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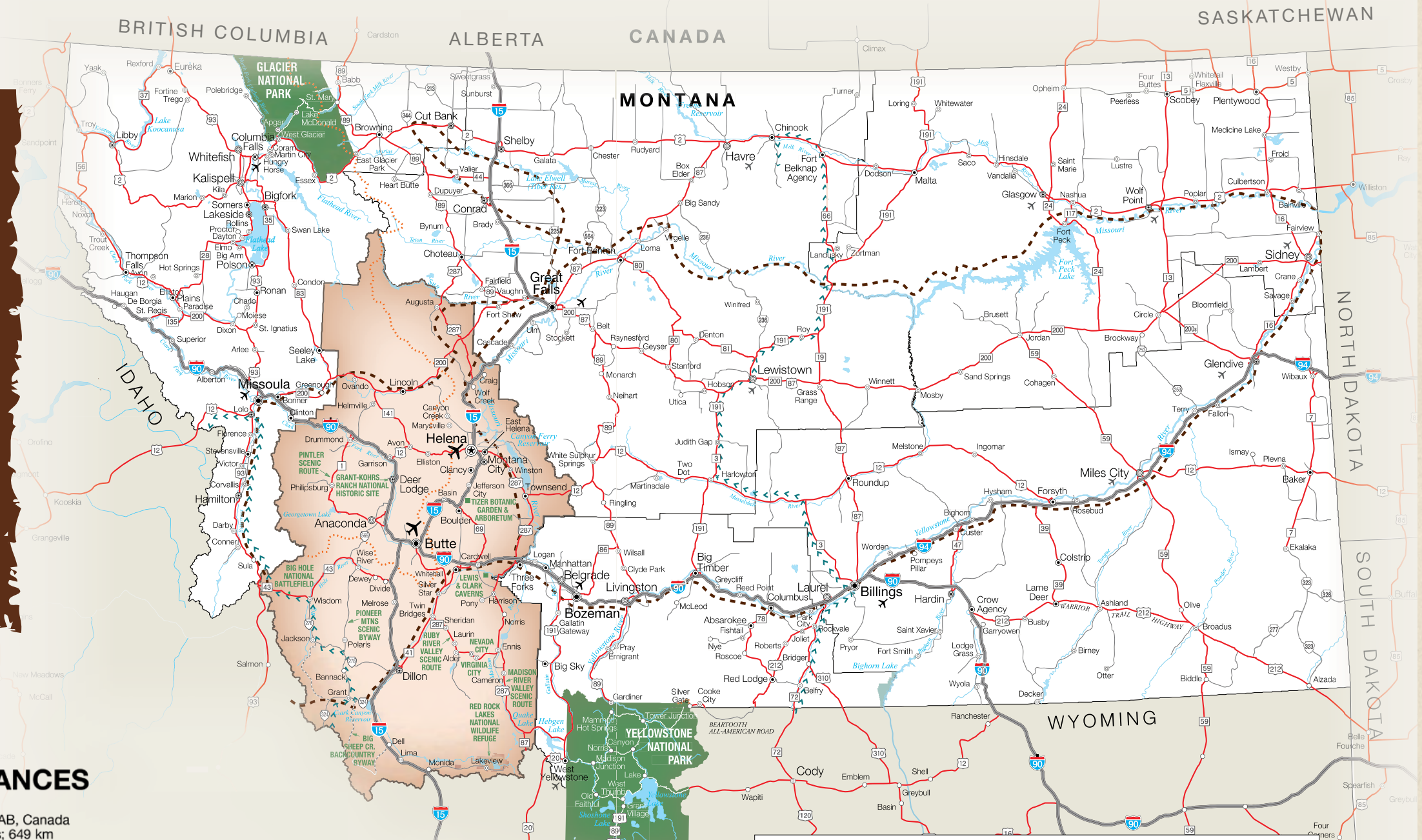
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Hi, We're Glad You're Here

On behalf of our small towns, residents and businesses, welcome to Southwest Montana. Rooted in history, this is a place that gets into your heart and fuels your spirit. From rodeos to small town celebrations and a tasty culinary scene to public lands, Southwest Montana is a place you're going to want to slow down, spend some time and reconnect with yourself and the land, people and places around you.



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GETTING HERE

We're just gonna say it: Montana was made for road trips. And while it's easy to get here by highways or backroads, we also know you may want to fly into Big Sky Country and then hit the open road. Our region is serviced by Helena Regional Airport in Helena (direct flights from/to Denver, Salt Lake City and Seattle) and Bert Mooney Airport in Butte (direct flights from/to Denver and Salt Lake City). Looking for a nearby option with more flight access? Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport offers nonstop flights to 24 airports across the country.



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AROUND HERE, THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED LEADS TO A LOT

Enjoy Scenic Drives

In Southwest Montana, it's easy for the scenery to draw you in. And when you're here, we encourage you to take the road less traveled. From Lima and Ennis in the southern end of our region to Augusta in our northern reaches, Southwest Montana is filled with drives that are diverse, jaw-dropping and picture perfect, from lush valleys to snow-covered mountain peaks. Along the way you'll be introduced to the heart of the region - vibrant communities that look like they were taken from a movie set, friendly people, outdoor attractions and heaping servings of Montana history. So kick back, relax and enjoy the ride.



1 BETWEEN THE PARKS

If you're planning a national parks road trip, you'll travel directly through Southwest Montana. While there are many routes you can take, we've outlined two options that take you through some of the region's more well-known places, as well as some off-the-beaten-path gems.

Yellowstone National Park to Glacier National Park

While you could drive directly from West Yellowstone to West Glacier in a day, we recommend breaking the trip up into two days. Highlights include Ennis, Virginia City, Nevada City, Whitehall, Butte, Deer Lodge, Avon and Ovando.

DAY ONE: WEST YELLOWSTONE TO BUTTE (167 MILES)

From West Yellowstone, hit the road for U.S. Highway 287, which will lead you to Ennis and two of Montana's must-visit ghost towns - Virginia City and Nevada City. Spend some time walking through the state's history before heading north to Whitehall and ending your first day in Butte. Home to the "Richest Hill on Earth," Butte's history is best experienced by visiting the **World Museum of Mining**, taking an underground mine tour, meandering through historic Uptown Butte and hopping on a trolley tour. Want more? Stop by the **Butte Chamber of Commerce**.

DIRECTIONS

- From West Yellowstone, head north on U.S. Highway 191, turn left on U.S. Highway 287.
- Stay on U.S. Highway 287 to/through Ennis.
- Take Montana Highway 287 west to Virginia City and Nevada City.
- Travel north on Montana Highway 41; take Montana Highway 55 to Whitehall.
- From Whitehall, take I-90 northwest to Butte.

DAY TWO: BUTTE TO WEST GLACIER (245 MILES)

From Butte, hit I-90. In our neck of the woods, freeways qualify as scenic drives and you'll be cruising through wide valleys, with mountains in every direction. Plan to make a stop and stretch your legs in Deer Lodge to tour the **Old Montana Prison Complex**, the **Montana Auto Museum** and the **Frontier Museum**, as well as the only working cattle ranch in the National Park Service - **Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site**. From Deer Lodge, continue west on I-90 and take the exit for Garrison/Helena, where you'll drive two-lane roads the rest of the way. Time it right and grab lunch at Trixi's Antler Saloon in Ovando before traveling north on U.S. Highway 83 through the Seeley-Swan Valley and onward to Glacier National Park's west entrance.

DIRECTIONS

- From Butte, travel west on I-90 until Garrison.
- Take U.S. Highway 12 to Avon; turn north onto Montana Highway 141.
- Turn west on Montana Highway 200. Stay on Montana Highway 200 to Clearwater Junction; turn right (north) on Montana Highway 83.
- Head north on Montana Highway 35 to Kalispell; take U.S. Highway 2 north to West Glacier.

Good to Know

If you plan to visit Glacier National Park this year, no vehicle reservations are needed to access any areas of the park, including the Going-to-the-Sun Road. One change for this year: parking at Logan Pass is limited to three hours. If you plan to hike from Logan Pass or be there longer than three hours, you will need to obtain a Going-to-the-Sun Road Park Shuttle ticket. Learn more here:

nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/visiting-glacier-2026.htm



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2 BLACKFOOT VALLEY

MISSOULA TO HELENA (245 MILES)

From Missoula, it's a beautiful drive to the capital city of Helena. Take the road less traveled on Montana Highway 200, with a stop at Garnet Ghost Town. Sitting at 6,000 feet, it's tucked in the mountains and is well preserved. From there, continue on toward Montana 141, passing through the Garnet Range before traveling up and over MacDonald Pass to Helena. Along the way, grab a slice of pie at the Avon Family Café.

DIRECTIONS

- Travel east from Missoula on I-90, take Exit 109. Take Montana Highway 200. Start watching for Garnet Range Road between mile marker 22 and 23.
- From Garnet, continue east and turn south at Montana Highway 141.
- At Avon, merge onto U.S. Highway 12 and continue to Helena.

Alternate route: Instead of turning onto Montana 141, stay on Highway 200 and continue to Lincoln. Grab a bite to eat, check out local stores and visit Blackfoot Pathways: Sculptures in the Wild before taking the scenic route over Fletcher Pass on Highway 279.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT | RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ

Glaciers to Geysers

DAY ONE: ST. MARY TO HELENA (201 MILES)

After leaving St. Mary, head south on U.S. Highway 89. Along the way you'll travel through small towns like Dupuyer, Bynum and Choteau. Plan to stop along the Rocky Mountain Front in the Old West town of Augusta. Stroll Main Street, visit local stores and grab a bite to eat. From Augusta, continue on to Wolf Creek and catch an afternoon boat tour through Gates of the Mountains. End your day in Helena, with recommendations that include strolling the Walking Mall, hitting up a local brewery or soaking at Broadwater Hot Springs.

DIRECTIONS

- From St. Mary, travel south on U.S. Highway 89 to Choteau.
- At Choteau, take U.S. Highway 287 south through Augusta and to Wolf Creek.
- Merge onto I-15 to Helena.

DAY TWO: HELENA TO WEST YELLOWSTONE (177 MILES)

Enjoy breakfast in Helena before heading south on I-15 to Boulder, making a stop at **Tizer Botanical Gardens** on your way. From Boulder, take Montana Highway 69 to see Elkhorn Ghost Town and **Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park**. After touring the caverns, head south to Ennis (be sure to take time to stop, fuel up and check out Main Street) before continuing into West Yellowstone.

DIRECTIONS

- From Helena, stay south on I-15 until Exit 164.
- Take Montana Highway 69 south to Lewis & Clark Caverns.
- Turn left onto Montana Highway 2; turn right on Montana Highway 287 to Ennis.
- From Ennis, turn left on Montana Highway 287 and then right onto Montana Highway 191 to West Yellowstone.

Scan for another small town focused route between West Yellowstone and West Glacier.



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3 PINTLER SCENIC ROUTE LOOP

BUTTE LOOP TOUR: 132 MILES

This round-trip drive starts and ends in Butte, with routes that include Montana Highway 1 and I-90. A great day trip, be sure to visit Anaconda, take in the stunning views along Georgetown Lake and spend some time in Philipsburg. An old mining town, P-burg (as the locals call it) is well worth a visit – you can mine for sapphires, visit **The Sweet Palace** and sip a local award-winning beer. Continue the drive back to Butte through Drummond. Be sure to stop at Parker's Restaurant to try one of their burgers; they've got more than 100 on the menu. Walk off your burger at **Grant-Kohrs National Historic Site** in Deer Lodge on your way back to Butte.

DIRECTIONS

- Depart Butte and travel west on I-90, take Exit 208 to Anaconda and the beginning of the Pintler Scenic Highway.
- Continue west through Anaconda and to P-burg; head north to Drummond.
- Merge onto I-90 and continue back to Butte.



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GRANT-KOHR'S NHS | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

4 PIONEER MOUNTAIN SCENIC BYWAY

DILLON TO ANACONDA: 118 MILES

This route takes you to untouched and wide-open country through Polaris and the Grasshopper Valley as you cruise the Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway. Along the way, take a soak at Elkhorn Hot Springs or dig for crystals at Crystal Park.

DIRECTIONS

- From Dillon, take I-15 south to Exit 59.
- Stay on Montana Highway 278 for 21 miles; turn left onto Bannack Bench Road.
- Turn north onto the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway.
- At Wise River, turn west on Montana Highway 43; continue north on Montana Highway 569 to Anaconda.

Alternate route: You can make this a loop tour and return to Dillon on Montana Highway 43, traveling back through Wisdom and Jackson (home to **Jackson Hot Springs**).



RED ROCKS WILDERNESS | RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ



RED ROCK LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE | LISA EDWARDS

5 SWAN'S ROUTE

DILLON TO RED ROCK LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: 153 MILES

While this scenic drive travels along I-15, you'll pass through some wide-open country with rolling hills and stunning mountain ranges. From Dillon, travel south to Lima, stopping at Clark Canyon Reservoir along the way. From here, continue south to Monida, taking Exit 0 on South Valley Road to the Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Accessible in summer, it's home to the largest population of trumpeter swans in North America.

No matter which way you travel in Southwest Montana, there are scenic drives in every direction. Want more? Consider Big Sheep Creek Backcountry Byway near Dillon and Wolf Creek Canyon between Helena and Craig.

DIRECTIONS

- From Dillon, take I-15 south through Lima and to Monida.
- Take Exit 0, turn left on South Valley Road. Stay on the gravel road for 39 miles.



