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MONTANA'S YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

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MONTANA ROAD CONDITIONS

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Montana Entrances to Yellowstone National Park

Providing three of the five entrances to Yellowstone National Park, Montana isn't just the first gateway into the park, it's the most inspiring.

NORTH ENTRANCE: GARDINER, MONTANA

The only year-round entrance into the park for personal vehicles is through Gardiner and leads straight into the heart of Yellowstone.

NORTHEAST ENTRANCE: COOKE CITY-SILVER GATE, MONTANA

Enter through Cooke City during the spring, summer or fall to traverse the winding Beartooth Highway.

WEST ENTRANCE: WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA

From this picturesque, all-American small town, take a guided snowcoach or snowmobile tour of the park.



Map Symbols and Other Features

- Interstate
- U.S. Highway
- State Road
- Secondary Road
- Continental Divide
- Scenic Drive
- Dam
- Lewis and Clark's Trail
- Mountain Peak
- Waterfall
- Airport
- Ski Resort
- Hot Spring
- Photo Opportunity
- Camping
- Guest Ranch
- Motorized Boating
- Canoe
- Low-Impact, Family-Friendly Hiking Trail
- Ice Climbing
- Bison
- Moose
- Bear
- Elk
- Bighorn Sheep

Community Activities

- Hiking
- Fishing
- Mountain Biking
- Horseback Riding
- Canoeing
- Whitewater Rafting
- Farmers Market
- Museum
- Golfing
- Bird Watching
- Rock Climbing
- Ice Climbing
- Zip Lining
- ATV
- Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding
- Nordic Skiing
- Dog Sledding
- Sleigh Rides
- Snowcoach Tours
- Snowmobiling

Take the scenic route. Let our rivers wind their way in and our mountains grab hold. Be charmed by our towns. Get lost for a little while, in a place you'll (happily) never really return from. Boldly go in the direction of a life well lived. Your thirst for adventure — for the unknown and all that comes with it — will be more than quenched. Explore the unexpected. Because pictures are one thing. But well-told tales about undiscovered places are even better.

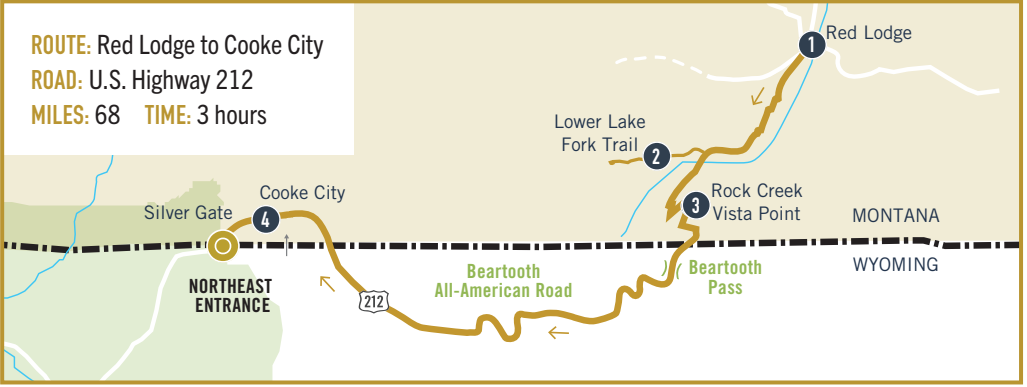
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## Beartooth Highway

Experience “the most beautiful drive in America,” featuring spellbinding switchbacks through a wild and supremely gorgeous landscape with 20+ peaks towering over 12,000 feet. Take this route, which is only open in the summer, from Red Lodge to Cooke City and on to the Northeast Entrance of Yellowstone National Park. Along the way, pull over and explore alpine plateaus, glacial lakes, lushly forested valleys and cascading waterfalls.



### 1 RED LODGE

Visit the **Carbon County Historical Museum** and explore the **Beartooth Gallery** at the **Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery** before hitting the highway. For outdoor fun, head to the **Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary** or hike the **Wild Bill Lake Loop** (easy/0.5 miles), **Silver Run Loop** (easy/5.3 miles), or **Basin Lakes Trail** No. 61 (moderate/5.1 miles) just outside of town.

### 2 STOP AND PLAY ALONG THE WAY

Hike the out-and-back **Lower Lake Fork Trail** and explore the **Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness** in the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

### 3 VISTA POINTS

Pull out at **Rock Creek** and **Beartooth Pass** vista points for scenic views and fresh mountain air.

### 4 COOKE CITY-SILVER GATE

Explore the **Cooke City Mining Museum** or rent an **ATV** and head to the old mining trails in the mountains above town. Or, take to the trails by horseback or by foot; hike Hemingway's muse — **Crazy Creek** — or the **Clarks Fork Trail**. Inside the park, drive through the **Lamar Valley** for epic wildlife watching.



