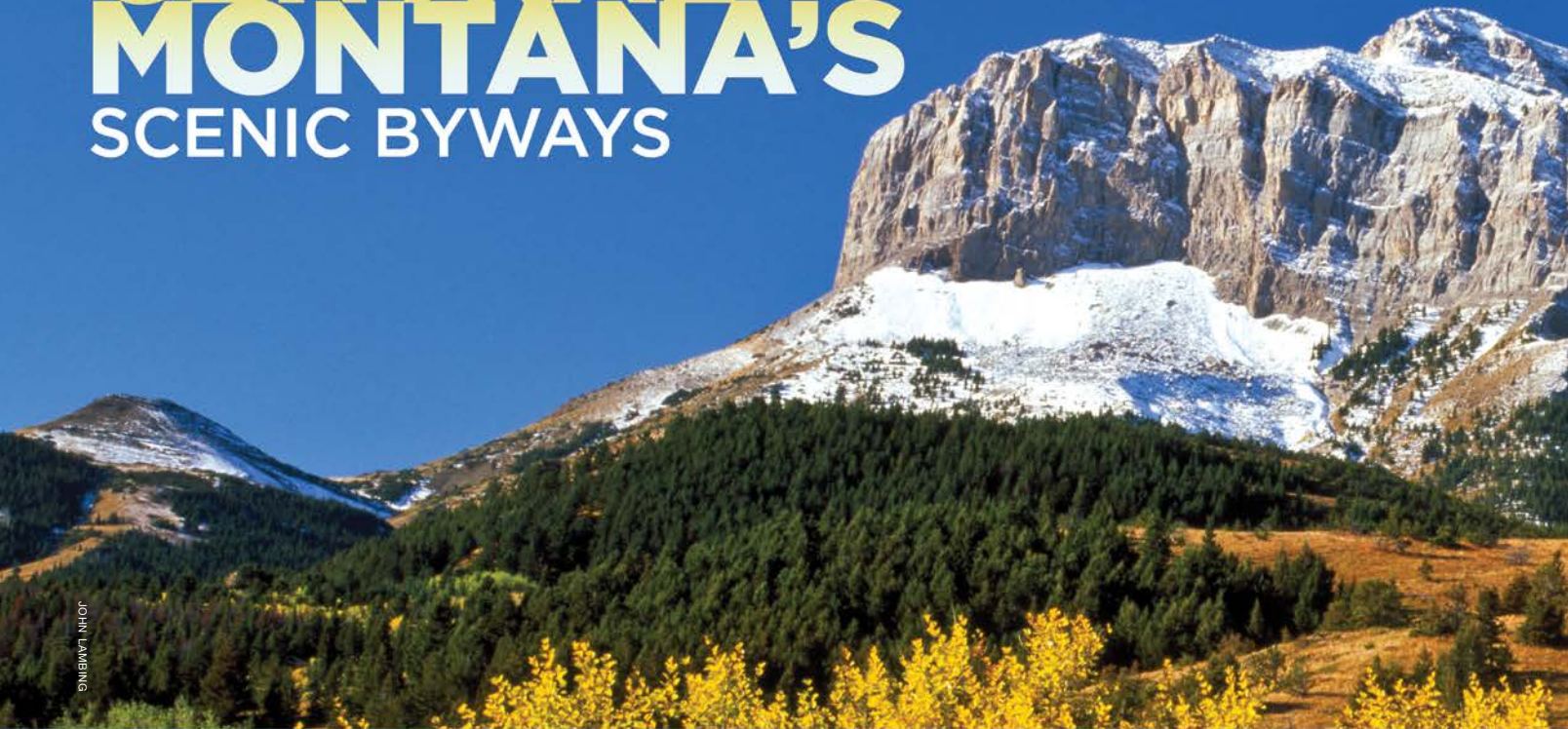
- 1 Choteau: 20 miles west on North and South Forks of Teton Road
- 2 Bynum: Blackleaf Road
- 3 Dupuyer: 17 miles west on Swift Dam Road



KEVIN EVELAND

Giant Springs State Park is home to geographic superlatives: Giant Springs is one of the largest freshwater springs in the US, and is the source of the Roe River, once named by Guinness as the world's shortest river. The Roe promptly flows into North America's longest river, the Missouri, after traveling just 201 feet.

CENTRAL MONTANA'S SCENIC BYWAYS



JOHN LAMBING

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.

Bring a fishing pole for your drive: opportunities to wet a line abound along our scenic backroads.



CRAIG & LIZ LARCOM

The Rocky Mountain Front contains some of Big Sky Country's biggest scenery, including this view of the peak evocatively named Old Man of the Hills.



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.

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

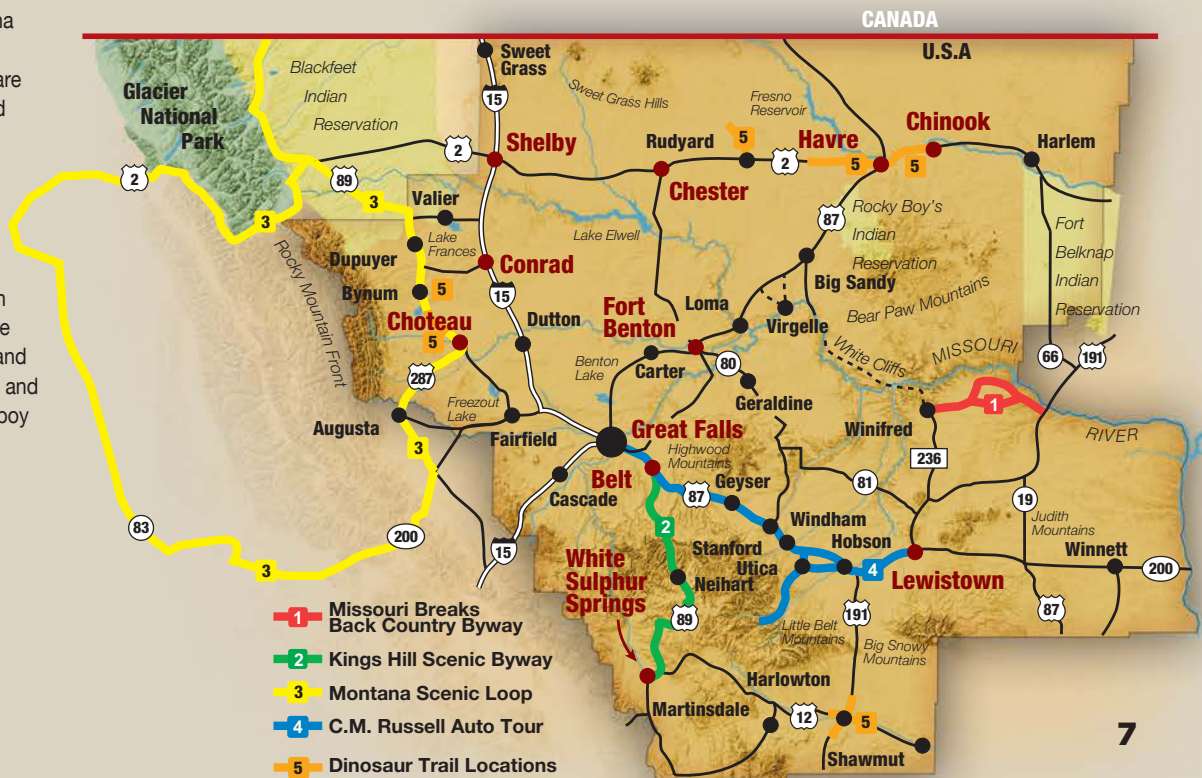
The main route follows Highway 87 for approximately 100 miles between Great Falls and Lewistown. Memorial

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.

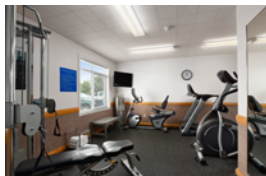
5 Dinosaur Trail: Enjoy six stars of Montana's Dinosaur Trail: Choteau and Bynum (US 89), Rudyard, Havre and Chinook (US 2) and Harlowton (US 12). They offer significant paleontology displays and some have "hands-on" field digs.

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.



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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 Two Medicine 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, the Sweet Grass Hills. Experience area history and culture at the Liberty County Museum (759-5256), the Liberty Village Arts Center (759-5652) and enjoy a variety of restored cars at the Awesome Autos vintage car museum (759-5291). 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.

SETTING OUT IN 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).

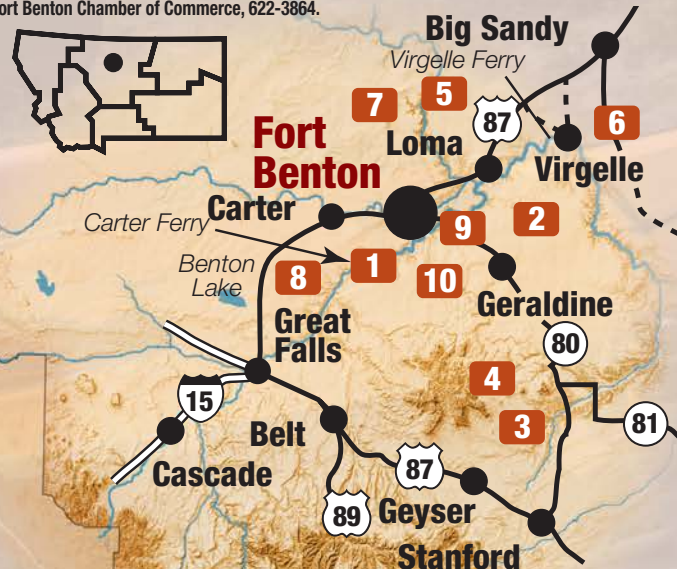
From the legendary Smith River to the layered history of the Missouri, Central Montana's waterways provide amazing alternatives for seeing sights.

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.

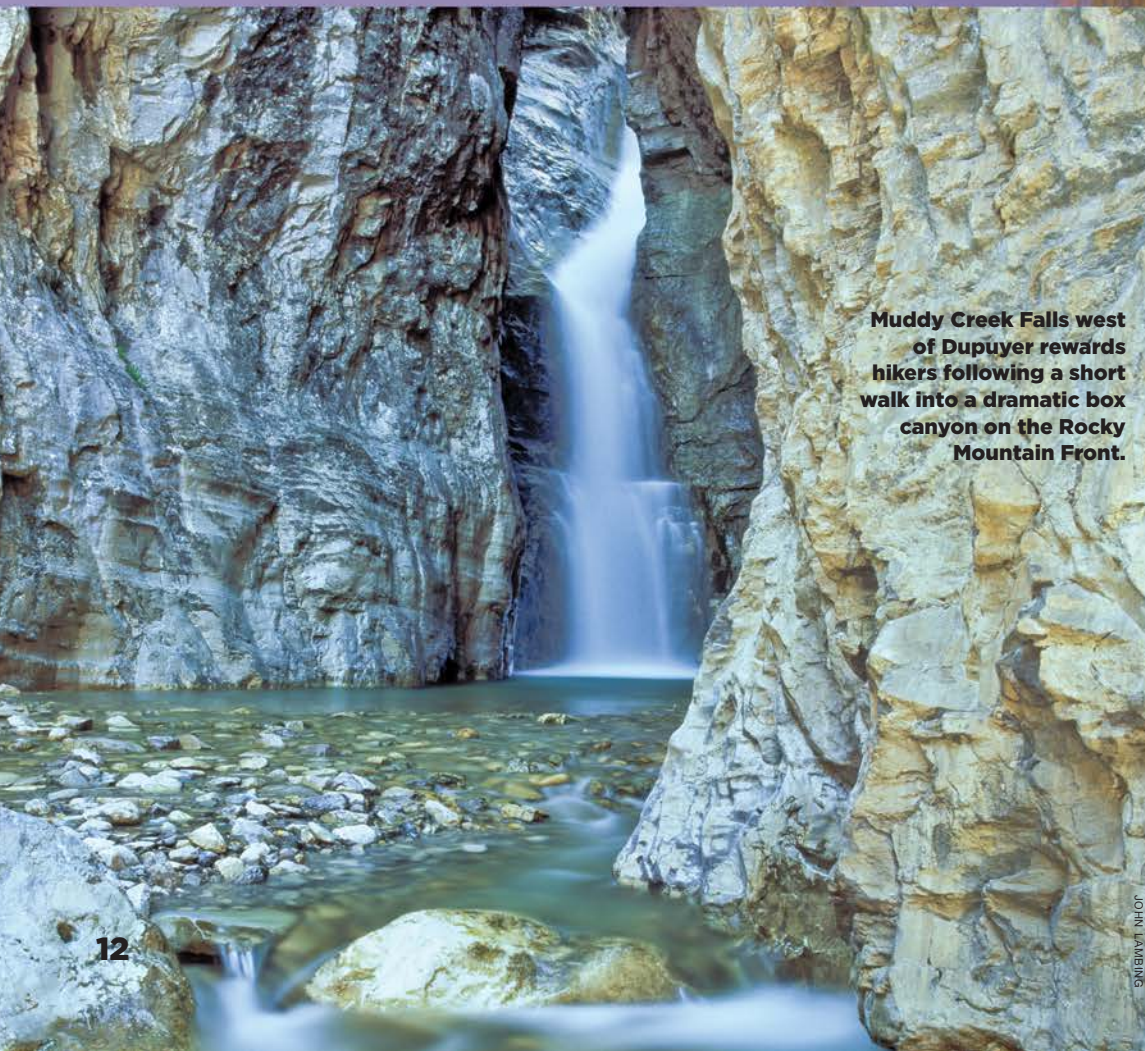
Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce, 622-3864.



A favorite subject of western artist Charlie Russell, Square Butte is painted in the gold of daybreak.

FIND A NEW PERSPECTIVE IN CENTRAL MONTANA

JOHN LAMMING



Muddy Creek Falls west of Dupuyer rewards hikers following a short walk into a dramatic box canyon on the Rocky Mountain Front.

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.

