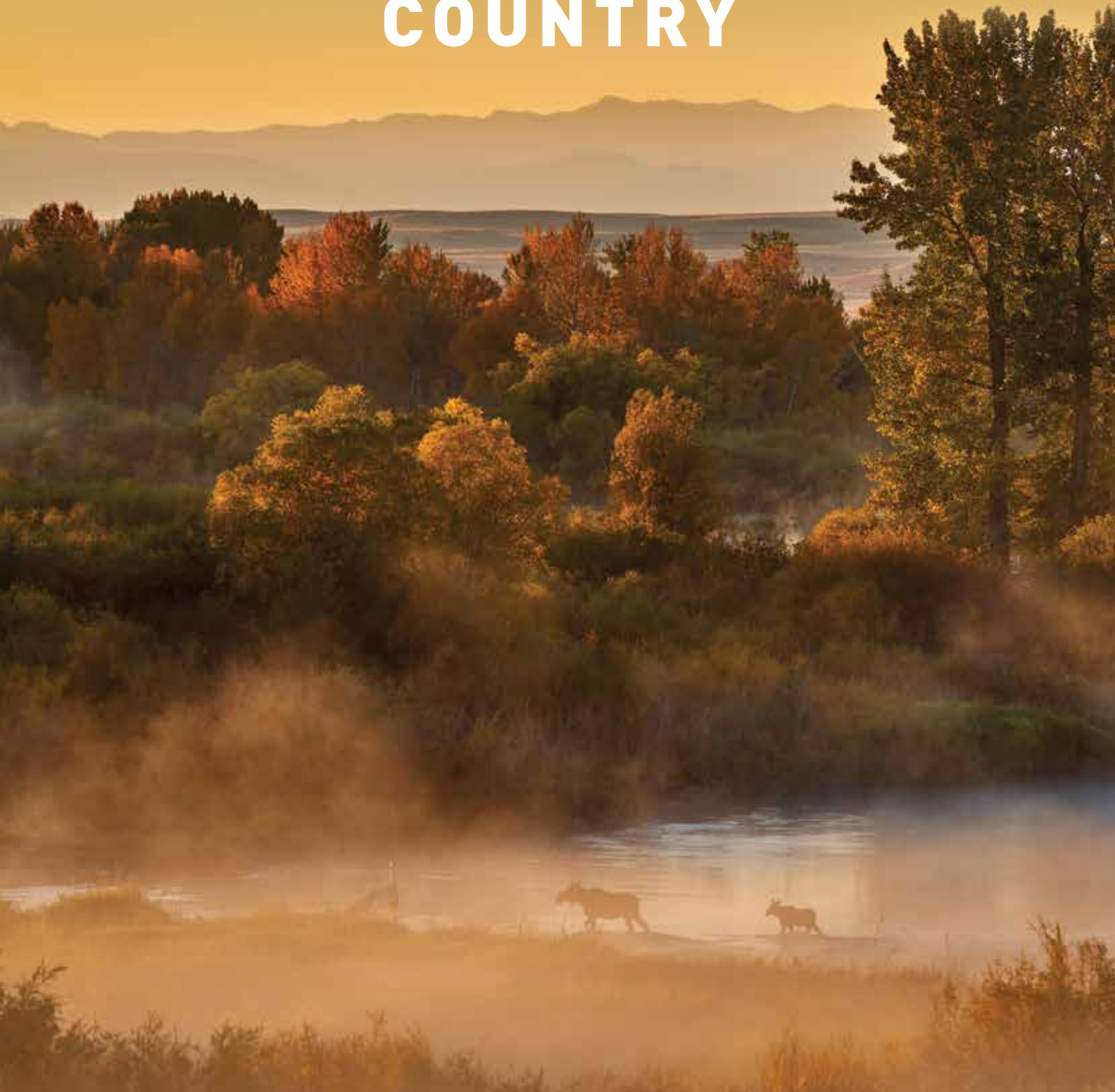


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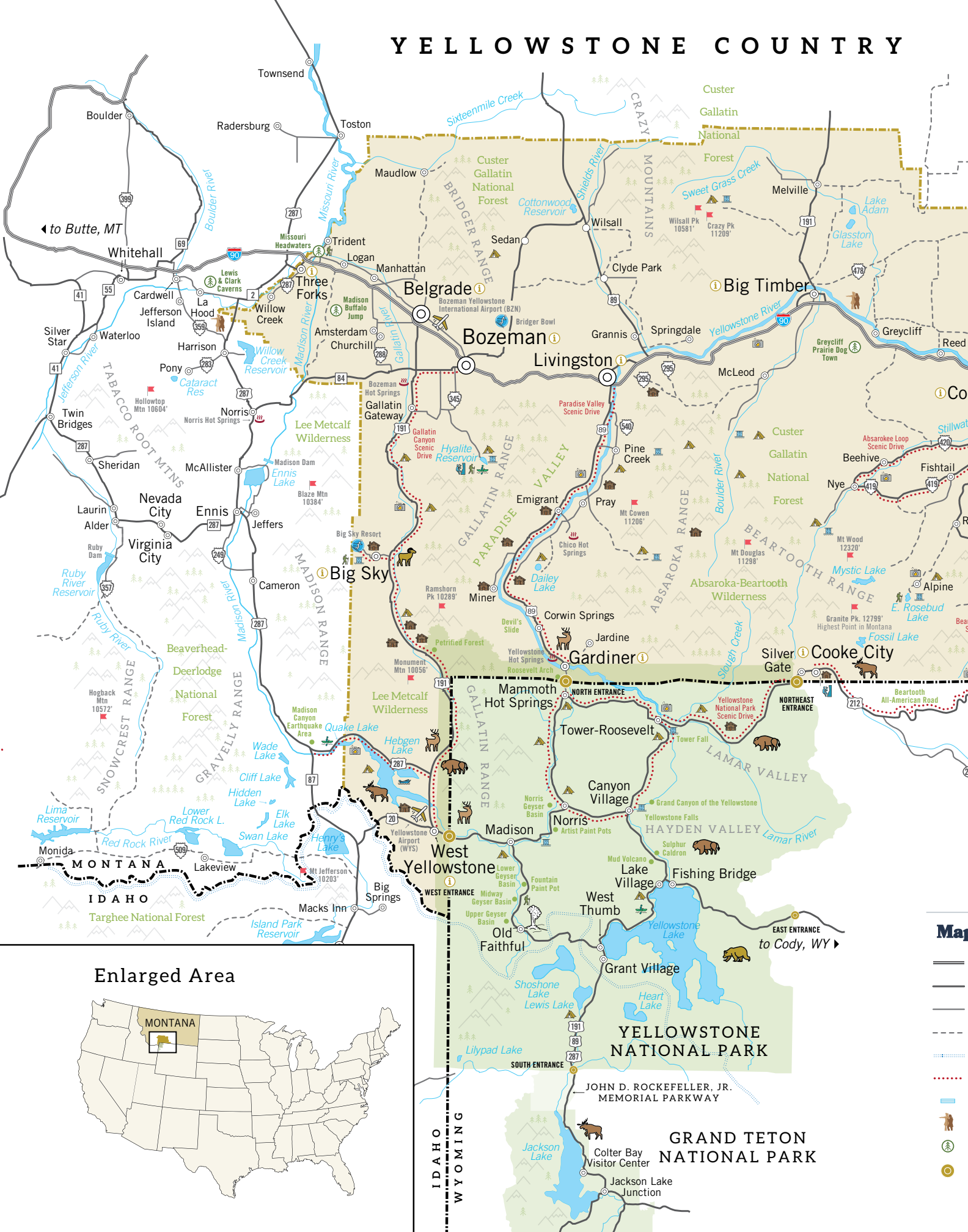


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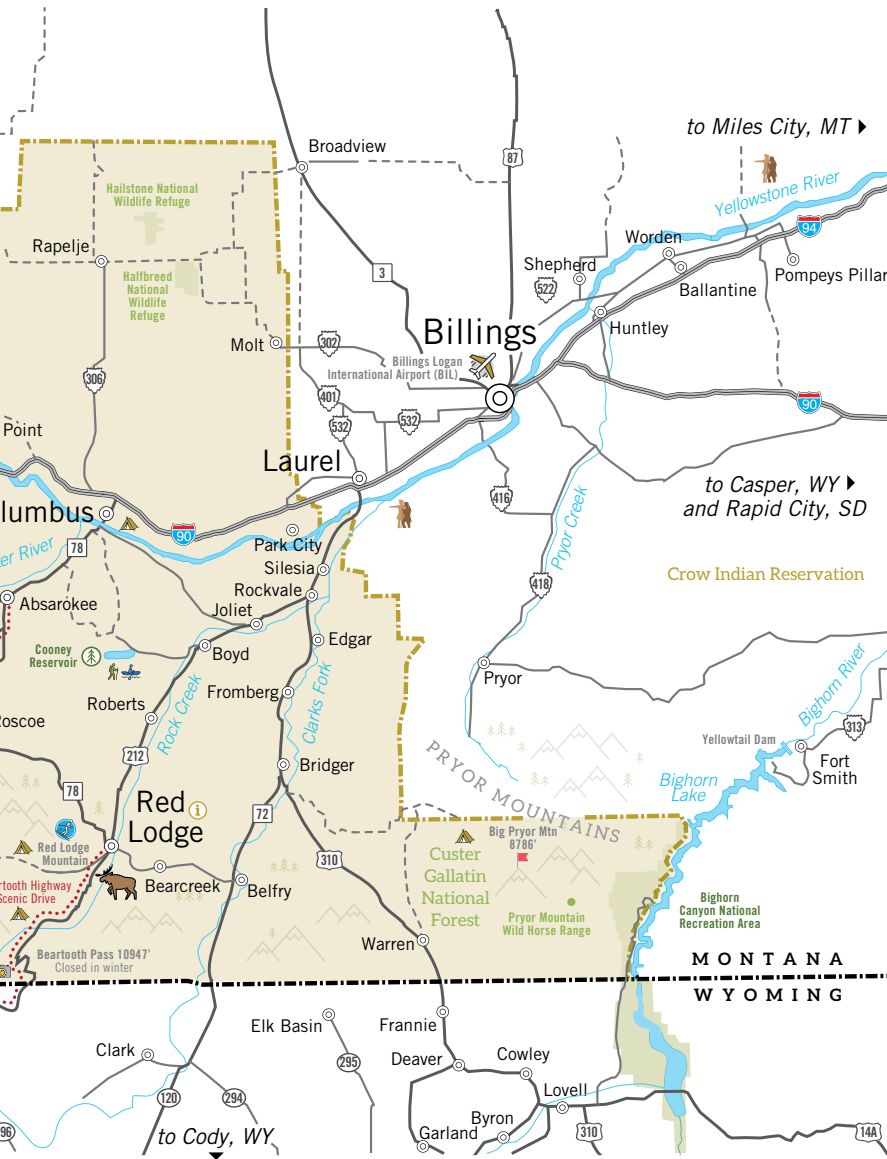
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| Dam | Camping | Elk |
| Lewis and Clark's Trail | Guest Ranch | Bighorn Sheep |
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43 CHARMING COMMUNITIES

The heart of Yellowstone Country is the captivating mountain towns that make up the region, offering authentic western experiences—from exceptional lodging and vibrant arts and culture to local allure and easy access to the great outdoors.

3 GATEWAYS TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

With three entrances into the park, Montana is your gateway to Yellowstone. Enter via the park's North Entrance at Gardiner (the only entrance open to personal vehicles in winter), traverse the stunningly scenic Beartooth Highway and enter via the Northeast Entrance at Cooke City, or enter via the West Entrance at West Yellowstone.

400 INCHES OF SNOW ANNUALLY

You'll find world-class recreation here, and that goes for winter too. From downhill skiing at three of Montana's largest ski areas—Big Sky Resort, Bridger Bowl and Red Lodge Mountain—to epic snowmobiling, snowshoeing, Nordic skiing, sleigh rides and dog sledding.

4 STATE PARKS

Yellowstone Country's state parks all offer a place of unparalleled recreation and adventure in some of Montana's most pristine nature. Explore Missouri Headwaters, Greycliff Prairie Dog Town, Madison Buffalo Jump, and Cooney state parks.

26 BREWERIES, CIDERIES AND DISTILLERIES

Montana as a whole ranks second in the nation for the number of breweries per capita. We set high standards for our craft, believing they should live up to our adventures. Our beers, spirits and ciders win awards. Pick a taproom, pull up a barstool and taste what Montana does best.

endless miles OF SCENIC DRIVES

Every mile of every road here is scenic, which makes traveling from one adventure to the next an adventure all its own. Official scenic drives here include the famous Beartooth Highway, the Paradise Valley Scenic Loop, and more.



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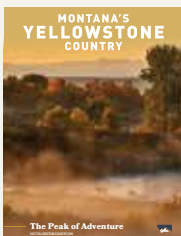
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Autumn paints golden hues on the landscape in Missouri Headwaters State Park, near Three Forks. Witness the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers, where Lewis and Clark stayed and explored in 1805.

Photo by Chris D'Ardenne



Back Cover

Hyalite Canyon, just outside of Bozeman, is a wonderland of four-season adventure, offering 30 km of groomed Nordic ski trails plus snowshoeing, snowmobiling, fat biking, ice fishing, ice climbing and backcountry skiing.

Photo by Hugo Sindelar


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ABOVE LEFT: BISON, DONNIE SEXTON; CENTER: THREE FORKS RODEO, KADEN HARRISON; ABOVE RIGHT: GIL'S GOODS IN LIVINGSTON, AUDREY HALL

WELCOME

Find Your Greatest Adventure in Montana's Yellowstone Country



 EAST ROSEBUD CREEK. CAMERON ROSIN

**DEAR AVID EXPLORERS, WINTER WARRIORS,
WANDERLUSTERS, ROAD-TRIPPERS, BACKPACKERS, SKIERS,
SIGHTSEERS, RIVER RUNNERS, AND HAPPY CAMPERS:**

Folks like you have been drawn to the mystique of Yellowstone (officially) since 1872. We get it—our mountains and rivers steal hearts and the unexpected waits around every bend. Every season offers something to savor. That’s the beauty of this place. . .you can’t go wrong. The sublime and wild nature of America’s first national park spills over for miles. North of Yellowstone, you’ll discover cinematic expanses of open country to roam, winding rivers to fish and frolic in and captivating small towns.

Snow seekers satisfy their powder cravings at three of Montana’s four largest ski areas, or they explore the serenity of the park’s quietest season. Spring eases in and peaks in full bloom, summer astounds with an unquestionable allure and autumn provides a little extra breathing room to see Montana in full color.

