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Southwest MONTANA

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Southwest Montana is the ideal place to pull over to mine sapphires, soak in a natural hot spring, explore an authentic ghost town and travel along the Lewis & Clark Trail.

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HIGHWAYS

Interstate Route

Principal Highway

Other Highway

Unpaved Road

ROUTE MARKERS

Interstate

U.S. Route

State Route

Other Route

MAP SYMBOLS AND OTHER FEATURES

Wilderness Area

BLM Land

National Forest

Continental Divide

Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail

Nez Perce National Historic Trail

Airport

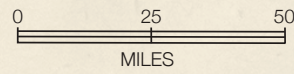
Ghost Town

Wildlife Watching

Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding

Flip the map over to explore our recommended scenic routes through Southwest Montana.

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YELLOWSTONE TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARKS

(West Yellowstone to West Glacier)

MILES: 426 (2 DAYS)

ROUTE:
West Yellowstone, Ennis, Virginia City, Nevada City, Alder, Sheridan, Twin Bridges, Whitehall, Butte, Deer Lodge, Ovando, Seeley Lake, Bigfork, Kalispell and West Glacier



MADISON RIVER. ED COYLE

Travel along portions of the **Vigilante Trail**—from West Yellowstone to Butte—through broad valleys with majestic mountain ranges rising above the **Madison River**. Stop at **Earthquake Lake Visitor Center**, cast your rod into blue-ribbon trout waters or visit quaint shops in Ennis. Don't miss the ghost towns of **Virginia City** and **Nevada City** and experience western life along the **Vigilante Trail**. Spend the night in **Butte** and visit this Historic Landmark District. Then travel to **Deer Lodge** and visit the **Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site** or tour the **Old Montana Prison Complex**. Travel through the Swan River Valley surrounded by Mission Mountain and Bob Marshall/Scapegoat wildernesses.

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GLACIER TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARKS

(East Glacier Park to West Yellowstone)

MILES: 360

ROUTE:
East Glacier Park, Augusta, Wolf Creek, Helena, Boulder, Cardwell, Ennis and West Yellowstone



LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS. WANDERLUST CREW

Follow the **Rocky Mountain Front**, where the towering peaks of the Rockies meet Montana's rolling plains. As you head south, experience the **Gates of the Mountains** and stay overnight in **Helena**, the capital city. As you continue south, stop at **Tizer Botanic Gardens & Arboretum**—Montana's only international botanical garden and arboretum. Visit **Lewis & Clark Caverns**, best known for their limestone caverns. Don't miss **Ennis** where you can take a break to fish on the **Madison River** before arriving in **West Yellowstone**.

2A An alternate route to consider from **Helena** is to head east to Townsend with views of **Canyon Ferry Reservoir**. Be sure to stop in **Townsend** at **Goose Bay Handblown Glass** and the **Broadwater County Museum**.

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BLACKFOOT RIVER RUN ROUTE

MILES: 134

ROUTE:
Missoula, Ovando, Lincoln and Helena via Blackfoot River Valley



SCULPTURE IN THE WILD. TEMPEST TECHNOLOGIES

Plan a stop in **Lincoln**, a **Continental Divide Trail (CDT) Gateway Community**, to visit **Sculpture in the Wild** and other shops and galleries. Heading east and then south, you'll travel over the spectacular **Fletcher Pass** crossing the **Continental Divide** into **Helena**.



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PINTLER SCENIC ROUTE

MILES: 129

ROUTE:
Butte, Anaconda, Philipsburg, Drummond, and Missoula via the Pintler Scenic Route



GEORGETOWN LAKE. JOCELYN DODGE

Enjoy the scenic beauty of the **Pintler Mountain Range** with a visit to **Anaconda**. Go for a round of golf at the Jack Nicklaus-designed **Old Works Golf Course**, complete with a view of the historic **Anaconda Smoke Stack**—one of the tallest free-standing brick structures in the world at 585 feet. As you drive west, stop at **Georgetown Lake** for a picnic, fishing or skiing with magnificent views of the **Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness**. In **Philipsburg**, dig for sapphires, shop at the old-time candy store or explore nearby **Granite Ghost Town**. Once you reach Interstate 90 at **Drummond**, it's a quick drive to Missoula.

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PIONEER MOUNTAINS SCENIC BYWAY

MILES: 162

ROUTE:
Dillon, Polaris, Wise River and Anaconda via Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway



CRYSTAL PARK. USDA FOREST SERVICE

Experience the past with a visit to **Bannack**, Montana's first territorial capital turned ghost town at **Bannack State Park**. Turning north onto the **Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway**, you will enjoy a stunning drive ascending a 7,800-foot divide from Grasshopper Creek to Wise River, through a broad valley bottom with granite peaks topping 10,000 feet. Dig for crystals at **Cyrstal Park**, a fun, hands-on adventure that the entire family can enjoy. Some of the best blue-ribbon trout fishing in the state can be found on the **Big Hole River**, which flows through the town of **Wise River**. After a day on the water, stop by the **Wise River Club** - one of Montana's most historic watering holes - for tasty food, drinks and live music at this longtime local gathering place.

Enjoy a half-day side trip from **Bannack** to the **Big Hole National Battlefield** near Wisdom, site of the Nez Perce War.

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SWAN'S ROUTE

MILES: 92

ROUTE:
Dillon, Polaris, Wise River and Anaconda via Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway



SWAN. TEMPEST TECHNOLOGY

Leave **Dillon** and head south to enjoy **Clark Canyon Reservoir** for wildlife viewing and fishing opportunities. Stop in **Lima**, a popular destination for fossil hunters, wildlife viewings and year-round outdoor recreation. From Lima, continue to **Monida** and turn onto South Valley Road (a good gravel road) to visit the **Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge**, home of the largest population of trumpeter swans in North America. Experience one of the nation's most naturally diverse areas that boasts the largest wetland complex within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem as well as expansive tracts of grassland, sagebrush, steppe habitats and forested areas.