JOHN LAMMING



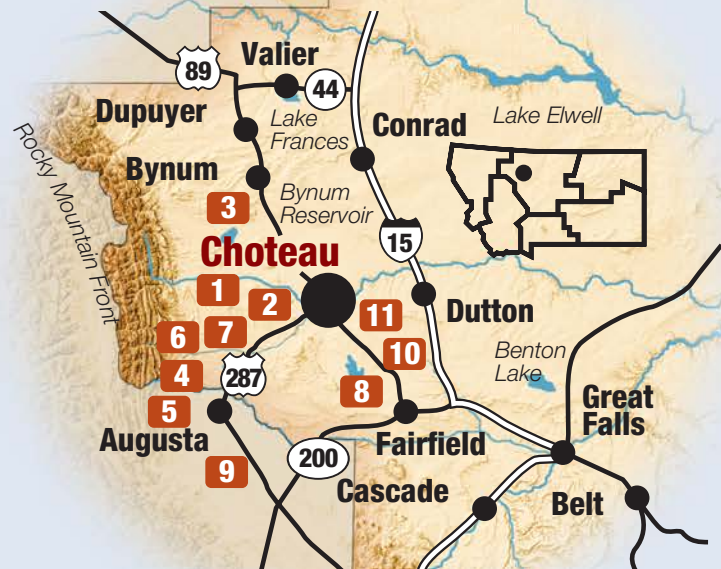
Upland bird hunting is popular for hunters on two legs or four, and can be especially rewarding in the open stretches of Central Montana such as those found in Blaine, Fergus and Petroleum Counties.

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. Two Medicine 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.



Picnicking and camping available at William 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.

JESS MCALOTHUN



Great Falls features a number of fine arts venues, including Paris Gibson Square and its brick gateway by artist Robert Harrison.

GERALDINE, GEYSER, SQUARE BUTTE



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



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



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) 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 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).

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.

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First Peoples Buffalo Jump near Ulm provides a chance to see how early nations hunted bison on the plains.

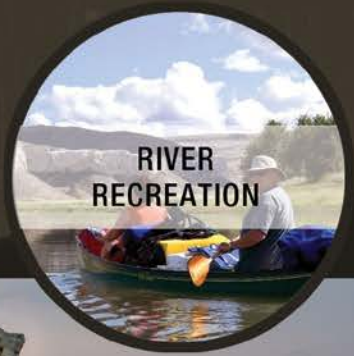
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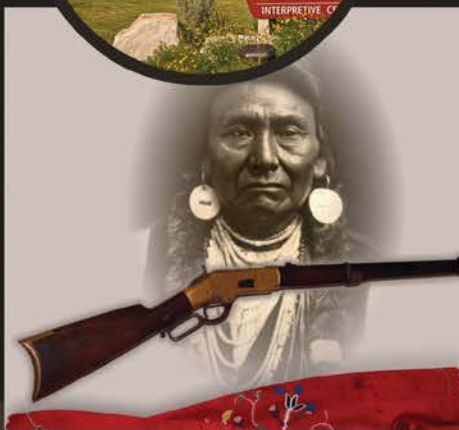
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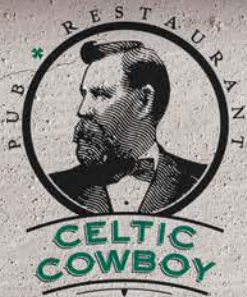


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The Big Sky offers views for miles—millions of miles in this case. Central Montana has some of the best night skies anywhere in America.

HAVRE



Experience a guided Havre Beneath the Streets tour, the Railroad Museum and a historical re-creation of early Havre (265-8888). 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). 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). 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. Hobson is known for the annual Montana Bale Trail hay bale decorating contest held the first Sunday after Labor Day; Highway 239.



Island range peaks grace the horizon in northern Central Montana near the Canadian line.

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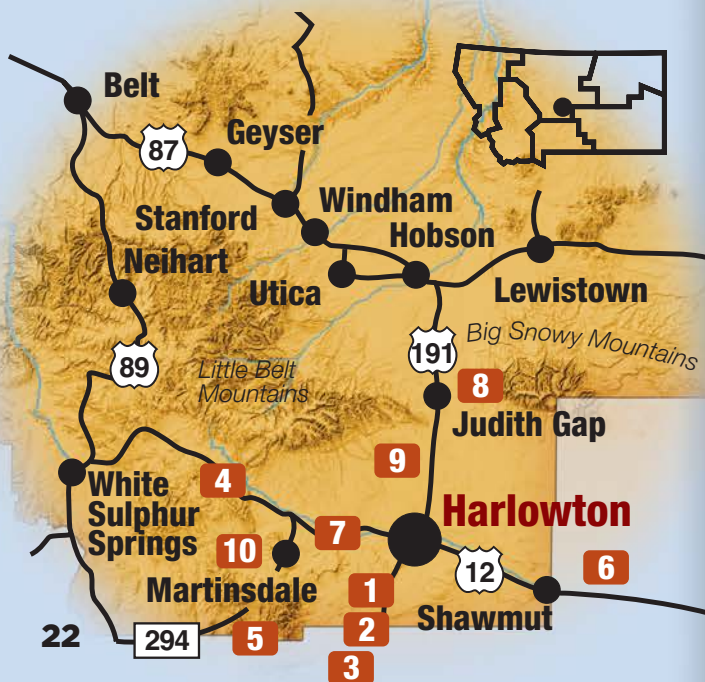
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PRAIRIES TO FOOTHILLS

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.



A crowded day at Deadman's Basin, where boaters will have lots of lake to themselves.

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 3-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.

Sluice Boxes State Park near Monarch offers year-round access to dramatic cliffs carved by Belt Creek along with fishing and exploration of the canyon's ghost town structures.

ADVENTURE YOU CAN BANK ON IN CENTRAL MONTANA

GEORGIA MILLER

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.

TERESA OTTO

A wind farm rises up out of the prairies, creating renewable energy and a mesmerizing view against the Highwood Mountains.



TAKE A BIT OF CENTRAL MONTANA BACK HOME

Even though you're going to be vacationing in some of the most beautiful open country on earth, we don't see any reason why you shouldn't eat, sleep and shop to your heart's content. Throughout Central Montana you'll find amenities to suit every taste—from handmade quilts to locally brewed beer. With so much to do,

you'll need to keep up your strength; in a region famous for our beef, wheat and barley, we guarantee you won't leave hungry. And you'll have plenty to take home with you, too; a wide variety of locally grown and Montana-made products will tempt your senses and fill your luggage. We hope you enjoy.

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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-ool (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.

Bear Paw Baldy is a classic island range peak surrounded by unspoiled habitat.

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EXPLORE THE BACKROADS OF CENTRAL MONTANA



The Frank DeRosa Railroad Museum is fun to visit no matter what size of kid you are, big or small.

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Tiber Reservoir provides great fishing from boats as well as from shore.

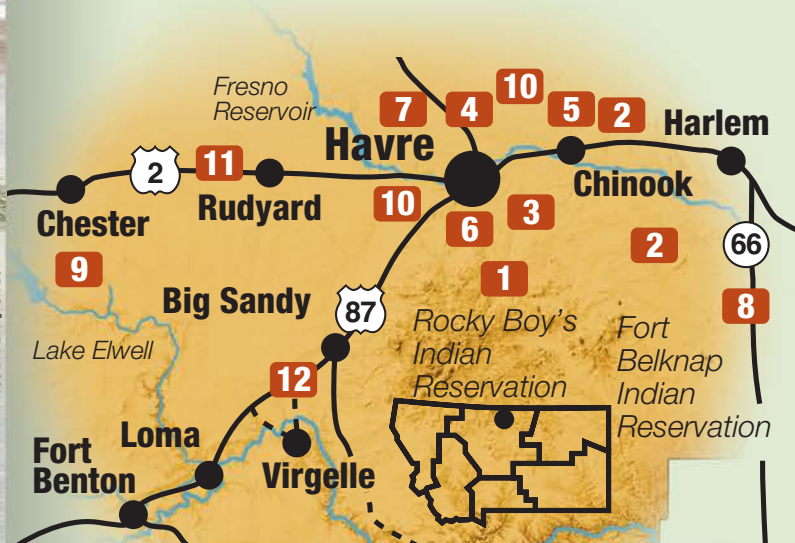
CPAIG & LIZ LARROW

ALONG THE HI-LINE

Havre and surrounding communities are located on US Highway 2, the part of Montana known as the Hi-Line.

- 1** Beaver Creek Park/Rocky Boy's 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 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 in the Holiday Village Mall in Havre. Open daily Memorial Day – Labor Day, winter hours in effect after Labor Day (no fee). 265-4000.
- 4** Wahnkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Jump – Take a 1-hour walking tour, which provides an unequaled 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. Tours Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday & Sunday Noon & 5pm. 265-4000.
- 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** Golf Courses – Beaver Creek Golf Course – 3 miles west of Havre, 9-holes. 265-4201. Prairie Farms Golf Course – 5 miles east of North Havre, 9-holes. 265-4790. Both open to the public.
- 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.



GO BACK IN TIME 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). Utica, Windham and Hobson are known for the annual Montana Bale Trail “What the Hay” bale decorating contest held the first Sunday after Labor Day; Highway 239.

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.

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.

Fanciful storefronts in Utica recall pioneer life in Central Montana.



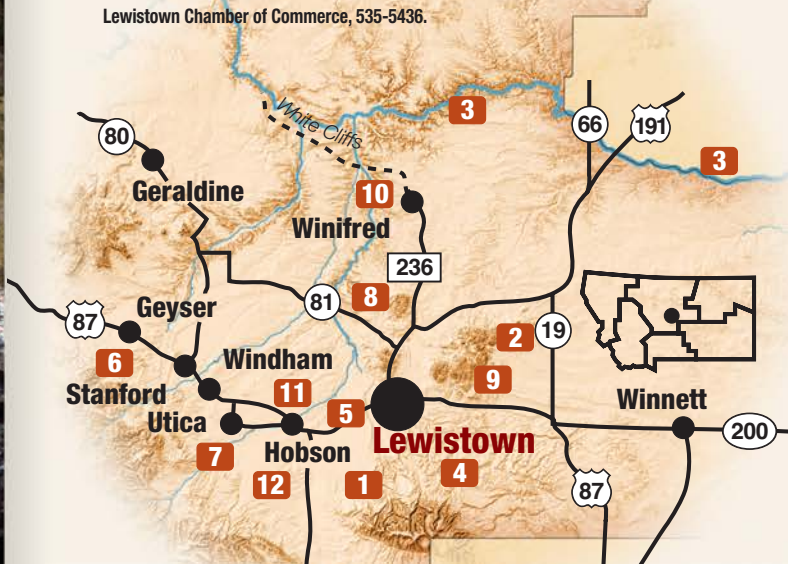
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THE HEART OF MONTANA

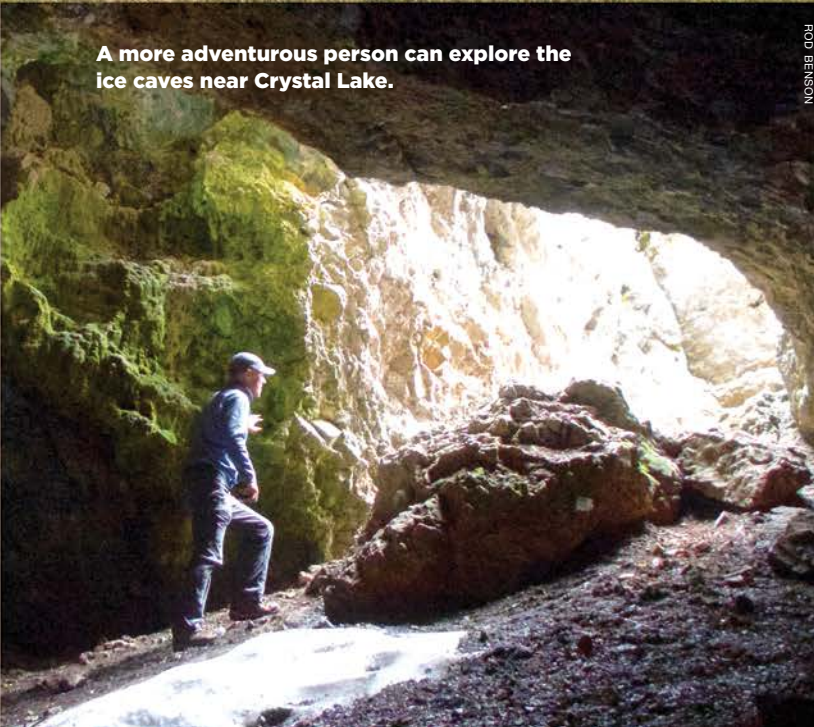
Lewistown, the geographical center of Montana, is surrounded by the Judith Mountains, Moccasin Mountains and Big and Little Snowy Mountains, and offers access to the Missouri Breaks to the north.

- 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 and museum.
- 12 Ackley Lake State Park** – 7 miles southwest of Hobson. Fishing, improved campgrounds, boating, ice fishing.

Lewistown Chamber of Commerce, 535-5436.



A more adventurous person can explore the ice caves near Crystal Lake.