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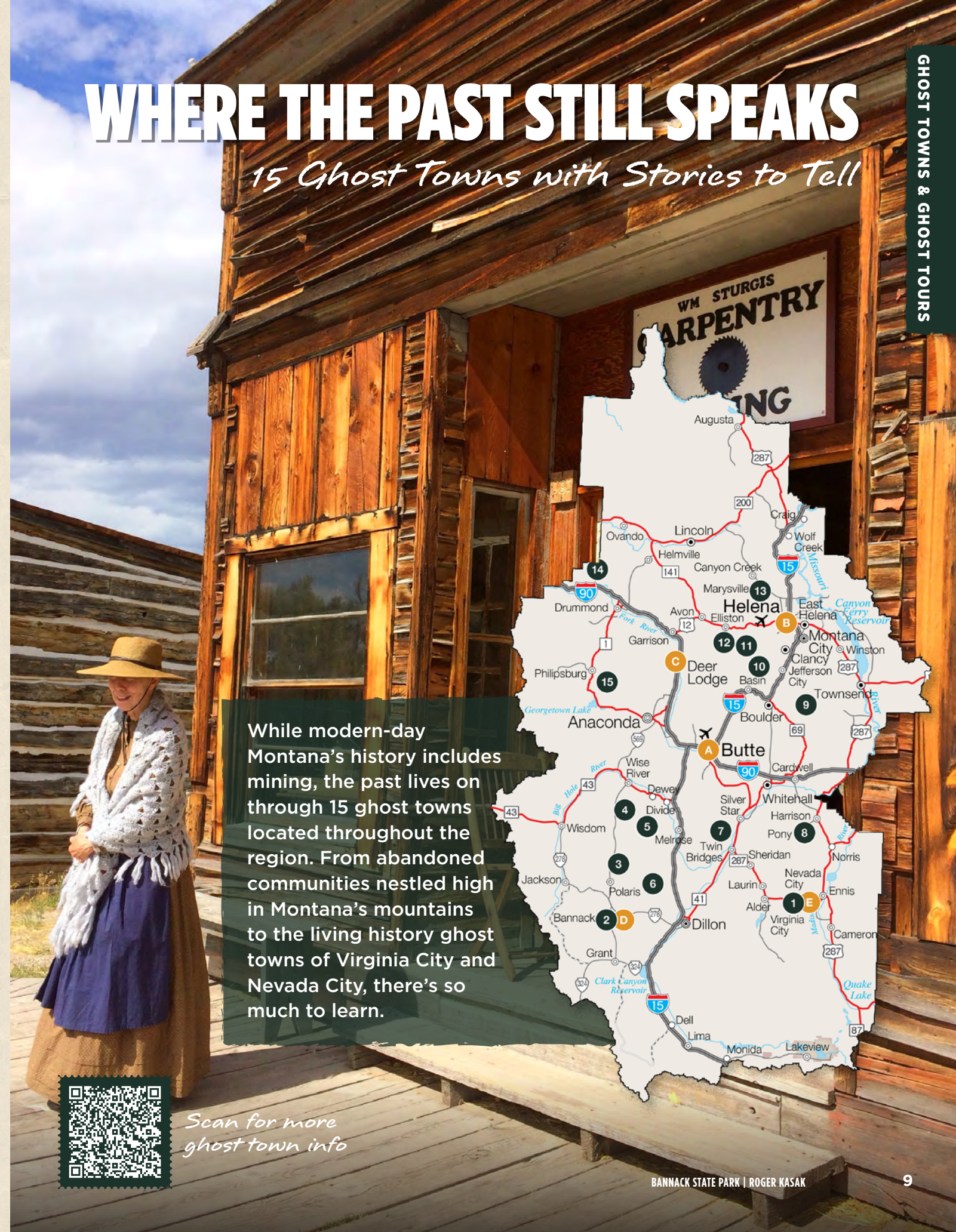
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WHERE THE PAST STILL SPEAKS

15 Ghost Towns with Stories to Tell



While modern-day Montana's history includes mining, the past lives on through 15 ghost towns located throughout the region. From abandoned communities nestled high in Montana's mountains to the living history ghost towns of Virginia City and Nevada City, there's so much to learn.



Scan for more ghost town info

1 VIRGINIA CITY/NEVADA CITY

Meet Montana's most famous ghost towns - Virginia City and Nevada City. Virginia City is a National Historic Landmark District while nearby Nevada City (which is less than 1 mile away) is an open-air museum with over 100 buildings. As you wander through both communities, you'll be greeted by original buildings, Old West artifacts, boardwalks, a variety of businesses and guided tours. Accessible year-round, summer is the best time to visit. [406.843.5247](tel:406.843.5247)

Fun fact

Virginia City was the territorial capital of Montana from 1865 to 1875.

LEARN MORE:

virginiacitymt.com & virginiacity.com



VIRGINIA CITY | VALERIE MANNE

3 COOLIDGE

Sitting high in the Pioneer Mountains, Coolidge has an elevation of over 7,000 feet. While it was home to a vast silver mine, an economic downturn in 1923 closed the mine facility. Today, it's accessible from the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway, followed by a 1-mile walk to the ghost town.

Fun fact

Coolidge was the last silver boom town in Montana.

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/ghosts/ghost-towns/coolidge



CANYON CREEK CHARCOAL KILNS | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

4 QUARTZ HILL (VIPOND DISTRICT)

Located in the Pioneer Mountains, silver ore was discovered here in 1868, with a road being built in 1872 to transport it out to the nearby community of Dewey. Today, visitors to the area will see old buildings and mining sites, as well as assorted rocks and even a few quartz crystals.

Fun fact

The Vipond brothers - John and William - staked claims here in 1868 and 1869. Their brother Joseph, along with men working in the mines, built the road to haul the silver ore out.



PONY BAR | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

5 GLENDALE AND CANYON CREEK CHARCOAL KILNS

While it was a booming smelting town in the 1880s, these days Glendale is a ghost town that's home to a stone office building, a smelter stack and a handful of other buildings. At its height, Glendale had 2,000 residents.

Fun fact

As the smelter needed charcoal, the Canyon Creek charcoal kilns were built 5 miles up Canyon Creek, with many beehive-shaped kilns remaining.

LEARN MORE:

fs.usda.gov/main/bdnf/learning/history-culture

6 FARLIN

Located between Glen and Dillon, the Indian Queen mine in Farlin produced half a million pounds of copper in 1905 and 1906. While not much remains, visitors can see cabins along Birch Creek Road, as well as a schoolhouse.

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/ghosts/ghost-towns/farlin

7 ROCHESTER

Gold was discovered in 1869 and the Watseca gold mine operated until the 1980s. Modern-day visitors will see a few stone buildings, a wooden headframe, a modern gold mill and an old cemetery.

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/ghosts/ghost-towns/rochester

8 PONY

While it may not be thought of as a traditional ghost town, Pony is a former mining town with around 135 year-round residents. Pony combines abandoned mining buildings - like the Morris State Bank and Morris Elling stamp mill - with a handful of charming businesses, like the Pony Bar.

Fun fact

Smith McComsey found gold in a gulch in 1867, and his placer ground was referred to as "Pony Gulch." His military record shows him at 5' 2.5" and his small size is where the nickname "Pony" was derived.

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/communities/pony

9 ELKHORN GHOST TOWN STATE PARK

Montana's smallest state park, Elkhorn Ghost Town State Park, is under 1 acre and has two buildings: Fraternity Hall and Gillian Hall. While it was once home to rich silver deposits and 2,500 people, today less than a dozen people hang their hats here.

Good to know

Many of the buildings are privately owned; be sure to follow posted "no trespassing" signs.

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/blog/elkhorn-montanas-smallest-state-park



ELKHORN GHOST TOWN STATE PARK | SARAH BOLT

2 BANNACK STATE PARK

Open year-round, Bannack has tours, living history, gold panning and events taking place Memorial Day through Labor Day. A short drive from Dillon, Bannack Days celebrates the pioneer lifestyle with live performances portraying vigilantes and villains the third weekend in July. [406.834.3413](tel:406.834.3413)

Fun fact

Bannack was Montana's first territorial capital in 1862 and is one of the most well-preserved ghost towns in the U.S.

LEARN MORE:

fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/bannack-state-park



BANNACK STATE PARK | WANDERLUST CREW

10 COMET

In its heyday, Comet had 22 saloons and a large mill. While it's located on private property, it is open to the public. Be sure to follow signage and visit responsibly.

**11 RIMINI**

An open-air ghost town located 20 minutes southwest of Helena, Rimini has old buildings that are now private residences.

Fun fact

Rimini was originally named "Young Ireland."

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/listings/rimini

12 CHARTER OAK MINE AND MILL

Active from 1916 to 1965, Charter Oak Mine and Mill is home to standing buildings, as well as mining-milling buildings and equipment.

Good to know

The mine is open to the public on select summer weekends.

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/ghosts/ghost-towns/charter-oak

13 MARYSVILLE

Once a thriving gold camp that was rumored to be the leading gold producer in the 1880s and 1890s, there is still some mining that takes place in Marysville. Easily accessible from Helena, it has several buildings listed on the National Historic Register.

Good to know

The Marysville House serves dinner Wednesday-Sunday.

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/communities/marysville/

14 GARNET

Montana's best preserved ghost town, Garnet sits at over 7,000 feet in the Garnet Mountains. Once home to 1,000 residents in its heyday, visitors can wander its deserted streets and tour the town, including 30 buildings and a visitor center, complete with interpretive signage and self-guided trails.

Good to know

The roads in and out of Garnet are steep, narrow and winding. RVs, motorhomes and pull trailers should not travel this route.

LEARN MORE:

garnetghosttown.org

**15 GRANITE GHOST TOWN STATE PARK**

While Granite was only in existence from 1877 to 1893, it was the richest silver mine on earth. At its prime it had a brewery, soda pop bottling facility, ice rink, roller rink, newspaper, saloons, hotels, restaurants and red-light district. Union Hall, the mills and the superintendent's house all remain.

Good to know

The road to Granite is steep, narrow and winding; high-clearance vehicles are recommended and necessary.

LEARN MORE:

southwestmt.com/listings/granite-ghost-town-state-park/

GHOST TOURS

Explore Montana's Past and Haunted Present

From ghost towns to haunted tours, Montana has a penchant for the peculiar. With a history that includes copper kings, mining towns and rowdy residents, Southwest Montana has historic sites and interesting places that tell the tales of lingering souls. From thrill seekers to ghost hunters and history buffs, come uncover stories of the past.

**A SPOOKS AND SPIRITS TOUR IN BUTTE**

With a colorful history that includes the richest hill on earth to an area known as the Cabbage Patch district, Butte's haunted past is more alive than ever. Experience Butte's historically verified hauntings on a guided Spooks and Spirits Haunted tour. [406.490.0646](tel:406.490.0646)

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B GHOST GULCH, HELENA

A fall offering, Ghost Gulch Haunted Pub Trolley Tour tells the tales of vigilante justice, loyal pets, criminal crusades and haunted elevators. [406.449.3770](tel:406.449.3770), mthistory.org/tours

C DEER LODGE, WHERE THE DEAD DON'T REST

From self-guided tours to ghost tours, the **Old Prison Museum** was home to inmates from 1871-1979, where over 200 convicts took their last breaths. It's rumored the dead don't rest inside the prison walls; visitors encounter foul odors, cell doors clanging and heavy footsteps clomping down deserted corridors.

[406.846.3111](tel:406.846.3111), pcmaf.org

D GHOSTS WALK THE STREETS IN BANNAK

While no living souls call Bannack home today, this place was once home to a mix of lively residents, from outlaws to gold miners. It's said when you wander the streets of Bannack, marveling at its old buildings and stories of days gone by, you're walking hand in hand with spirits who remain, including the corrupt sheriff Henry Plummer and Dorothy Dunn, a young girl who drowned in 1916.

[406.834.3413](tel:406.834.3413), fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/bannack

E STAY WITH GHOSTS IN VIRGINIA CITY + NEVADA CITY

The present tells the stories of the past in these once illustrious boom towns. Famous sightings include a gunslinger walking through walls and Virginia Slade riding her black stallion down the hill to rescue her husband from a hanging. Stay with ghosts at Fairweather Inn or Nevada City Cabins, open seasonally.

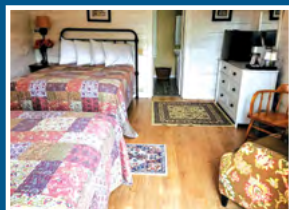
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From geothermal hot springs to family-friendly water parks, there is no shortage of ways to enjoy Montana's waters. Many of the area's hot springs are located off the beaten path and are well worth a weekend getaway.

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[406.797.3241](tel:406.797.3241), fairmontmontana.com

2 BOULDER HOT SPRINGS INN, SPA & RETREAT CENTER

Boulder Hot Springs offers indoor and outdoor pools, an on-site spa and lodging in its historic hotel.

[406.225.4339](tel:406.225.4339), boulderhotsprings.com

3 BROADWATER HOT SPRINGS & FITNESS

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[406.443.5777](tel:406.443.5777), broadwatermt.com

4 NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

An old-school wooden pool surrounded by wetlands, Norris Hot Springs offers a distinct hot spring experience. Their café serves food harvested from their on-site gardens. Camping is available May through September.

[406.685.3303](tel:406.685.3303), norrishotsprings.com



FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS | ERIC BUNTING

6 ELKHORN HOT SPRINGS

A year-round rustic resort, Elkhorn offers two outdoor hot mineral pools, a Grecian sauna, restaurant and bar, with accommodations that include cabins and lodge rooms. [406.834.3434](tel:406.834.3434), elkhornhotsprings.com

7 JACKSON HOT SPRINGS

With a large natural outdoor hot springs pool, **Jackson Hot Springs** has cabins, a restaurant, bar and dance hall.

[406.834.3151](tel:406.834.3151), jacksonhotspringslodge.com

8 RIDGE WATERS WATER PARK

A family-friendly summer destination in Butte, Ridge Waters has Montana's longest lazy river, slides, six-way tippy tree, concessions and cabanas for rent. [406-497-6585](tel:406.497.6585), co.silverbow.mt.us/2092/Ridge-Waters-Waterpark

9 LAST CHANCE SPLASH WATER PARK AND POOL

Located in Helena, this summer water park has a lap-swimming pool, splash pad, two waterslides, a zero-depth pool and lazy river. [406.447.1559](tel:406.447.1559), lastchancesplash.com

Fun fact

There are an estimated 120 hot springs throughout Montana. Some are open to the public, while others are located on private land and are not accessible.