Yellowstone Country offers one of the most scenic drives in America—the Beartooth Highway—unrivaled recreation opportunities, and base-camp communities rich with arts, culture, food, drink and personality.

From where to stay, to where to play, to where to pull up a barstool and enjoy the spirit of a Montana evening, this travel guide will help you discover how to have an ideal Yellowstone Country experience and how to recreate responsibly while you’re at it.

Wake up in the backcountry in your favorite flannel and put a pot of coffee on the camp stove as a lazy creek trickles by, settle into western luxury at a five-star ranch resort, or go quintessentially Yellowstone in a historic timbered lodge next to steaming geyser basins and thermal pools. Adventure happens in every direction here.



Yellowstone Country is a big, beautiful place. People come from all over the world to experience it. All these visitors have an impact—by following the “Recreate Responsibly” tenants, we can preserve the open spaces and communities that make this region special.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Know fire restrictions and seasonal road closures. Check business hours and availability.

PLAN AHEAD

Make lodging and activity reservations well in advance.

PLAY IT SAFE

Stick to activities that match your skill level and carry the right gear.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Stay on trails and pack out absolutely everything you pack in.

**HELP BUILD AN
INCLUSIVE OUTDOORS**

Yellowstone Country is for everyone. Please recreate with that in mind.



LEFT INSET: CRAZY MOUNTAINS OUTSIDE BIG TIMBER, JONATHAN FINCH; RIGHT INSET: HYALITE RESERVOIR, JONATHAN FINCH

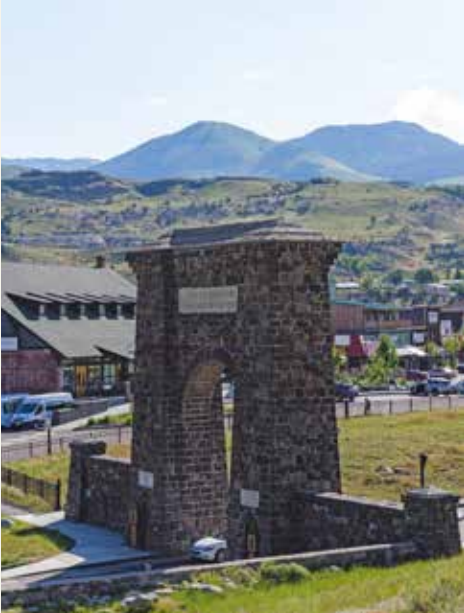
Take the Big Sky Country Route to Yellowstone National Park



📍 PILOT AND INDEX PEAKS, BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY. *MERV COLEMAN*

Maximize your Yellowstone adventure by making it a Montana getaway. Big Sky Country is home to three of the five entrances into Yellowstone National Park, and our gateway communities really hold their own. Each one offers something distinct (depending on the vibe you're after), and they all tell a Yellowstone story you'll not soon—or ever—forget.





NORTH ENTRANCE

Gardiner

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

With a strong nod to the Old West (and not just because it's named after an outlaw fur trapper), Gardiner excels at being quaint but happens to be a full-service town specializing in wilderness, wildlife and warm welcomes. The Yellowstone River runs right through this no-fuss community of 875 residents who are greatly outnumbered by antelope, bison, deer and elk. Gardiner is a mere 5 miles from the park's impressive Mammoth Hot Springs terraces and the iconic Roosevelt Arch, offering the only wintertime personal-vehicle entrance into the park. The winter drive from Gardiner to Tower Junction to Cooke City lets you experience the magic of the park's quiet season: Picture a lone bison standing resiliently among a backdrop of towering mountains and pure white snow. You can Nordic ski and sightsee and watch wildlife in the Lamar Valley—a hot spot for wolves in the winter. In the warmer months, bring your fly rod and your hiking boots.



NORTHEAST ENTRANCE

Cooke City-Silver Gate

OPEN END OF MAY TO MID-OCTOBER

Every road, trail and path in Montana is scenic, but exploring Yellowstone National Park by way of “the most scenic drive in America” is icing on the cake, to say the least. From the tiny outpost of Cooke City—complete with an authentic general store and saloon—traverse the winding Beartooth Highway into the park through the Absaroka and Beartooth mountains. You'll find yourself in the famous Lamar Valley (dubbed “America's Serengeti”) for epic wildlife watching. Only 140 people call Cooke City home, but together with its sister village of Silver Gate, travelers and locals find stunning, remote wilderness and plenty of recreation opportunities all year long in the surrounding Custer Gallatin National Forest. Cooke City might be small, but it's a big spot for sled heads (snowmobilers, that is). Miles of backcountry make for a snow enthusiast's dream. In the warmer seasons, hike, fish and explore the area by horseback, and when you're ready to head into the park, grab a latte and a pastry at the Bearclaw Bakery and set out on the All-American Beartooth Highway for the drive of a lifetime.



WEST ENTRANCE

West Yellowstone

OPEN 3RD FRIDAY OF APRIL – FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER

The picturesque all-American small town of West Yellowstone packs a lot of personality in, like coffee shops, cafés, a taqueria housed in an old school bus, gift shops, fine dining and even a giant-screen theater. This scenic, bustling town offers plenty of entertainment, as well as park tours (including snowcoach tours). In the summer, water sports are abundant. Kayaks and stand-up paddleboards are often spotted on Hebgen and Quake lakes. Fly-fishing here is an angler's dream. The beautiful Madison and Gallatin rivers gift unrivaled blue-ribbon trout fishing. West Yellowstone is the heart of fly-fishing in the Rockies, after all. If you find yourself visiting June through August, experience the Wild West Yellowstone Rodeo for some authentic western flavor. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is housed here, too, and if you're interested in learning about the park's history (and its famous bears) visit the Yellowstone Historic Center.

ABOVE LEFT: ROOSEVELT ARCH IN GARDINER, ANDY AUSTIN; MIDDLE: COOKE CITY, ANDY AUSTIN; RIGHT: SOUTH FORK OF THE MADISON RIVER, ERIC MELZER PHOTOGRAPHY

EST. 1872

America's First National Park



150 YEARS OF YELLOWSTONE

March 1, 2022, marked 150 years of Yellowstone—America's first national park. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the park into law to preserve and protect one of the largest nearly intact natural ecosystems on earth, including over 10,000 hydrothermal features and half the planet's active geysers. Yellowstone's cultural and historical resources are many, with 25 sites, landmarks and districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and more than two dozen American Indian tribes that have historic and modern connections to this land. We can all do our part to preserve this important place for generations to come.

YELLOWSTONE FAQ

IS THE PARK OPEN YEAR-ROUND?

The park is open all year, but not all of the roads are open to motorized vehicles during the winter, which makes it a magical time to visit. Snowcoach and snowmobile tours are offered, and the steaming hot pots and geysers are even more dramatic against the cold, wintry landscape. Fewer people visit in the winter, which gives it a different feel—the quietness is uncanny.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT YELLOWSTONE?

There's no bad time to visit the park! Each season holds something unique to discover, from the Great American Summer Vacation to a winter wonderland of peace and tranquility.

CAN YOU BRING PETS INTO THE PARK?

Within park boundaries, pets are allowed in your vehicle, at front-country campgrounds and within 100 feet of roads and parking areas. Pets are not allowed on trails or boardwalks, in the backcountry or in thermal areas. Pets must be leashed at all times, and you must properly dispose of pet waste. You must not leave your pet unattended or tied to an object. If you are traveling in Montana with your pet and plan to venture into the park, we recommend finding appropriate boarding for them; there are plenty of options available just outside the park.

WHERE CAN YOU STAY IN THE PARK?

Most park lodges and campgrounds are open in the warm season (late spring through early fall). There are nine lodging options, from the iconic Old Faithful Inn (a national landmark and the largest log building in the world), to the stately (and year-round) Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and the Lake Yellowstone Hotel, to simple cabins, usually united with a central lodge. Even with

2,000 drive-up campsites spread over 12 camps, camping in Yellowstone can get a little competitive in July and August. Reserve ahead at the five campgrounds that allow it, or take an early-morning cruise through the seven first-come, first served campgrounds and claim a spot. Fishing Bridge RV Park is RV-only, but both RVs and tents are welcome at almost all other park campgrounds. Some park campgrounds come with the works (showers, laundry, flush toilets) while others include only a vault toilet. Yellowstone also has more than 300 primitive backcountry campsites. In winter, there are two lodging options within the park: Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Cabins and Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Cabins.

IS THERE CONVENIENT LODGING OUTSIDE THE PARK?

Yes! Yellowstone's Montana border towns make exceptional base camps for a Montana and Yellowstone vacation in one. West Yellowstone is the biggest entrance town and has the most lodging options. Gardiner offers year-round entry into the park by personal vehicle, making it a great winter option if you plan to drive through the Lamar Valley. Cooke City offers a rustic lodgepole cabin and a small lodge, just 45 minutes from Roosevelt Lodge—it's also a quirky little outpost full of personality.

WHAT'S THE CLOSEST ENTRANCE TO THE PARK'S MOST POPULAR ATTRACTIONS?

West Yellowstone is the closest park entrance to Old Faithful and Midway Geyser Basin, where you'll find the beautiful Grand Prismatic Spring. Gardiner is the closest entrance to the Lamar Valley, a popular spot for wildlife watching.

ARE THERE PLACES TO EAT IN THE PARK?

There are nearly a couple dozen places to eat inside the park, ranging from restaurants and cafeterias to cafés and snack shops, plus coffee shops and bars. Most facilities are located in or nearby park lodges. Most are only open in the warmer months, but the Mammoth area has year-round options.

WHAT'S THE CLOSEST AIRPORT TO THE PARK?

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, the most accessible airport in Montana, is 90 miles from the West Entrance in West Yellowstone and 78 miles from the North Entrance in Gardiner.

WHAT ANIMALS CAN YOU SEE IN THE PARK?

Yellowstone is home to the largest concentration of mammals in the United States, so your chances of spotting some are pretty good. There are 67 species of mammals living in the park, including black bears and grizzly bears. You will most likely see bison, elk, deer and possibly bears. For those willing to get up early, you may be lucky enough to spot a wolf. Yellowstone is also home to nearly 300 species of birds, 16 species of fish, five species of amphibians and six species of reptiles.

WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN YOU DO IN THE PARK?

While scenic drives, photography and wildlife watching are the most popular activities in the park, exploration is endless. Adventurers can hike, fish, bike, horseback ride and boat. For those who prefer a more educational experience, sign up for a Ranger Program or seasonal talk. You'll also find a number of programs and activities for kids.

ARE THERE GAS STATIONS WITHIN THE PARK?

Gas pumps are available at Canyon, Fishing Bridge, Grant Village, Mammoth, Old Faithful and Tower Junction.

IS THERE CELL SERVICE IN THE PARK?

Cell service is limited in Yellowstone, but is available in most developed areas, including Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, and the villages of Canyon, Lake and Grant.

DO YOU NEED ANYTHING BESIDES A PARK PASS TO ENTER THE PARK?

In addition to entrance fees, certain activities do require a permit. Fishing, backcountry hiking and camping, boating, research and commercial photography all need a permit. A special permit must also be obtained for large gatherings such as weddings or other public assemblies.

IS SWIMMING ALLOWED IN YELLOWSTONE'S LAKES AND HYDROTHERMAL FEATURES/HOT SPRINGS?

Swimming is not recommended in most lakes and streams because they can be dangerously cold. However, Firehole Canyon, near Madison Junction, has a swimming area popular in summer. Please note, soaking in thermal features is illegal and dangerous.

WHAT IS THE HIGHEST PEAK IN THE PARK?

Towering at 11,358 feet high, Eagle Peak is the highest peak in Yellowstone.

HOW MANY GEYSERS ARE IN THE PARK?

There are more than 10,000 hydrothermal features within Yellowstone's borders, including over half of the world's geysers. In fact, you'll find 500 geysers here, 300 of which are active.

WHEN DOES OLD FAITHFUL ERUPT?

The average eruption is every 92 minutes and lasts from 1.5 to 5 minutes.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK: BY THE NUMBERS

3,472 
SQUARE MILES

 **OVER 1,000**
MILES OF TRAILS


52 PICNIC AREAS

 **290**
WATERFALLS

900 
HISTORIC BUILDINGS

10,000
HYDROTHERMAL FEATURES
GEYSERS

300 ACTIVE



LEFT PHOTO: OLD FAITHFUL, AUDREY HALL; LEFT INSET: HISTORIC YELLOW BUS TOUR, MERV COLEMAN; RIGHT INSET: GRAND PRISMATIC SPRING, SHUTTERSTOCK



📍 ROOSEVELT ARCH, GARDINER. BRIDGER PEAKS PHOTOGRAPHY

ADVENTURE ON >
Roosevelt Arch

President Roosevelt laid a cornerstone in the arch during construction that contained a time capsule, including a bible, a picture of himself, local newspapers and other items.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

A Winter Wonderland of Unforgettable Adventure

Winter in Yellowstone National Park is altogether surreal—steaming geyser basins and thermal pools are juxtaposed with pure white snow. Most of the roads in Yellowstone are closed to vehicular traffic this time of year, which makes it a good time for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, guided snowmobile tours and snowcoach touring. Build a big-sky adventure into your winter getaway by accessing the park from one of Montana’s gateway towns. Make Yellowstone Country your home base and experience the park in its quietest and arguably most magical season.



SNOWCOACH TOURS

Snowcoaches are hard-core touring vehicles designed to run with treads on the snow, making winter group tours of the park possible, and pretty darn fun, too. From about mid-December to mid-March, take a guided snowcoach tour out of West Yellowstone or Gardiner.



SNOWMOBILING

Epic winter terrain, extensive trail systems and proximity to Yellowstone National Park make West Yellowstone one of the top snowmobiling destinations in the world and the perfect place to hop on a snowmobile tour of the park and go full throttle with professional sled heads.



NORDIC SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Get away from the noise and leave your tracks in the Yellowstone snow. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in America’s first national park enable discovery of areas otherwise inaccessible, and offer a very peaceful winter experience.



SCENIC DRIVING

Explore the serenity of winter in Yellowstone in your own car at your own pace. Gardiner, Montana, provides the only year-round entrance into the park. From this Old West charmer, drive through Tower Junction and on to Cooke City through the Lamar Valley, a winter hangout for wolves.


ABOVE LEFT: SNOWCOACH NEAR MIDWAY GEYSER BASIN IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, NPS/JACOB W. FRANK; ABOVE RIGHT: SNOWMOBILING IN YELLOWSTONE, NPS/JACOB W. FRANK; BOTTOM LEFT: NORDIC SKIING IN GARDNER'S HOLE, NPS/JACOB W. FRANK; BOTTOM RIGHT: LARMAR VALLEY, NPS/JACOB W. FRANK

Seasons of Discovery

There's no wrong season to explore Yellowstone Country. Each one is right for different reasons—reasons of pursuit and discovery, depending on what you're after. Whether it's a bend in the river, the road or the trail, you'll find meaning and magic around each one of them, any time of year.