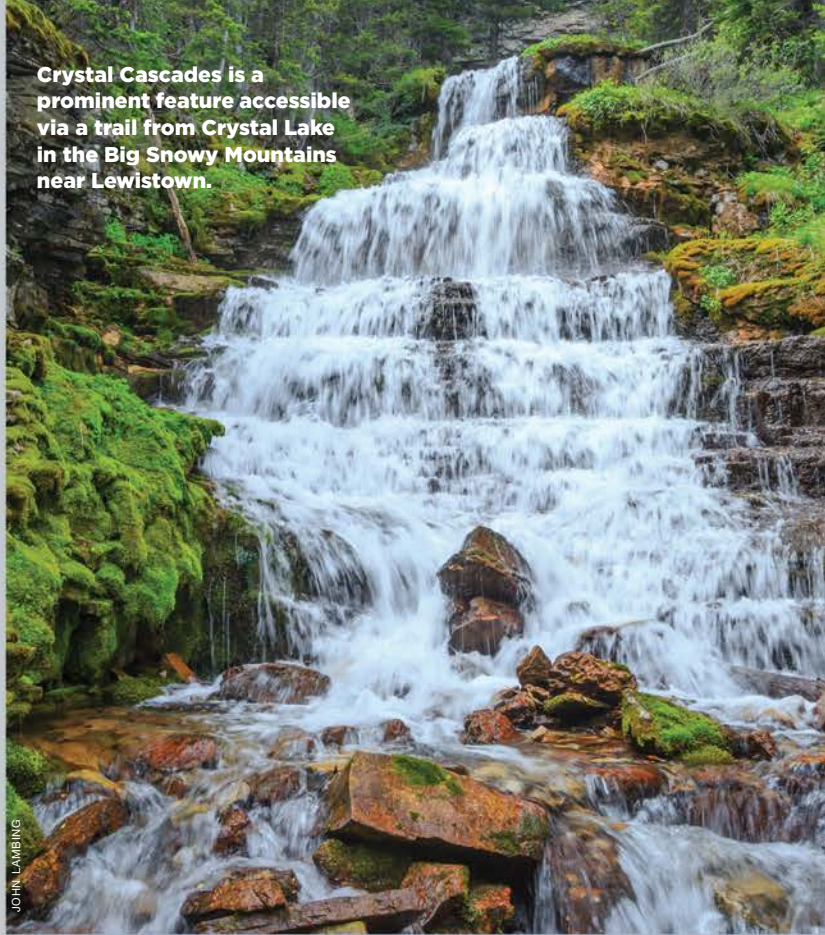
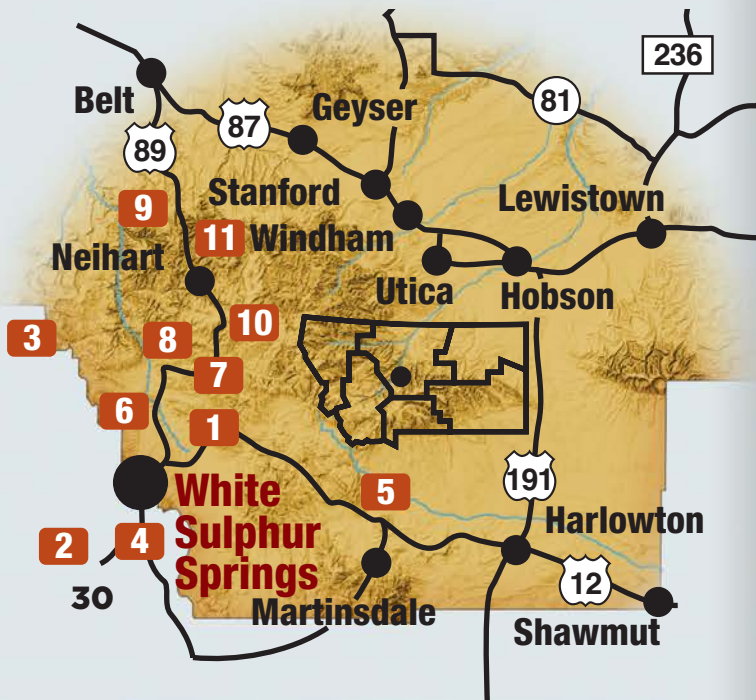
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THE LITTLE BELTS

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 **Porphry 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.



JOHN LAMBING

Crystal Cascades is a prominent feature accessible via a trail from Crystal Lake in the Big Snowy Mountains near Lewistown.

WINDHAM



Turn here for a scenic drive along the Charles Russell Memorial Trail loop, or to view the award-winning “What the Hay” competition held each September. The communities of Hobson, Utica, and Windham play host to the annual bale decorating contest, where high culture meets agriculture and the People’s Choice award is decided each year by “straw poll.” Held the first Sunday after Labor Day; Highway 239.

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.

The Montana Bale Trail’s “What the Hay” contest challenges landowners’ artistic talents to create the sculptures from bales of hay and straw.



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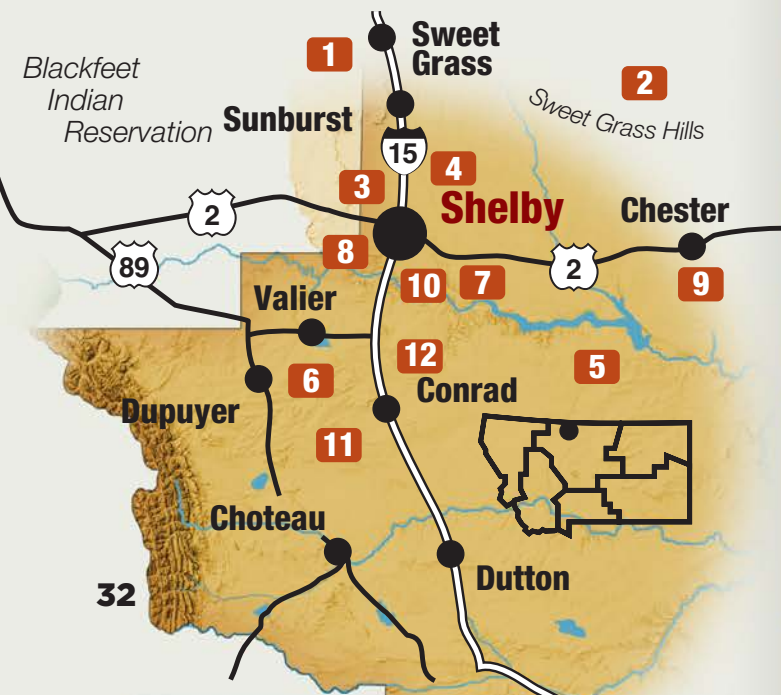
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THE SWEET GRASS HILLS

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. Open year 'round. Splash Park open summer months. Shelby's indoor carousel offers a vintage family experience.
- 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 year 'round (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.

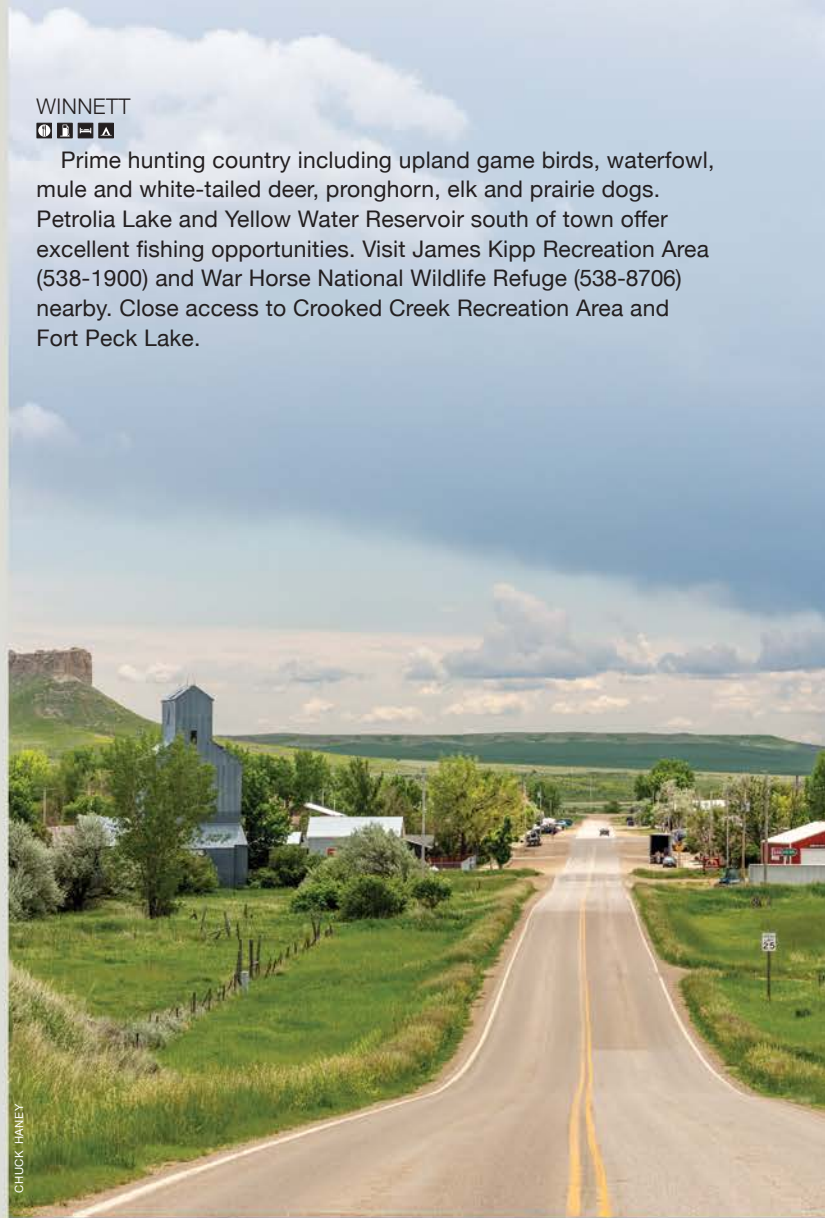
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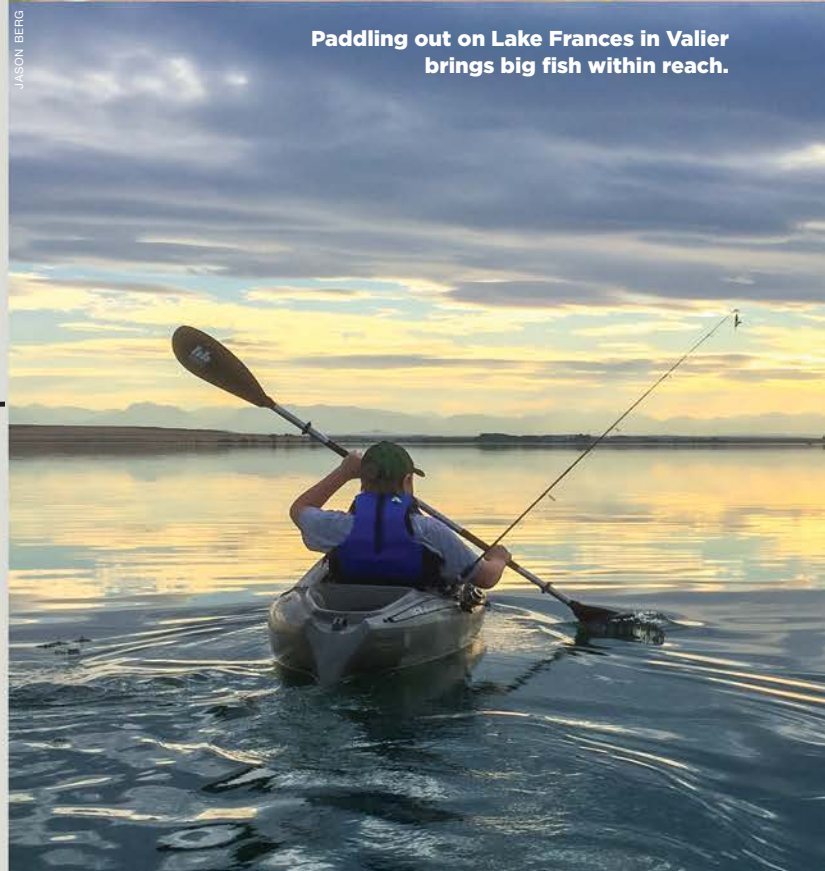


Prime hunting country including upland game birds, waterfowl, mule and white-tailed deer, pronghorn, elk and prairie dogs. Petrolia Lake and Yellow Water Reservoir south of town offer excellent fishing opportunities. Visit James Kipp Recreation Area (538-1900) and War Horse National Wildlife Refuge (538-8706)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



CHUCK HANEY
JASON BERG

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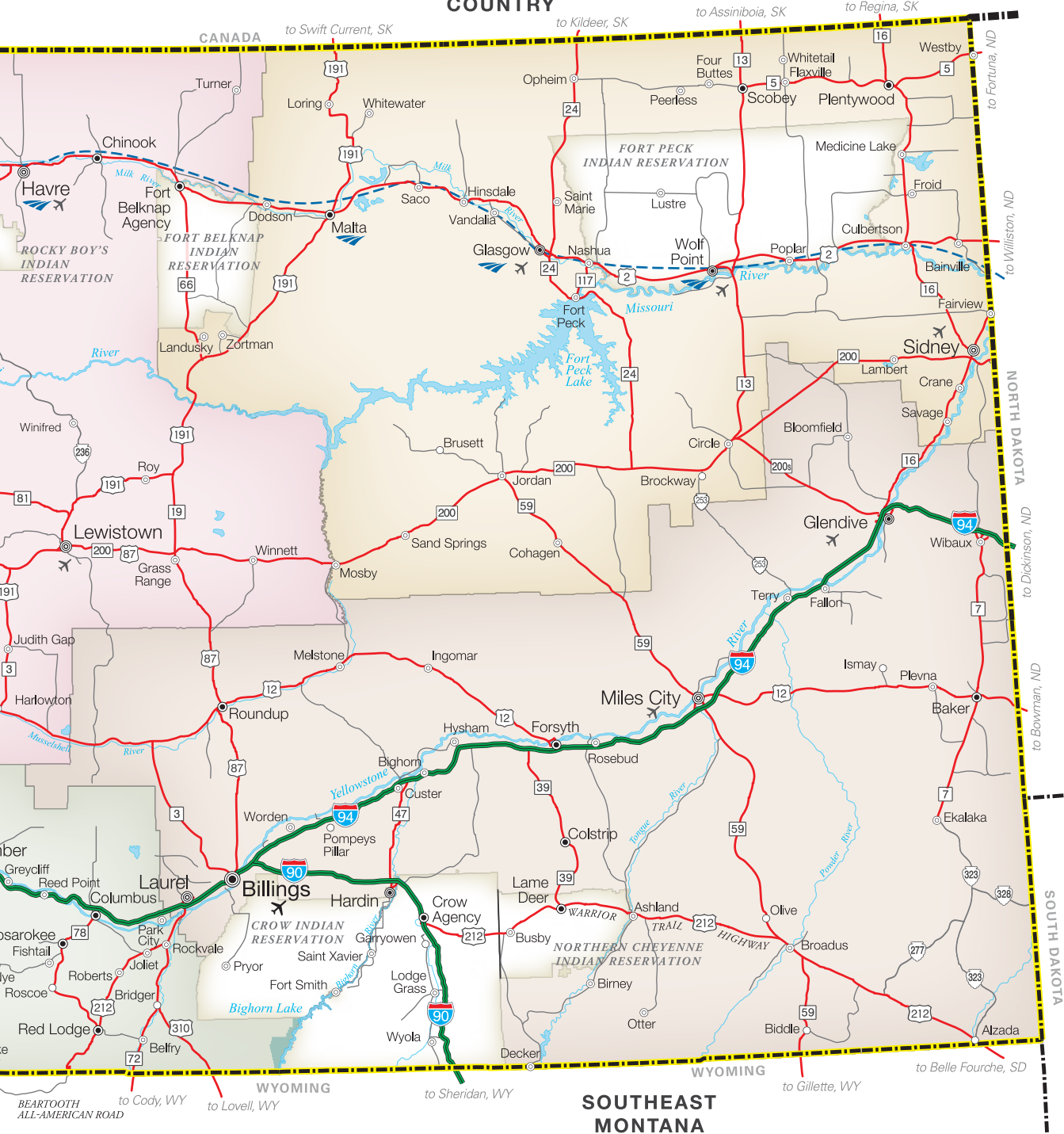
MONTANA