5 PIPESTONE VILLAGE AND HOT SPRINGS

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A Rockhounder's Playground



Spanning from the southern reaches of the state to the Rocky Mountain Front, there are numerous open-to-the-public locations for rock lovers to explore. Listed below are 12 destinations ideal for rock hounding and taking an up-close look at geology.

GEM MOUNTAIN MINE | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES



Scan for more rockhounding info

1 CRYSTAL PARK

A public dig site, Crystal Park has amethysts and smoky, brilliant clear quartz in a variety of forms. Day-use only; \$5 fee per person.

Insider tip

Bring your own hand tools.

2 HUMBUG SPIRES

A popular non-motorized rock climbing destination, Humbug Spires Primitive Area has impressive outcroppings of quartz monzonite that rise 300-600 feet out of the earth.



3 RUBY RESERVOIR

Located south of Alder, Ruby Reservoir has calcite, opalite and garnets. Some rock hounders screen gravel along the reservoir's shore and find gem-quality almandine.



4 RED ROCK MINE AND GARNET GALLERY

Screen a bucket or screen all day at this cool rock shop between Alder and Nevada City.

5 VIRGINIA CITY

Once home to gold mines, today modern-day adventurers can pan for gold at the River of Gold, followed by visiting the **Alder Gulch Mining Museum**.

6 LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK

One of the largest limestone caverns in the northwest, Lewis & Clark Caverns offers guided tours, a campground, visitor center, gift shop and hiking trails. **Lewis & Clark Caverns** is a must-visit destination to learn more about Montana's geology. 406-287-3541, fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/lewis-and-clark-caverns



7 RINGING ROCKS

A unique geologic area, the rocks here chime when tapped lightly with a hammer. The ring comes from the composition of rock and joining patterns created as rocks have eroded away. To keep the rocks ringing for generations to come, don't remove any rocks from the pile. High clearance vehicles are required. Want to learn more? Visit the **Mineral Museum** at Montana Tech in Butte, located 18 miles from Ringing Rocks.



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8 ANACONDA

Explore old tailings of scheelite and epidote at Cable Mountain northeast of Georgetown Lake, as well as argillite and quartzite west of the lake.



GEM MOUNTAIN MINE | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

9 PHILIPSBURG

Pick up a bag of locally sourced gravel and sift for sapphires at the **Sapphire Gallery, Gem Mountain** or **Montana Gems** of Philipsburg.

10 HELENA

Look for sapphires at Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine and Gold Fever Rock Shop.



CRYSTAL PARK | USDA FOREST SERVICE

11 BOULDER RIVER

Cubic crystals of barite – which are usually white or colorless – are found along the Boulder River about 5 miles west of the Whitehouse Campground.



QUAKE LAKE | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

12 EARTHQUAKE LAKE

In 1959, an earthquake formed Quake Lake near West Yellowstone, creating a massive landslide of 80 million tons of rock that killed 28 people. Today, travelers can visit the Earthquake Lake Visitor Center where the story of the “night of terror” is told along with interpretive signage and a memorial boulder.

Fun fact

WOLF CREEK CANYON

While it's one of the state's most scenic drives today, this canyon was the most difficult section for stagecoach drivers and teamsters to navigate from Helena to Fort Benton, as they feared the narrow canyon and its swift-flowing Prickly Pear Creek. These days, I-15 takes travelers directly through the canyon as it connects Helena with Great Falls, as well as the communities of Wolf Creek, Craig and Augusta.



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MEET MONTANA'S LOCALS

Where to Go for Birding and Wildlife Watching



With wide-open spaces, mountain ranges and valleys, Southwest Montana has plenty of areas that are ideal for wildlife watching, including 19 wildlife management areas that provide vital habitats for a variety of wildlife like birds, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, wolves, bears and more.



BLACKFOOT RIVER | RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ



Scan to explore specific areas

1 RED ROCKS LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE – LIMA

This remote area is home to one of the largest populations of trumpeter swans in the lower 48 states. Prime birding is found during June and July.



RED ROCKS LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE | LISA EDWARDS

2 CLARK CANYON RESERVOIR & BANNACK STATE PARK – LIMA & DILLON

This reservoir is teeming with birds and other wildlife, including sage grouse, loon, heron, hawk, golden eagle, falcons and more. Prime viewing is April-October.

3 GEORGETOWN LAKE – ANACONDA & PHILIPSBURG

A high mountain lake surrounded by forested terrain creates a hearty habitat for waterfowl and raptors. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for moose, elk, deer and bighorn sheep as you drive Montana Highway 1 from Anaconda.

4 OVANDO

Trumpeter swans, herons, loons, eagles and buffleheads can be seen at Browns Lake, Blackfoot Waterfowl Production Area and the Aunt Molly Wildlife Management Area.



AUGUSTA | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

5 DEER LODGE

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site has a healthy riparian habitat that hosts a variety of birds, including great blue heron, eagles, chickadees, magpies and woodpeckers.



ROCK CREEK | ERIC BUNTING

6 CANYON FERRY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA – HELENA & TOWNSEND

Located on a major north-south migration route, this area is home to deer, moose, upland birds, waterfowl and pheasants.

7 BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD – WISDOM

This high valley is located off the beaten path, with more than 80+ species of birds, as well as mule deer, moose and elk. Get a birding checklist at the visitor center, open year-round.

8 WARM SPRINGS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA – ANACONDA & DEER LODGE

Each fall, 28 species of shorebirds come to these human-made ponds in the Upper Clark Fork Valley. Time your visit to spot rough-legged hawks, prairie falcons, sand cranes and gyrfalcons.

9 ENNIS LAKE – ENNIS

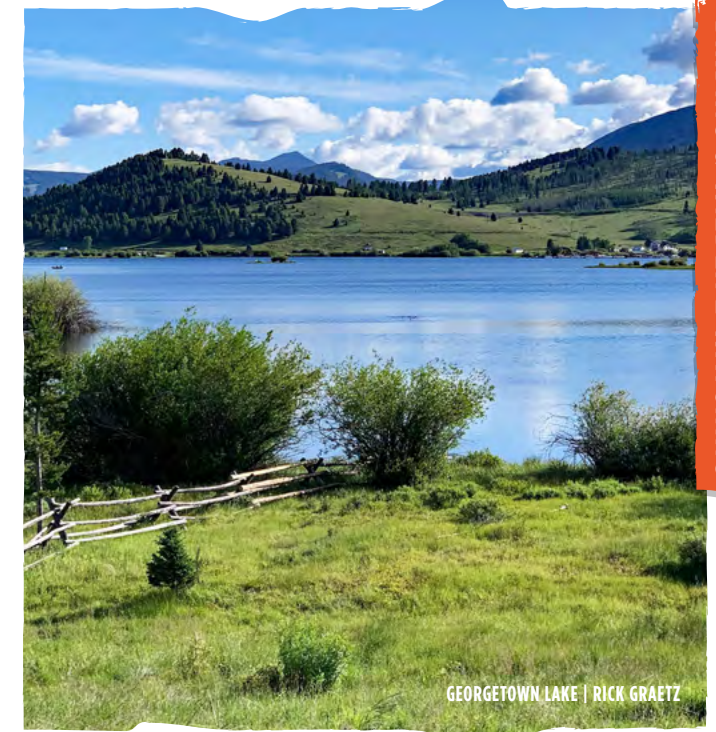
Spanning 3,692 acres, this lake combines bird watching for trumpeter swans, pacific loons and bald eagles, with breathtaking views of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness.



ENNIS | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES



JEFFERSON RIVER | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES



GEORGETOWN LAKE | RICK GRAETZ

10 BEARTOOTH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA – HELENA

A hearty habitat, this area is known for elk, deer, antelope, game birds, raptors, turkey vultures and the American white pelican.

11 MOUNT HAGGIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA – ANACONDA

Encompassing 561,161 acres, Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area is home to moose, elk, cranes and other wildlife. It's also a great place for cross-country skiing during the winter.

Good to know

Loud noises and sudden movements startle birds. Plan to watch quietly and move slowly for best viewing opportunities.

Recreate responsibly:

Remember, wildlife are wild. Give them plenty of room, never approach them and do not feed them.



COOL OFF IN MONTANA'S WATERS

Rivers, Lakes and Reservoirs



With rivers, lakes and reservoirs, Southwest Montana has an abundant array of water recreation. From fly-fishing blue-ribbon streams to kayaking and swimming, it's easy to get to a nearby river or lake.



WHERE TO FISH

While you can cast a fishing line on any Montana river, stream or lake, there are a few places that stand out for a fly-fishing trip. Our advice? For the best experience, go with a guide.

A few rivers and lakes of note

Jefferson River, Madison River, Big Hole River, Blackfoot River, Sun River, Canyon Ferry and Holter Lake.



GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS | WANDERLUST CREW

WHERE TO FLOAT & BOAT

There's not much better on a hot summer day than hitting a Montana lake or river. Cool off with a float on the Missouri River, Dearborn River or Clark Fork River. Take a boat tour through the Gates of the Mountains at Holter Lake or spend the day at Hauser Lake Reservoir or Canyon Ferry Lake.

WHERE TO SWIM

With snow-fed waters, swimming in a Montana lake or river is a great way to spend a sunny afternoon. Popular swimming destinations include Spring Meadow State Park, Holter Lake and Ennis Lake.

Want more?

Check out the Beaverhead River, Ruby Reservoir, Brown's Lake, Kleinschmidt Lake and Upsata Lake.



BIG HOLE RIVER | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

Need to Know

FISHING LICENSE

Resident and nonresident fishermen need valid Montana fishing licenses before setting out to fish any of the state's bodies of water. Fishing licenses are available at many local stores and shops, as well as online.



CONSERVATION LICENSE

Everyone ages 12 and up must purchase a Montana conservation license to access state lands, including fishing access sites, wildlife management areas and other public lands.



GO WITH A GUIDE

Booking a fishing trip with a guide is a great way to make the best use of your time. Plus, guides can tailor a trip to your experience level, offer local expertise and provide guidance on equipment, skills and tactics.



RESTRICTIONS

When fishing in Montana, be sure to pay attention to various limitations, like hoot owl restrictions. The timing of these depends on water temperatures, water flow and other factors.

INVASIVE SPECIES

Montana works hard to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. If you are bringing watercraft (boats, kayaks, waders, etc.) into the state or traveling between bodies of water, practice clean, drain, dry. Stop at watercraft inspection and decontamination points to help stop the transfer of invasive species.



COWBOY UP

Where the West Lives On



The Wild West is alive and well in Southwest Montana, with many outfitters, guides and ranchers hanging their hats here. The cowboy way of life is found throughout the region, from our smallest towns to our bigger communities. From rustic to luxury and day rides to all-inclusive multi-day stays, there's a western-style experience waiting for you.

ENNIS | USDA FOREST SERVICE



OUTFITTERS & GUIDES

If you plan on adventuring into Montana's backcountry or fishing one of our pristine trout streams or rivers, we recommend going with an outfitter or guide. They're knowledgeable, experienced and well-versed in the region, helping make the experience smooth, seamless and safe. Their services are diverse and include horseback trail rides, fly-fishing, hunting, pack trips, float trips and ATV adventures.

Book a fishing trip with **The Tackle Shop** in Ennis and cast a fishing line on the Madison, Big Hole or Jefferson rivers. For a day ride on horseback, book a trail ride with Wolfpack Outfitters in Ennis. You can also enjoy guided hunting, fishing, snowmobiling or horseback riding with Montana High Country in Polaris.

Want some engine-assisted fun? ATVs, side-by-side vehicles and snowmobile rentals are available at **Pintler Adventures** in Anaconda and **Beaverhead Adventures** in Dillon.

GUEST RANCHES

Ranching is an integral part of Montana and you'll find it seamlessly weaved into our way of life. When it comes to a ranch stay, there are a few different styles, including working ranches, dude ranches and resort ranches. Each ranch offers its own distinct experience and stay, including horse-drawn wagon rides, wilderness treks, horseback trail rides, guided hikes, cattle drives, wellness offerings and chef-made meals.

For a luxury all-inclusive experience, book a stay at **The Ranch at Rock Creek**. The ranch is located on 6,600 beautiful acres outside Philipsburg, with twice-daily guided adventures like mountain biking, shooting ranges, weekly rodeos and wildlife viewing.

A family-owned and -operated cattle ranch and guest ranch in Winston, the **Staubach Creek Cattle Ranch and Guest House** gives guests the opportunity to help with daily chores like feeding cattle and fixing fences. You can also enjoy horseback trail rides, birding and hiking.

Additional resources







- › montanaoutfitters.org
- › foam-mt.org
- › montanadra.com



SUMMER STAR RANCH | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES



CATTLE DRIVE | LISA WAREHAM

- WILDERNESS AREA 
- BLM 
- NATIONAL FOREST 
- NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL 
- LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL 
- CONTINENTAL DIVIDE 



In 2026, the United States is celebrating its 250th anniversary. In Southwest Montana, we're big believers that public lands - from national parks to state parks and national forests to wilderness areas - truly are America's best idea. If you're looking for a place to celebrate 250 years, Southwest Montana is a great place to do it. While you're here, be sure to dig into the history and experiences found on Montana's public lands.