Spring

It's a time of warming up and thawing out. Snowmelt feeds the rivers and the days start to lengthen. After you catch the last of spring skiing and the rich, earthy greens and browns begin to emerge, it's time to peel off a layer of clothing, grab your bike, your binoculars, your golf clubs or your kayak and discover a season of renewal. Spring arrives late in Yellowstone National Park, but when it comes, it brings a brilliance of wildflowers and wildlife, singing birds and uncrowded roads.

 LUPINES, COOKE CITY, ENCHANTED FOREST

SPRING playlist

FEWER CROWDS

Set your sights on a quiet spring getaway, when the crowds are non-existent and shoulder-season prices are in effect.

BABY WILDLIFE

Spring is the time for spotting baby wildlife, like elk and deer fawns, bear cubs and mountain goat kids. Bring your binoculars!

WILDFLOWERS

The end of spring brings hillsides and meadows covered in a stunning canvas of wildflowers, like lupine, shooting stars and arrowleaf balsamroot.

RUSHING WATERFALLS

Spring snowmelt makes for rushing waterfalls, and what could be a better find at the end of a trail than a waterfall?

BIKING IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Spring cyclists can experience Yellowstone National Park without the peak-season traffic.

Adventure comes naturally this time of year. Get away from your getaway in this sprawling place north of the park where long days of alpine sunshine give way to cool summer nights. Fly-fish the legendary Madison and Gallatin rivers as they flow through scenic open country. Float the Yellowstone through Paradise Valley. Cruise the famed Beartooth Highway or bike in the backcountry. Get lost in our small towns at farmers markets, cafés, museums, art walks and festivals. Order a Montana whiskey right where it was made. Sleep out under the stars.

📍 SIOUX CHARLEY LAKE TRAIL NEAR RED LODGE. ANDY AUSTIN

SUMMER playlist

PERFECT WEATHER

Find your ideal summer vacation in a place where endless sunny days of perfect temps and low to no humidity turn to cool summer nights.

LONG DAYLIGHT HOURS

The sun's up well into the evening hours here, which means longer days and more time for adventure.

FARMERS MARKETS

Treat yourself to a true taste of Montana by visiting an outdoor market for local produce, flowers, arts and crafts, baked goods and more.

PATIO DINING

Opt for patio seating and soak up as much of that big-sky sunshine and those heavenly views as you can.

WATERSPORTS

From epic fly-fishing to boating, floating and paddling, summer is the most ideal time to be on Montana's sparkling waterways.

There's always plenty of room to breathe in Montana, but in the fall there's a little bit more. Brown trout are biting. Elk are bugling. Birds are migrating overhead. Hillsides are aflame with yellow tamaracks, and rivers are lined with the oranges and golds of aspen and cottonwood trees. Evening sunlight filters through autumn's hues. Fall is the time to take a scenic drive, fish a quiet river, drink a pumpkin ale at a small-town Oktoberfest, bike or hike in the park. It's the time to see Montana in full color.



📍 MADISON RIVER NEAR WEST YELLOWSTONE. *KEN TAKATA*

FALL playlist

BIG FISHING

Grab your fly rods—autumn can be the best time of year to catch the largest rainbow and brown trout in Montana.

FALL COLORS

The golden hues of cottonwood and aspen are nothing short of extraordinary. Autumn is the time for a scenic drive or hike.

FEWER CROWDS

Begin your adventure just as summer travelers are headed home and experience having the rivers and trails all to yourself.

SEASONAL BREWS + SPIRITS

It's the time of year our brewmasters and distillers are experimenting with everyone's favorite fall flavor—pumpkin.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

The fall rut is in full effect, and if you've never heard the sound of an elk bugle, this is the time of year you're bound to.

The pursuit of powder ends here—it's everywhere and then some. We pile up over 400 inches of the fluffy white stuff every year in our alpine mecca of diverse terrain, both wild and tamed. Lift lines are virtually nonexistent. Backcountry is never boring. Folks are always friendly. Our little mountain towns are bustling with big personality, big snow and big adventure.

It's the season of snow seekers and wonderland dreamers. And it's where winter is yours for the taking. So get out, feel the crunch of snow underfoot, breathe in the cool, crisp air and leave your tracks on as many mountains as you can. Hibernation is for the bears. When our mountains get covered in snow, we ride them. When our waterfalls freeze, we climb them. When our lakes turn to ice, we skate them, fish them and dogsled across them. We really do winter here, and you should, too.

It's the land of big sky and big skiing. Whether by downhill ski, snowboard, Nordic ski, snowmobile, snowshoe or sleigh, there's a winter getaway in this powder paradise and a park that's altogether unreal—steaming geyser basins and thermal pools steam and froth and bubble against a backdrop of white. If you're in the mood for some epic fun, check out a skjoring event. Skjoring is a wildly fun sport to watch, as a horse and rider team pull a skier through a course of obstacles and jumps. Yellowstone Country also offers some of the world's best snowmobiling and three of Montana's four largest ski resorts provide some of the biggest skiing in America.

For more information on planning winter activities, go to visityellowstonecountry.com.



DRINKING HORSE MOUNTAIN TRAIL OUTSIDE BOZEMAN. ANDY AUSTIN

WINTER playlist

WINTER WONDERLAND

400+ inches of annual snowfall transforms Yellowstone Country into an enchanting winter wonderland of adventure for every type of traveler.

LEGENDARY SKIING

Yellowstone Country boasts legendary skiing at three of Montana's largest ski areas—Big Sky Resort, Bridger Bowl and Red Lodge Mountain.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Winter is your best chance to catch a glimpse of the elusive gray wolves in Yellowstone National Park's Lamar Valley.

SNOWCOACH TOURS

Take a comfortable, heated tour of Yellowstone National Park and steaming geyser basins juxtaposed against a landscape of pure white snow.

HOT SPRINGS

There's nothing like soaking in the relaxing mineral waters of nature's hot tub, especially after a long day in the snow.

Epic Montana Powder

SKI RESORTS IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

BIG SKY RESORT

With 5,800 acres of terrain and 4,350 feet of vertical served by more than 30 lifts, runs up to 6 miles long, a 2,000-vertical-foot powder-filled bowl beneath Lone Mountain, challenging chutes and a view of three states, two national parks and numerous mountain ranges, you'll fully understand just what "big" means. Traditional, western flair meets mountain ski town vibe in Big Sky, where you'll find luxury and comfort no matter where you roam—from accommodations to dining and day spas.



BRIDGER BOWL, PAT CLAYTON

BRIDGER BOWL

Organically grown and locally owned since 1955, Bridger Bowl has operated as a nonprofit community ski area since powder-day one. With over 2,000 acres spanning 2,600 vertical feet, Bridger Bowl—known for its light, dry powder called "Cold Smoke" and the steep chutes experts crave—offers some of the most exciting ski terrain in the Rockies and incredibly low prices. This world-class ski area has eight chairlifts serving first-timers, experts, alpine ridge-terrain adventurers and everyone in between. Bridger Bowl—only 20 minutes up the canyon from Bozeman, Montana—was named one of the world's top 25 ski towns by National Geographic Traveler magazine. This active university town offers multiple lodging opportunities and an impressive list of dining, nightlife and entertainment options. If you're looking for a natural, undeveloped, big-mountain playground with a friendly local vibe, we highly recommend Bridger Bowl.



RED LODGE MOUNTAIN, SETH ROYAL KROFT

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

Big mountain adventures without big mountain crowds or prices, Red Lodge Mountain is a down-to-earth ski area that values great skiing and affordability. This diverse terrain park offers ski and snowboard opportunities for all ages and ability levels, making Red Lodge Mountain an ideal spot for family vacations. And, with more than a third of its terrain designated as advanced or expert, there's plenty of room to push the limits. Off the slopes, the historic mining town of Red Lodge (known as the Basecamp to the Beartooths and called "The Coolest Ski Town You've Never Heard Of") offers shops, restaurants, culture and entertainment. Situated on the eastern front of the Beartooth Mountain Range, Montana's tallest mountain range, Red Lodge Mountain provides the ultimate ski vacation—mixed terrain, a charming mountain town, spectacular vistas and inviting après decks.

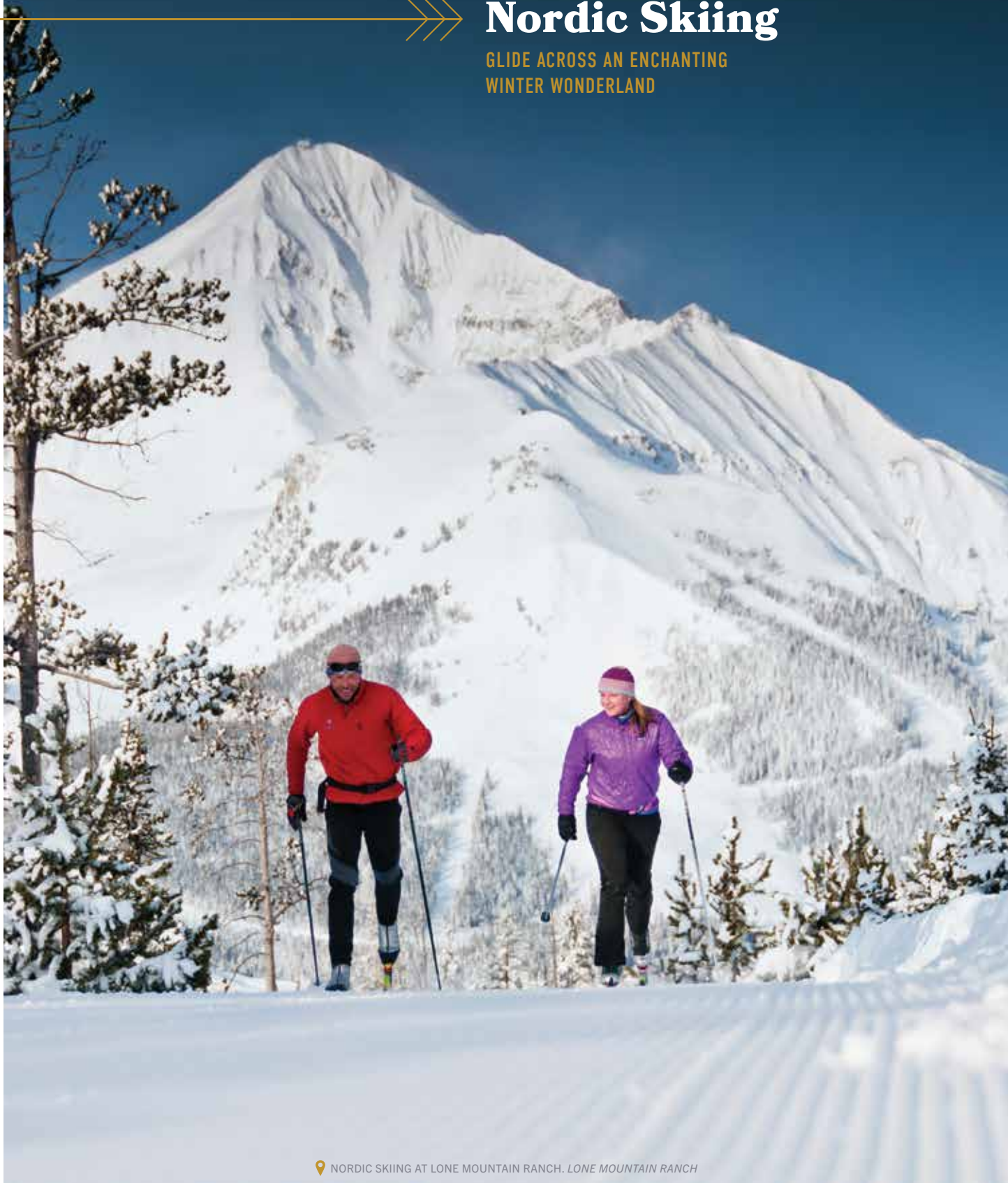






Nordic Skiing

GLIDE ACROSS AN ENCHANTING
WINTER WONDERLAND



📍 NORDIC SKIING AT LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH. *LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH*

Downhill isn't the only way to leave your mark on the mountain in Yellowstone Country. Nordic skiing in Montana is altogether transcendent, and it's an easy way to get out and go the distance.

The season is long, the powder is perfect and the terrain is diverse. The five Montana counties that make up Yellowstone Country are crisscrossed by miles and miles of world-class wilderness trails meticulously groomed for Nordic adventures. Over-the-snow park tours enable visits to areas otherwise inaccessible and downright amazing. Traverse miles into the backcountry and experience the quietude of Yellowstone National Park in the winter. It's pure magic to spend a day gliding through this wild and pristine winter wonderland, watching the rising steam from nearby geyser basins disappear into a sea of snow.



📍 RIVERSIDE SKI TRAIL IN WEST YELLOWSTONE. ANDY AUSTIN

WEST YELLOWSTONE

Step outside your door, snap into your skis and hit the trail. Accessibility is everything in West Yellowstone. Just beyond the park, this bustling gateway town offers more than 50 km of groomed trails, plus local shops where you can rent or buy gear and take lessons with the experts.

RENDEZVOUS SKI TRAIL

is West Yellowstone's premier trail system, offering 40 km of pristine, flat terrain and subtle hills.

BOUNDARY TRAIL

runs along park boundaries—hence the name—and you're welcome to bring your four-legged friend along for the glide.

RIVERSIDE SKI TRAIL

offers views of the Madison River and Gallatin Mountains, with the added bonus of a little winter wildlife watching.

BOZEMAN

CROSSCUT MOUNTAIN SPORTS CENTER

Located 16 miles north of Bozeman at the base of the Bridger Mountains, this year-round recreation facility offers plenty of opportunity for Nordic skiing in the winter months. Formerly Bohart and Crosscut ranches, Crosscut Mountain Sports Center is 259 acres of family fun. With over 50 km of groomed trail systems and on-site gear rentals, this Yellowstone Country facility boasts routes for all ages and abilities. Buy a season pass or drop in for the day.

RED LODGE

RED LODGE NORDIC CENTER

From December through March, ski 15 km of groomed trails at Aspen Ridge Ranch below the Beartooth Mountains. The sweeping meadows and rolling loop trails range from easy to more difficult and make a great (and very scenic) spot for the entire family. Ski clinics and programs for kids are offered throughout the season.