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



YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

SOUTHEAST MONTANA

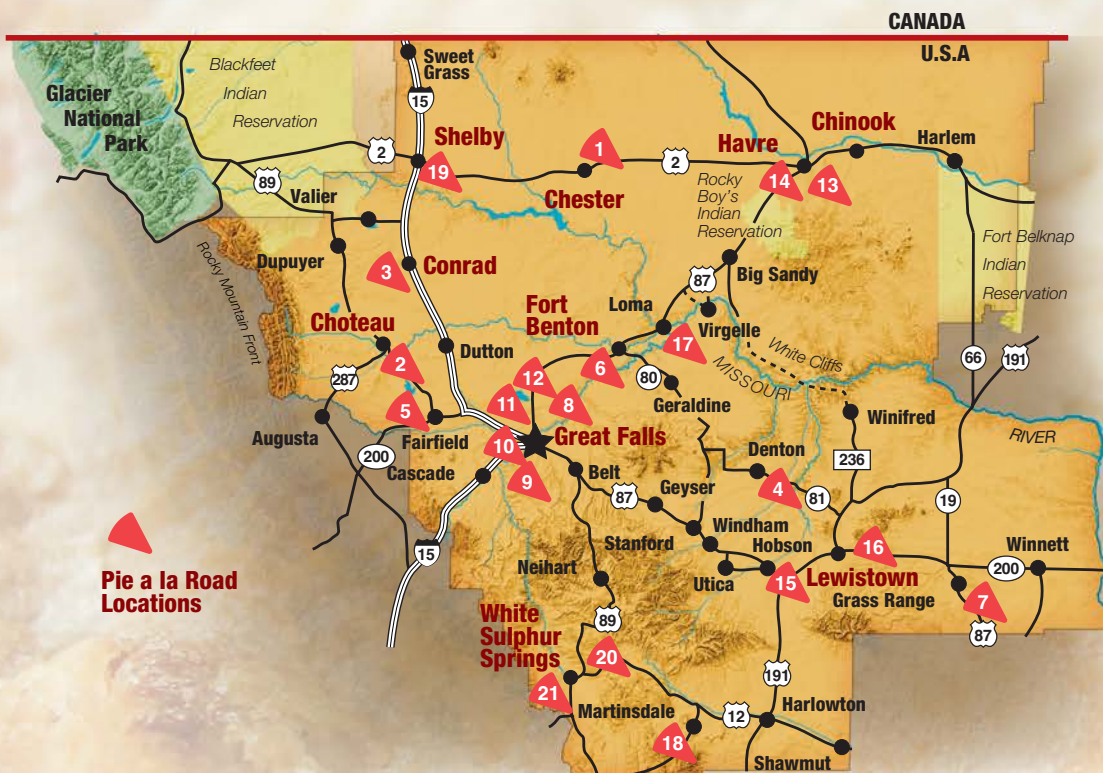
CITY/TOWN	POPULATION	HIGHWAYS	MAP SYMBOLS AND OTHER FEATURES
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11. Great Falls – Lippi's
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CENTRAL MONTANA TOURISM

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Touring Central Montana is a ton of fun, but it's hungry work. After a day of horseback riding, fly fishing, or floating the river you're ready to refill. And when you're in Montana, it's safe to assume you'll find a great steak or burger. But we firmly believe that dessert is the most important meal of the day.

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Martinsdale, Montana



Joseph Henry Sharp (1859-1953) The Little Big Horn River, 1905, oil on canvas, Bair Collection

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DOWNHILL SKIING

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 opportunities. Showdown has 34 pristine runs, with the longest

measuring 2 miles. Downhill and telemark skis, snowboards, snowbikes and snowshoes are available for rent. Full-service day lodge includes a grill, saloon, daycare, pro-shop and coffee bar (800-433-0022).

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 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 cross-country skiing on the Rocky Mountain Front, west of Choteau.

ICE SKATING

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

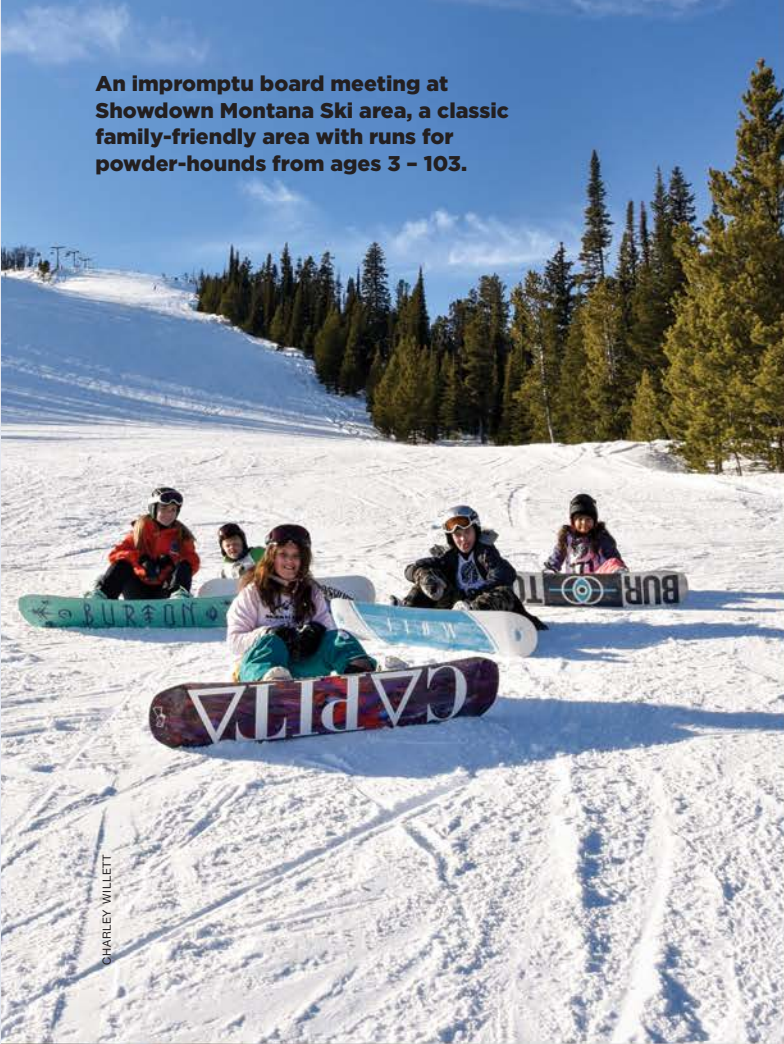
HOCKEY

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

Central Montana’s mountains load up with lots of snow but not lots of people every winter. We’ll throw in the solitude for free.

ENJOY THE POWDER IN CENTRAL MONTANA

An impromptu board meeting at Showdown Montana Ski area, a classic family-friendly area with runs for powder-hounds from ages 3 - 103.



CHARLEY WILLET

SNOWBOARDING

Excellent snowboarding, including a freestyle terrain park, can be found at Showdown Montana.

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: Ackley Lake and Carter's Pond are ideal for catching trout. Hanson Creek Dam and East Fork Dam are also great ice fishing spots.

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.

Check the Calendar of Events on pages 54 - 55 for area ice fishing tournaments.



ERIK PETERSEN

Frosted flakes for breakfast, anyone? Winter in Central Montana means fun you can't find on a screen.



See our winter recreation video, "Powder Perfect," at youtube.com/centralmontana

The quiet of winter makes it a great time to watch for wildlife throughout the region.

SNOWSHOEING

Make tracks on the Rocky Mountain Front or Kings Hill in the Little Belt Mountains. Snowshoe rentals and naturalist-escorted snowshoe tours are available at Showdown Montana.

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.

JASON SAVAGE

WINTER IN CENTRAL MONTANA

Explore miles of backcountry via snowmobile, with tons of trails in the Little Belts and other ranges.

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Charles M. Russell (1862-1926), *The Fireboat*, 1918, oil on board, C.M. Russell Museum Collection; Gift of Mrs. Wade George in memory of Wade Hampton George



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GOING WITH THE GRAIN IN CENTRAL MONTANA

After a full day of exploring the Big Sky, it's time to enjoy a cold beer brewed right here. Central Montana is home to a growing number of local brew pubs, many using locally-grown malt barley.

If you're looking for a hot meal and a cold beer, many breweries offer great food too. And many now sell their beers bottled or canned in stores if you'd like to take a few with you on your next adventure.

No matter what corner of Central Montana you're in, you can find a tasty IPA, porter, amber or red to go along with your travels. Enjoy a taste of Central Montana every time you tip your glass. Cheers!



JOHN LAMING

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.

Golden Triangle Brew Co. in Fort Benton, Montana's oldest town, is the newest operation brewing beer in Central Montana. Stop in for a Shepweizen to honor Shep, the town's famously loyal dog, before strolling to his statue on the banks of the Missouri.

Triple Dog Brewing Co. in Havre believes in hops, and you should hop on the chance to try one yourself—the Bear Paw Belgian Wit is a local favorite!

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, and 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.

2 Basset Brewery in White Sulphur Springs is just down the street from the town's fabled hot springs, so you can get a hot soak and a cool pint all in one trip.

Harvest Moon Brewing Company in the historic town of Belt is one of Central Montana's oldest brewers, 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.

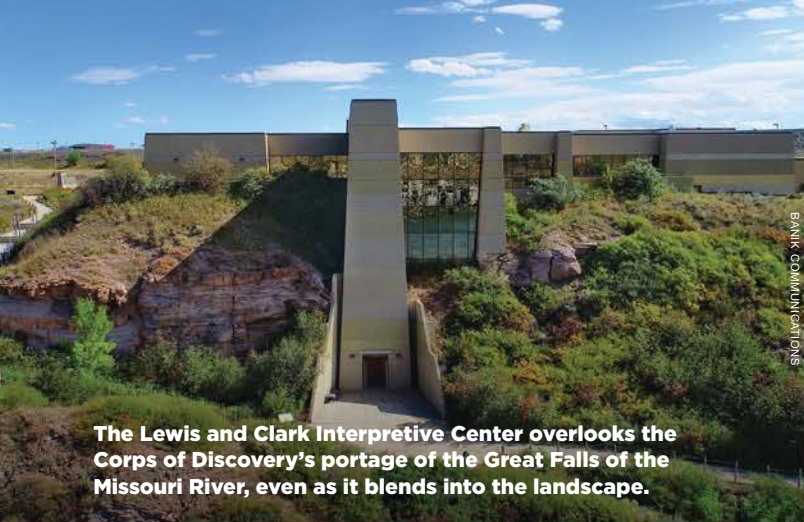
Sip a Crystal Pale Ale at **Big Spring Brewing** in Lewistown, home to the crystal-clear Big Spring Creek.

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.

Old Station Brewing Co. in Havre has repurposed a former filling station to brew beer. Bring your growler when you visit and tell them to fill 'er up with Old Station Amber or Saddle Butte Porter.

One of the first things you'll find when driving into Havre from Great Falls is **Vizsla Brewing**. Pairing a love for great beers with a love for the great outdoors, Vizsla brews up a full range of high-quality beers made on the Hi-Line.





BANK COMMUNICATIONS



GEORGIA MILLER

Bison were the lifeblood of the Plains Indians, and Lewis and Clark made use of them as well on their journey west.

The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center overlooks the Corps of Discovery's portage of the Great Falls of the Missouri River, even as it blends into the landscape.

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

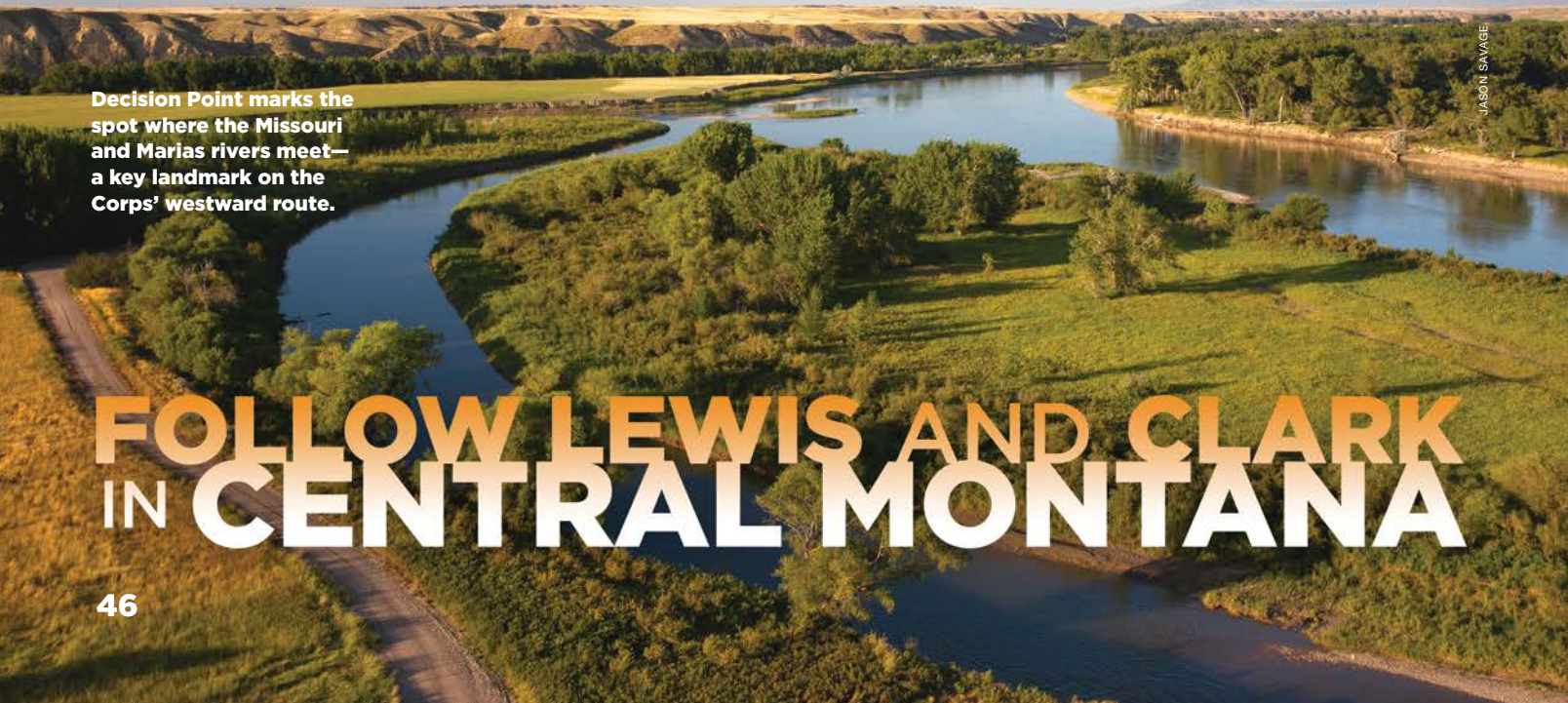
North of Lewistown and Winifred, the Judith Landing public access site provides an excellent opportunity to re-trace a section of the actual Lewis and Clark Expedition trail on the Missouri River.