EXPLORE OUR PUBLIC LANDS



RED ROCK LAKES | JOHN LAMBING

NATIONAL PARK SITES + TRAILS

Located in a peaceful valley between Wisdom and Sula, the **Big Hole National Battlefield** preserves and honors the Nez Perce Tribe, soldiers and others who perished in the battle in 1877. The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail spans from Oregon to the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, Montana, encompassing the tribe's quest for freedom in Canada, and includes the Big Hole National Battlefield. The battlefield is where the Nez Perce - led by Chief Joseph, Chief Ollokot and Chief Looking Glass - fought the U.S. Army. While the Nez Perce Tribe won the battle here, they were captured by the U.S. Army 50 miles from the Canadian border. Today, the battlefield and Nez Perce Trail tell the story of the Nez Perce's flight for freedom over 126 days and 1,170 miles. While he passed away in 1904, Chief Joseph remains a hero of the West. 406.689.3155, nps.gov/biho/index.htm

Established in Deer Lodge in 1972, the **Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site** commemorates the role of cattlemen in the West from the 1850s. The ranch site itself dates back to 1862, with preserved building, decor, operations and skills connected to that era. Grant-Kohrs offers tours, ranger-led activities and 7 miles of trails. 406.846.2070, nps.gov/grko/index.htm



BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

FORESTS, TRAILS AND CAMPING

When you drive through Southwest Montana, you'll cross the Continental Divide numerous times as you set out to explore the region's 6 million acres of public lands. (In Montana, the Continental Divide is where water falls west to the Columbia River or east to the Mississippi River.) This region is a recreation lover's playground, with high alpine lakes, reservoirs, rugged mountains, rivers and interesting geology. It's also home to 3,000 miles of motorized and non-motorized trails. The crown jewel of the trail system is the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, commonly called the CDT. A bucket list hike for many, the CDT is 3,100 miles long and connects Canada and Mexico. Southwest Montana is home to 475 of those miles, with numerous communities along the way welcoming hikers to rest, shower and resupply. cdtcoalition.org

The Great American Rail-Trail is set to travel through Montana, including Butte. And while it's still underway, there are incredible trails for walking, running and riding. A few to note: the Silver Bow Greenway Trail near Butte and Anaconda, the Milwaukee Road Rail-Trail in Butte, Arrow Stone Park Trail in Deer Lodge and the Old Yellowstone Trail in Garrison and Deer Lodge. southwestmt.com/thegreatoutdoors/hikingandbackpacking

Beyond hiking, public lands are a great place to camp, from primitive backcountry sites to developed, full-service campgrounds, fire tower lookouts and historic cabins. southwestmt.com/accommodations/camping

► LEWIS & CLARK SITES

In 1805 and 1806, the Lewis & Clark Expedition traveled through what is now known as Montana. Along the way they encountered natural wonders, dealt with hardships and met many American Indian tribes on their quest to find a northern route to the Pacific Ocean.

If you're into history or want to learn more about Lewis & Clark, here are four must-visit sites in Southwest Montana.

1 GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS, HELENA

This canyon was named by Meriwether Lewis, as the steep limestone cliffs flank the Missouri River, creating the illusion of a gate that seems to open as you get closer. In the summer, you can learn more on a narrated boat tour. [406.458.5241](tel:406.458.5241)



2 BEAVERHEAD ROCK HISTORIC POINT, DILLON

This is where Sacagawea recognized a natural landmark, which resembled the head of a beaver. The recognition of this gave the expedition hope that they were near Sacagawea's tribe and could acquire horses.

3 CAMP FORTUNATE OVERLOOK, DILLON

After passing Beaverhead Rock, Sacagawea recognized her brother Chief Cameahwait and the expedition was able to obtain horses for the trip. Today, visitors can walk in the footsteps of Sacagawea and Chief Cameahwait at Camp Fortunate near Dillon.

4 CLARK'S LOOKOUT, DILLON

Stand in the same spot Captain Clark stood on August 13, 1805 as he took in the view of the route ahead. Take your time and explore this historic site, including interpretive signage that shares information about the expedition's navigation methods.

► Fun fact

As you cruise along I-90, be sure to swing into Whitehall to see the vibrant murals that share the story of Lewis & Clark in Montana. southwestmt.com/specialfeatures/this-is-montana/lewis-and-clark

► AMERICAN INDIAN SITES & NOTABLE EVENTS

Southwest Montana's boundaries include traditional hunting grounds of many of Montana's First Nations, stretching back thousands of years. There are also several sites that are significant to the Blackfeet, Nez Perce, Shoshone and Salish tribal nations, including the **Big Hole National Battlefield**. One of the best ways to learn about tribal nations is by attending a powwow. There are two powwows in Southwest Montana each year.

5 LAST CHANCE COMMUNITY POW WOW, HELENA

While all powwows are family-focused, this one honors children and is held over three days every September at the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds. lastchancepowwow.com

6 NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE POW WOW, BUTTE

Held every September, this three-day event immerses participants and visitors in colorful regalia, beautiful dancing, traditional music and food at the Butte Civic Center. butteciviccenter.com

GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS | DONNIE SEXTON

► MONTANA STATE PARKS

Perhaps Montana's best-kept secret is its state parks. Here in Southwest Montana, there are 10 state parks, with each offering its own amenities, history and more. From interpretive programs to visitor centers and marked trails, learn more below. [406.444.3750](tel:406.444.3750), fwp.mt.gov/stateparks

7 BANNACK STATE PARK, DILLON

The site of Montana's first major gold discovery and first territory capital, today Bannack is a state park that introduces visitors to the past through reenactments, special events and old-fashioned ice skating in the winter. [406.834.3413](tel:406.834.3413)

8 LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS, WHITEHALL

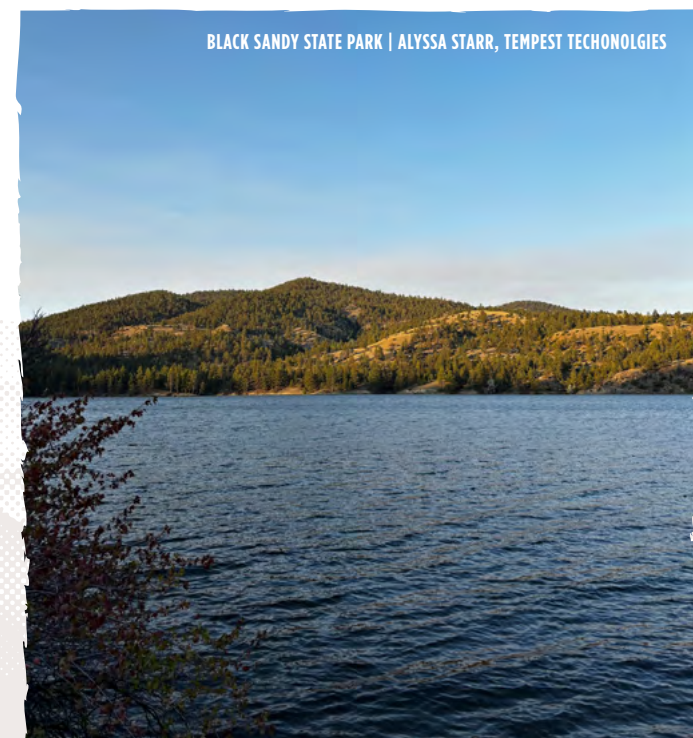
These limestone caverns are home to amazing geological wonders like stalactites, stalagmites, columns and helictites. Guided tours are available in the summer, while December brings candlelit tours to the caverns. [406.287.3541](tel:406.287.3541), fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/lewis-and-clark-caverns

9 SPRING MEADOW LAKE STATE PARK, HELENA

A day-use urban state park, it's the perfect place for swimming, fishing and hiking.

10 BLACK SANDY STATE PARK, HELENA

One of the only public parks on Hauser Reservoir, Black Sandy State Park is a popular destination for boating, fishing, camping and water activities.



BLACK SANDY STATE PARK | ALYSSA STARR, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES



LOST CREEK STATE PARK | PAM FLETCHER PHOTOGRAPHY

11 LOST CREEK STATE PARK, ANACONDA

A short hike leads to the spectacular Lost Creek Falls and its 50-foot drop, complete with limestone cliffs. Keep an eye out for bighorn sheep and mountain goats.

12 ANACONDA SMOKE STACK STATE PARK, ANACONDA

One of the tallest free-standing brick structures in the world, the smelter stack is 585 feet tall (30 feet taller than the Washington Monument) and shares the legacy of the Anaconda Copper Company.

13 ELKHORN STATE PARK, ELKHORN

See page 11

14 GRANITE GHOST TOWN STATE PARK, PHILIPSBURG

See page 12

► Fun fact

All told, Montana is home to 55 state parks, ranging in size from less than 1 acre to 11,538 acres. To reserve an overnight stay at a Montana state park, visit montanastateparks.reserveamerica.com.

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WHERE ARTS & CULTURE TAKE CENTER STAGE

Inspired by Montana

While the landscapes, history and scenery tend to steal the show around these parts, Southwest Montana has a lively arts and culture scene. Many makers, creators and artists make their home here, using the landscapes and way of life to find inspiration and create. Performing arts are also alive and well in communities of all sizes, with children's theater, concerts, symphonies, festivals, events and plays. The best part: many of our attractions and events take place in natural outdoor settings or beautifully preserved historic venues.

BUTTE | DONNIE SEXTON



Scan to see more arts & culture

ART GALLERIES

From Deer Lodge to Helena and Butte to Virginia City, you'll find art galleries that display the work of local, regional and national artists. Take your time to wander through the communities and visit galleries; many are home to paintings, sculptures, handcrafted jewelry, pottery and photography. **The Mountain Sage Gallery** - located in Helena - has original paintings by many local Montana artists, as well as mixed media pieces like stained glass, pottery and fine wood furniture. Meanwhile Gallery 287 in the charming town of Ennis has work from more than 50 Montana artists, with photography, woodwork, textiles, knives, watercolor, metal art and more.



Scan for more art galleries



THEATERS

From Helena to Anaconda and Butte you'll find beautiful and historic theaters that host concerts, plays and even movies. If possible, we recommend catching a show at one of these theaters, as their architecture and design will take you on a journey to the past. A few to put on your must-visit list: Grandstreet Theatre and The Myrna Loy in Helena, **The Mother Lode Theatre** in Butte, Opera House in Philipsburg and **Washoe Theatre** in Anaconda. You can also catch the Brewery Follies at the Gilbert Brewery in Virginia City.



Scan for more events

NOTABLE FESTIVALS + EVENTS

Communities throughout the region host annual events, festivals and performances. A few to note: Montana Folk Festival in Butte (July), Symphony Under the Stars in Helena (July) and An Ri Ra Irish Festival in Butte (August). southwestmt.com/events

Insider Tip

If you get a chance, take in a performance, attend a concert or watch a movie at one of our region's historic local theaters. From the architecture to the experience, you'll be glad you did. Built in 1931, the **Washoe Theatre** in Anaconda is a great place to catch a movie.

HISTORY + MUSEUMS

Our corner of Montana has a diverse history that includes mining, homesteading and ranching, to name a few. You'll find museums in communities of all sizes, each telling their own stories and bringing history to life. Start your museum tour in Helena at Montana's Museum, a new addition to the Montana Historical Society Museum. It includes world-class exhibits and tells the many stories of Montana. In Butte, immerse yourself in mining history at the **World Museum of Mining**, Mineral Museum and the **Copper King Mansion**. Head to nearby Deer Lodge and tour the **Montana Auto Museum** and **Old Montana Prison**. For county history, check out the **Beaverhead County Museum** in Dillon, **Broadwater County Museum and Library** in Townsend, Jefferson County Museum in Clancy, **Canton Church Historic Site** in Townsend and Western Heritage Museum in Whitehall. Entertain and educate the kids at the same time with a stop at **ExplorationWorks** in Helena.



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5 Great Attractions 1 Low Price



REAL WINTER IS WAITING


Six Ways to Soak Up Montana's Coziest Season






 In winter, we welcome snow, cooler temperatures and shorter days. If you're looking for a snow-focused vacation, there is no better place to enjoy a winter getaway. And while some of Montana's bigger ski resorts tend to get more notoriety, we're here to tell you that winter in our neck of the woods is epic, untouched and beautiful.

1 SKIING + SNOWBOARDING

Southwest Montana has three downhill ski areas, all family-owned and -operated. Each has its own personality and individual offerings, giving skiers the special experience of skiing at a local hill, complete with fresh light powder.


 A much-loved local destination, **Discovery Ski Area** (known as Disco) in Philipsburg has 2,200 acres of terrain, a vertical drop of 2,388 feet and 67 trails, with a mix of beginner, intermediate, advanced and expert trails. It also has a 2.5-acre terrain park and 19.6 miles of cross-country ski trails. skidiscovery.com


 An easy 30-minute drive from Helena will take you to **Great Divide** and its 1,500 acres, six terrain parks and 127 trails. It also has three places to grab a bite and a drink, with live music in the Missing Lynx Saloon during night skiing. skigd.com


 While it may only be 210 acres, **Maverick Mountain** is the perfect definition of a mom-and-pop ski hill. Located in Polaris near Dillon, it's family friendly and has 24 trails of varying difficulty. skimaverick.com



ANACONDA | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

2 CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

A popular heart-pumping activity, cross-country skiing gets you out into forests on groomed and ungroomed ski trails. There are several places to cross-country and Nordic ski throughout the region, including MacDonald Pass Trail near Helena, Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area near Butte/Anaconda, Homestake Lodge near Butte and Chief Joseph near Wisdom.

southwestmt.com/thegreatoutdoors/winteractivities/crosscountryskiing

3 FAT BIKING

Equipped with wide tires, fat bikes let you ride during winter, getting you out onto snow-covered roads or trails. Fat biking continues to grow in popularity, with prime locations that include the groomed trails at Thompson Park in Butte, the South Hills in Helena and the trails at **Lewis & Clark Caverns** in Cardwell.



HELLS CANYON | TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

4 SNOWMOBILING

With over 1,200 miles of groomed trails, there is no shortage of places to snowmobile in Southwest Montana. Beyond groomed trails, additional sledding options include ungroomed terrain on thousands of acres of national forest and open play areas. Popular snowmobiling destinations include Deer Lodge, Dillon, Georgetown Lake, Helena, Jackson, Lincoln, Virginia City, Wisdom and Wise River. Rentals are available throughout the region, including at **Pintler Adventures** in Anaconda. No matter where you ride, be sure to follow all posted regulations, and stay aware of changing conditions, including avalanches.

southwestmt.com/thegreatoutdoors/winteractivities/snowmobiling
snowmobilemt.org

5 ICE SKATING

For a dose of small town winter nostalgia, lace up a pair of ice skates and hit one of our local rinks. Take picturesque laps at Winninghoff Park in Philipsburg, skate surrounded by twinkling lights at Kennedy Commons in Anaconda or enjoy the ice skating pond and warming center at **Bannack State Park**. southwestmt.com/thegreatoutdoors/winteractivities/iceskating/

TASTE MONTANA

From casual to fine dining and craft beverages, Southwest Montana has no shortage of delicious culinary offerings. Here are a few local recommendations to whet your palate and introduce you to the region's mouthwatering menus.



TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

10 MUST-TRY FOODS IN Southwest Montana

- 1 Chicken dinner at **Buckhorn Bar**, Augusta
- 2 A locally sourced steak at **The Union**, Helena
- 3 Ice cream at the **Virginia City Creamery**, Virginia City
- 4 Scones at **Lightning Bug Coffee Shop & Boutique**, Augusta
- 5 Pork chop sandwich at **Pork Chop Johns**, Butte
- 6 Porterhouse steak at **Marysville House**, Marysville
- 7 Burgers at **Parkers' Restaurant**, Dillon
- 8 Shepherd's pie at **Gravel Bar**, Ennis
- 9 Build Your Own Burrito (BYOB) at **Kaffeination Station**, Deer Lodge
- 10 Pizza at **Bread Zepp**, Sheridan



BUTTE | ANDY AUSTIN

When you visit Southwest Montana, don't miss out on local breweries and distilleries. Each are locally owned and operated, with many utilizing as many locally sourced ingredients as possible to make their spirits and brews. Want to take a deeper dive into Montana's craft beverages? Consider taking a guided tour.

While you're here, be sure to sip on a local beer at Philipsburg Brewing Company in Philipsburg. While the first brewery in Montana was founded in Virginia City in 1863, today the state has nearly 100 breweries and 25 distilleries. Immerse yourself in our craft beverage scene with Drink It In Montana - Beer & Spirits Tour.



SCAN FOR MORE Culinary experiences



SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE Beer & Spirits Tour

SEE MONTANA'S STAR-FILLED SKY

With little light pollution, Southwest Montana is a prime destination for stargazing, especially if you get away from our larger population hubs of Butte, Dillon and Helena.

Head to the **Montana Learning Center** at Canyon Ferry Reservoir and participate in one of their public stargazing events during the summer. Prime viewing areas can also be found near the region's smaller communities. A few places to consider: Fourth of July Campground at Wise River, the Sun River Wildlife Management Area outside of Augusta, Bannack State Park, Georgetown Lake near Philipsburg and White Earth Campground in Townsend.

HOMESTAKE PASS | SARAH BOLT

LET'S PLAY A ROUND

Southwest Montana is home to 11 golf courses in various communities, including Anaconda, Butte, Deer Lodge, Dillon, Ennis, Helena and Townsend.

While you're here, book a round of golf at **Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Golf Course**. Get ready to try your skills on their fifth hole, which is regarded as one of the most challenging in Montana at a mile high and mile long.



OLD WORKS GOLF COURSE | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES



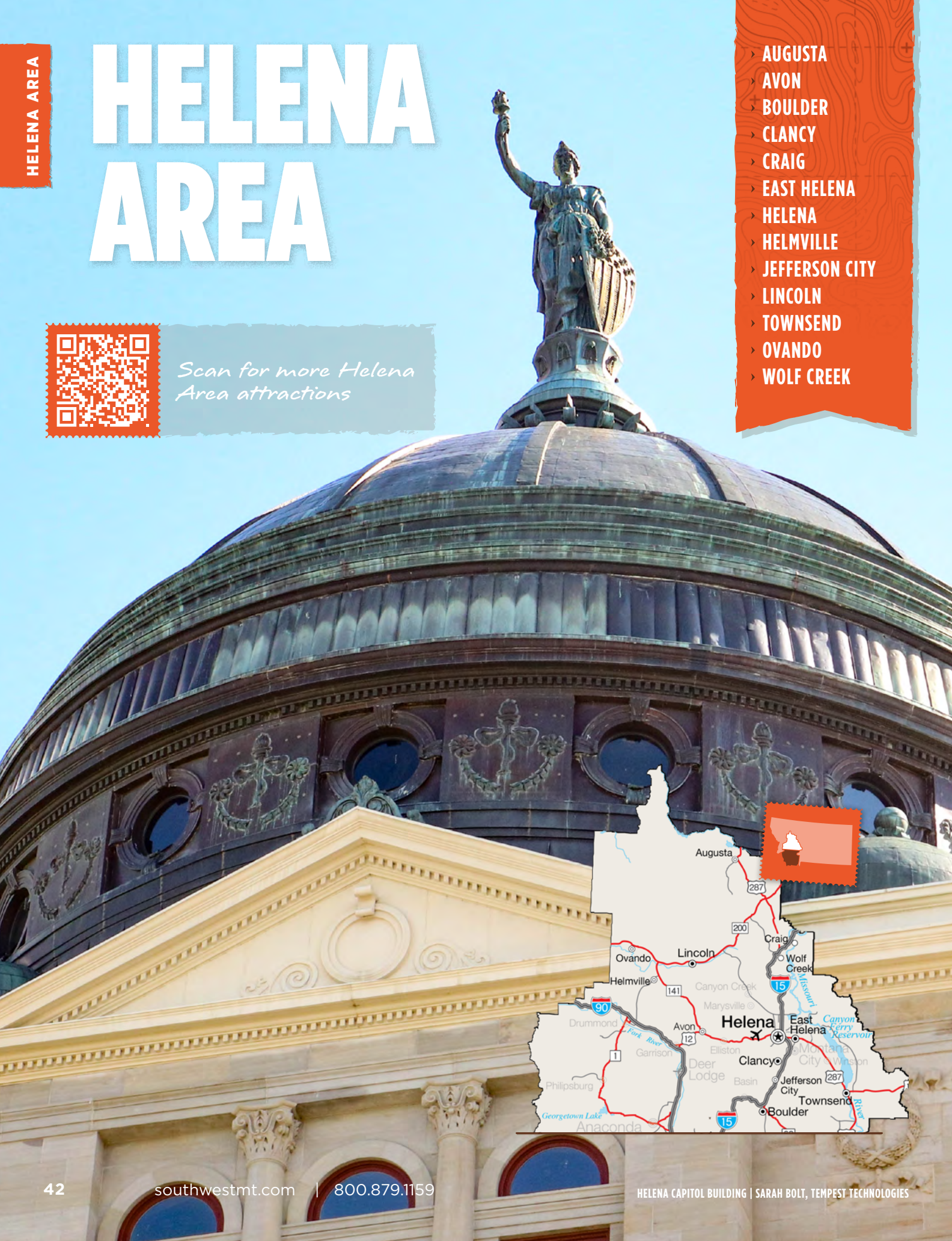
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HELENA AREA



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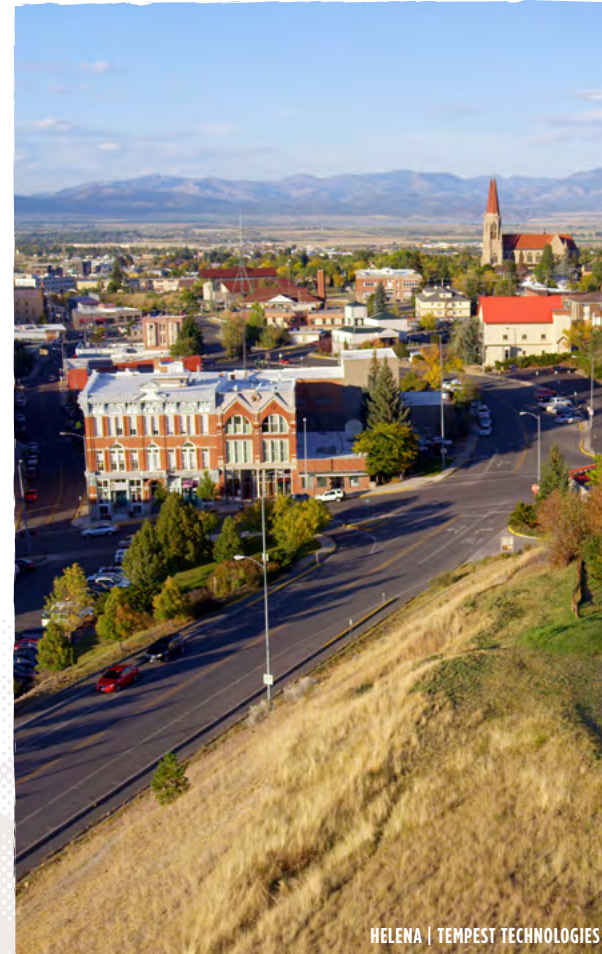
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HELENA 406.449.2107

The capital of Montana, Helena is a great place to stop and stay the night on a road trip between the national parks or spend a few days soaking in the history, culture and outdoor recreation that's here. Not-to-be-missed attractions include the walking mall, state capitol building and carousel. If you have more time to spend, get the lay of the land on the **Last Chance Tour Train**, a one-hour tour that provides an overview of the history of downtown, including the Mansion District and Last Chance Gulch.

While you're in Helena, be sure to visit the beautiful Cathedral of St. Helena and its 230-foot spires, as well as its 59 stunning stained glass panels. Soak in the stars by attending a "Beyond the Big Sky" event at the **Montana Learning Center** (or rent an observatory and use their telescopes to take in the view). Enjoy the trails at Mount Helena State Park or take a guided tour of the original Governor's Mansion and marvel at this 1888 Queen Anne-style building. and stroll through **Reeder's Alley**, once home to miners and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Must-See Area Attractions

Last Chance Tour Train Helena	406.442.1023 lctours.com
Cathedral of St. Helena Helena	406.442.5825 sthelenas.org
Exploration Works Helena	406.457.1800 explorationworks.org
Reeder's Alley Helena	406.843.5247 reedersalley.com
Montana Learning Center Helena	406.475.3638 montanalearning.org
Montana's Heritage Center Helena	406.444.2694 montanamuseum.org
Montana Women's Mural Helena	southwestmt.com/blog/montana-womens-mural/
Broadwater Hot Springs Helena	406.443.5777 broadwatermt.com
Tizer Botanic Gardens & Arboretum Jefferson City	406.933.8789 tizergardens.com
Sculpture in the Wild Lincoln	406.431.0325 sculptureinthewild.com
Boulder Hot Springs Boulder	406.225.4339 boulderhotsprings.com
Jefferson County Museum Boulder	406.224.5106 jeffersoncounty-mt.gov/county_museum

Good to know

The Montana Heritage Center, Montana's Museum, opened December 2, 2025, and will host a multiday grand opening June 25-28, 2026. Get to know Montana's history in the Montana Homeland Gallery, a 16,000-square-foot exhibit hall telling the state's story beginning 14,000 years ago. Immersive experiences – including sights, sounds and smells – bring Montana's history to life. Additional highlights include the Charles M Russell Gallery, Indigenous peoples' stories and exhibits, children's area, cafe, and gift shop.
montanamuseum.org

An easy one-hour drive from Helena, Augusta sits along Montana's Rocky Mountain Front. An Old West town, its Main Street is home to local shops - including a general store built in 1902 - as well as bars and restaurants, boutiques, stores and lots of accommodations. Augusta serves as the gateway to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, with many visitors starting or ending their wilderness adventures here. Be sure to visit **Allen's Manix Store, Buckhorn Bar and Lightning Bug Coffee Shop & Boutique.**

► *Insider tip*

A town of around 350 or so residents, Augusta is a lively place. Before visiting, be sure to check your calendar and see if you can time your visit to hit one of their annual events, including Augusta Rodeo Weekend (the last weekend in June) or Augusta Christmas Rendezvous (the first Sunday in December).



AUGUSTA | MONTANA OFFICE OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



AUGUSTA | RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ



If these walls could talk they would tell of gold rush era brickmakers stamping the red clay building blocks of a young Helena. They would speak of Archie Bray, the arts patron who turned his brick factory into an international hub for ceramic art. They would share how 75 years later, ceramic artists from around the world continue to create and teach within these walls. Explore Helena's past and present at helenamt.com

GISELLE HICKS, CERAMIC ARTIST, AT THE HISTORIC ARCHIE BRAY FOUNDATION IN HELENA, MT

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Located along the most direct route from Yellowstone National Park to Glacier National Park. Stroll our Main Street for shops, restaurants and western charm along Montana's Rocky Mountain Front.



AugustaMontana.com
Facebook.com/AugustaMontanaChamber

AVON

A quaint community, Avon sits in the Little Blackfoot Valley. It provides a gateway to outdoor adventures, as well as a look into the history of the area, including ranching, mining and more. Rub elbows with the locals with a stop at the local cafe and cozy up by its big wood stove.

► Insider tip

Swing into Hunter's Alley Sports Bar and Grill in nearby Elliston. Time it right and get it on their annual Bigfoot Hunt in March.

BOULDER 406.465.2106

The Jefferson County seat, Boulder is a quaint community a short drive from Helena. Take time to check out the Jefferson County Courthouse - built in 1888 - and the Jefferson County Heritage Center. Located inside a bank building, it shares the rich history and culture of the county including a museum, library and genealogy collection.

► Good to know

Take time to soak in **Boulder Hot Springs**, located on the National Register of Historic Places. The waters here are thought to provide healing for the mind and body. The historic hotel is located adjacent to the hot springs.



BOULDER HOT SPRINGS | GARRET SMITH



CANYON FERRY | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

CLANCY 406.449.2107

Tucked into the mountains south of Helena, Clancy got its start in 1873 as a gold camp, but quickly became famous for its silver mines. Modern-day visitors can check out abandoned silver camps in the Lump Gulch Area or tour the Jefferson County Museum, located in a schoolhouse from 1898, complete with a classroom from the 19th century.

► Where to eat

A steakhouse, Chubby's is known for hearty steaks and tasty burgers.

CRAIG 406.449.2107

Sitting on the Missouri River, Craig is a recreation lover's dream community. It provides easy access to float and fish the river and is also home to local shops, restaurants and lodging accommodations.

► Grab a bite

Located steps from the Missouri River, Craig Taphouse has craft beers and wines, as well as the Stonefly Grill which offers tasty burgers - made with locally sourced beef - and pizza.

EAST HELENA 406.449.2107

A stone's throw from Helena, East Helena has a charming Main Street and welcomes visitors with annual events like the East Helena Rodeo and Fourth of July Fireworks show. It also provides quick access to Canyon Ferry, Holter and Hauser reservoirs.