BIG SKY

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH NORDIC CENTER

Glide across 85 km of world-class woodland trails and stay overnight in a private historic cabin for an authentic Yellowstone Country experience. Lone Mountain Ranch sits in the Gallatin Mountains only 18 miles north of the park and has been voted the #1 Nordic ski destination in North America by Cross Country Skier magazine. Designated by National Geographic as one of its Unique Lodges of the World, the accommodations, the snow, the trails and the friendly guides all make for a magical mountain experience.

For more information on Nordic skiing, go to visityellowstonecountry.com/nordic-skiing.



NORDIC SKI trip tip

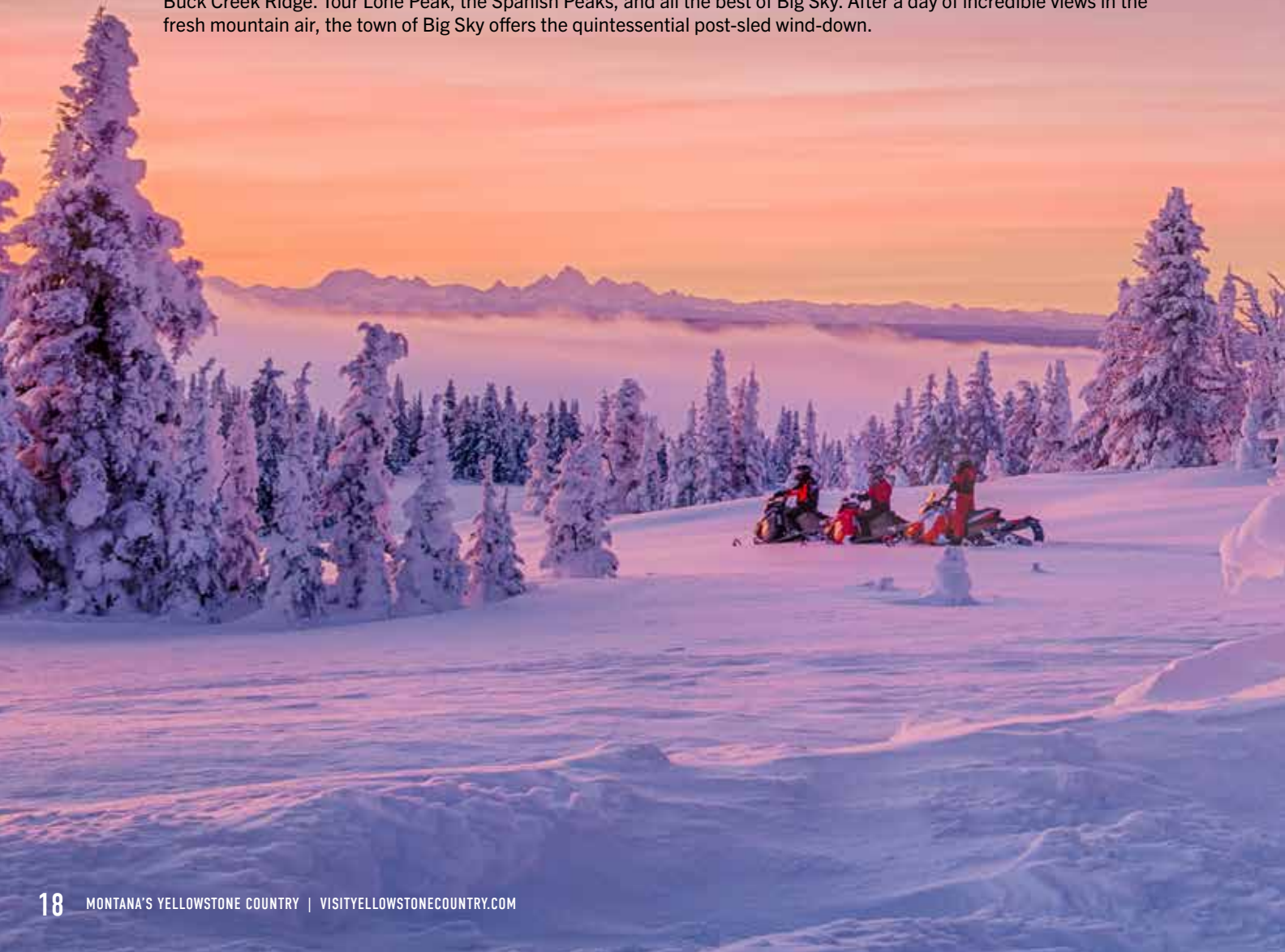
Guided cross-country skiing tours in Yellowstone help you navigate the expansive terrain of the park and are a safe way to take in many of the harder-to-reach locations.

SLED SOME OF THE WEST'S BEST

Snowmobiling

An alpine adrenaline rush is one way to slay winter. Power through pure powder in some of the most sought-after winter terrain, including groomed trails, untouched backcountry and endless meadow playgrounds. Three of the best places for sled heads to go full throttle in Montana are right here in Yellowstone Country.

- **WEST YELLOWSTONE** has earned its reputation as one of the “best of the best” snowmobiling destinations in North America. The season starts early and ends late in this powder paradise, averaging 150 inches of light, dry snow each year, and the scenery is as breathtaking as the ride is exhilarating. Right from town, access a 400-mile mountain trail system that leads to powder playgrounds in three national forests. Plus, West Yellowstone is also a pretty cool town to just hang out in.
- **COOKE CITY** is equally amazing, with late-season backcountry snowmobiling extending into June and sometimes even July. Spring days make for longer daylight hours and more riding. The snowpack in Cooke City usually sticks around longer than most areas, stretching out the season. Climb to Daisy Pass at 10,000 feet. Free ride Henderson Mountain. Explore old mining country, play in deep powder meadows and boondock through the trees. Then, tell tales of your adventures at the local saloon.
- **BIG SKY** sports a big blue sky overhead and big snow below. Power through the Custer Gallatin National Forest and on Buck Creek Ridge. Tour Lone Peak, the Spanish Peaks, and all the best of Big Sky. After a day of incredible views in the fresh mountain air, the town of Big Sky offers the quintessential post-sled wind-down.



Gear Up

You'll find snowmobile rentals plus experienced and friendly guides in both West Yellowstone and Cooke City, and both of these gateway towns offer access to Yellowstone National Park.

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Sled Safe

Always check the Montana avalanche report before you head out. You can rent a transceiver with your sled, or take a guided tour from one of many outfitters in the area.





Winter Adventures

SLEIGH RIDES

It's as enchanting as it sounds. Pure mountain magic. Experience the spirit of winter in Yellowstone Country with a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Hear the crunch of pristine snow under hooves and sleigh, glide toward a romantic dinner at Lone Mountain Ranch in Big Sky or make a new family memory exploring the winter wilderness with a hot cider and your favorite people.

HOT SPRINGS

Natural hot springs are, quite literally, Yellowstone Country's hottest hot spots. There's nothing more relaxing than soaking in the relaxing mineral waters of nature's hot tub, especially after a long day of exploration and adventure. These thermal features are naturally occurring pools of heated groundwater rising from the earth's crust. Stay at a hot springs resort, immersing yourself in the great outdoors.

*hot springs
safety*

Not all pools are for soaking. If you're in the park, soaking is off limits in fragile and temperature-prohibitive (dangerously high) thermal areas.

SNOWCOACH TOURS

When the park closes its roads to vehicular traffic in November of each year, a pristine winter playground opens up. It's the perfect time to see the park's steaming geysers and thermal features contrasted against winter's frozen backdrop. One of the best ways to do just that is to take a snowcoach tour (think tour bus meets all-terrain vehicle). This is an unforgettable way to experience an otherworldly winter wonderland. West Yellowstone and Gardiner are your spots for embarking on a snowcoach tour of America's first national park.



ABOVE PHOTO: DOG SLEDDING IN BIG SKY, DONNIE SEXTON; ABOVE RIGHT: YELLOWSTONE HOT SPRINGS OUTSIDE GARDINER, SAM ROUDA; BOTTOM RIGHT: SLEIGH RIDE AT 320 RANCH IN BIG SKY, TAYLAR ROBBINS



↑ *Fat biking* is a wildly fun and popular wintertime activity the whole family can enjoy.



ICE CLIMBING

Every year when the terrain changes with the season, there's a new adventure. A rushing waterfall in the summer provides a cool mist at the end of a hike, but in the winter when it freezes over, you climb it. Harness up for an alpine ice excursion in Yellowstone Country Montana. With over 200 pitches, Hyalite Canyon, just south of Bozeman, is one of the premier ice climbing destinations in the U.S. Both experts and beginners enjoy diverse, accessible climbing on reliable ice. Classes are offered by outfitters in Bozeman, and Hyalite Canyon hosts an annual Ice Climbing Festival in early December. For the experienced ice climber, check out the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and Cooke City, Montana.

SNOWSHOEING

There's one way to walk through the serenity of winter in Yellowstone Country and listen to the sounds of nature and the crunch of snow underfoot, witnessing the true grandeur of the season—trekking Yellowstone by snowshoe is, quite possibly, the easiest way to explore the snow-covered landscape. It's simple, inexpensive and doesn't require a lot of gear. It's also one of the best ways to tour Yellowstone National Park in the winter when it's closed to vehicles (except snowcoaches). Anyone can put on a pair of snowshoes and tour the terrain, making this a perfect adventure for groups and families. Snowshoeing is the snow parallel to hiking, and it's a great way to be outside in the winter without having to learn a whole new sport. Make sure you get the right gear—the snow gets quite deep and you'll often find yourself sinking to your waist without a set of snowshoes. Poles with baskets can be quite helpful, too. You can rent snowshoes at any local outfitter or gear shop.



DOG SLEDDING

Mushing your way through snow-packed terrain and over frozen lakes to a hot springs soak or a backcountry yurt is one way to winter in Montana. Marvel at the power and spirit of the Alaskan huskies who thrive on the exhilaration the journey brings. Outfitters and lodges in Big Sky, West Yellowstone and Paradise Valley offer half-day, full-day and overnight guided excursions. Group adventures include post-mush storytelling by the fire with a warm drink and a memory made.

ABOVE PHOTO: FAT BIKING IN BIG SKY, VISIT MONTANA; ABOVE LEFT: ICE CLIMBING ON PALISADE FALLS IN HYALITE CANYON NEAR BOZEMAN, DAVID WELLS; BOTTOM LEFT: BEEHIVE BASIN IN BIG SKY, CHARLIE MCLAUGHLIN

Public Lands

STATE PARKS, NATIONAL FORESTS AND WILDERNESS AREAS

We conserve and cherish land because it's vital—vital wildlife habitat and a necessary refuge for humans, also. We're dedicated to preserving our natural environment, and we spend as much of our time as we can playing in it, celebrating it and reveling in its abundance. You should, too. Montana's public lands and wild places nurture the mind, body and soul. Get out in our parks, our wide-open spaces or our rivers and streams, and experience mountain magic.

📍 HYALITE RESERVOIR. ANDY AUSTIN

MONTANA
fun fact

The 34,000-acre Hyalite Canyon is just 15 minutes from Bozeman and has plenty of opportunities to hike and bike the trails or canoe the reservoir.



MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK

Roast marshmallows by the campfire during a park-sponsored summer event and then camp under the stars in a rented tipi. At the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers—where Lewis and Clark stayed in 1805 Missouri Headwaters State Park provides cultural and natural history, river play, fishing, biking, hiking and interpretive programs.

MADISON BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK

Witness this historic spot where American Indians stampeded vast herds of bison off a massive half-moon cliff. Archeologists have located the tipi rings, and buffalo bones remain buried at the base of the cliff. Hike to the top of the buffalo jump for impressive views of the lower Madison River.

GREYCLIFF PRAIRIE DOG TOWN STATE PARK

This 98-acre day-use state park and protected black-tailed prairie dog habitat gives visitors a glimpse of these highly entertaining little critters as they dash from hole to hole and sound their “chirpy” alarms. Interpretive displays tell the tale of what Lewis and Clark referred to as “barking squirrels.”

COONEY RESERVOIR STATE PARK

Paddleboard in the summer and snowshoe in the winter (both are available for rent) at this popular Yellowstone Country recreation spot. Walleye and rainbow trout are in abundance here, so plan on fishing, too. After a day on the water, set up camp at one of five campgrounds, and don’t forget your camera—the views are incredible.

CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

One of the most ecologically diverse landscapes in the region, the Custer Gallatin National Forest encompasses more than 3.1 million acres, including six rugged mountain ranges, remote wilderness and unique geological formations. Adventure seekers will find a lifetime of recreation opportunities and wildlife watching here.

ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH WILDERNESS

Home to Montana’s highest peak—Granite Peak at 12,808 feet—the Absaroka and Beartooth mountain ranges are a backpacker’s dream, offering a panorama of high granite plateaus, alpine lakes, dense forests, deep canyons and unique geological features, plus primitive backcountry camping.

For more information on state parks, go to visityellowstonecountry.com/montana-state-parks.



ABOVE PHOTO: MADISON BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK, JONATHAN FINCH; ABOVE RIGHT: MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK, JONATHAN FINCH; BOTTOM RIGHT: THE BEATEN PATH HIKING TRAIL NEAR RED LODGE; COLTON STIFFLER



Outdoor Adventure

HIKING

In a place like Montana, adventure can be as simple as a walk in the woods. From easy walking trails and nature trails to foothill rambles and rugged backcountry treks, there's no shortage of ways to walk through the striking landscape. Walking in winter? That's what snowshoes are for. visityellowstonecountry.com/hiking-and-backpacking

📍 OUSEL FALLS IN BIG SKY. CHARLIE MCLAUGHLIN

trail safety: Plan for any (and every) kind of weather. Dress in layers and wear broken-in hiking boots. Stay hydrated and always stay on the trail. If you're hiking alone, let someone know where you're going. Respect wildlife; do not harass or feed them. You are hiking in bear country. Be sure to make plenty of noise on the trail. Be alert, carry bear spray and know how to use it. As always, remember your binoculars—an essential part of hiking gear—as a quiet trail can be a great spot to view wildlife!