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.



JASON SAVAGE

Decision Point marks the spot where the Missouri and Marias rivers meet—a key landmark on the Corps' westward route.

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FESTIVE FUN IN CENTRAL MONTANA

Music's kind of a big deal in Central Montana, where we'll dance to country, bluegrass, rock, or anything else you dare to play. The Harlo Music Project, Great Falls' Downtown Summer Jam, and the Red Ants Pants Music Festival give you a chance to shake it all summer long.



ERIC HEDDLE



**Native American
dancers perform at
Western Art Week in
Great Falls.**

We like a good party, festival, fair or any other reason to get together here in Central Montana. Fortunately, there's no shortage of fun gatherings and cultural events to keep you busy while you're here. Check out small-town fun days, county fairs, Christmas events, beer festivals and more.

We pride ourselves on celebrations which embrace our history, culture, and local landscapes. Native American powwows present traditional dancing, games, food and music vital to First Peoples' heritage. Western Art Week, held every March in Great Falls, showcases the work of Montana artists along with the best in the world while embracing the rich history of the American West. Music festivals such as Harlowton's Harlo Music Project draw world-class talent to our region. No matter when you visit, you'll never be bored!

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BEST FESTS IN THE WEST

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Foxes are hardy predators and are highly adaptable to a variety of habitats.

WILDLIFE ABOUNDS IN CENTRAL MONTANA

JASON BERG



CAROL FOLICH

Elk are valued as a game species, but simply watching them and hearing their bugles in fall is a popular activity in Central Montana.

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.

Moose thrive in marshy wetland terrain and deep timber, but may also be found roaming in open country as they migrate from one location to another.

Wildlife watching is a great activity in Central Montana. We're home to 250 bird species and over 100 mammals, providing ample opportunities to spot game in its natural habitat. 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.

Bighorn sheep can be found at all elevations but often prefer steep terrain to provide safety from predators.



ELIZABETH MOORE

Eagles and many other raptor species will be easy to see here, especially along riparian corridors and open prairies with large prey populations.



GEORGIA MILLER

Cedar waxwings often travel in flocks, descending on trees en masse as they migrate.

Some bluebirds are bluer than others, but that doesn't stop them from sharing.

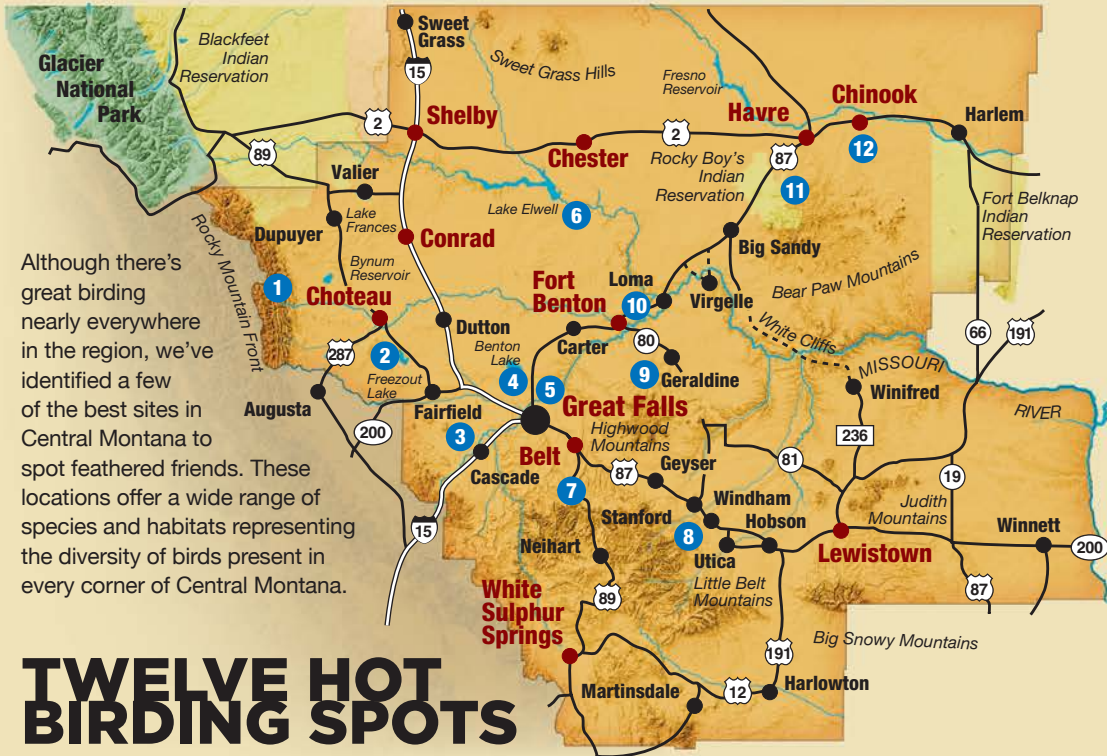
JASON SAVAGE



BIRD WATCHING IN CENTRAL MONTANA



Find birds in motion at
youtube.com/centralmontana



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. These locations offer a wide range of species and habitats representing the diversity of birds present in every corner of Central Montana.

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

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.

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.

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.

Follow usage regulations for each site and always get permission from landowners before accessing private property. Stay on roads and 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 large, full-color brochure includes directions, access information and detailed species lists for Central Montana's major birding areas.

Call 1-800-527-5348 for a free copy or download the PDF at centralmontana.com/birding

Goldeneyes are a welcome sight in Central Montana's wetland and riparian areas.



JANUARY 2020

- 10-12** MT PRCA Rodeo Finals
Great Falls
- 16-18** MAGIE Ag Expo Great Falls
- 17-18** Antique Tractor & Toy Show
Great Falls
- 18** Ice Fishing Derby
Lake Frances Valier
- 18** Symphony Concert Great Falls
- 18-19** Ice Fishing Derby
East Fork Reservoir Lewistown
- 18-26** MT Winter Fair Lewistown
- 24** Margarita Meltdown Great Falls
- 24-26** MT Performing Arts Consortium
Fort Benton
- 25** Ice Fishing Derby
Fresno Reservoir Havre
- 25** Ice Fishing Derby
Ackley Lake Hobson

FEBRUARY

- 1** Chili Cookoff Great Falls
- 1** Ice Golf Choteau
- 8** Symphony Concert Great Falls
- 9** The Psychic Dynasty Performance
Belt
- 15** Wine & Food Festival Great Falls
- 16** Banked Slalom
Showdown Montana Ski Area
- 20** Beach Boys Tribute Concert
Great Falls
- 25** Jason Farnham Piano Concert
Fort Benton

MARCH

- 8** The Wardens Concert
Fort Benton
- 12-14** Montana Seed Show Harlem
- 14** Brock Stokke Bump-Off Bash &
Tacky Attire
Showdown Montana Ski Area
- 15** The Wardens Concert Hobson

- 18** Sons of the Pioneers Concert
Great Falls
- 18-21** Out West Art Show & Sale
Great Falls
- 18-21** Wild Bunch Art Show Great Falls
- 18-22** Western Heritage Art Show
Great Falls
- 19-21** The Russell Exhibition and Sale
Great Falls
- 19-21** Studio 706 Artist Guild Show
Great Falls
- 19-22** Great Western Show Great Falls
- 19-22** Missouri Falls Fine Art Show
Great Falls
- 20** The Gothard Sisters Celtic Music
Concert Belt
- 21** Slopestyle Competition
Showdown Montana Ski Area
- 24** Double Double Duo Concert
Lewistown
- 27** Wild Wings Festival Choteau
- 28** Old Trail Museum Wild Game Feed
Choteau
- 28** Mannequin Jump
Showdown Montana Ski Area

APRIL

- 3-5** Home & Garden Show
Great Falls
- 4** Pond Skim
Showdown Montana Ski Area
- 4** Flea Market Loma
- 10** Brewfest Great Falls
- 10-11** MSU-N Bares & Broncs PRCA Rodeo
Havre
- 15** Spring Fever Concert
Fort Benton
- 18** Fur Ball Great Falls
- 23** Presidio Brass Concert
Great Falls
- 23-24** Dinner Theater Performance Shelby
- 25** Symphony Concert Great Falls

MAY

- 2** Frank Vignola's Hot Jazz Concert
Lewistown
- 3** Cruisin' The Drag Car Show
Great Falls
- 8** Sundae and Mr. Goessl Concert
Great Falls
- 15-17** Spring Classic Fishing Derby
Fort Benton
- 23-25** Bullhook Bottoms Black Powder
Shoot Havre
- 25** Pancake Breakfast Big Sandy

JUNE

- 1-6** Craft Beer Week Great Falls
- 5-6** Whoop Up Trail Days Rodeo Conrad
- 6** Brewfest Great Falls
- 6** Living History Day Havre
- 6** Bear Paw Marathon Havre
- 6** Airport Fly-In Lewistown
- 6-7** Flywheelers Pioneer Power Days
Lewistown
- 6-7** Front Range Yoga Festival Choteau
- 13** Kite Festival Shelby
- 13** Hands on Montana Lewistown
- 13** Lake Frances Triple P Triathlon Valier
- 17** Downtown Summer Jam
Great Falls
- 19-21** Lewis & Clark Festival
Great Falls
- 20** Art In the Park/Car Show Joplin
- 20-21** Little Belt Cowboys PRCA Rodeo
Belt
- 21** Roy Rodeo Roy
- 25-28** BMW MOA National Rally Great Falls
- 26** PRCA Rodeo Fort Benton
- 26-28** Annual Summer Celebration
Fort Benton
- 27** Harlo Music Project Festival
Harlowton
- 27** Ivan Doig Day Dupuyer

SERIES AND SEASONAL

AMERICANS NA3HL HOCKEY
September - March, Great Falls

CHARLIE RUSSELL CHEW-CHOO
June - September, Lewistown

ELECTRIC CITY ROLLER GRRRLZ
Ongoing, Great Falls

ELECTRIC CITY SPEEDWAY
May - September, Great Falls

**FARMERS MARKETS IN VARIOUS
COMMUNITIES**

June - September

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALKS
Year 'Round, Great Falls

**GREAT FALLS HISTORIC
TROLLEY**
June - September

KICKS @ 6

June - August, Havre

SOUNDS ON THE SQUARE

June - August, Havre

TUESDAYS ON MAIN
Shelby

VOYAGERS BASEBALL
June - August, Great Falls

Dates are subject to change; verify with local chambers.

- 27** Skate Park Jam Big Sandy
- 27-28** Homesteader Days Valier
- 28** Skate Park Jam Rocky Boy's Reservation
- 28** American Legion Rodeo Augusta

JULY

- 2-3** NRA Rodeo Harlowton
- 3-4** Parades Harlowton
- 3** Got Grit Obstacle Course, Summer Festival in the Park, Beer Garden, Bluegrass Fest, Duck Races Choteau
- 4** Let Freedom Run Fun Run, Parade, Steak Fry, American Legion Rodeo, Fireworks Choteau
- 4** Parade, Hootenanny Concert, Fireworks Great Falls
- 4** Fun Run, Parade, BBQ, Fireworks White Sulphur Springs
- 9-10** Bear Paw Roundup PRCA Rodeo Chinook
- 10-12** Buffalo Kite Festival Ulm
- 10-12** Liberty County Centennial Celebration Chester
- 11** ChoCo Fun Music & Brewfest Fort Benton
- 12** Outdoor Flea Market Virgelle
- 15-19** Marias Fair Shelby
- 17** Montana Hot Summer Nights Lewistown
- 17-19** Wasay Wakpa Wachi Powwow Fort Belknap Reservation
- 18** C M Russell Stampede BBQ, Quick Draw Art Auction Stanford
- 19** C M Russell Stampede PRCA Rodeo Stanford
- 22** Downtown Summer Jam Great Falls
- 22** Luminaria Walk Great Falls
- 22-23** PRCA RAM Pro Rodeo Lewistown
- 22-25** Central Montana Fair Lewistown
- 23-26** Red Ants Pants Music Festival White Sulphur Springs

- 24** Central Montana Fair Nightshow Lewistown
- 24-26** Milk River Indian Days Fort Belknap Reservation
- 25** BGM Bump and Run Lewistown
- 25** Demolition Derby Lewistown
- 24-9/1** Montana State Fair Great Falls
- 29-9/1** Big Sky PRCA Rodeo Roundup Great Falls

AUGUST

- 1** Street Fair and Car Show Shelby
- 1** Grizzly Day Dupuyer
- 7-8** Cascade PRCA Rodeo Cascade
- 8** Harlo Music Project Festival Harlowton
- 7-9** Hays Community Powwow Fort Belknap Reservation
- 12** Shakespeare In The Park Choteau
- 13-16** Blaine County Fair Chinook
- 13-16** Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering Lewistown
- 14-16** Chouteau County Fair Fort Benton
- 15** Red Steagall Concert Lewistown
- 19** Downtown Summer Jam Great Falls
- 22** Little Shell Traditional Powwow Ulm
- 29** 4th Annual Havre Trails Brewfest Havre
- 29** Montana's Longest Table Lewistown

SEPTEMBER

- 6-7** PRCA Labor Day Rodeo White Sulphur Springs
- 11** MT Chokeycherry Jam Street Dance Lewistown
- 12** MT Chokeycherry Festival Lewistown
- 12** Trails and Ales Lewistown
- 13** Montana Bale Trail, What The Hay Hobson, Utica, Windham

- 18-20** Festival Days Havre
- 25** Wing Fling Great Falls

OCTOBER

- 3** Battle of the Bear Paw Commemoration Chinook
- 3-5** Chief Joseph Powwow Fort Belknap Reservation
- 10** Night of Living Ales Great Falls
- 10-11** What Women Want Expo Great Falls
- 17** Biggest Little Brewfest Joplin

NOVEMBER

- 6-8** Veterans Powwow Fort Belknap Reservation
- 14** Pasta Fest Great Falls
- 22-24** Bright Country Nights Christmas Light Display Lewistown
- 26** Christmas Stroll Lewistown
- 27** Parade of Lights Chinook

DECEMBER

- 2** Christmas Stroll Chester
- 4** Christmas Stroll White Sulphur Springs
- 4-6** Chouteau County Country Christmas Big Sandy, Fort Benton, Geraldine, Loma, Shonkin, Virgelle
- 5** Christmas Stroll, Jingle Bell Jog, Wagon Rides, Free Movie Choteau
- 5** Annual Craft Fair Harlowton
- 5** Bridgeport Station Craft Show Fort Benton
- 5** Winter Celebration Fort Benton
- 5-6** Real Country Christmas at a Real Country Store Virgelle

For even more event listings, visit centralmontana.com



2020 EVENTS

There's a lot of go-rounds in Central Montana summers, with rodeos throughout the region.