► Fun fact

East Helena originally started as a stop on the stage line called Prickly Pear Junction. A smelter - built in 1888 - operated for over 100 years.

HELMVILLE

A quiet community, Helmville's heart and soul is ranching and farming. Many visitors pass through Helmville on a road trip from Helena to Seeley Lake, but it's also a beautiful place to see wildlife, fish, hunt and more. The Helmville Labor Day Rodeo is a must-attend event.

► Don't miss

The Old Salt Festival is held each year in June and celebrates Montana - including food, music, ranchers and makers - at the Mannix Family Ranch.



TIZER BOTANICAL GARDEN | LISA WAREHAM

JEFFERSON CITY

Started as a stagecoach stop for passengers and freight between Fort Benton and Virginia City, Jefferson City was named to honor President Thomas Jefferson. In its early years, it produced millions of dollars in gold and silver.

► Must visit

Be sure to visit **Tizer Botanic Gardens and Arboretum**. Located in the Elkhorn Mountains, its 7 acres are home to assorted flowers, including perennials, annuals, roses, wildflowers, theme gardens, shade gardens, Lewis & Clark gardens and a nursery. It also has two on-site cabins for rent. [406.933.8789](tel:406.933.8789), tizergardens.com

LINCOLN LINCOLNMONTANA.COM

A true mountain town, Lincoln is the type of place you'd expect to find tucked in the wilds of Montana. It leads to abundant outdoor recreation and has restaurants, shops and local bars. Lincoln's biggest event is the Fourth of July rodeo and parade. It's also home to Sculpture in the Wild, an outdoor sculpture park.

TOWNSEND 406.266.4101

Located on the southern tip of Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Townsend is a year-round destination for fishermen. It also has numerous campsites, as well as places to eat, shop and sip, with history that includes the **Historic Canton Church** (originally built in 1875) and the **Broadwater County Museum**, which tells the stories of tribal nations, Lewis & Clark and Broadwater County. Pick up handblown glass at Goose Bay Handblown Glass or swing by Reading Leaves Bookstore to pick up good books and rub elbows with the locals.

► Insider tip

Don't just cruise through Townsend on the highway - be sure to turn off and stop on Townsend's Main Street. It's charming, quaint and has beautiful murals.

► Keep going

While it's not in Townsend proper, 30 minutes down the road will take you to Wheat Montana Bakery & Deli, located at the crossroads of I-15 and U.S. Highway 287. It's a great place to grab a treat - made with Montana wheat.



TOWNSEND | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES



SCULPTURE IN THE WILD | ERIC BUNTING

OVANDO ————— OVANDOMONTANA.NET

A small town between Missoula and Lincoln, Ovando sits in a wide valley just outside the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat wilderness areas. With a population of around 50 or so residents – as well as local ranches – Ovando is home to the Brand Bar Museum, local shops and places that welcome visitors to eat, fish and stay.

► *Don't miss*

Trixi's Antler Saloon is a Montana institution. Located just off Montana Highway 200, you can't miss it – plus, Trixi's serves lunch and dinner.

WOLF CREEK ————— 406.449.2107

Located on I-90 between Helena and Great Falls sits the quaint town of Wolf Creek. It's a great place to stop to fuel up, grab a bite and learn about the area's history. Wolf Creek is also a gateway to the Missouri River and Holter Lake.

► *Insider tip*

Swing into the Canyon Store – they have a variety of Montana-made items.

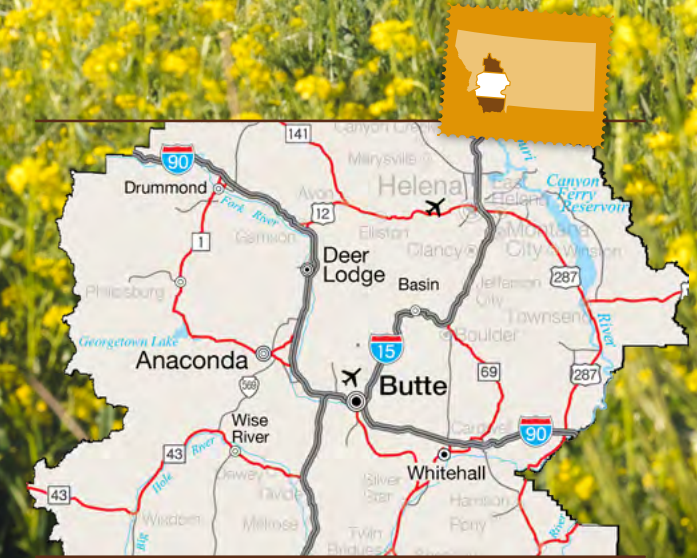
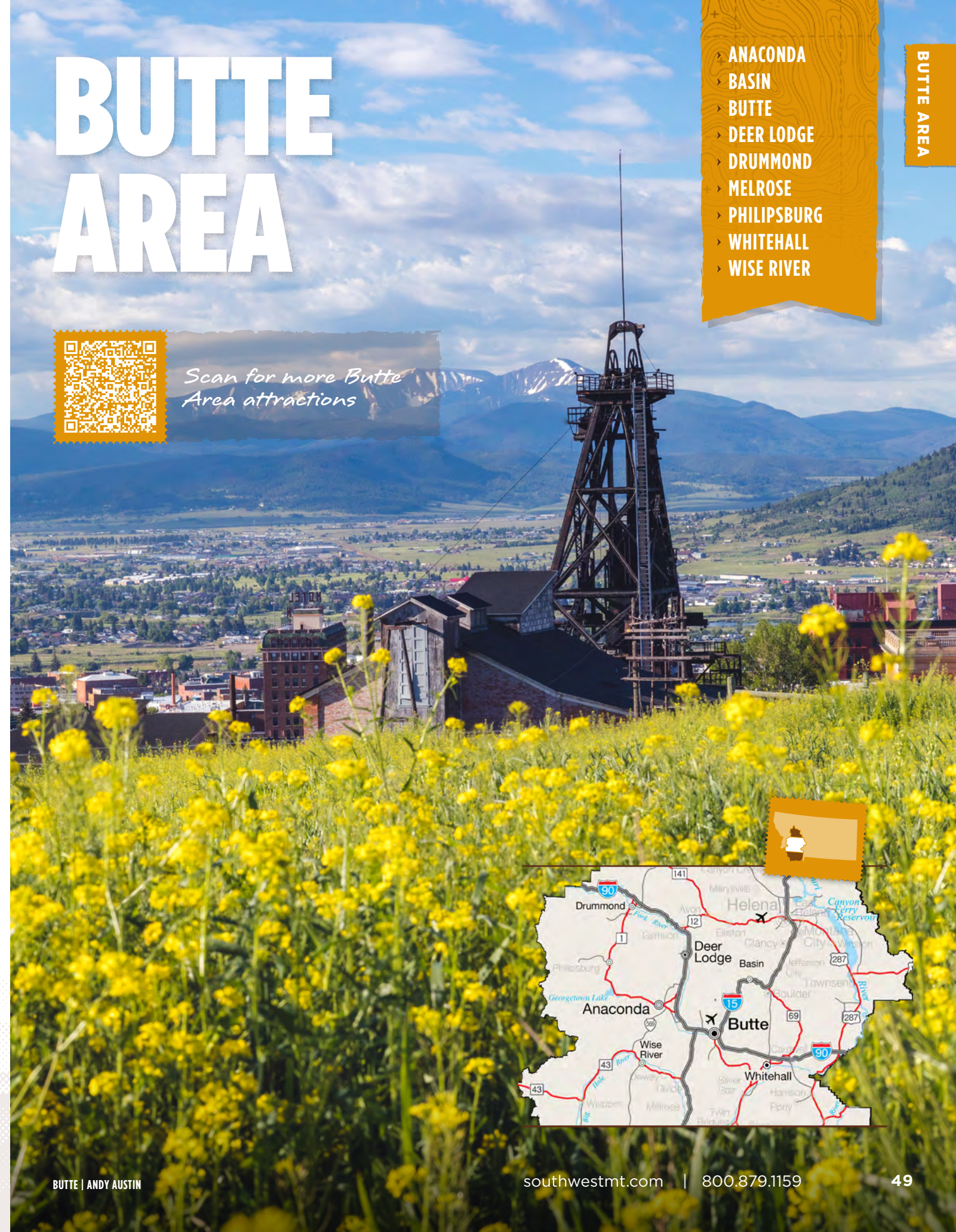


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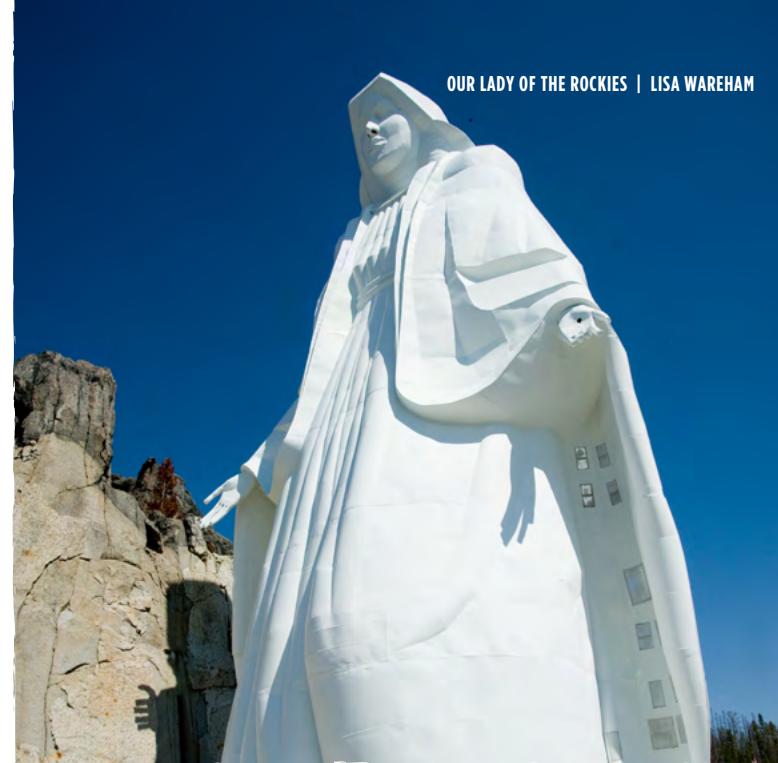
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BUTTE 406-723-3177

With a complex history, Butte is one of the region's larger communities and welcomes travelers to explore its diverse past and interesting present. Known as the "Richest Hill on Earth," Butte produced 21 billion pounds of copper from 1889 to 1982. Immerse yourself in Butte on one of our local tours, with highlights that may include the **Berkeley Pit, Copper King Mansion**, underground speakeasy, underground mining tour, headframes, Dumas Brothel and more. Be sure to spend time "uptown" and check out local shops, stores, restaurants and watering holes. Butte also offers access to abundant outdoor recreation, including hundreds of miles of nonmotorized and motorized trails (see page 31 for more info on trails).



OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES | LISA WAREHAM

► **Good to know**

Butte is watched over by Our Lady of the Rockies, a 90-foot statue sitting atop the Continental Divide. To access the statue, book a guided tour during the summer months; reservations are required.

406.782.1221, ourladyoftherockies.org



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Must-Visit Area Attractions

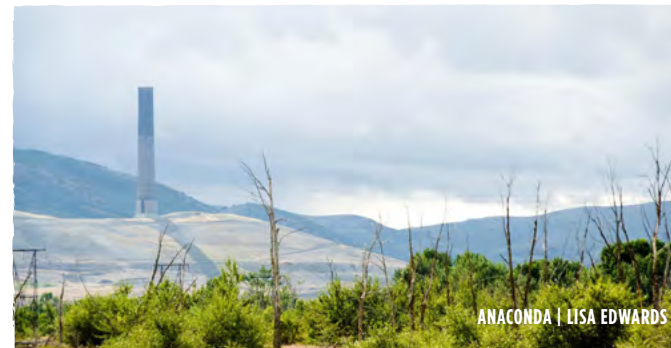
Butte Trolley Tours Butte	406.723.3177 buttechamber.org
World Museum of Mining – Underground Mine Tours Butte	406.723.7211 miningmuseum.org
Our Lady of the Rockies Butte	406.782.1221 ourladyoftherockies.org
Copper King Mansion Butte	406.782.7580 thecopperkingmansion.com
Berkeley Pit Viewing Stand Butte	406.723.3177 pitwatch.org
Piccadilly Museum of Transportation Butte	406.723.3034 piccmuseum.com
Spooks & Spirits Paranormal Tours Butte	406.490.0646
Silver Bow Drive In Butte	406.782.8095 silverbowdrivein.com
Anaconda Smoke Stack State Park Anaconda	fwp.mt.gov/anaconda-smoke-stack
Historic Bus Tours Anaconda	406.563.2400 discoveranaconda.com
Montana Zipline Adventures Anaconda	406.560.3115 montanazip.com
Old Montana Prison Museum & Auto Collection Deer Lodge	406.846.3111 pcmaf.org
Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site Deer Lodge	406.846.2070 nps.gov/grko
The Sweet Palace Philipsburg	406.859.3353 sweetpalace.com

ANACONDA

Founded in 1883 by Marcus Daly – one of Montana's Copper Kings – Anaconda sits a short drive off I-90 and is home to a charming downtown and cool landmarks like the Anaconda Courthouse, Copper Village Museum & Art Center, Washoe Park and the Washoe Park Trout Hatchery, and the Old Works Golf Course. Explore it all on a historic bus tour with Discover Anaconda. For adrenaline-pumping fun, cruise 9,300 feet through the air with **Montana Zipline Adventures**.

► **Don't miss**

For an up-close look at history, swing by the Visitor Information Center and take a tour on a red bus (just like the ones they use in Glacier National Park) and learn more about the city's history. Available mid-May through mid-September.



ANACONDA | LISA EDWARDS

BASIN

An eclectic town, Basin got its start from mining at the turn of the 20th century. Today, its historic buildings are home to small businesses: a bar, and two restaurants. The mines—in Basin, Earth Angel, and Merry Widow Health—tout the health-giving benefits of radon exposure for chronic discomfort.