HIKING playlist

**SOUTH TEPEE
CREEK ROAD
TRAIL**
West Yellowstone
13.9 Miles, Moderate

**BASIN LAKES
TRAIL NO. 61**
Red Lodge
7.4 Miles, Moderate

TWIN LAKES
Big Timber
8.9 Miles, Hard

BEEHIVE BASIN
Big Sky
7.1 Miles, Moderate

**BUFFALO JUMP
STATE PARK LOOP**
Three Forks
3.6 Miles, Easy

**FAIRY FALLS
TRAIL**
Yellowstone
National Park
4.8 Miles, Easy

**NORTH FORK BEAR
CREEK TRAIL**
Gardiner
4.0 Miles, Moderate

PASSAGE FALLS
Livingston
5.1 Miles, Moderate

**NORTH COTTONWOOD
CREK AND
ACCESS TRAIL**
Belgrade
14.6 Miles, Difficult

**GRANITE
PEAK TRAIL**
Fishtail
22.6 Miles, Difficult



BIKING

Go the distance in the open air on a cycling trip through Yellowstone National Park or along the All-American Beartooth Highway, one of the most scenic stretches of roadway in the U.S. Or, get off the road and into the mountains on our extensive bike trail system of single tracks and family-friendly routes that can be found in any number of Yellowstone Country communities. Touring the terrain by bike is one way to log miles (and miles and miles) of Montana magic. Yellowstone Country is quickly becoming the fat biking/snow biking capital of the Northern Rockies, so you can pedal paradise in any season. visityellowstonecountry.com/biking

HORSEBACK RIDING

The view of Montana from the back of a horse is about as authentic as it gets. Guest ranches offer the full experience (including lessons) complete with the cinematic sprawling countryside you'd imagine. Book half and full-day trips or multiday pack-trip excursions into the backcountry. We have miles of mountains, trails and wide-open prairies to explore, and saddling up is a fine way to do it. visityellowstonecountry.com/horseback-riding

OFF-ROADING

Sometimes, to get deep into wild country, you need to go off road. That's what all-terrain vehicle exploration is for. Power through some of the most secluded wilderness in America right here in Yellowstone Country. Ride in the fresh mountain air through rolling hills, sagebrush, and lush, grassy meadows, and discover the beauty of terrain you might not otherwise be able to cover. visityellowstonecountry.com/atv

GOLFING

You might find it difficult to keep your eye on the ball here. It's not easy to tear your gaze away from a panoramic paradise. World-class courses (some even designed by legendary golfers) turn just another game of golf into an exclusive experience. From private resort and club golfing to picturesque public courses, tee up at any of Yellowstone's greens and drive one into the big blue sky. visityellowstonecountry.com/golfing

ROCK CLIMBING

The art of the ascent is realized in Yellowstone Country Montana, home to some of the best climbing in the Rockies. Scale rock slabs on the sides of mountains and deep in canyons. Summit multipitch peaks for otherwise unattainable views. Whether you're an expert or aspiring, there are routes for all climbing levels. Right outside of Bozeman you'll find numerous renowned areas or, for the more adventurous, try the Beartooth and Crazy mountains. Learn the ropes from a local climbing instructor or guide. visityellowstonecountry.com/rockclimbing

GUIDED ADVENTURES

Sometimes the adventure of a lifetime is best left to the experts, like when you're looking for a local's favorite fishing hole on the best stretch of river in Montana or you need someone to pack in your gear and take you into our epic backcountry terrain. Fishing, hiking, hunting, snowmobiling or scrambling up a rock face? When in doubt, go with a guide. Yellowstone Country's local outfitters and guides are obsessed with the outdoors, and you can not only count on them being knowledgeable, but friendly as all get-out, too.



ABOVE LEFT: MOUNTAIN BIKING OFF THE BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY, ANDY AUSTIN; ABOVE RIGHT: ATVING IN CRAZY MOUNTAINS NEAR BIG TIMBER, JONATHAN FINCH; BOTTOM RIGHT: HORSEBACK RIDING AT FLYING DIAMOND RANCH IN PARADISE VALLEY, ANDY AUSTIN

Water Play the Montana Way

IN, ON AND AROUND YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY'S WATERS

Slow-moving waters and wild rivers carve glistening paths through Yellowstone Country, and sparkling alpine lakes dot the mountainous landscape. Montana's waters are a significant part of its allure. Cast a fly rod into the cool Yellowstone River ripples of Paradise Valley, run the rapids of the Gallatin or take in the view of Yellowstone National Park from pristine lake waters. Make it a family vacation to remember with a whitewater rafting excursion, or experience the solitude on a still and quiet glacial lake high in the mountains. Fly-fish, boat, water ski, kayak, paddle and swim our warm-season waters, and ice fish and ice climb our winter ones. Let the river carry you (and perhaps a cooler of cold drinks) through scenic canyons, wilderness and open country. If you want to get a little more technical, try stand-up paddleboarding on one of our rivers or lakes. Start with a lesson on flat water, and when you get a little more comfortable, ride the riffles.



FLY-FISHING MONTANA'S FINEST WATERS

If you find yourself knee-deep in a lazy stretch of a world-class river casting a fly rod against the most sublimely beautiful country you've ever laid eyes on, you're in Yellowstone Country Montana. After all, the Madison and Yellowstone rivers run through here, right through paradise—Paradise Valley, that is. With 61 state fishing access sites, nine blue-ribbon trout streams and limitless spring creeks and lakes, there are almost 1,000 miles of shoreline to fish, and the rainbow, cutthroat, brown and brook trout are in abundance.

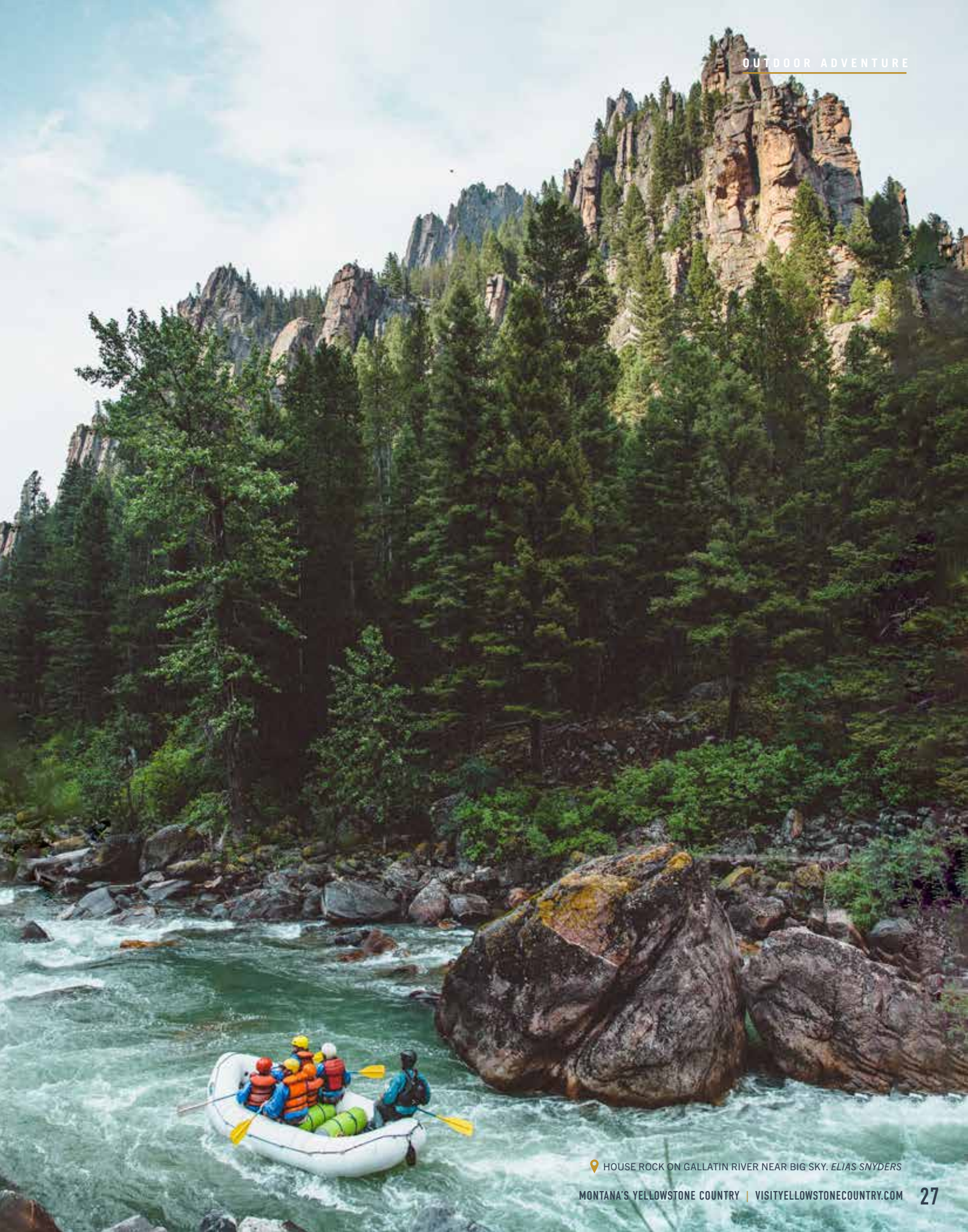
Catch us on the Yellowstone—the longest free-flowing river in the lower 48—the first week of May (give or take) for the much anticipated Mother's Day Caddis hatch, or fish the Firehole River on opening day in Yellowstone National Park...it's tradition. Montana fishing reports show the best fly-fishing typically runs from late June through October, but conditions are often good in March and April before spring runoff, and enthusiasts can find good fly-fishing year-round in Yellowstone Country.

Consult local fly shops for specific recommendations and the most up-to-date Yellowstone Country fishing reports and license fees, and be prepared for rapid changes in the weather. Montana law allows public access in the rivers, but you must obtain a valid Montana fishing license as well as permission before you enter or cross private land. Boats and trailers are required to be clean and clear of invasive species and may be inspected.

For more on fishing in Montana, obtaining fishing licenses, rules and regulations, visit Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at fwp.mt.gov.

Yellowstone Country

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📍 HOUSE ROCK ON GALLATIN RIVER NEAR BIG SKY. *ELIAS SNYDERS*

A GLIMPSE OF MONTANA'S MAJESTIC CREATURES

Wildlife Watching

The depth of our reverence for the wild lives we share our land with is profound. These majestic animals who call Montana home—bears, wolves, moose, elk, deer, bighorn sheep, pronghorn, badgers, otters and the largest concentration of bison in the U.S.—rely on the various natural habitats of Yellowstone Country to survive and thrive. This land, first and foremost, belongs to the wildlife. But we sure do love to watch.

Spring in the park (April through early June, to be exact) is the time to spot the newest residents of Yellowstone. Calving season means these babies are busy checking out their new digs, and visitors are likely to see them in abundance. Lamar Valley is known as “America’s Serengeti” because it, along with Hayden Valley, provides expansive habitat excellent for large populations of wildlife. Wherever you choose to roam in and outside of the park, bring your binoculars, spotting scope and camera—as well as your knowledge of wildlife safety—and see it for yourself. If you’re lucky, you may even spot the ever-elusive lynx or wolverine.

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WILDLIFE SAFETY: KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

Wildlife is just that: WILD. When exploring and recreating in wild country, it’s very important to know what to expect and to follow wildlife safety rules and regulations. Do not approach or feed wild animals. You should maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and at least 25 yards from other large animals, like moose, bison, elk, deer, antelope and bighorn sheep. Carry bear spray when hiking or camping in grizzly country. Never go off trail or camp in undesignated areas. Always travel in groups.

Scan for more information on wildlife safety.



Moose MERV COLEMAN

PHOTOS ON OPPOSITE PAGE: WHITE-TAILED DEER, NPS/NEAL HERBERT; RED FOX, NPS/JACOB W. FRANK; ELK, MERV COLEMAN; MULE DEER, NPS/JACOB W. FRANK; BEAVER, NPS/NEAL HERBERT; GRIZZLY BEARS IN THE LAMAR RIVER, SETH ROYAL KROFT; RIVER OTTER, NPS/JOSH SPICE; PRONGHORNS, NPS/NEAL HERBERT; MOUNTAIN GOATS, COLTON STIFFLER; WOLF, BISON, NPS/JACOB W. FRANK; BIGHORN SHEEP, NPS/NEAL HERBERT; BLACK BEAR, NPS/NEAL HERBERT



White-tailed Deer



Red Fox



Elk



Mule Deer



Beaver



Grizzly Bears



River Otter



Pronghorns



Mountain Goats



Wolf



Bison



Bighorn Sheep



Black Bear

BIRDING



Tundra Swan



Western Tanager



Mountain Bluebird



Red-Tailed Hawk



Long-Billed Curlew



Western Meadowlark



American White Pelican



Calliope Hummingbird

YELLOWSTONE ABOVE & BEYOND



Birding

Yellowstone Country is a birder's paradise that happens to look like paradise, too. We share our great big sky with more than 400 species of birds. The Bridger Mountains are one of North America's busiest golden eagle migratory routes. Yellowstone Country is also home to some of the rarest life-list birds.

In and around Bozeman you'll find excellent birding at the Bozeman Fish Technology Center and the "M" Trail. The Drinking Horse Mountain Trail is also a top birding location, as is the Triple Tree Trail, offering the greatest bird diversity of any short hike in the Gallatin Valley.

Beyond Bozeman, the Missouri Headwaters State Park is a major migration corridor and hosts many breeding birds. Follow the Trident-Peregrine Trail and scan the cliffs. Keep your eyes peeled around Fort Rock and explore the old townsite of Trident.

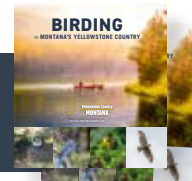
Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge provides a stunning Centennial Mountain birding backdrop with 10,000-foot peaks and includes a rehabilitated population of 46,000 trumpeter swans.

Yellowstone National Park itself offers varied habitat for a diversity of birds, especially during the summer months and migration periods. Thermal features and geyser basins also provide year-round habitat.



MONTANA fun fact

Yellowstone Country Montana is home to more than 400 species of birds.



Request a Yellowstone Country Birding Brochure or download a bird checklist at: visityellowstonecountry.com/birding

ABOVE PHOTOS: TUNDRA SWAN, SHUTTERSTOCK; WESTERN TANAGER, SHUTTERSTOCK; MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD, SHUTTERSTOCK; RED-TAILED HAWK, SHUTTERSTOCK; LONG-BILLED CURLEW, SHUTTERSTOCK; WESTERN MEADOWLARK, NPS/NEAL HERBERT; AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN, SHUTTERSTOCK; CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD, SHUTTERSTOCK

STARGAZING IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

A Cosmic Adventure

In Montana, outdoor adventures don't end when the sun goes down. That's because Montana boasts some of the darkest skies in the lower 48. A mind-blowing amount of stars (and sometimes even the northern lights) can be seen with the naked eye out here. Look up, and you'll experience a cosmic display of constellations, galaxies, planets and nebulae.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

America's first national park is on its way to becoming a "Dark Sky Park," a destination granted by the International Dark-Sky Association. Popular spots include Mount Washburn, Upper Geyser Basin (Old Faithful and Castle Geyser), Mammoth Hot Springs, Lamar Valley and Hayden Valley.