## Paradise Valley

Follow the Yellowstone River along the soaring peaks of the Absaroka Mountains to the east, with the picturesque Gallatin Range to the west. This aptly named panoramic river valley is the perfect place to get knee-deep in a sleepy stretch of river and cast a fly rod. Make it a loop tour or travel from Livingston to Gardiner for entry into Yellowstone National Park.



### 1 LIVINGSTON

Explore this arts mecca along the **Yellowstone River**, where fishing and floating opportunities abound. Pine Creek Lodge offers modern-rustic lodging and live, outdoor music during the warm season. Round out your stay with a truly western horseback riding experience.

### 2 MALLARD'S REST FISHING ACCESS SITE

13 miles from Livingston at mile marker 42, you'll find what might be the most scenic part of the drive and the ultimate in Montana views.

### 3 CHICO HOT SPRINGS + YELLOWSTONE HOT SPRINGS

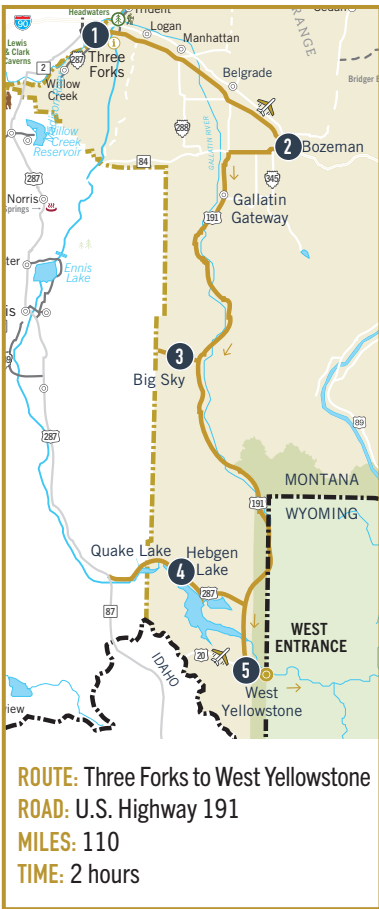
Stop in Pray for a soak at **Chico Hot Springs**, a historic resort settled in the foothills of the Absarokas. Or, soak in the views 30 minutes south of Chico at **Yellowstone Hot Springs**, just 10 minutes north of the park.

### 4 GARDINER

This quaint, full-service town is a mere 5 miles from the park's impressive **Mammoth Hot Springs** terraces. **Gardiner** will get you into Yellowstone via the iconic **Roosevelt Arch** in any season, offering the only wintertime personal-vehicle entrance. Gardiner also makes the perfect launching point for **whitewater rafting** and **wildlife watching tours**.

## Gallatin Canyon

Make your way to Yellowstone National Park driving from Bozeman to West Yellowstone via the rugged and captivating Gallatin Canyon. Travel along the Gallatin River — the blue-ribbon trout waters of “A River Runs Through It” fame — past rugged rock formations and canyon walls, deep forests and valleys that go on forever. Be on the lookout for sightings of bighorn sheep and the occasional bear, moose or deer.



**ROUTE:** Three Forks to West Yellowstone  
**ROAD:** U.S. Highway 191  
**MILES:** 110  
**TIME:** 2 hours

### 1 THREE FORKS

Visit the **Headwaters Heritage Museum** for a dose of local history before exploring two nearby state parks. At **Madison Buffalo Jump State Park**, a stunning site of Native American history and culture, hike the grounds and take in the interpretive displays. Cast a line, hike to scenic viewpoints and check out historical exhibits at **Missouri Headwaters State Park**, where the storied Missouri River begins.

### 2 BOZEMAN

Explore downtown Bozeman and America's dinosaur history at the **Museum of the Rockies**. En route from Bozeman to Big Sky, keep your eyes peeled for the **Storm Castle Peak** rock formation just past Spanish Creek.

### 3 BIG SKY

Hike **Ousel Falls** — short and scenic — and extend your Gallatin Canyon journey with a stay at **Lone Mountain Ranch** or **Big Sky Resort**, both offering world-class, year-round activities and a premier, western lodging experience.

### 4 MADISON VALLEY

Take a state Highway 287 West detour for boating and fishing at **Hebgen Lake**—a Madison River reservoir and premier spot for big rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout. **Quake Lake** marks another popular fishing location in the area.

### 5 WEST YELLOWSTONE

This idyllic mountain town is where you'll find the West Entrance to the park, and lodging and amenities here are stellar. Before heading into Yellowstone, don't miss the **Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center** and the **Zipline Adventure Park**.

## Absarokee Loop

Follow the wild Stillwater River from Columbus to Absarokee and then on to Nye. The first half of the loop travels through grasslands, a small burn area and a narrow canyon with jagged Beartooth Mountain peaks. This quiet road turns to gravel at the Nye Basin but stays open year-round. From Nye, head back north through Fishtail. Don't forget your fly rod.



### 1 COLUMBUS

This full-service town sits at the foothills of the Beartooths on the **Yellowstone River**, offering plenty of fishing opportunities plus backpacking and hiking. Visit the **Museum of the Beartooths** for a lesson in the history of the area.