DEER LODGE 406.846.3111

The second-oldest community in Montana, Deer Lodge was established by gold miners and cattle ranchers. Many museums in Deer Lodge share the interesting past of the area, including the impressive and spooky **Old Montana Prison, Montana Auto Museum** (and their collection of over 200 cars), **Frontier Montana Museum** and **Powell County Museum**. Additional highlights include **Yesterday's Playthings** and **Montana State Prison Hobby Shop**. Deer Lodge also has several places to stay, dine and drink.

► **Fun fact**

Grant-Kohrs Ranch is the only U.S. National Historic Site with a working cattle ranch operated by the National Park Service. 406.846.2070

ANACONDA COURTHOUSE | RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ



DRUMMOND DRUMMONDMTCHAMBER.COM

Sitting at the north end of the Pintler Scenic Route and just off I-90, Drummond is a ranching community that embraces the authentic western way of life.

► **Don't miss**

Treat yourself with a milkshake from Parker's Restaurant.

MELROSE

A small town, Melrose is a fly-fishing hub, with easy access to the Big Hole River. Grab a bite at The Hitchin' Post and plan to overnight at **Pioneer Mountain Cabins** and **Sportsman Lodge & RV Park**.



BIG HOLE RIVER | RICK GRAETZ



PHILIPSBURG ————— 406.859.3388

A 19th-century mining town located on Montana Highway 1, Philipsburg has a charming Main Street that welcomes visitors with local shops, two museums, sapphire mining (try your hand at **Gem Mountain, Montana Gems** of Philipsburg and **Sapphire Gallery**) and **The Sweet Palace** – an iconic store with 1,000 kinds of candy. It's a great day trip or weekend getaway, with nearby ghost towns and outdoor recreation at Georgetown Lake and Discovery Ski Area.

► *Insider tip*

Plan to spend at least a few hours in Philipsburg. Mine for sapphires and rubies, tour the Granite County and Montana Law Enforcement museums and sip on a local beer at the Philipsburg Brewing Company.



SWEET PALACE, PHILIPSBURG | LISA EDWARDS

WHITEHALL — WHITEHALLCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.COM

Rooted in agriculture, mining and railroads, Whitehall sits off I-90 near Butte and is well worth a visit. Whitehall's sweet downtown offers easy access to blue-ribbon rivers, abundant trail systems for hiking, cross-country skiing and more. Learn about the history of the area at the Montana Western Legacy Center and **Jefferson Valley Museum**.

► *Insider tip*

Whitehall is only 20 minutes from Lewis & Clark Caverns. 406-287-3541

WISE RIVER ————— 406.683.5511

Located off the beaten path, Wise River has a population of less than 50 residents. It provides access to the Pioneer Mountains, Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway and national forest, as well as ghost towns and fly-fishing. Catch live music and a tasty prime rib sandwich at the world-famous Wise River Club.

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VIRGINIA CITY ————— 1.800.829.2969

Step back in time with a visit to Virginia City, a living ghost town and National Historic Landmark. Known as the social city of Montana's frontier in the mid-to-late 1800s, Virginia City tells the story of the gold rush, with local shops, stores, saloons, museums and lodging accommodations, such as **The Fairweather Inn**, as well as living history demonstrations, theater groups and stagecoach tours. Accessible year-round, summer is the best time to visit.

► *Must dos*

Check out Hangman's Building, the Thompson Hickman Museum, take a ride on the firetrucks with the **Historic Tour Company** and grab a sweet treat from **Cousin's Candy Store**.



MADISON RIVER | RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ

NEVADA CITY ————— 1.800.829.2969

A mining ghost town, Nevada City was restored between 1945 and 1978 and today is a living history open air museum with more than 100 buildings. A perfect location for history lovers and families, Nevada City has numerous local shops and experiences, with historic reenactments offered regularly. Don't miss the Nevada City Museum, which houses the largest public collection of automated music machines in North America and the biggest music organ in the world.

► *Family fun*

Hop on the **Alder Gulch Shoreline Railroad** and ride the 1.5 miles between Virginia City and Nevada City.

ALDER ————— 406.843.5555

A stone's throw from Virginia City, hunt for garnets south of Alder and be sure to visit the Red Rock Gem Mine 2 miles east of town.

Must-Visit Area Attractions

The Tackle Shop Ennis	406.682.4263 thetackleshop.com
Cousins Candy Store Virginia City	406.843.5371 virginiacitycandy.com
Historic Tour Company of Virginia City Virginia City	406.843.5247 virginiacitycandy.com
Alder Gulch Railroad Virginia City	406.843.5247 virginiacitymt.com

ENNIS ————— 406.582.4388

Affectionately known as the fly-fishing capital of Montana, Ennis is a charming community with ranching roots that reach back generations. The town is located in a valley that's made up of friendly locals, experienced guides and outfitters, small businesses - including shops, stores, restaurants and a distillery - and year-round events. The blue-ribbon waters of the Madison River attract fishermen from all over the country.

► *Insider tip*

Plan to spend at least one night, if not a weekend, in Ennis. Nearby attractions include Norris Hot Springs, the Madison Valley History Museum and Bear Trap Canyon. Be sure to swing by the Earthquake Lake Visitor Center, located 1 hour south of Ennis and open Memorial Day through mid-September.



VIRGINIA CITY/NEVADA CITY | VALERIE MANNE

HARRISON

A hub for agriculture, Harrison sits on the road to Yellowstone National Park. From here, it's easy to explore nearby attractions like **Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park**, Norris Hot Springs and the Tobacco Root Mountains.

LAURIN

Located on the banks of the Ruby River, Laurin is a turn-of-the-century village that has great fly-fishing and historic buildings. Be sure to check out **Elijah's Rest Cabins and Vacation Rentals** and St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.



NORRIS HOT SPRINGS | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

NORRIS

At the crossroads of U.S. Highway 287 and Montana Highway 84 sits Norris. A small town, it's within easy reach of the Tobacco Root Mountains and national forests. Be sure to stop and soak in Norris Hot Springs; any visit should include dining at their on-site 50 Miles Cafe or 50 Mile Grill, with both sourcing food directly from local purveyors and their own garden.

SHERIDAN ————— RUBYVALLEYCHAMBER.COM

With nearly 700 residents, Sheridan is a hopping small town. Rooted in agriculture and outdoor recreation, Sheridan has small businesses like fly-fishing outfitters, charming accommodations and restaurants that welcome visitors, like Ruby Valley Brew. Popular outdoor activities include hiking, fishing, hunting and biking.

► *Good to know*

Sheridan is surrounded by numerous mountain ranges, including the Tobacco Root and Ruby mountains.

SILVER STAR

Located on the Jefferson River, Silver Star is a great place to cast a fly-fishing line or enjoy hunting. Be sure to stop by Granny's Country Store, home to a bookstore, grocery store and post office all in one.

TWIN BRIDGES ————— RUBYVALLEYCHAMBER.COM

This is where the Big Hole, Beaverhead and Ruby rivers converge, forming the Jefferson River. While "Twin" is a popular fly-fishing destination, there's more here than just fishing. Stroll through town and check out the Twin Bridges Historical Association Museum, and grab a bite at The Old Hotel, built in 1879.

► *Must see*

Stop by R.L. Winston Rod and Co. and tour their showroom to see custom-made fishing rods or swing into Montana Mad Hatters for a custom-made hat.



MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

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DILLON AREA



DILLON 406.683.5511

The hub of the southern end of the region, Dillon is a hopping community surrounded by mountains with easy access to blue-ribbon trout streams. When you visit, be sure to take time to stroll its downtown and check out local stores, shops, restaurants and craft brew hangouts. Area attractions include Bannack State Park, the Beaverhead County Museum – which is a great way to immerse yourself in the area’s history – Patagonia Outlet and University of Montana Western. Dillon also hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including a rodeo on Labor Day.

DELL

A small town off I-15, Dell sits near the Red Rock River and is a ranching community. Be sure to check out the Dell Mercantile and Elk Mountain Lodging. To see more of the area, drive the Big Sheep Creek Backcountry Byway.

Insider tip

Head to Clark Canyon Reservoir to fly-fish and stay at one of its six campgrounds. It’s also a great place to have an unfiltered look at Montana’s dark star-filled sky.



BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD NHS | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

JACKSON

Set in the picturesque Big Hole Valley, Jackson is an outdoor lover’s dream, with fishing, hunting, skiing and snowmobiling. Be sure to take a dip in the natural waters at **Jackson Hot Springs**, peruse antiques and check out Buffalo Gal Hat Company.

Insider tip

Make a night of it and stay in one of Jackson’s lodging properties, like The Bunkhouse Hotel.

LIMA

Located at the southern tip of Montana, Lima is a historic railroad town that’s known for rockhounding, birding and wildlife watching. It’s also an access point to Red Rock Lakes, the Centennial Valley and Continental Divide Trail.

Insider tip

Dig into fresh-made grub at The Homestead Cafe, and rest easy at the Beaverhead Inn & RV Park.

Must-Visit Area Attractions

Bannack State Park Dillon	406.834.3413 fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/bannack-state-park
Big Hole National Battlefield Wisdom	406.689.3155 nps.gov/biho/index.htm
Beaverhead County Museum Dillon	406.683.5027 beaverheadcountymuseum.com
Crystal Park Dillon	406.683.3900 southwestmt.com/listings/crystal-park
Jackson Hot Springs Jackson	406.834.3151 jacksonhotspringslodge.com
The Bookstore Dillon	406.683.6807 dillonbookstore.com
Maverick Mountain Polaris	406.834.3454 skimaverick.com
Elkhorn Hot Springs Polaris	406.834.3551 elkhornhotsprings.com
Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway	southwestmt.com/listings/pioneer-mountains-scenic-byway/

POLARIS

Sitting on the Pioneer Scenic Byway, Polaris is a ranching and mining community. Outdoor lovers will feel at home here, with nearby activities that include skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, camping, fishing and hunting, as well as looking for rocks and crystals at nearby Crystal Park. Hit the slopes at Maverick Mountain, soak in a natural hot spring and check out local lodging accommodations.

Insider tip

Visit Coolidge Ghost Town, located along the Pioneer Scenic Byway.

WISDOM

A cowboy town nestled in the Big Hole Valley, Wisdom has a handful of restaurants, bars and lodging. It’s a great launching point for exploring the must-visit **Big Hole National Battlefield** and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

Insider tip

Swing into The Messy Bun for a coffee and fresh homemade pastries.



MAIN STREET UPTOWN BUTTE | GEORGE EVERETT

FAIRS, RODEOS & FARMERS MARKETS



TOWNSEND | SARAH BOLT, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

Farmers Markets

Montana is known for incredible events, including local fairs, rodeos and signature events that enhance any visit to Big Sky Country. Stroll a farmers market in one of our communities – like Anaconda, Butte, Dillon, Twin Bridges, Townsend and Whitehall – and pick up Montana goodies, from jewelry to woodwork and produce to honey.



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DILLON | MIKE DREESMAN, TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

Events

Rodeos goes hand in hand with Montana and you’ll find rodeo action in several towns throughout the state. Some of the best rodeo athletes hit the rodeo circuit in Montana, trying their hand at winning money and qualifying for the circuit rodeo finals and NFR. Time your summer trip to catch rodeo action in Augusta, Boulder, Deer Lodge, Drummond, East Helena, Ennis, Helmsville, Helena, Lincoln, Townsend and Twin Bridges.



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MELROSE	Sportsman Lodge & RV Park	540 N. Main St.	406.835.2141	sportsmanlodge406.com	•	•	•		•	•		•
WHITEHALL	Iron Wheel Outfitters	40 Cedar Hills Rd	406.498.9664	ironwheeloutfitters.com	•	•	•	•	•			

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					HORSEBACK RIDING	OUTDOOR RECREATION	ZIPLINE	GARDENS
ANACONDA	Montana Zipline Adventures	467 Swissmont Drive	406.560.3115	montanazip.com		•	•	
DEER LODGE	Rails To Trails Conservancy	2445 M St NW Suite 650	406.403.7969	railstotrails.org		•		
JEFFERSON CITY	Tizer Gardens & Arboretum	38 Tizer Laake Rd	406.933.8789	tizergardens.com				•

HOTELS & MOTELS

					BREAKFAST	GRAB & GO	PETS	POOL	RESTAURANT	HOSTEL
ANACONDA	Fairmont Hot Springs Resort	\$\$\$\$	1500 Fairmont Rd.	406.797.3241	fairmontmontana.com	•		•	•	
	Fairmont Estates Condominium		101 High Country Dr.	406.797.3228	fairmontestates.com			•	•	
	Marcus Daly Motel	\$\$	119 W. Park St.	406.563.3411	marcusdaly.com		•			
BOULDER	The Forge Hotel	\$\$\$\$	100 Union Ave.	406.797.4100	theforgeanaconda.com	•	•	•	•	
	Boulder Hot Springs		31 Hot Springs Rd.	406.225.4339	boulderhotsprings.com	•		•		
	Garner Hotel Butte Southeast		2777 Harrison Avenue	406.494.8850	townpumphotels.com	•	•	•	•	
BUTTE	Fairmont Hot Springs Resort	\$\$\$\$	1500 Fairmont Rd.	406.797.3000	fairmontmontana.com	•		•	•	
	Finlen Hotel & Motor Inn	\$\$	100 E. Broadway	406.723.5461	finlen.com			•		
	Holiday Inn Express & Suites	\$\$\$\$	2609 Harrison Ave.	406.782.2000	ihg.com	•			•	
	Copper King Mansion		219 W Granite St	406.782.7580	copperkingmansion.com	•				
	Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn		2900 Harrison Ave	406.494.3500	bestwestern.com	•	•	•	•	•
	Quality Inn Dillon		450 N Interchange	406.683.6831	townpumphotels.com	•	•	•		
DILLON	Comfort Suites Helena		3180 Washington	406.495.0505	townpumphotels.com	•	•	•	•	
	Leepers Ponderosa Motel	\$	110 1st. Ave S.	406.362.4333	visitmt.com/listings/general/hotelmotel/leepers-ponderosa-motel			•		
LINCOLN	hree Bears Motel & Tipis		203 Main Street	406.362.4355	threebearsmotel.com			•		
	Sportsman Lodge & Rv Park		540 Main Street	406.835.2141	sportsmanlodgemelrose.com			•		•
MELROSE	The Inn at Philipsburg		915 Broadway	406.859.3959	theinn-philipsburg.com			•		
VIRGINIA CITY	Nevada City Cabins		305 W Wallace	406.843.5382	historic-accommodations.com					
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ANACONDA	Fairmont Estates Condominiums	101 High Country Drive	406.797.3228	fairmontestates.com
JEFFERSON CITY	Tizer Botanic Gardens and Arboretum	38 Tizer Lake Rd.	406.933.8789	tizergardens.com
MELROSE	Pioneer Mountain Cabins	46 Trapper Creek Rd	406.596.1007	pioneermountaincabins.com
VIRGINIA CITY	Elijah's Rest	8 Stagecoach	406.842.7295	elijahsrest.com
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WHITEHALL	The Iron Wheel	40 Cedar Hills Rd	406.494.2960	ironwheel.com