JASON SAVAGE

DIRECTORY LISTINGS

AUGUSTA

Guest Ranch/Outfitters & 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 Kids' 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

Lodging

The Bunkhouse Inn – located on Augusta's Main Street, we are your gateway to adventure. Stay with us while you enjoy fishing, hiking or hunting along the Rocky Mountain Front. Established in 1912. The Bunkhouse Inn is recently renovated, 9 rooms, open year round, with several dining options nearby. Enjoy rural Montana with unparalleled recreation opportunities. (406) 562-3387 or www.BunkhouseInnMT.com

CASCADE

Lodging/Dining

Hidden Canyon Lodge - Enjoy our private canyon overlooking a stunning stretch of the Missouri River. Newly remodeled historic log cabin tavern, luxury rooms, gourmet meals and friendly service. Fish blue ribbon waters outside our door, explore the historic Lewis and Clark Trail, watch bighorn sheep, black bears, raptors, and other wildlife, or simply relax with unmatched Montana views. South of Cascade, MT (406) 468-0080 ldge@explorehcl.com

CHESTER

Lodging/Grocery

MX Motel offers a variety of room choices from small economy rooms for one person, to the family suite with three queen beds. Also standard queen rooms, double queen room, double queen rooms with kitchens, beautiful garden suites, and an executive suite decorated with antique furnishings. All have private bathrooms and free wi-fi. www.mxmotel.com or (406) 759-7165. On-site convenience store, Liberty Quick Stop, serves as front desk and has snacks, fresh sandwiches and beverages.

CHOTEAU

Guest Ranch

Deep Canyon Guest Ranch offers beautiful modern log cabins and unlimited horseback riding along the spectacular Rocky Mountain Front. Enjoy high-caliber meals served in our scenic dining room. This family-owned and operated guest ranch has been offering the finest in western hospitality for over 56 years. Enjoy stunning scenery and the inspiring sound of silence. Open May 1 – September. Weekly stays, but shorter stays of 4 nights are available. (406) 466-2044. www.deepcanyonguestranch.com

Lodging/Guest Ranch/Outfitters & Guides

Looking for scenery, solitude and outdoor adventure? **7 Lazy P Outfitting** is your source! Located on the Rocky Mountain Front west of Choteau, the 7 Lazy P has been in continuous operation since 1931. Explore the majestic Bob Marshall Wilderness on an authentic guided pack trip, rent a cabin or plan a group event at the historic 7 Lazy P Guest Ranch. Hike, ride, fish, relax, explore. Find 7 Lazy P Outfitting on Facebook, email info@7lazyp.com or find us at www.7lazyp.com

CONRAD

Lodging

The Conrad Super 8 has expanded with a beautiful new lobby and breakfast room. Hotel has 46 guest rooms with a flat screen TV, fridge and microwave among other comforts of home. The hotel is easily accessible from the interstate and has plenty of parking. The Super 8 offers a complimentary full hot breakfast, free WIFI, 24-hour convenience store, coin laundry and business center. The hotel adjoins Lucky Lil's Casino, Town Pump Travel Plaza and Subway. Call (800) 442-4667 or (406) 278-7676 or visit www.super8conrad.com

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**

Dining/Bar

Dupuyer's Buffalo Joe's Eatery and Saloon. Inviting Old West atmosphere with great food. We are known for our Prime Rib on Friday and Saturday nights with Grilled Prime other days as long as it lasts. Open for lunch through dinner with dinner reservations suggested. We also welcome drop-ins. Full bar, gambling, enclosed outdoor patio and large enclosed lawn for special events. Book ahead for meetings, parties, receptions, reunions or retreats. Major credit cards accepted. We are open daily at 11:00am...closed on Tuesday. Winter hours are 11:00am-9:00pm, closed Monday and Tuesday. Expanded hours in the summer.

Lodging

The Buffalo Wallow Motel is brand new offering "Old West" décor. Enjoy free A/C, WiFi, cable flat screen TV, refrigerator, microwave in every room. We have handicapped rooms as well with either king beds or two full beds in every room. Call ahead for reservations (406) 472-3399 www.buffalojoesmt.com

Lodging/Retail

Dupuyer Cache is a unique store with groceries, beverages, specialty books, the retail outlet for Beaverslide 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. **Dupuyer Cache Cabin** is available through the VRBO website. 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) 622-5072 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 guest rooms 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

Missouri River Outfitters – Established in 1965, we are the premier outfitter on the Upper Missouri River offering guided multi-day trips, equipment rentals, shuttles and guided or do it yourself day trips. Our multi-day guided trips include area history, experienced guides, Montana-sourced foods, and top of the line equipment. Come experience "scenes of visionary enchantment". Need help planning a trip? Call or email us at (406) 622-3295 www.mroutfitters.com

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.montanariveroutfitters.com

GERALDINE

Lodging

Rusty's Bed & Breakfast – 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 Rusty's Bar & Grill, a full service restaurant and lounge. Enjoy our small town charm, beautiful scenic views of Square Butte and nearby recreation including hunting, fishing, bird watching 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

Days Inn of Great Falls – Our award winning hotel is conveniently located off I-15, exit 280 in NW Great Falls. Economy rates, FREE Daybreak Breakfast, FREE wireless internet, FREE local calls, fitness center, business center services, guest laundry, and dog friendly. Near shopping, restaurants and area attractions. Days Inn, The Best Value Under The Sun! 101 14th AV NW, Great Falls (406) 727-6565 or (800) 329-7466 visit www.daysinggreatfalls.com

Hampton Inn – Located just off I-15 next to The Marketplace, one of Great Falls' finest hotel and conference centers 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. S.W., Great Falls, MT 59404. (406) 453-2675 or 800-HAMPTON or visit www.greatfalls.hamptoninn.com

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

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

LaQuinta Inn & Suites Great Falls, 600 River Drive South, is the area's finest hotel choice. New outdoor spaces feature a fire pit and BBQ with a recently renovated indoor pool, spa, fitness room and guest rooms. The Bright Side Breakfast, Wi-Fi & pets are free and the staff is friendly. Scenic views & easy access to River's Edge Trail from this Missouri Riverfront spot. Airport shuttle available Mon-Fri at 6am-3pm and Wed - Sun 3pm-12am. Visit www.Lq.com or call (406) 761-2600.

Motel 6 – Great accommodations at a reasonable price. Conveniently located with 59 comfortable rooms totally renovated in 2016. Guests have access to an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center, restaurant, and sports bar/casino at our sister property, the Heritage Inn. Complimentary airport shuttle, Wi-Fi through-out property, and continental breakfast. Enjoy easy access to shopping, I-15 and Great Falls International Airport. (406) 453-1602, 800-362-4842 www.motel6.com

Sleep Inn/MainStay Suites are the newest hotels in Great Falls! Both feature all suite guest rooms with pillow top beds, 50" flat panel TV, free Wi-Fi, microwave and fridge. MainStay Suites offers a fully equipped kitchen and living area, perfect for a longer stay! Free hot breakfast buffet, free shuttle service, indoor pool, hot tub, fitness room and business center. Visit www.choicehotels.com or call (406) 761-4600. Easy access off I-15, exit 278 to 520 Country Club Blvd.



Central Montana's original inhabitants can still be found with a bit of digging. Several sites along the Dinosaur Trail offer a glimpse into prehistoric life in Montana.

Charlie Russell's cabin studio can be seen much as it looked when he was working on many of his most well-known paintings and sculptures.



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GREAT FALLS

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 work space 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 – Enjoy the home-like atmosphere of Staybridge Suites Great Falls. Choose from a studio, one or two bedroom suite, which all feature a fully equipped kitchen. We offer a complimentary deluxe breakfast buffet, social receptions Mon.-Wed. with complimentary light meal, beautiful outdoor courtyard, indoor pool, fitness center and complimentary guest laundry. It all begins with a warm welcome that lasts as long as your stay. Extended stay rates available. 201 3rd St. NW. (406) 761-4903 www.staybridge.com/greatfallsmt

Outfitters & Guides

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Vacation Rental/Wedding Venue

Boulder Ridge Montana has unique stone architecture and is located on the Missouri River 8 miles south of Great Falls. Enjoy hiking, fishing, canoeing and exploring. Our reception hall facility, including a large outdoor area, is available for weddings, meetings and reunions. Available April through November. (406) 788-4285 www.boulderridgemontana.com or www.greatfallsweddings.net

HAVRE

Come live the history of Havre. Tour Havre Beneath the Streets, Railroad Museum, Fort Assinboine 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.

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, 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 B & B – enjoy a full breakfast using organic produce and eggs from onsite gardens and chickens when staying in our loft rooms, a rustic farm-style cabin or a lower level home, all decorated with Montana Style. Dinner by reservation. Our indoor event center opens to an outdoor pavilion perfect for weddings, parties, family reunions and dinners. Free WiFi, endless views of Montana's big sky and the river valley. (406) 394-2245. www.montanastylebnb.com

Quality Inn of Havre is a perfect fit for anyone traveling along Highway 2. Enjoy a complimentary fresh hot breakfast with hot eggs and hot waffles, complimentary Wi-Fi, an indoor heated pool, complimentary passes to a local fitness center and a free shuttle. The guest rooms feature the most comfortable pillow top beds around, microwave and refrigerator. Take a spin with lady luck in our own onsite casino, Montana Lil's. www.qualityinnhavre.com or call (406) 265-6711 or (800) 442-4667.

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

Dining

Central Feed Grilling Co. and **Big Spring Brewery** – A unique Montana experience with a restaurant and brewery in a refurbished brick feed store. Located next to the Creekside Park and Pavilion. Enjoy an excellent meal accompanied by craft beer or fine wine, and watch for live music. Open daily with dinner reservations suggested. Book ahead for parties in our upstairs space overlooking Lewistown. Find us on Facebook or call (406) 535-BEER.

Events

35th Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering & Western Music Rendezvous – August 13-18, Lewistown, 2nd oldest gathering in the country! 100+ cowboy poets, musicians and artist/vendors gather to celebrate the heritage of the American Cowboy. 60+ hours of cowboy poetry & western music, Jam 'n Dance, dinner train, light-hearted play, boutique raffle, Red Steagall Saturday night concert, cowboy church. (406) 538-4575 or MontanaCowboyPoetryGathering.com

Lodging

The Calvert Hotel was built in 1917 as a dormitory. Today it's luxurious accommodations and exemplary customer service make it Lewistown's only boutique hotel. Room rate includes our signature full hot breakfast with custom blended gourmet coffee and Montana made products. Call for meeting and conference space availability. Relax...you're at The Calvert. Visit our website at www.thecalverthotel.com, find us on Facebook or call (888) 371-5411.

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

Symmes/Wicks House Bed & Breakfast – located in Lewistown's historic Silk Stocking District, on the National Register of Historic Places. Three-story sandstone home with 1909 shingle style arts and crafts architecture. Three guest rooms, partially shared bath. Gourmet breakfast, afternoon tea. 220 West Boulevard Street, Lewistown, MT 59457 (406) 538-9068 www.symmeswickshouse.com

SHELBY

Visit Shelby at the crossroads of I-15 and US Hwy 2 in northcentral Montana. Just 90 minutes from Glacier National Park. 18 hole golf course, Amtrak stop, carousels, parks, campgrounds, pool and tennis courts. The Marias Museum has memorabilia of the 1923 Dempsey Gibbons heavyweight championship fight held in Shelby, along with exhibits of Shelby's early history. Contact Shelby Chamber. P. O. Box 865, Shelby, MT 59474. (406) 434-7184 or www.shelbymtchamber.org

Lodging

Comfort Inn is located near Glacier National Park and the Canadian border. Comfort Inn of Shelby has 128 comfortable guest rooms including 56 spacious suites featuring the best pillow top beds, microwave and fridge. Enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi, an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness room and complimentary full hot breakfast. Montana Lil's Casino is located on the premises and Town Pump Travel Plaza is adjacent. Let us make your visit memorable! (800) 442-4667 or (406) 434-2212 or visit www.comfortinnshelby.com

Campgrounds/RV Park

The best RV Park in Shelby is the Shelby RV Park and Resort. The Park offers 30 well maintained sites for trailers and tents, full hookups with free cable and Wi-Fi, pool, hot tub and exercise room, as well as a spacious bathhouse with private shower and laundry facilities. The RV Park is located adjacent to the Comfort Inn, within walking distance to the Town Pump Travel Plaza and Lucky Lil's Casino. 455 McKinley Road. (406) 434-2212 or www.shelbymtrvpark.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

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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Campground/RV Park

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Lodging

Spa Hot Springs Motel & Cabins – 53 clean, comfortable rooms (24 are new) and 3 wonderful, natural hot mineral pools. Our property is heated by geothermal, solar and wind power. All rooms have satellite TV, wireless internet, phone and good, firm beds. Relax in our hot mineral pools, enjoy area attractions and recreation. Located at the junction of US 89 and US 12 in White Sulphur Springs halfway between Glacier & Yellowstone Parks. Spa Hot Springs Motel, 202 West Main Street, (406) 547-3366.