HYALITE CANYON


Just outside Bozeman, Hyalite Canyon is secluded enough from town to make for excellent stargazing, especially by the reservoir. Pitch a tent and discover how to really camp out under the stars.

BEARTOOTH PASS OVERLOOK

One of the most beautiful drives in America is the perfect place for summer stargazing. Drive this stunning stretch of switchbacks and towering peaks at sunset and stop at the pass as night falls for unobstructed views of the Milky Way.

Scan to learn more:



 NEOWISE COMET ABOVE ISLAND LAKE, BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY. SETH ROYAL KROFT



Take the Scenic Route

You'll be hard pressed to find a road in Yellowstone Country that isn't scenic. Every switchback will surprise you. Every view is a bolt from the blue. And each mile marker reveals another place to pull over and rethink where you spend those hard-earned vacation days. From the well-known to the less traveled, you'll find routes both rugged and relaxed, on and off the beaten path. Take your time, and take it all in.

Explore some of our top picks listed here, or surprise yourself and discover your own route because that's just it... our open roads are wide open for wandering.



BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY. ANDY AUSTIN



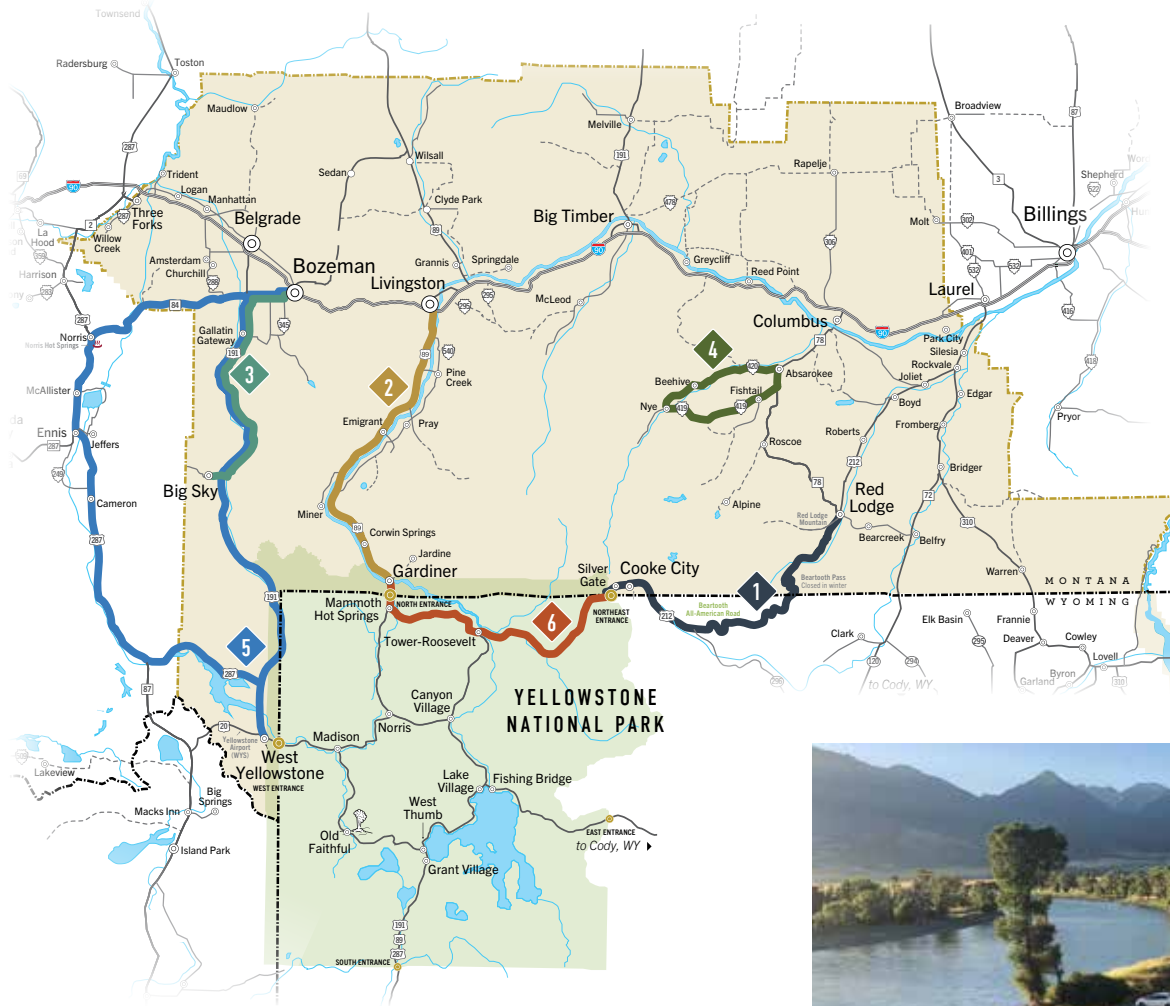
ANDY AUSTIN

MONTANA BY MOTORCYCLE

Big Sky Country is a motorcyclist's dream. It's brimming with bucket-list rides, thousands of miles of wide-open country to explore and adventure tours to embark on. Wind your way through the park and beyond, cruising the most scenic road in America while you're at it. The Beartooth Highway was voted the #1 motorcycle ride in the United States by members of the American Motorcyclist Association.

Scenic Drives

- 1 BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY
- 2 PARADISE VALLEY
- 3 GALLATIN CANYON
- 4 ABSAROOKE LOOP
- 5 LAKE LOOP
- 6 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK LAMAR VALLEY



1 BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY

ROUTE	Red Lodge to Cooke City	MILES	68
ROAD	U.S. Highway 212	TIME	3 hours

This All-American Road is the highest-elevation highway in the Northern Rockies. On the Road's Charles Kuralt called it "the most beautiful drive in America." It's hard to argue with that. This route ribbons through the Absaroka and Beartooth mountain ranges, with numerous scenic pullouts and views of 20 peaks towering over 12,000 feet. Pull over and explore alpine plateaus, glacial lakes, lush valleys and cascading waterfalls. Added bonus: both Red Lodge and Cooke City are impossible not to explore.

trip tip The road is typically open from Memorial Day weekend to mid-October. Bring a windbreaker and warm clothing—the weather can change quickly. Also, pack a snack and water!

2 PARADISE VALLEY

ROUTE	Livingston to Gardiner	MILES	54.3
ROAD	U.S. Highway 89 S.	TIME	58 minutes

Follow the Yellowstone River along the soaring peaks of the Absaroka Mountains to the east with the picturesque Gallatin Range to the west. Stop at Mallard's Rest Fishing Access Site (mile marker 42) for the ultimate Montana view. This panoramic river valley is the perfect place to get knee deep in a sleepy stretch of the river to cast a fly rod. On your way back to Livingston, take Route 540 and stop in Pray for a soak at Chico Hot Springs, a historic resort in the Absaroka foothills.

trip tip Explore downtown Livingston's shops, galleries and restaurants. If you're a live music fan, check out the local websites for up-to-date show information.

3 GALLATIN CANYON

ROUTE Bozeman to Big Sky **MILES** 44
ROAD U.S. Highway 191 S. **TIME** 55 minutes

The captivating Gallatin Canyon calls with towering rock formations, deep forests and valleys for miles. If you're up for some off-road exploration, you'll find hiking trails and mountain lakes on both sides of the canyon. Or, cast a fly rod into the blue-ribbon trout waters of the Gallatin River, a great place to spot rafters and kayakers. Watch for bighorn sheep—these animals are no strangers to this area, along with the occasional bear, moose or deer. Keep an eye out—they like to cross the road.

trip tip Plan to build some Big Sky adventure into your trip, with lift-served mountain biking, ziplining, shopping, dining and golfing at Big Sky Resort.



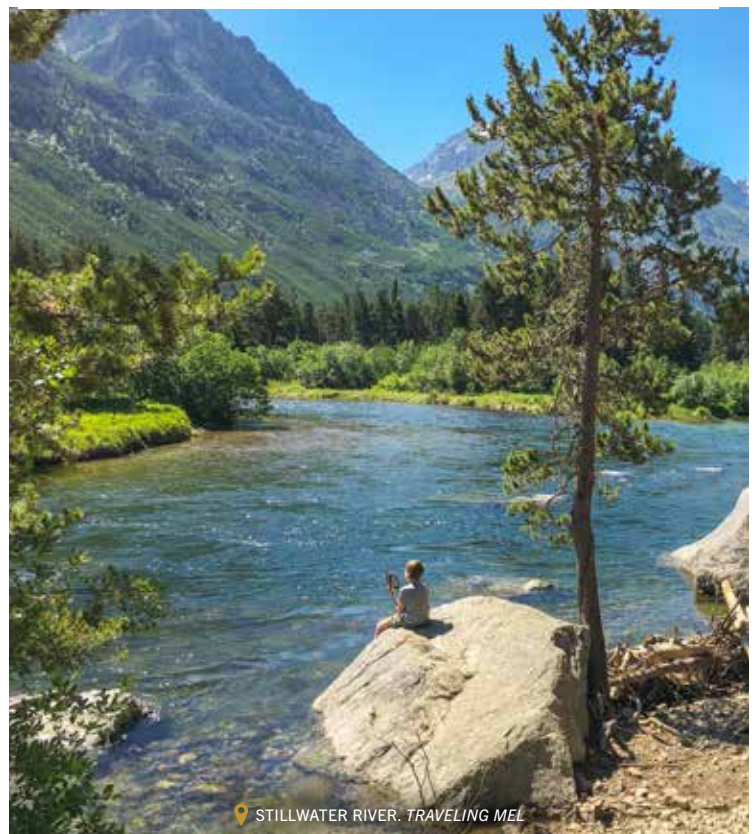
GALLATIN RIVER CANYON NEAR BIG SKY. CHARLIE MCLAUGHLIN

4 ABSAROOKEE LOOP

ROUTE Absarokee via Nye/Fishtail **MILES** 44.8
ROAD State Highway 419/Nye Road + State Highway 78 **TIME** 60 minutes

Wind your way westward along the wild Stillwater River from Absarokee to Nye. Travel through grasslands and a small burn area into a narrow canyon. This year-round road turns to gravel at the Nye Basin. Bring your fly rod. The Stillwater fishing access sites are many and the trout are as well. Follow Fishtail Creek right into the town of Fishtail. Fuel up at the historic Fishtail General Store, which peddles everything but the kitchen sink—from fishing gear and gifts to hand-dipped ice cream.

trip tip Take a food detour just south of Fishtail. The Grizzly Bar in Roscoe serves up craft brews from Red Lodge Ales and local beef burgers.



STILLWATER RIVER. TRAVELING MEL

5 LAKE LOOP

ROUTE Bozeman to Norris to West Yellowstone **MILES** 123.7

ROAD State Highway 84 W. + U.S. Highway 287 S. **TIME** 2 hours + 15 minutes

Take in the snowcapped Tobacco Root Mountains at the forefront and rolling hills on either side of the road. Once you hit the famous Madison River, you'll wind through a small canyon and carry on to Norris Hot Springs. Then, head southeast through Ennis to Quake Lake—formed by a massive landslide triggered by an earthquake in 1959. Shortly past Quake Lake, you'll reach Hebgen Lake, known for big trout and big waters perfect for watersports and sailing. Set up camp along the lake for an extended stay.

trip tip

Hit up the Happy Hour Bar in West Yellowstone for a cocktail and a famous garlic burger, and get to know the local vibe.



MADISON RIVER. KEN TAKATA

6 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK LAMAR VALLEY

ROUTE Gardiner to Cooke City **MILES** 55.2

ROAD Grand Loop Road + U.S. Highway 212 E. **TIME** 1 hour + 49 minutes

Grab your binoculars and take the North Entrance into the park at Gardiner and drive to Cooke City via the park's wildlife-laden Lamar Valley. This is the only park entrance open year-round to personal vehicles, which makes this a great winter road-trip option. The Lamar Valley is known as America's Serengeti. Keep your eyes peeled for bison, elk and the occasional coyote. You may also spot grizzly bears and gray wolves. In fact, the park during winter is one of the best places to spot wolves.

trip tip

The Lamar River is one of the most picturesque locations to fish in Yellowstone National Park. Catch indigenous Yellowstone cutthroat trout here in the summer months.



LAMAR VALLEY, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. KEVIN NOBLE

THE HEART OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

Small-Town Adventure Beyond the Park



LIVINGSTON. KEELIA ISALY

There's a lot to be said for charm. And Montana's historic, thriving and wildly enjoyable communities excel at just that (plus a whole slew of other things you'll fall for). These remarkably enchanting towns are the heart and soul of Yellowstone Country. They're genuine, western mountain escapes that draw inspiration from nature and from roots in American Indian traditions, mining and railroad life.

Folks work hard here, and they play even harder. When you're at a local fly shop learning what flies you should have in your box that day, savoring the morning sunshine and a freshly baked scone at a farmers market, or ordering a locally crafted whiskey made from glacial waters, you'll feel it—the essence of happiness.

Our small towns preserve history and celebrate the arts at museums, galleries and theaters. There's always a festival or musical event happening somewhere in Yellowstone Country on any given day. We appreciate lovingly crafted food and drink as much as we cherish the outdoors. Shops, breweries, distilleries, cafés, coffee shops and entertainment venues line the streets of our downtowns.

There's quite a bit to discover north of the park, and you'll find it in our small towns as much as you will in our mountains and rivers.



BIG TIMBER. LORETTA HURLEY

6 Communities to Explore

COLUMBUS

This full-service town offers whatever you might need or want during your Yellowstone adventure—shopping, fine dining and lodging. There's even a golf course and airport. Stop in at The New Atlas Bar on Main Street, which opened in 1916 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Taxidermy fills the walls, most notably the two-headed calf, and each mount has its own backstory.

RED LODGE

This skiing and ranching community sits in the shadow of 28 12,000-foot peaks and it marks the beginning of the famously scenic Beartooth Highway. Red Lodge is also legendary (and may even be Montana's most haunted town). Buffalo Bill Cody and Calamity Jane were both known to have stayed at The Pollard Hotel in Red Lodge, where hotel guests in 1897 also witnessed the Sundance Kid rob the bank across the street.

LIVINGSTON

Livingston is an arts mecca, with many artists, writers, and celebrities living in the area. The downtown area has 15+ art galleries, and history lovers enjoy the Yellowstone Gateway Museum. Don't miss the Murray Hotel, Anthony Bourdain's "favorite hotel on the planet," featuring one of Montana's premiere restaurants. The Murray Bar is the perfect place to experience Livingston's nightlife.

GARDINER

This base-camp community in the stunning Paradise Valley is surrounded on all sides by 10 million acres of public lands, so you can set out in any direction and find adventure. Gardiner is "Nature's Favorite Entrance to Yellowstone National Park" and will get you in via the iconic Roosevelt Arch in any season, offering the only wintertime personal-vehicle entrance. From there, drive through the wildlife-laden Lamar Valley.