### 2 ABSAROKEE

A popular road-trip stop, adventures often begin in this scenic valley community — including horseback riding, rafting and fishing the **Stillwater River**, and hiking in the nearby **Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness**.



### 3 CLIFF SWALLOW FISHING ACCESS SITE

Handicapped-access, bathroom facilities, fishing pier.

### 4 NYE

Hike the 6.5-mile out-and-back **Stillwater River Trail** through a gorge and up a river canyon to **Sioux Charley Lake**. Another popular, family-friendly option is the 1.4-mile out-and-back **Woodbine Falls** trail featuring a waterfall.

### 5 FISHTAIL + TIPPET RISE ART CENTER

Enjoy good food at the historic **Fishtail General Store** and creek fishing access at Rosebud Isle. Visit the unique **Tippet Rise Art Center** for films, musical performances and large-scale art installations.

## Excitement in Every Season

No matter the time of year, Montana's Yellowstone Country awaits with a landscape of natural wonders. Here, each season is greeted with excitement for its particular charms — whether world-class recreational opportunities, signature events or the beauty and awe of nature taking its course. Experience the allure year-round in Yellowstone Country, the Yellowstone you haven't seen yet.



### SPRING

Spring in Yellowstone Country bursts with color and hums with life after the long winter. This time of year, marked by wildflower blooms and rivers and waterfalls rushing from snowmelt, sees fewer crowds, even as new residents appear — those of the baby wildlife variety. Bring your binoculars to spy elk calves and deer fawns, mountain goat kids, bison calves and bear cubs. For a unique experience of Yellowstone National Park, explore it by bicycle in spring without the peak-season traffic.

### SUMMER

Summer's long days of sunshine mean even more time for adventures in Yellowstone Country — and there are plenty to choose from. Fish, float or raft the rivers, hike the multitude of trails with breathtaking views, take in a thrilling rodeo or stroll a local farmers market in one of our welcoming small towns. Don't miss the chance to drive the famed Beartooth Highway — it's only accessible in summer. When the day's adventuring is done and the sun goes down, look up at countless stars in Montana's epic night sky.



### FALL

As temperatures cool and harvest season arrives, enjoy the flavors of fall in farm-to-table dishes and in locally crafted seasonal brews and spirits. Take a drive on a lazy scenic road or a hike in the fresh, crisp air and enjoy views of the landscape awash in the golden hues of autumn. There's no better time to cast a line for the rainbow or brown trout that are biting or to hear the bugling of elk. And with fewer crowds, you just may have trails and rivers all to yourself.

### WINTER

The coming of winter transforms the landscape north of the park into a snowy wonderland — one that locals and visitors look forward to all year. While some creatures may be hibernating, everyone else in Montana's Yellowstone Country is out and about, indulging in their favorite ways to experience a world blanketed in white.

With 400+ inches of snowfall every year, this is the place to be for all things winter recreation. Grab your downhill skis or snowboard and hit the slopes (you'll find three of Montana's largest ski resorts here and virtually nonexistent lift lines) or head out on miles of trails on cross-country skis or snowshoes. Hop on a snowmobile for high-powered winter fun, or take a ride on a horse-drawn sleigh or dogsled to experience winter at a totally different pace.

Interested in experiences that are a little more tame but no less incredible? Try a snowcoach tour of Yellowstone National Park or check out a skijoring event, where a horse and rider team pull a skier through a course of obstacles and jumps. Visit a hot spring, a Yellowstone Country must. There's nothing like relaxing in an outdoor pool of steaming mineral-rich water when the air outside is frosty. Spend time in the region's friendly small towns, which somehow manage to become even more inviting in winter. It might be their holiday strolls or winter festivals — or it just might be the enchanting nature of seasons in Montana's Yellowstone Country.

Find information, inspiration and help planning your Yellowstone Country adventure at [visityellowstonecountry.com/plan-your-trip](https://www.visityellowstonecountry.com/plan-your-trip).



## GREETINGS, TRAVELERS! READY TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE STUNNING LANDSCAPE NORTH OF YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK?

As the (unofficial) Ranger of Montana's Yellowstone Country, with a duty to ensure you have the most incredible visit here possible, I can tell you that a scenic drive is one of the best ways to explore our slice of paradise.

The four drives above happen to be some of my favorites! In summer, the iconic Beartooth Highway is not to be missed, with its jaw-dropping views and places to stop for alpine hikes along the way. For year-round travel in the region, you can't go wrong with any of the other three drives — they all lead to unforgettable sights and experiences you'll find only in Yellowstone Country.

As you explore this extraordinary landscape, please recreate responsibly, making your visit safe and enjoyable for you and everyone around you. Know before you go: Check your route, the forecast, road conditions, operating hours and any particulars for your chosen excursion before you head out so you can adjust if necessary. And when you get out of the car and experience Yellowstone Country up close, be sure to stay on trails, pack out all your belongings as well as any trash, keep wildlife at a distance and be courteous to everyone you encounter — that's the Montana way. Happy adventuring, and I'll see you on the trail!