WINIFRED

International Suites is a new hotel in Winifred with 8 luxury rooms (one Jacuzzi suite), fitness center and laundry. For reservations call (406) 462-5323. The new Red Roof Bowling Lanes adjoin the International Suites. Our new 1028 Steakhouse features Certified Angus beef and a full liquor license. For dinner reservations call (406) 462-5472. Nearby Missouri River recreation, bird watching, big game and upland game bird hunting, and free river ferry. Winifredsuites.com

Rainbows provide a scenic backdrop for pasture land. Farming and ranching remain integral to life in Central Montana.

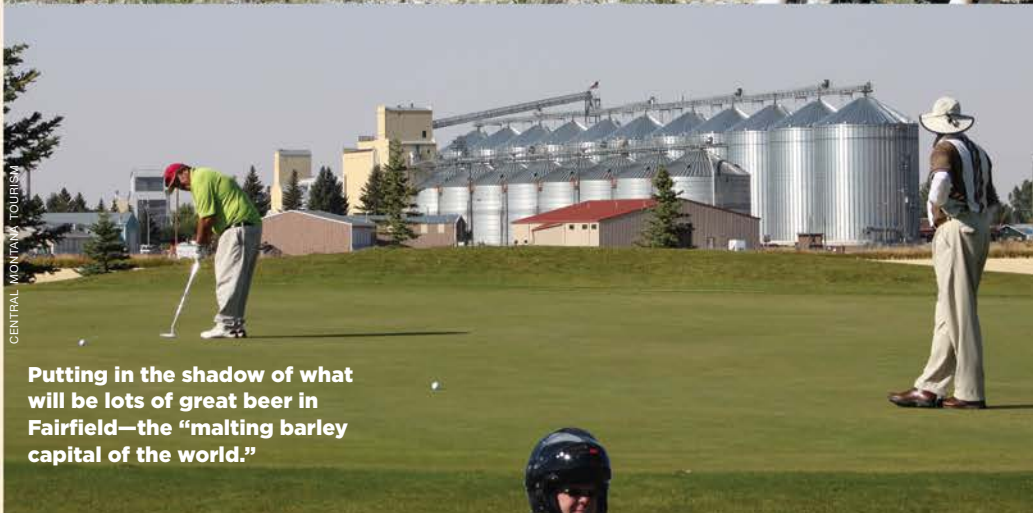


PEGGY RAY

Trading skis for wheels in the summer months, a rider looks across at Showdown Montana Ski area.



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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	http://www.bobkatriverlodge.com
	Rivers Edge Motel	1400 Old US Hwy 91	406-468-5910	http://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	http://www.mxmotel.com/
	The Westland Suite	1 First St E	406-759-5900	http://www.westlandsuite.com
CHINOOK	Bear Paw Motel	145 Cleveland Rd	406-357-2221	
	Chinook Motor Inn	100 Indiana St	406-357-2248	http://www.chinookmotorinn.com
CHOTEAU	Big Sky Motel	209 S Main Ave	406-466-5318	
	Choteau Stage Stop Inn	1005 Main Ave N	406-466-5900	http://www.stagestopinn.com
	Gunther Motel	20 7th Ave SW	406-466-5444	
CONRAD	Super 8	215 N Main St	406-278-7676	http://www.super8.com/motel/03279
DENTON	Denton Motel	313 Broadway	406-567-2626	
DUPUYER	Buffalo Wallow	107 Morton Ave	406-472-3399	http://www.buffalojoesmt.com
FORT BENTON	Fort Motel	1809 St. Charles St	406-622-3312	https://fort-motel.webs.com/
	Grand Union Hotel	1 Grand Union Sq	406-622-1882	http://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	406-402-8180	https://airway-motel-motel.business.site/
	Alberta Motel & Annex	1101 Central Ave W	406-452-3467	http://albertamotel.weebly.com
	Best Resting Great Falls Inn	5001 River Dr N	406-268-8333	http://bestrestinginn.com
	Central Motel	715 Central Ave W	406-453-0161	http://www.centralmotelgreatfalls.us/
	Comfort Inn	1120 9th St S	406-454-2727	http://www.choicehotels.com
	Comfort Inn & Suites Marketplace	1801 Market Place Dr	406-455-1000	https://www.choicehotels.com
	Crystal Inn & Suites	3701 31st St SW	406-727-7788	http://www.crysalinngreatfalls.com
	Days Inn	101 14th Ave NW	406-727-6565	http://www.daysinnngreatfalls.com
	Econolodge	220 Central Ave	406-761-3410	http://www.choicehotels.com/
	Extended Stay America	800 River Dr S	406-761-7524	http://www.extendedstayhotels.com
	Greystone Inn	621 Central Ave	406-452-1470	http://www.greystoneinnmt.net
	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	118 First Ave S	406-952-1101	http://hotelarvon.com
	Imperial Inn	601 2nd Ave N	406-452-9581	https://imperial-inn.com/
	La Quinta Inn & Suites	600 River Dr S	406-761-2600	http://www.lq.com
	Mid-Town Motel	526 2nd Ave N	406-453-2411	http://midtownmotelgf.com
	Motel 6	2 Treasure State Dr	406-453-1602	http://motel6.com
	O'Haire Motor Inn	17 7th St S	406-454-2141	http://www.ohairemotorinn.com
Plaza Inn	1224 10th Ave S	406-452-9594	http://www.plazainngreatfalls.us/	
Royal Motel	1300 Central Ave	406-452-9548		
Ski's Western Motel	2420 10th Ave S	406-453-3281	https://www.skiswesternmotel.com/en-us	
Sleep Inn/MainStay Suites	520 Country Club Blvd	406-761-4600		
SpringHill Suites	421 3rd St NW	406 952 4444	http://Marriott.com/GTFSH	
Staybridge Suites	201 3rd St NW	406-761-4903	http://www.staybridgesuites.com/greatfallsmt	
Super 8	1214 13th St S	406-727-7600	http://www.greatfallssuper8.com	
The Great Falls Inn	1400 28th St S	406-453-6000	http://www.greatfallsinn.com	
Wingate	1000 9th Ave S	406-205-0327	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wingate	

HOTEL/MOTEL

HARLOWTON	Corral Motel	1307 Hwy 12 E	406-632-4331	
	Country Side Inn	309 3rd St NE	406-632-4119	
HAVRE	AmericInn by Wyndham	2520 US Hwy 2 W	406-395-5000	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/americinn
	Best Western PLUS Great Northern Inn	1345 1st St	406-265-4200	http://www.bestwestern.com
	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	
	El Toro Inn	521 1st St	406-265-5414	
	Hi-Line Motel	20 2nd St	406-265-5512	
	Quality Inn	601 W 1st St	406-265-6711	http://www.qualityinnhavre.com/
HOBSON	Siesta Motel	600 1st St	406-265-5863	
	Super 8	166 19th Ave W	406-265-1411	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8
LEWISTOWN	Stumble Inn	202 Central Ave	406-600-8079	http://202emporium.com/the-stumble-inn1
	B & B Motel	520 E Main St	406-535-5496	http://b-bmotel.com/
	Eddie's Corner	65000 US Hwy 87	406-374-2471	
	Sunset Motel	115 NE Main St	406-535-8741	http://www.midrivers.com/~sunsetm
	Super 8	102 Wendell Ave	406-538-2581	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8
	The Calvert Hotel	216 7th Ave S	406-535-5411	http://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	http://www.yogoinn.com
LOMA	Rose River Inn	101 Wood's Beach Road	406-739-4224	
MARTINSDALE	Crazy Mountain Inn	110 Main St	406-572-3307	http://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	All Seasons Inn & Suites	808 3rd Ave SW	406-547-8888	http://www.allseasonsinnandsuites.net
	Bar 47 Bunkhouse	401 E Main	406-547-3880	https://www.bar47bunkhouse.com/
	Gordon's Highland Motel	410 E Main	406-547-3880	
	Tenderfoot Cabins & Motel	301 W Main	406-547-3303	http://www.tenderfootcabins.com
WINNETT	Northern Motel	101 N Grand Ave	406-429-7781	

BED AND BREAKFAST

CASCADE	River's Bend Lodge	57 Seibold Ln	406-468-2225	http://riversbendlodge.net
	The Ranch at the Dearborn	206 Cooper Dr	406-468-4069	http://www.troutfishinglodgingmontana.com
CHESTER	The Great Northern B&B	14 E Monroe Ave	406-759-5900	http://www.greatnorthernbandb.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
FAIRFIELD	Fairfield Park Inn	13 5th St N	406-467-3373	http://fairfieldparkinn.com
GERALDINE	Rusty's B&B	262 Main St	406-737-4549	
HARLOWTON	Beley Manor on Main	10 5th St NW	406-632-4205	
HAVRE	Montana Style Events B&B	10975 River Rd	406-394-2245	http://montanastylebnb.com

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BED AND BREAKFAST

HOBSON	Gumbo Flats Farm B&B	2485 Gumbo Flats Rd	406-423-5565	
LEWISTOWN	Pheasant Tales Bed & Bistro	1511 Timberline Rd	406-538-2124	http://www.pheasanttales.biz
	Symmes-Wicks House B&B	220 W Boulevard St	406-538-9068	http://symmeswickshouse.com
VALIER	Glacier Basecamp	219 Chouteau Ave	406-363-8918	
	Stone School Inn B&B	820 3rd St	406-279-3796	http://stoneschoolinn.com
VIRGELLE	Virgelle Mercantile	7485 Virgelle Ferry Rd N	406-378-3110	http://www.virgellemontana.com

OUTFITTER/GUIDE

AUGUSTA	Mills Wilderness Adventures of Montana	1 Hogan Street	406-562-3576	http://www.millswildernessadventures.com
	Triple J Wilderness Ranch Hunting Camp	91 Mortimer Rd	406-562-3653	http://www.triplejranch.com
BIG SANDY	Chase Hill Outfitters		406-386-2447	http://www.chasehill.com
CASCADE	DL Elk Outfitters, Inc.	282 Ten Mile Road	406-468-2642	http://www.comehunt.com
	Missouri Riverside Outfitters & Lodge	3103 Old US Highway 91	406-468-9385	http://www.missouririverside.com
	Scenic Valley Outfitters	35 Scenic Valley Lane	406-468-9328	http://scenicvalleylodge.com
CHOTEAU	7 Lazy P Outfitting	2250 Teton Canyon Road	406-466-2245	http://www.7LazyP.com
	A Lazy H Outfitters	190 South Fork Teton Road	406-466-5564	http://www.alazyhpacktrips.com
FORT BENTON	Dropstone Outfitting	PO Box 1515	406-289-0863	http://dropstoneoutfitting.com
	Adventure Bound Canoe	2307 Main	406-622-5077	https://www.mroudfitters.com/canoe-kayak-rent-shuttle/
	Lewis & Clark Trail Adventures	912 East Broadway	406-728-7609	http://www.trailadventures.com
	Missouri River Outfitters	2307 Main ST.	406-622-3295	https://www.mroudfitters.com/
	ROW Adventures	202 East Sherman Avenue	208-765-0841	http://www.rowadventures.com
	Upper Missouri River Canoe Guides	2220 Main Street	773-458-0474	http://www.uppermissouri.com
	GREAT FALLS	Blackfeet Outfitters	499 MT-49,	406-450-8420
	Craig Madsen's Montana River Outfitters	923 10th Avenue North	406-761-1677	http://www.montanariveroutfitters.com
	Deep Creek Outfitters		406-866-3316	http://www.deepcreekoutfitters.com
	Falls Outfitters	145 Bridge Street	406-235-3447	http://www.headhuntersflyshop.com
HAVRE	Landers Fork Outfitters	507 West Main	406-761-3633	http://www.landersforkoutfitters.com/
	Bear Paw Hunts		406-945-2050	http://www.bearpawhunts.com
	Bear Paw Mountain Outfitters		406-395-4515	
	Sage Safaris LLC	21004 St. Joe Road	406-219-4025	http://www.sagesafaris.com
HEART BUTTE	Feather Woman Mountain Adventures		406-338-2021	
HOBSON	Pigeye Outfitters	6352 Pioneer Road	406-423-5332	http://www.pigeye.com
LEWISTOWN	Beaver Creek Outfitters		406-366-2112	http://www.beavercreekoutfitting.com
	Rivers Edge Outfitters		406-429-2058	http://www.riversedgeoutfittershunting.com
TURNER	Borderline Outfitters	41235 Turner Road	406-379-2661	http://www.borderlineoutfitters.com
TWODOT	McFarland & White Ranch	500 Big Elk Road	406-632-4868	http://www.mcfarlandwhiteranch.com
VALIER	DeBoo's Ranch Adventures	2900 High Plains Lane	406-472-3344	http://deboosranchadventures.com
VAUGHN	Montana Safaris	200 US Highway 89	406-466-2004	http://www.montanasafaris.com
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Camp Baker Outfitters	913 Smith River Road	406-547-2173	
	Howard Zehntner Hunting	111 Zehntner Lane	406-547-3483	http://www.adventuresintenderfoot.com
	Smith River Expeditions, LLC	201 East Baker Street	406-370-2868	http://www.smithriverflyfishing.com
	Tri Mountain Outfitters	63 Slaughter House Road	406-547-2177	http://www.trimt.com
WINIFRED	Dog Creek Outfitters	2105 Kucera Road	406-462-5612	http://www.wickensranch.com
	Knox Ranch, Whiskey Ridge Outfitters		406-462-5525	
WINNETT	M & E Outfitters		406-462-5329	
	Flatwillow Creek Outfitters	371 Kiehl Ranch Road	406-429-5601	http://www.flatwillowcreekoutfitters.com
	Fort Musselshell Outfitters		406-670-2629	http://www.fortmusselshell.com