COOKE CITY-SILVER GATE

Welcome to the end of the road! To clarify, that only applies in winter. But don't let that dissuade you from the experience; there's much fun to be had here in "the middle of nowhere." These tiny, twin outposts offer incredible snowmobiling. You'll find colossal, world-class sled terrain here, with miles of epic backcountry making for a snowmobiler's dream. Don't miss the Stop the Car Trading Post in Silver Gate and be sure to sample the pastries at the Bearclaw Bakery in Cooke City.

THREE FORKS

Located at the historically significant site where the Madison, Gallatin and Jefferson rivers converge to form the Missouri River is the aptly named town of Three Forks. You'll also find Missouri Headwaters State Park here, where you can trace the footsteps of Lewis and Clark. At Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park, explore one of the most highly-decorated limestone caverns in the Northwest.



MONTANA fun fact

Scenes from the TV series *Yellowstone* and 1883 have been filmed in parts of Montana's Yellowstone Country, and famous films, like *The Horse Whisperer* and *A River Runs Through It*, were also filmed in the region.



RED LODGE. KADEN HARRISON



BEAR CREEK PIG RACES. KADEN HARRISON



PINE CREEK LODGE. KADEN HARRISON

Mark Your Calendar

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

In Montana, we celebrate the things we love all year long. Our spirited communities are alive with concerts, art walks, brewfests, holiday fairs, book readings, performing arts and farmers markets. Friends, family, locals and visitors gather at annual festivals steeped in tradition. These rituals bring us even closer together and keep the pulse of our vibrant communities thriving.

SPRING

HELL'S A-ROARIN' HORSE DRIVE
Gardiner | May

CRAZY MOUNTAIN FIBER FESTIVAL
Big Timber | May

SUMMER

SWEET GRASS FEST
Big Timber | June

RED LODGE MUSIC FESTIVAL
Red Lodge | June

MONTANA BBQ COOK-OFF
Absarokee | June

TAP INTO MONTANA BREW FEST
Livingston | June

RED LODGE SONGWRITER FESTIVAL
Red Lodge | June

HEADWATERS COUNTRY JAM
Three Forks | June

GARDINER BREWFEST
Gardiner | July

SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES
Livingston | June and July

BIG SKY BIGGIE BIKE RACE
Big Sky | August

VINE AND DINE
Big Sky | August

MOONLIGHT MUSICFEST
Big Sky | August

MUSICIAN'S RENDEZVOUS
Columbus | August

SLAM FESTIVAL
Bozeman | August

THREE FORKS ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT FLY-IN
Three Forks | August

WILDLANDS FESTIVAL
Big Sky | August

SWEET PEA FESTIVAL
Bozeman | August

FALL

FLYING BUFFALO PROJECT
Madison Buffalo Jump State Park, Three Forks | September

GREAT MONTANA SHEEP DRIVE
Reed Point | September

THE RUT MOUNTAIN RUNS
Big Sky | September

YELLOWSTONE HARVEST FESTIVAL
Livingston | September

BELGRADE FALL FESTIVAL
Belgrade | September

BRIDGER RAPTOR FESTIVAL
Bozeman | October

WINTER

BELGRADE CHRISTMAS CONVOY
Belgrade | December

BOZEMAN ICE FESTIVAL
Hyalite Canyon and Bozeman
December

KIDS 'N' SNOW
West Yellowstone | December to March

SNOWMOBILE EXPO AND POWERSPORTS SHOW
West Yellowstone | March

WINTER CARNIVAL
Red Lodge | March



Check out [VisitYellowstoneCountry.com/Events](https://www.visityellowstonecountry.com/events) for our events calendar. See what's happening while you're here, and even plan your trip around one of our events.



Rodeos

EVENTS

There's not a whole lot—if anything—that combines the history of cowboy culture in the West with a real good time as well as a Montana rodeo does. Cowboys and cowgirls from around the country flock here for our rowdiest season of all.



📍 LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP RODEO. ANDY AUSTIN

AMERICAN WEST TRADITION *Rodeos*

**MSU SPRING
RODEO**
Bozeman | April

**SWEET GRASS
FEST & RODEO**
Big Timber | June

**GARDINER UPPER
YELLOWSTONE
ROUNDUP**
Gardiner | June

WILSALL RODEO
Wilsall | June

**WILD WEST
YELLOWSTONE
RODEO**
West Yellowstone
June Through August

BIG SKY PBR
Big Sky | July

**LIVINGSTON
ROUNDUP
RODEO**
Livingston | July

**THREE FORKS
RODEO**
Three Forks | July

**HOME OF
CHAMPIONS
RODEO**
Red Lodge | July

**BOZEMAN
STAMPEDE**
Bozeman | August

**BIG TIMBER
WEEKLY
PRO RODEO**
Big Timber | August

**LIVINGSTON
CLASSIC PBR**
Livingston | August

Taste Montana

ADVENTURE IS FOOD FOR THE SOUL
AND FOOD IS FUEL FOR THE ADVENTURE



CAMPIONE, LIVINGSTON. SAM ROUDA

After a long day in the great outdoors, there's nothing quite like a warm meal. But not just any warm meal... a really good warm meal. We may be best known for our unbelievable landscape, but there's a mountain of exceptional food to explore here, too. From Montana-raised meat and local produce to authentic ethnic cuisine and fine dining, our small towns crank out world-class culinary creations. Yellowstone communities boast gourmet restaurants, cafés, coffee shops, breakfast spots, pizza joints, taco bars, food trucks, food festivals, farmers markets, bakeries and bars. Vegetarian fare? No problem. Gluten free? Gotcha covered. Artisan chocolate? Done.

Diverse and delicious? Always. Yellowstone Country is an adventure in food. And when you're ready for a drink, top off your evening with a Montana beer or locally crafted whiskey, or down a huckleberry milkshake and call it a day well spent.

The exquisite Roman-inspired fare at Campione (in Livingston) was recently featured in Food & Wine magazine (2023). In 2022, Food & Wine named Bozeman one of America's next great food cities, mentioning Izakaya Three Fish, Bourbon, Last Call Modern Mexican, Dave's Sushi, Tanoshii, and Aurore Bakery, as well as Fielding's and Tune Up (both at the Kimpton Armory Hotel).



Outdoor Seating

With landscapes as gorgeous as ours, outdoor seating is a bonus. When you're just too satisfied with the scenery to head indoors, find a deck or patio and enjoy a delicious Montana meal with a view.

**THIRSTY TURTLE
BURGERS & BBQ**
Big Timber

**BOZEMAN TAPROOM
& SPIRITS**
Bozeman

**MCGILL'S RESTAURANT
& SALOON**
Gallatin Gateway

SAGE LODGE
Pray

CAFE REGIS
Red Lodge

FIREHOLE BAR-B-QUE
West Yellowstone

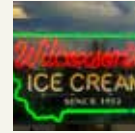
ABOVE PHOTO: DINNER IN PARADISE VALLEY, LYNN DONALDSON; SIGNATURE DISHES: MONTANA STEAK, VISIT MONTANA; WILCOXSON'S ICE CREAM, VISIT MONTANA; HUCKLEBERRIES, LYNN DONALDSON; MACKENZIE RIVER PIZZA CO., MACKENZIE RIVER PIZZA CO.; PICKLE BARREL SANDWICHES, PICKLE BARREL; BISON BURGER, SHUTTERSTOCK; FLAMING ORANGE, VISIT MONTANA; WHEAT MONTANA, WHEAT MONTANA

Signature Dishes



MONTANA STEAK

Montana does beef like it's our full-time job (for some of us, it is). Fill up on a full Montana experience at a Yellowstone Country steakhouse.



WILCOXSON'S ICE CREAM

We like our local licks, and Wilcoxson's is where it's at. Based out of Livingston, you can find Wilcoxson's at eateries and food markets throughout the state.



HUCKLEBERRIES

From straight-up berries to ice cream, candies and jams, get your hands on all the huckleberry treats you can.



MACKENZIE RIVER PIZZA CO.

This Bozeman-born pizza chain (with a location in Belgrade, too!) serves up more than just some of the best pizza in Montana. Start with the perfectly cheesy Lodgepoles.



PICKLE BARREL SANDWICHES

"Often imitated, never duplicated," Pickle Barrel is the #1 sandwich in the West for 30 years and counting. Sink your teeth into one in Bozeman or Livingston.



BISON BURGER

Elevate your burger game with a bison burger, served at eateries throughout the region. Bison isn't gamey at all and easily competes with the best steak you've ever eaten.



FLAMING ORANGE

Since the 1970s, Chico Hot Springs has been serving up this dramatic dessert. It's wild, it's whimsical, it's a creamsicle on fire. You just have to taste it for yourself.



WHEAT MONTANA

Montana has earned a reputation for producing first-quality wheat and grains packed with nutrients and flavor. Based in Three Forks, you can find Wheat Montana products at stores throughout the state.

SMALL-TOWN FAVORITES

Farmers Markets

The authentic flavor of small-town Montana is alive and well in our abundance of very popular outdoor markets. Wander the downtown blocks and open spaces taken over by community farmers markets, and find fresh local produce, baked goods and arts and crafts, plus an authentic, lively culture and dedication to the small-town agriculture, artists and craftspeople Yellowstone Country embraces. The vibrant colors of fresh garden vegetables and wild berries along with the collective hum of coffee carts, street musicians, gathering friends, locals and visitors is a Yellowstone Country favorite.

BIG SKY

BIG SKY FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 5 – 8 p.m.

June – September

bigskyfarmersmarket.com

BIG TIMBER

BIG TIMBER FARMERS MARKET

Fridays 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Mid-July – Early September

BOZEMAN

BOZEMAN FARMERS MARKET

Tuesdays 5 – 8 p.m.

June – September

bozemanfarmersmarket.org

GALLATIN VALLEY

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mid-June – Early September

gallatinvalleyfarmersmarket.com

BOZEMAN WINTER

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays* 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

October – May

bozemanwintermarket.com

*see website for specific dates

CLYDE PARK & WILSALL

SHIELDS VALLEY FARMERS MARKET

Mondays 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Mid-June – Late August

shieldsvalleyfarmersmarket.com

EMIGRANT

EMIGRANT PEOPLES MARKET

Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Late June – Early October

LIVINGSTON

WSE'S LIVINGSTON FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

June – Late September

westernsustainabilityexchange.org

MANHATTAN

MANHATTAN FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 4 – 7 p.m.

Mid-June – Mid-September

RED LODGE

RED LODGE FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Late June – Mid-September

redlodgefarmersmarket.org

THREE FORKS

THREE FORKS FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays 4 – 7 p.m.

Memorial Day to Labor Day

threeforksmontana.com

Beers & Spirits



MONTANA fun fact

Several of our watering holes offer nonalcoholic beverages, like craft soda and kombucha.

📍 RED LODGE ALES. JONATHAN FINCH

One of the worst-kept secrets in Yellowstone Country is our penchant for crafting (and partaking in) our own beers and spirits. From Three Forks to West Yellowstone, you're rarely far from a taproom or a barman who will talk your ear off about local hops or some whiskey made from glacial waters and Montana grain. At some point in the conversation, you'll probably be invited on a fishing trip. Our drinks live up to our adventures, our beers and spirits win awards, and our people are friendly. Pull up a barstool and see for yourself.

BELGRADE

BAR 3 BREWING
MADISON RIVER
BREWING COMPANY
ONE PRIDE*

BIG TIMBER

CRAZY PEAK BREWING CO.

BOZEMAN

BOZEMAN BREWING
COMPANY

BOZEMAN SPIRITS DISTILLERY

BRIDGER BREWING*
BUNKHOUSE BREWERY
DRY HILLS DISTILLERY
FREEFALL BREWERY*
LOCKHORN CIDER HOUSE*
LAST BEST PLACE BREWERY*
MAP BREWING COMPANY*
MOUNTAINS WALKING
BREWERY*
NORDIC BREW WORKS*

OUTLAW BREWING

SHRED MONK BREWERY
& COFFEEHOUSE*
VALHALLA MEADERY*
WILD RYE DISTILLING
ZESTY BEVERAGES

BIG SKY

BEEHIVE BASIN BREWERY
LONE PEAK BREWERY AND
TAPHOUSE*

THREE FORKS

BRIDGER BREWING*

LIVINGSTON

KATABATIC BREWING CO.*
NEPTUNE'S BREWERY
TAPHOUSE & EATERY*

RED LODGE

RED LODGE ALES
BREWING COMPANY*

*serves food



Check out visityellowstonecountry.com/breweries or visityellowstonecountry.com/distilleries for more information.



DISCOVER YELLOWSTONE'S PAST

Museums & History

MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES, BOZEMAN. WANDERLUST CREW

To know a place is to know its story. And the story of a place begins long before its storytellers. Here in Montana, we use the spirit and teachings of our history to preserve our past and shape our future. Local heritage, milestone events and the legendary people who influenced this region of Montana are revered and upheld. We treasure our cultural heritage, and that's apparent in our many impressive museums and important preservation efforts.

From Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies—housing one of the world's largest and most famous collections of dinosaur fossils—to the American Computer & Robotics Museum, to smaller museums offering a glimpse into Lewis and Clark's expedition through the region and the American Indian way of life in the Northern Rockies, our museums provide a true picture of Yellowstone Country's rich and fascinating history.

Two historic routes that passed through Yellowstone Country are marked today through dedicated preservation efforts: the Old Yellowstone Trail, America's first transcontinental highway through the country's northern states, and the Bozeman Trail, an overland route taking travelers between Montana's gold rush territory and the Oregon Trail.

In Yellowstone Country Montana, the history of the land in all its grandeur is a dramatic story of raw and spectacular earth that was inhabited by American Indians and later settled by miners, missionaries, trappers and ranchers.



MONTANA fun fact

Jack Horner, retired curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies, was a scientific advisor for the Jurassic Park movies.

As the Yellowstone story has lengthened and the landscape has evolved, the sense of place has remained one of deep admiration and respect, most notably in the designation of Yellowstone as America's first national park and also in the continuation of the entire region as a place of discovery—a place to make your own story.

Explore Museums

BOZEMAN

AMERICAN COMPUTER & ROBOTICS MUSEUM
Geek out on the history of computing and robotics with exhibits like a replica of the earliest known geared machine, an industrial robot and an Apple 1.

BIG TIMBER

CRAZY MOUNTAIN MUSEUM
Get a historical look at Sweet Grass County, from archaeological and geological finds to a Pioneer Room featuring early settlers and their families, as well as exceptional rotating exhibits.