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					TENT SITES	RV SITES	ELECTRICITY	WIFI	RV DUMP	SHOWERS
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CARDWELL	Cardwell Campground	770 MT 2 East	406.501.0221	cardwellcampground.com	•	•	•	•	•	•
DILLON	Countryside RV Park of Dillon	30 Sawmill Rd.	406.596.5021	countrysidemt.com		•	•	•	•	•
	Southside RV Park	104 E Poindexter St.	406.683.2244	southsidersrvpark.com		•	•	•	•	•
DIVIDE	Hyde RV Park	70616 MT Highway 43	406.832.3107	hyderivpark.com	•	•	•	•	•	
GARRISON	Riverfront RV Park	115 Riverfront Lane	406.560.0248	riverfrontrvparkmt.com	•	•	•	•	•	•
LINCOLN	Lost Moose Meadows RV Campground	4740 W MT 200	406.204.0424	lmmrv.com		•	•	•	•	•
TOWNSEND	Goose Bay Marina & Bureau of Reclamation Campground	300 Goose Bay Ln.	406.266.3065	goosebaymarina.camp	•	•	•		•	•
	Silos Marina & Campground	82 Silos Rd.	406.980.0266	thesilosmt.camp	•	•			•	
	Townsend/Canyon Ferry Lake KOA	81 Silos Rd.	406.266.3100	koa.com/campgrounds/townsend-canyon/	•	•	•	•	•	•
PHILIPSBURG	The Inn at Philipsburg	915 Broadway	406.859.3959	theinn-philipsburg.com	•	•	•	•	•	•

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					FAMILY ACTIVITIES	FISHING	HIKING	TRAIL RIDES	MINIMUM STAY REQUIRED
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DILLON	Beaverhead Adventures	480 N. Montana St.	406.925.9059	beaverheadadventures.com	•				•
TOWNSEND	Goose Bay Marina & Campground	300 Goose Bay Ln.	406.266.3065	goosebaymarina.camp			•		

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					ART GALLERY	HISTORY/NATURAL HISTORY	MUSEUMS	RETAIL	THEATRE	TOURS	WILDLIFE VIEWING	BREWERIES, BARS & RESAURANTS	TAXI
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	Allen's Manix Trading Post	10 Main Street	406.562.3333	allensmanixstore.com				•					
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ANACONDA	Discover Anaconda Visitor Center	306 E. Park Ave.	406.563.2400	discoveranaconda.com									
	Washoe Theatre	305 Main St.	406.563.6161	washoeheatre.com		•			•				
BUTTE	Butte Trolley Tours	1000 George St.	406.723.3177	buttechambersite.org/the-trolley/				•		•			
	World Museum of Mining	155 Museum Way	406.723.7211	miningmuseum.org		•					•		
	Copper King Mansion	219 W. Granite St.	406.782.7580	copperkingmansion.com		•							
	Piccadilly Museum of Transportation	20 West Broadway Street	406.723.3034	piccmuseum.com									
DEER LODGE	Old Prison Museum	1106 Main St.	406.846.3111	pcmaf.org		•	•	•		•			
DILLON	Beaverhead County Museum	15 S. Montana St.	406.683.5027	beaverheadcountymuseum.com		•	•	•	•	•			
ENNIS	Gallery 287	59 Hwy 287	406.490.1453	gallery287.com	•								
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PHILIPSBURG	Gem Mountain	201 W. Broadway	406.859.4367	gemmountainmt.com				•					
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	Historic Tour Company of Virginia City	2322 Mt Hwy 287	406.600.2598	historicfiretrucktour.webs.com		•				•			
	Montana Heritage Commission	300 1/2 W Wallace St	406.843.5247	virginiacitymt.gov						•			

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- 4/15 **Jordan World Circus**
Helena — 406.457.8516
- 4/23 **The Fab Four: Tribute to the Beatles**
Helena — 406.447.8481
- 4/25 **Upcountry Vintage Market**
Helena

MAY 2026

- 5/1 **Vigilante Day Parade**
Helena — 406.324.2000
- 5/9 **Don't Fence Me In Trail Run**
Helena — 406.442.0490
- 5/15 **Horn Hunt - Sun River Wildlife Management Area**
Augusta
- 5/15 **Ales for Trails**
Helena — 406.941.0801
- 5/16 **Unravel the Scratch Gravels**
Helena
- 5/16 **Tap into Ennis - Craft Beer and Distilleries Festival**
Ennis — 913.706.9632
- 5/17 **Tusk: The Classic Fleetwood Mac Tribute**
Helena — 406.447.8481

JUNE 2026

- 6/6 **Townsend Area of Commerce ATV Poker Run**
Townsend — 406.266.4101
- 6/12-13 **Governors cup /Half Marathon**
Jefferson City/ Clancy — 406.437.6198
- 6/13 **Miner's Union Day**
Butte — 406.723.7211
- 6/13 **Clancy Days**
Clancy — 406.225.4039
- 6/13 **Governor's Cup**
Helena — 406.437.6198
- 6/ **Uptown Hoops**
Butte — 406.498.5393
- 6/ **Colt Anderson's Dream Big**
Butte
- 6/19 **Townsend Area of Commerce Walleye Festival**
Townsend — 406.266.4101
- 6/19-21 **Treasure State Glass Reunion**
Helena — 406.475.3018
- 6/19-21 **Old Salt Festival**
Helmville — 406.458.5137
- 6/19-21 **36th Annual Territorial Days**
Deer Lodge — 406.560.9293
- 6/20 **Big Sky Reptile Expo**
Helena — 406.457.8516
- 6/20 **Blues, Brews, and BBQ**
Philipsburg — 406.859.3353
- 6/25-28 **Montana Heritage Center Grand Opening Celebration**
Helena — 406.444.2694
- 6/26-27 **Copper King 100 Endurance Race**
Butte — 406.200.8267
- 6/26-28 **Augusta Rodeo Weekend**
Augusta

JULY 2026

- 7/ **Wings and Wheels**
Butte
- 7/3-4 **Town Pump Fireworks and Freedom Festival Parade**
Butte — 406.497.6700
- 7/4 **Augusta Fourth of July Community Picnic**
Augusta
- 7/4 **4th of July Parade**
Boulder — 406.225.4039
- 7/4 **4th of July Parade and Rodeo - 90th Annual Ennis parade**
Ennis — 913.706.9632

JULY 2026 - CONTINUED

- 7/4 **4th of July Parade**
Townsend — 406.266.4101
- 7/10-11 **East Helena Rodeo**
East Helena — 406.459.5872
- 7/10-12 **Montana Folk Festival**
Butte — 406.497.6464
- 7/11 **Vigilante Car Show**
Virginia City — 800.829.2969 ext1
- 7/11 **Patchwork Pals Quilt Show**
Virginia City — 406.865.0018
- 7/17-19 **36th Annual Territorial Days**
Deer Lodge — 406.560.9293
- 7/18 **Butte 100 Mountain Bike Race**
Butte — 406.490.7632
- 7/18 **Bannack Days @ Bannack State Park**
Dillon — 406.834.3413
- 7/18 **Symphony Under the Stars**
Helena — 406.442.1860
- 7/19 **Montana Women's Triathlon**
Helena — 406.459.4772
- 7/19 **Bannack Days @ Bannack State Park**
Dillon — 406.834.3413
- 7/22-25 **Last Chance Stampede and Fair**
Helena — 406.457.8516
- 7/23-24 **Whitehall Frontier Days**
Whitehall — 406.287.2260
- 7/24 **Classic Car Show**
Whitehall — 406.287.2260
- 7/25 **Backyards of Broadwater Tour**
Townsend — 406.266.9242
- 7/25 **Christmas in July Market - Grizzly Gardens**
Helena — 406.558.2767
- 7/25-26 **Montana Clay Tour**
Helena — montanaclaytour.com
- 7/31-1 **Lewis and Clark Block Party**
Helena — 406.442.5960

AUGUST 2026

- 8/ **Butte-Silver Bow County Fair**
Butte — 498.8495
- 8/ **Big Butte Brewfest**
Butte — 723.7211
- 8/2-9 **Montana Pride**
Helena — montanapride.org
- 8/7-8 **Smeltermen's Day**
Anaconda — 406.563.2400
- 8/8 **Pride Parade**
Helena — montanapride.org
- 8/8 **Monster Trucks**
Helena — 406.457.8516
- 8/TBD **Jefferson City Days**
Jefferson City — 406.225.4039
- 8/14-16 **An Ri Ra**
Butte — 406.490.8309
- 8/15 **Fly Fishing Festival**
Ennis — 913.706.9632
- 8/15 **York 38 Special**
Helena — york38special.org
- 8/27-30 **Jefferson County Fair and Rodeo**
Boulder — 406.225.4039
- 8/28-29 **Murder Mystery Dinner**
Helena — 406.558.2767
- 8/29 **Boulder Car Show**
Boulder — 406.225.4039
- 8/30 **Shakespeare in the Parks**
Townsend — 406.266.4101

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 9/ **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day**
Butte — 406.723.7211
- 9/ **Edgewater Farm's Corn Maze -weekends Sept-Oct**
Townsend — 406.266.1036
- 9/11-13 **Septemberfest**
Helena
- 9/12 **Music and Arts Festival**
Boulder — 406.225.4039
- 9/12 **Aviation Days**
Helena — 406.442.2821
- 9/12 **Miner's Day**
Virginia City — 800.829.2969
- 9/25-27 **Last Chance Community Pow Wow**
Helena — 406.439.5631
- 9/26 **Fall Fest**
Virginia City — 406.843.5377

OCTOBER 2026

- 10 **Edgewater Farm's Corn Maze -weekends Sept-Oct**
Townsend — 406.266.1036
- 10/2,3,4 **Townsend Rotary's Fall Fest**
Townsend — 406.530.5251
- 10/2-4 **Fall Fest**
Townsend — 406.521.2999
- 10/3 **Oktoberfest Golf Tournament**
Anaconda — 406.563.2400
- 10/TBD **Whitehall Fall Festival**
Whitehall — 406.287.2260
- 10/18 **Just for the Helena of It**
Helena — runhelena.com / 406.449.2107
- 10/18 **2nd Annual Fall Festival**
Deer Lodge — 406.560.9293
- 10/23 **Ennis Hunters Feed - wild game cook-off**
Ennis — 913.706.9632
- 10/23-24 **Ghost Walk @ Bannack State Park**
Dillon — 406.834.3413
- 10/23-24 **Big Rock Fright Nights**
Boulder — 406.225.4015
- 10/30-31 **Screams Come True**
Whitehall — 406.498.3807
- 10/31 **Treat Street**
Butte — 406.723.7211
- 10/31 **Ghost Stroll**
Townsend — 406.266.4101

NOVEMBER 2026

- 11/6-7 **Holidays at the Kleffner**
Helena — 406.381.1904
- 11/14 **Holiday Bazaar**
Boulder — 406.225.4039
- 11/27 **Ennis Shop Small Town**
Ennis — 913.706.9632
- 11/27 **Celebration of Lights**
Helena — 406.447.1535
- 11/27 **Christmas Stroll**
Anaconda — 406.563.2400

DECEMBER 2026

- 12/ **Ice Carving**
Butte — 406.497.6464
- 12/ **National Miners Day**
Butte — 406.723.7211
- 12/ **Christmas Stroll**
Butte — 406.497.6464
- 12/ TBD **Christmas Stroll**
Whitehall — 406.287.2260
- 12/4 **Christmas Stroll - Ennis, MT**
Ennis — 913.706.9632

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- 12/4 **Christmas Stroll & Parade of Lights**
Deer Lodge — 406.560.9293
- 12/4-5 **Helena Holiday Hand MADE Fair**
Helena
- 12/5 **Festival of Trees**
Augusta
- 12/5 **Christmas Stroll**
Townsend — 406.266.4101
- 12/6 **Christmas Rendezvous**
Augusta
- 12/11 **Yule Night**
Philipsburg — 406.859.3388

JANUARY 2027

- 1/16 **Ice Fishing Derby**
Augusta — 406.563.3262
- 1/22-24 **Brewer's Cup Hockey**
Philipsburg — 406.859.3353
- 1/29-1/31 **SnoFLINGA**
Butte
- 1/30-2/1 **Skijoring at the Rock**
Boulder — 406.640.1601

FEBRUARY 2027

- 2/6 **Chinese New Year Parade**
Butte — 406.723.3231
- 2/20 **Winter Festival**
Anaconda — 406.563.2400
- 2/20-2/21 **Big Hole Skijoring**
Wisdom — 209.628.2225

MARCH 2027

- 3/6-7 **SWISH Basketball**
Helena — 406.442.4120
- 3/12-13 **Made in Montana Tradeshow**
Helena — 406.841.2757
- 3/16 **St. Urho's Day Celebration**
Butte — 406.723.3177
- 3/17 **St. Patrick's Day Celebrations**
Anaconda — 406.563.2400
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