GUEST RANCH

AUGUSTA	Ford Creek Guest Ranch	15245 Benchmark Rd	406-562-3672	http://www.fordcreek.com
	JJJ Wilderness Ranch	91 Mortimer Rd	406-562-3653	http://www.triplejranch.com
	K Bar L Ranch		406-562-3551	http://kbarlranch.com
BELT	The Ranches at Belt Creek	277 Armington Rd	406-750-1631	http://www.ranchesatbeltcreek.com
CHOTEAU	Deep Canyon Guest Ranch	2055 Teton Canyon Rd	406-466-2044	http://deepcanyonguest ranch.com
MARTINSDALE	Bonanza Creek Country Guest Ranch	523 Bonanza Creek Rd	406-572-3366	http://www.bonanzacreekcountry.com
ULM	Heaven On Earth Ranch	15 Upper Millegan Rd	406-866-3316	http://www.deepcreekoutfitters.com

HOT SPRINGS

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Spa Hot Springs Motel	202 W Main	406-547-3366	http://www.spahot springs.com
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LODGE

AUGUSTA	Shoco Ranch	3506 Hwy 435	406-562-3553	http://www.shocoranch.com
	Sun Canyon Lodge & Outfitting	8571 Sun Canyon Lodge Rd	406-562-3654	http://www.suncanyonlodge.com
CASCADE	Hidden Canyon Lodge	2629 Old US Hwy 91	406-468-0080	http://HiddenCanyonLodge.com
	Missouri Riverside Outfitters & Lodge	3103 Old US Hwy 91	406-468-9385	http://www.missouririverside.com
	Prewett Creek Inn	2468 Old US Hwy 91	406-468-9244	http://prewettcreekinn.com
	The Blue Canoe Lodge		406-442-6244	http://www.bluecanoelodge.net
HARLOWTON	The Barnsion	402 S River Dr	406-220-0795	http://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	http://hughesmtnranch.com
WINIFRED	Wickens Ranch Lodge	Wickens Ranch	406-462-5612	https://www.wickensranch.com/lodge-rental/

VACATION HOME

BRADY	Weikum Inn	1331 Arod Lakes Road	406-278-0150	http://www.weikuminn.com
BYNUM	Andersen's Blackleaf Guest House	27 Blackleaf Road	406-469-2318	
CASCADE	Best Place on the Missouri River	29 Missouri Overlook	406-202-4424	
	BobKat River Cabin	26 River Drive	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 Lane	703-671-5602	http://www.vrbo.com/118896
	Hidden View Estate	22 Cox Creek Ln	208-898-3853	https://umoriverrentals.com/hidden-view-cabin/
	Jumping Rainbow Lodge	2824 Old US Highway 91	406-468-0097	http://www.vrbo.com/434225
	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 Lane	406-443-7829	
	Wood River House	58 River Drive	406-461-1814	
CHOTEAU	Beds by the Creek	506 Main Ave South	406-799-7222	
	Rocky Mountain Front Retreat	46 Bellview Cutacross Road	604-603-7137	http://www.vrbo.com/3628800ha
	Styren Ranch Guest House and B&B	961 20th Road Northwest	406-466-2008	http://www.mtstyrenguesthouse.com
FORT BENTON	Emily's Vacation Cottage	806 Franklin Street	406-231-2764	http://www.emilysvacationcottage.com
	Fort Benton River House	417 River Street	406-622-5298	http://www.fortbenton.com/riverhouse

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VACATION HOME

FORT BENTON	Franklin Street Guest House	1105 Franklin Street	406-733-2261	
GREAT FALLS	909 Apartment	913 3rd Ave West	406-868-7933	
	Boulder Ridge Montana	417 Wilson Butte Road	406-788-4285	http://www.boulderridgemontana.com
	Miller Rental	307 16th St N	406-231-3198	
	Russell Country Inn	2516 4th Avenue North	406-761-7125	http://www.stayrussellcountry.com
LEWISTOWN	Central Montana Vacation Home	112 10th Avenue South	406-366-0317	http://www.nickieedwards.com/duplex.html
	Central MT Cozy Vacation Space	112 1/2 10th Avenue South	406-366-0317	http://nickieedwards.com/duplex.html
	East Fork Creekside Cottage	1276 Red Hill Road	406-535-8290	
	Home Away From Home	913 West Janeaux	406-535-2234	http://www.homeawayfromhomemt.com
	Home on the Hill		406-535-7380	
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Vacation Bungalow	206 10th Avenue South	406-366-0317	http://www.nickieedwards.com/duplex.html
	Montana Sunrise Lodge	2063 US Highway 89 North	720-900-8089	http://www.montanasunriselodge.com
	The Blue House	301 2nd Ave SE	406-539-6234	
	Townsend Ranch Willow Creek Cabins		406-580-6928	http://willowcreekcabinsmontana.com

PRIVATE CAMPGROUND

CASCADE	Prewett Creek RV & Campground	2474 Old US Hwy 91	406-788-5360	http://prewettcreekrv.com
CHOTEAU	Choteau City Park & Campground	204 1st St NE	406-466-2510	http://choteaumt.org/campground/
	Choteau Mountain View Campground	85 MT Hwy 221	406-466-2615	http://www.campchoteaumt.com
CONRAD	Pondera RV Park	120 7th Ave SW	406-271-2263	http://www.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	http://www.discoverfortbelknap.com
FORT BENTON	Benton RV Park & Campground	2410 Chouteau St	406-622-5015	http://www.montana-rv-park.com
	Canoe Launch Campground	205 Fairgrounds Loop	406-622-5505	http://www.chocofair.com
	D & S RV Park	316 Franklin	406-622-5104	
GRASS RANGE	Little Montana Truckstop & Campground	44045 US Hwy 87	406-428-2270	
GREAT FALLS	Dick's RV Park	1403 11th St SW	406-452-0333	http://www.dicksrvpark.com
	Great Falls KOA	1500 51st St S	406-727-3191	http://www.greatfallskoa.com
HARLOWTON	Chief Joseph Park	3rd St SW	406-632-5523	
HAVRE	Beaver Creek Park	17863 Beaver Creek Rd	406-395-4565	http://www.havremt.com/attractions/beaver_creek_park.htm
	Evergreen Campground	4850 72nd Ave W	406-265-8228	
	Great Northern Fair & Campground	1676 US Hwy 2 W	406-265-7121	
	Hansen Family Campground & Storage	39180 US Hwy 2 E	406-945-6629	http://www.hansenfamilycampground.com
	Havre RV Park	1415 1st St	406-265-8861	http://www.havremt.com/duckinn/emporium.htm
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LEWISTOWN	Mountain Acres RV Park & Campground	103 Rocklyn Ave	406-538-7591	
SHELBY	Lake Shel-oole Campground	1210 Oilfield Ave	406-434-5222	http://www.shelbymt.com/parks-recreation/
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	Trails West RV Park	770 Adams Ave	406-424-8436	http://www.trailswestrvpark.com
	Williamson Park Campground	72 Williamson Park Rd	406-434-5222	http://www.shelbymt.com
STANFORD	Double B RV Park	519 3rd St S	406-566-2363	http://www.doublebrvpark.com
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	http://www.townofvalier.com
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Conestoga Campground	815 8th Ave SW	406-547-3890	http://www.ccmemberships.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	

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	Avis Rent-A-Car		406-761-7610	http://www.avis.com
	Budget Rent-A-Car	26 9th Street South	406-454-1001	http://www.bennettmotors.com
	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	319 10th Avenue South	406-761-1600	http://www.enterprise.com
	Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Airport	2800 Terminal Drive	406-216-5001	http://www.enterprise.com
	Hertz Rent-A-Car	2800 Terminal Drive Suite 106C	406-761-6641	http://www.hertz.com
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	Havre Ford	1991 Highway 2 West	406-265-2246	http://havreford.net
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CHINOOK	Chinook Chamber of Commerce	85-1/2 2nd Street	406-357-4201	http://www.chinookmontana.com
CHOTEAU	Choteau Chamber of Commerce	815 Main Avenue North	406-466-5316	http://choteaumontana.us
CONRAD	Conrad Area Chamber of Commerce	7 Sixth Avenue Southwest	406-271-7791	http://www.conradmt.com
FAIRFIELD	Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce		406-467-2531	
FORT BENTON	Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce	1421 Front Street	406-622-3864	http://fortbentonchamber.org
GREAT FALLS	Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce	100 1st Avenue North	406-761-4434	http://www.greatfallschamber.org
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HAVRE	Havre Area Chamber of Commerce	130 5th Avenue	406-265-4383	http://www.havrechamber.com
LEWISTOWN	Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce	408 Northeast Main Street	406-535-5436	http://www.lewistownchamber.com
SHELBY	Shelby Chamber of Commerce	100 Montana Avenue	406-434-7184	http://www.shelbymtchamber.org
STANFORD	Judith Basin Area Chamber of Commerce		406-566-2500	http://www.judithbasinchamber.com
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	South Fork Sun Campground		406-466-5341	http://www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf
BIG SANDY	Judith Landing Recreation Area		406-622-4000	
CHESTER	Island Area Campground		406-759-5077	http://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
	North Bootlegger Campground		406-759-5077	http://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
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	CHOTEAU	Cave Mountain Campground		406-466-5341
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GREAT FALLS	Thain Creek Campground		406-566-2292	http://www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf
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	Spring Creek Campground		406-632-4391	http://www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf
HAVRE	Fresno Reservoir Campground		406-759-5077	http://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
	Kiehns Bay Campground		406-759-5077	http://www.usbr.gov/gp/recreation/montana_recreation.html
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WINNETT	Crooked Creek Campground		406-526-3411	http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil

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BYNUM	Wolf Willow Cabin	1212 Blackleaf Road	406-469-2304	
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	Lewis & Clark Services Inc.	3229 8th Avenue North	406-761-5453	http://lewisandclarkservices.com
HAVRE	Havre Beneath the Streets	120 3rd Avenue	406-265-8888	http://havrechamber.com/whattodo/item/havre-beneath-the-streets-2
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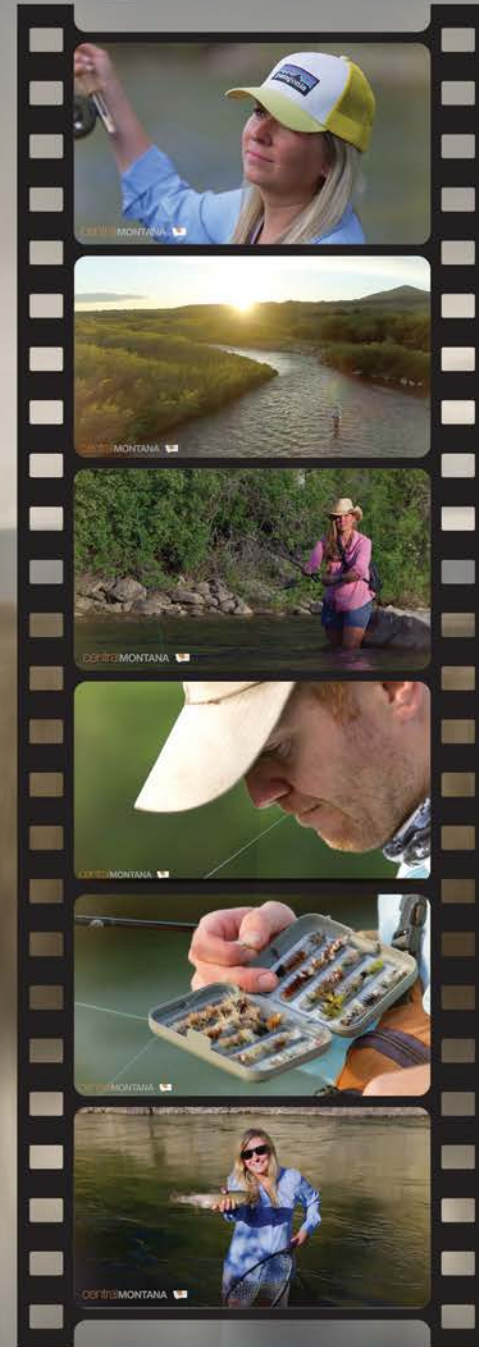
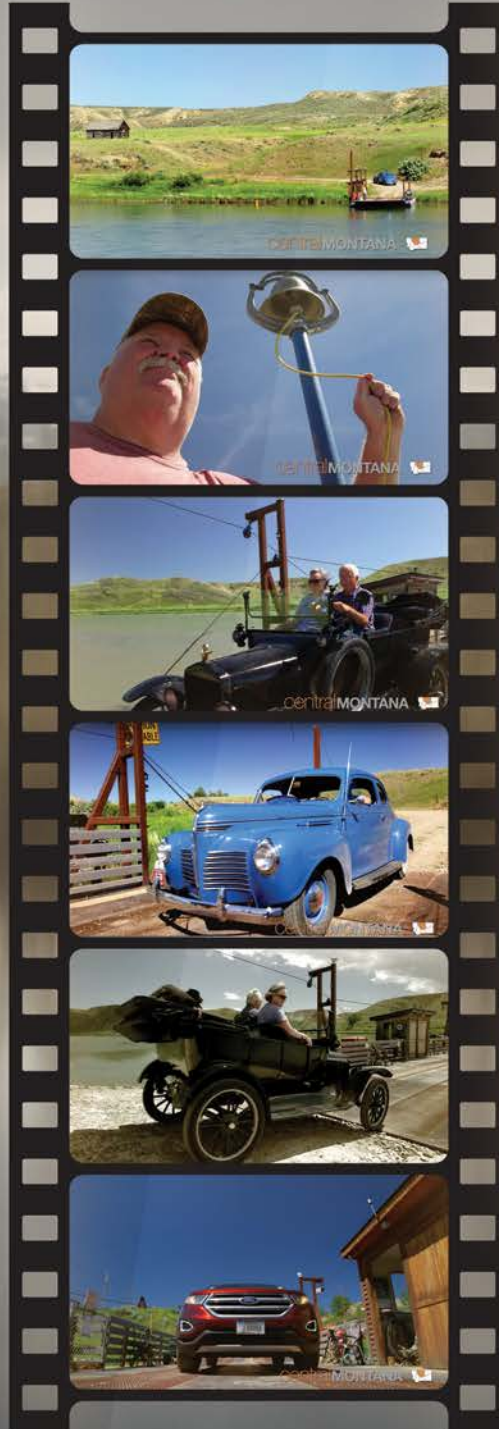
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