COOKE CITY

COOKE CITY MONTANA MUSEUM
Discover the history of Colter Pass, Cooke City and Silver Gate, with exhibits on the Beartooth Highway, and area schooling, gas stations, tourism and wintering in the region.

LIVINGSTON

LIVINGSTON DEPOT CENTER
Experience historic exhibits and programs about Northern Pacific Railroad history.

YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY MUSEUM

A 1906 schoolhouse documents the history of Yellowstone National Park and the Wild West, including some of the country's oldest archaeological sites.

RED LODGE

CARBON COUNTY MUSEUM
Explore the Greenough and Linderman rodeo collections, the Waples family gun and projectile point collection, an immersive coal and hard rock mine exhibit, county archives, and more.

THREE FORKS

HEADWATERS HERITAGE MUSEUM
See American Indian art and artifacts, Lewis & Clark memorabilia, plus fur trader, mining and agriculture exhibits.

WEST YELLOWSTONE

YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC CENTER
Explore the history of travel to Yellowstone National Park. Just down the road, tour the Oregon Shortline 1903 Train Car.

Shopping

Shopping is an inevitable part of the adventure, and it's alive and well in Montana. Whether you're looking for a new fly rod and brand-name outdoor gear or just want to stroll the eclectic boutiques, local shops and galleries of Montana's downtown communities, retail and recreation go hand in hand here in Yellowstone Country. Our full-service towns have everything you'll need on the road and on the trail, and all the other good stuff too...like huckleberry jam and your new favorite Montana T-shirt.



MADE IN MONTANA

In Big Sky Country, we value genuine Montana-made products. When we buy from our friends, neighbors and community members, we're supporting our local economy and a culture of people doing what they love in a place they love. You'll be surprised just how many artisans are creating here—crafting everything from jewelry and apparel, to artwork, pottery and furniture, to fly rods, candles, soaps, foods and finds. Here's a handful of our favorite authentic Yellowstone Country products. Be sure to take something home with you to remember us by (though it's not likely you'd forget us anyway). Made in Montana treasures can be found in local shops and galleries as well as at farmers markets, arts and crafts shows, festivals and online.



ABOVE INSET: HOMETOWN SISTERS BOUTIQUE IN RED LODGE. ANDY AUSTIN; BOTTOM INSET: MADE-IN-MONTANA JEWELRY, KADEN HARRISON

Be on the lookout for these Made in Montana and Native American Made in Montana labels.



BLEU HORSES BY JIM DOLAN NEAR THREE FORKS. MONTANA OFFICE OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

EMBARK ON A RICH MONTANA EXPERIENCE

Arts & Culture

There's no question that artists are inspired by Montana's extraordinary landscape. Creative genius comes to life here and is on display at every turn. Yellowstone Country's art galleries, theaters, art walks, festivals and thriving downtowns all offer a world beyond the park that transforms a trip to Yellowstone into a full Montana experience.

ART GALLERIES

Yellowstone Country's many galleries house paintings, sculptures, photography, mixed media and stories of the people—past and present—who have shaped and been shaped by the allure of Big Sky Country. Take a stroll through downtown galleries any time of year and don't miss the summer Art Walks in our small communities.

PUBLIC ART/MURALS

Artistic expression is on display here at every turn, from downtown murals and street art to outdoor sculptures, like the Bleu Horses of Montana, by artist Jim Dolan. These 39 majestic horses (mixed metal) are grouped on a hilltop overlooking Highway 287 on Kamp Hill, and look as natural as a wild herd.

TIPPET RISE ART CENTER

Set in Fishtail, Montana, against the backdrop of the iconic Beartooth Mountains, Tippet Rise celebrates art, music, architecture and nature as inextricably linked through human experience. The center displays large-scale exhibits and outdoor sculptures and hosts classical music and recitals.

THEATER & PERFORMING ARTS

Nature's show-stopping performance is rivaled by Montana's performing arts scene. Our small towns support theater companies, historic community playhouses and performing arts centers that help put Yellowstone Country on the map as a cultural destination. Check out our events calendar for a lineup of shows at visityellowstonecountry.com/events.



»»» Lodging is Part of the Adventure

DISCOVER THE ACCOMMODATIONS YOU HAD IN MIND

There's nothing like arriving at your vacation destination and checking into a fresh luxury hotel room, walking into a grand mountain lodge, setting up camp in nature's finest or lighting the woodstove when you arrive at your secluded rental cabin. Part of the allure of taking a vacation is not just where you're going, but where you're waking up and turning in for the night. Lodging is part of the adventure, and it's important to consider just what kind you're in the mood for.



If your goal is to stay in the park, lodging options are diverse and many— from luxury guest ranches to campy motels to romantic B&Bs. Stay in a timbered lodge or pitch a tent close to steaming geysers. Or, for a little Yellowstone Country culture, stay outside the park in one of our gateway towns of West Yellowstone, Gardiner or Cooke City.

Venture further outside the park and stay in one of our base-camp towns of Bozeman, Red Lodge, Big Sky or Livingston, with access to three of Montana’s four largest ski areas, arts, culture and recreation opportunities right outside your door.

Discover lodging inspiration at visityellowstonecountry.com/places-to-stay.

PET-FRIENDLY TRAVEL



For many of our animal-loving visitors, one of the biggest draws to Montana is its pet-friendly atmosphere. Whether you’re looking for scenic hiking trails, comfortable accommodations, tasty restaurants or charming breweries, Yellowstone Country has tons of pet-friendly options to accommodate. Scan for more.



BED-AND-BREAKFASTS

Yellowstone innkeepers have made hospitality their life’s work. B&Bs are best for peaceful retreats and romantic getaways where personal attention and details are top of mind.

CABINS

Immerse yourself in the natural setting of a house built to coexist with the wilderness. Cabins in Yellowstone are available in and outside of the park, secluded and "village style," big and small, rustic and luxury.

CAMPING

Take a break from your gadgets and plug into nature. Whether you’re in a tent, camper or motorhome, recharge yourself and your family bond with the sounds of great-horned owls and crickets, the smell of a campfire and a sky full of stars.

CONDOS

The modern convenience and ease of access to recreation and adventure make condos a wise choice for family-vacation lodging and ski groups. Reserve blocks of condos for wedding parties, too.

GLAMPING

Glamorous camping, or “glamping,” provides visitors with the best of both worlds. Imagine falling asleep in a large, comfortable bed under the stars in a warm tent and waking up to the sounds of nature, only to be greeted with luxury accommodations normally found at a resort. Camp in style in West Yellowstone or Big Sky.

HOSTELS

Adventure is priceless, and Yellowstone is a luxury you can afford when you stay in a hostel. . . one of the most economical ways to see the region.

HOTELS & MOTELS

When you check in to Yellowstone Country, it’s the beginning of something rather spectacular. Hotels and motels in and around the park range from simple western comfort to luxury lodging.

HOT SPRINGS RESORTS

Ending a long day of outdoor play with a soothing hot springs soak is why staying at a hot springs resort is never a bad idea.

LODGES

The essence of Yellowstone can be found in its grand mountain lodges. These timbered walls hold a robust history rich with stories of wilderness seekers, curious travelers, antlers and artifacts.

RANCHES

Sprawling guest ranches combine the Old West cowboy life with modern amenities and offer guests the chance to experience the panoramic landscape of Yellowstone Country by horseback.

RESORTS

When you’re looking for all-inclusive amenities and perhaps a little spa pampering, stay in one of Yellowstone Country’s many diverse resorts, perfect for slopeside getaways.

VACATION HOMES

All the amenities and comforts of home with room to breathe and the great outdoors right outside your door. Perfect for families, reunions, ski trips and holiday getaways.



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Getting to Montana's Yellowstone Country

The transcendent nature of Yellowstone Country gives the feeling that you're worlds away from home, but getting here is pretty simple. Leaving this place, however, is a different story. Hop a flight into Bozeman (which makes a pretty great base camp for Yellowstone exploration), head directly to the park via West Yellowstone or fly into Billings. All three airports will get you exactly where you want to be: on the road to discovery. Or the trail, or the river, or... you get the point.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY AIRPORTS

BOZEMAN YELLOWSTONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BZN)

This gateway to Yellowstone Country (and totally thriving college town with plenty to see and do) provides nonstop service from many metropolitan hubs throughout the U.S. Flights are available from Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Las Vegas, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Nashville, Newark, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Seattle. BZN is Montana's largest and busiest airport, and the town's western hospitality factor remains off the charts. bozemanairport.com

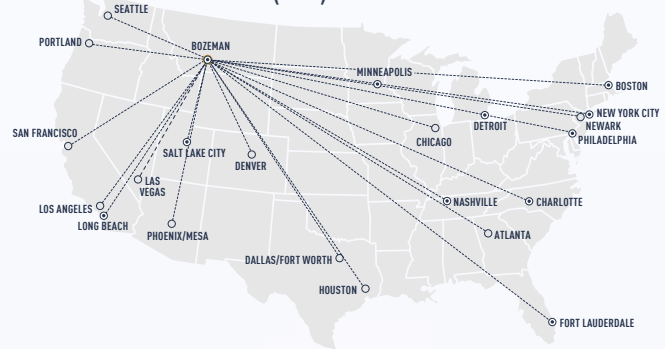
WEST YELLOWSTONE AIRPORT (WYS)

If you're looking for quick access to Yellowstone National Park, there are daily commercial flights into WYS, which is conveniently located in West Yellowstone immediately adjacent to the park. Keep in mind, WYS can be closed during the winter months (approximately October through May). In the summer, Delta Connection offers flights from Salt Lake City to West Yellowstone. And, true to form, there's a campground at the airport. yellowstoneairport.org

BILLINGS LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIL)

This gateway to Big Sky Country is situated on the scenic Rimrocks overlooking the city. Service areas include the Western Dakotas, Eastern Montana and Northern Wyoming, with approximately 25 to 30 passenger flights per day. Bonus: You're just an hour's drive to Red Lodge and the Beartooth Highway, one of America's most scenic drives. Road trip, anyone? flybillings.com

BOZEMAN YELLOWSTONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BZN) DIRECT FLIGHTS





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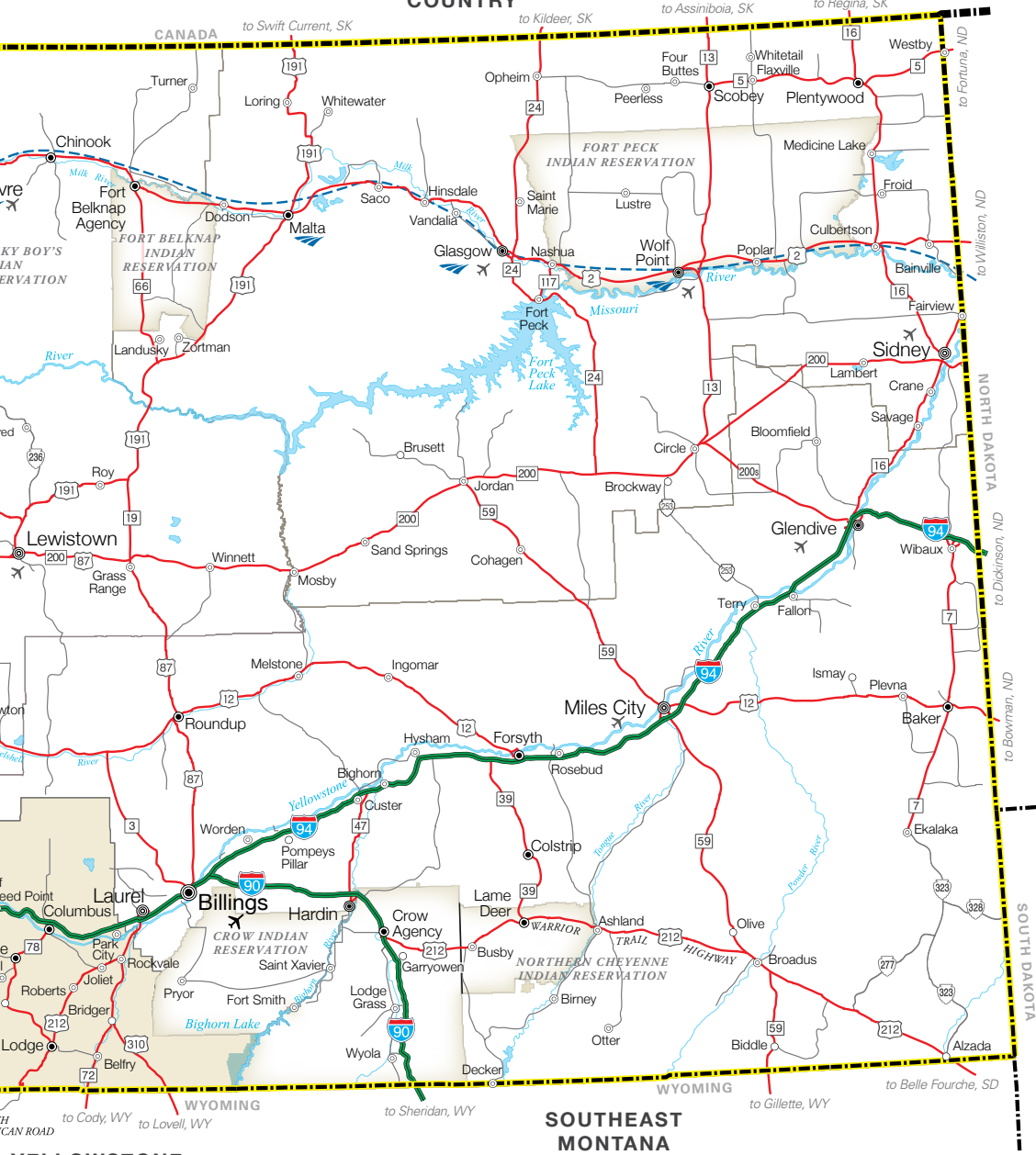


State Capital: Helena
 Montana Population: 1,122,867*
 *2022 census estimates

Land Area: 145,545 sq. miles
 Water Area: 1,493 sq. miles
 Total Area: 147,038 sq. miles

Map provided for general information only. Consult the Official Montana Highway Map for accurate and detailed information.

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY



CITY/TOWN	POPULATION
○	Under 50
◦	50-1,000
●	1,000-2,500
●	2,500-10,000
●	10,000-25,000
●	Over 25,000
★	State Capital

HIGHWAYS	
	Interstate Route
	Principal Highways
	Other Highways

ROUTE MARKERS	
	Interstate
	U.S. Route
	State or Provincial Route
	Other Route

MAP SYMBOLS AND OTHER FEATURES	
	State Boundary
	Major Airports
	Secondary Airports
	Amtrak Line
	Amtrak Station

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