

SOUTHWEST MONTANA



DILLON TO PHILIPSBURG

In Dillon (1), visit the Beaverhead County Museum and see an authentic homesteader's cabin, the first flush toilet outhouse in Dillon, mining and agriculture equipment and enjoy a picnic in our pavilion. Shop for outdoor gear and clothing at the Patagonia Outlet. Stop for pastries and coffee at the Montana-owned Great Harvest Bakery.

West of Dillon on Highway 278 stop and walk the deserted streets of Bannack (2), and discover for yourself the way the West really was. Bannack is one of the best preserved of all of Montana's ghost towns.

Continue westward and stop for a soak at Jackson Hot Springs (3). Then turn on Highway 43 for a visit to the Big Hole Battlefield National Historic Site (4). Learn about the Nez Perce War of 1877 and Chief Joseph's tragic flight to freedom.

Go back to Wisdom (5) and stop for a delicious lunch at The Crossing Bar and Grill. Go north on Highway 43, and take the scenic Mill Creek Road, Route 569 (6), to Anaconda.

Drive the Anaconda-Pintler Scenic Highway (Hwy 1) to Philipsburg (7), a National Historic Business District with quaint shops, auto or walking tours, and guides. Dig for sapphires at Gem Mountain, Opal Mountain Gifts, or Sapphire Gallery, and treat yourself to candy, fudge, and chocolate truffles at the famous Sweet Palace.

For more detailed information and vacation planning assistance, visit southwestmt.com

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