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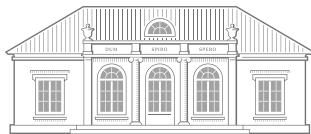
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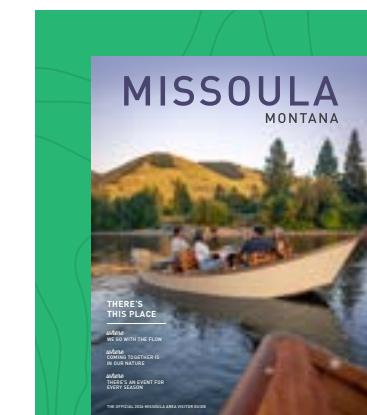


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**ON THE COVER**

It's no secret that the Clark Fork River and Missoula are deeply intertwined. We play in it, commute over it, relax by it — you get the idea, and this year's cover image perfectly captures a summer night in Missoula's living room. Whether you're spending an evening on the water while a local guide leads you downstream, walking along the river's edge in the shadow of Mount Sentinel or simply enjoying a day exploring our downtown, our lives are anchored by the Clark Fork. No matter the season, Missoulians are in constant flow. The river helps remind us that there's so much to enjoy if we move with the current.

Read more about water recreation on page 44.

Photo by Cassidy Malcolm

THERE'S THIS PLACE

There's this place where solitude, wilderness and adventure are only minutes from gourmet restaurants, funky local shops and a killer music scene. It's a place encircled by high mountain peaks and soft rolling hills, where trails begin at your doorstep.



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Missoula, Montana, lies at the convergence of three rivers and seven wilderness areas. Getting outside is a way of life here; friendly folks smile and say hello, and social calendars are filled with outdoor concerts and festivals, art openings, theater performances and meetups for good food and good company. It's a place where commutes are measured in minutes, businesses thrive and even those working nine-to-five jobs know the value of a good lunchtime hike.

Here, we go with the flow. On any given day you'll see anglers gracefully casting a line in the Clark Fork River. Downstream, kayakers and river surfers perform athletic feats atop Brennan's Wave. Tubing becomes an alternative form of transportation in the summer as people ride the river right through town. Off the water, they use the trail system that crisscrosses the city, or they cycle the country's friendliest streets.

Missoula is a hub for cultural activities, drawing artists, musicians and performers from across the globe. Music venues here regularly appear on lists of best places to listen to live tunes, and you can find a show almost any night of the week. The first Friday of each month is dedicated to an evening of celebrating local art with downtown galleries and shops warmly welcoming in patrons. The University of Montana draws renowned speakers and students from far and wide and gives Missoula that diverse and lively college-town feel.

Missoulians' love of good beer is rivaled only by their appreciation for good coffee. Dozens of coffee shops supply necessary caffeine, and Missoula's breweries pour award-winning beers. Local distilleries craft gin, whiskey and vodka from local fruits and grains, and cideries

here have perfected the art of hard cider. You won't find a friendlier, more laid-back place, whether you're traveling solo, with the family or with your furry, canine friend. Most local events are kid-friendly, and dogs can join the fun on-leash in most parks and public outdoor spaces or play off-leash in areas dedicated to wandering free.

Open space defines Missoula. Wilderness trails begin just minutes from downtown, making it easy to get a quick ride or hike in before it's time to clock-in for the day. People seek solitude outside, but they also forge a tight community, coming together while shopping for local produce at farmers markets and attending brewfests, which seem to occur every other weekend in the summer.

Weather is a state of mind in Missoula, and outdoor recreation is alive and well in all four seasons. When winter shows up, folks trade in their hiking boots, fly rods and mountain bikes for skis, snowboards and fat bikes. Wildflowers bloom like crazy in the springtime, spattering the hillsides with vibrant color. In the summer, the sun doesn't set until well after 10 p.m. As the leaves turn and the air gets crisp, simple hikes become hunts to spot larches that have changed from green to gold. There's always a reason—and a season—to be outside.

Adventure meets variety in Missoula. It's a place of urban amenities in a small town setting—where you can paddle or hike all day and take in a concert or theater performance in the evening. It's a place of mountains and rivers; arts and culture; equality and inclusion; and families, explorers, scholars, and educators from all over the world. It's a place where all are welcome. And it's a place you just have to experience for yourself.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gratefully acknowledge and recognize the Indigenous peoples who are the original stewards of the land we now live, work and recreate on. We are in the aboriginal territories of the Séliš (Bitterroot Salish), Qlispé (Upper Pend d'Orielle/Kalispel) and Ksanka (Kootenai) people, and we honor the path they have always shown us in caring for this place for the generations to come. As we experience and enjoy Missoula and the surrounding region, we acknowledge that every aspect of the land we treasure so deeply has an Indigenous name and story.



BEARTRACKS BRIDGE. KASSIDY MALCOLM



BEARTRACKS BRIDGE: RENAMING OF THE HIGGINS AVENUE BRIDGE

Higgins Avenue Bridge has been renamed Beartracks Bridge (Sxʷúyits Smxé) in honor of the Séliš (Bitterroot Salish) who inhabited this land for thousands of years before the appearance of colonizers. The name "Beartracks" is a tribute to a prominent Salish family (known as the Vanderbergs today) who were highly respected within their community. The Bear Tracks, like so many other Salish people at the time, were forced out of the Bitterroot Valley and escorted north to the Flathead Reservation by U.S. troops. This history is of direct relevance to the bridge itself—the area being a prominent site in a horrific event now known as the Trail of Tears. The namesake of the bridge serves as a reminder to Missoula's current inhabitants to become shepherds of the place they call home. Visitors can learn more about the Bear Tracks family at the interpretive signs located on the south end of the bridge.

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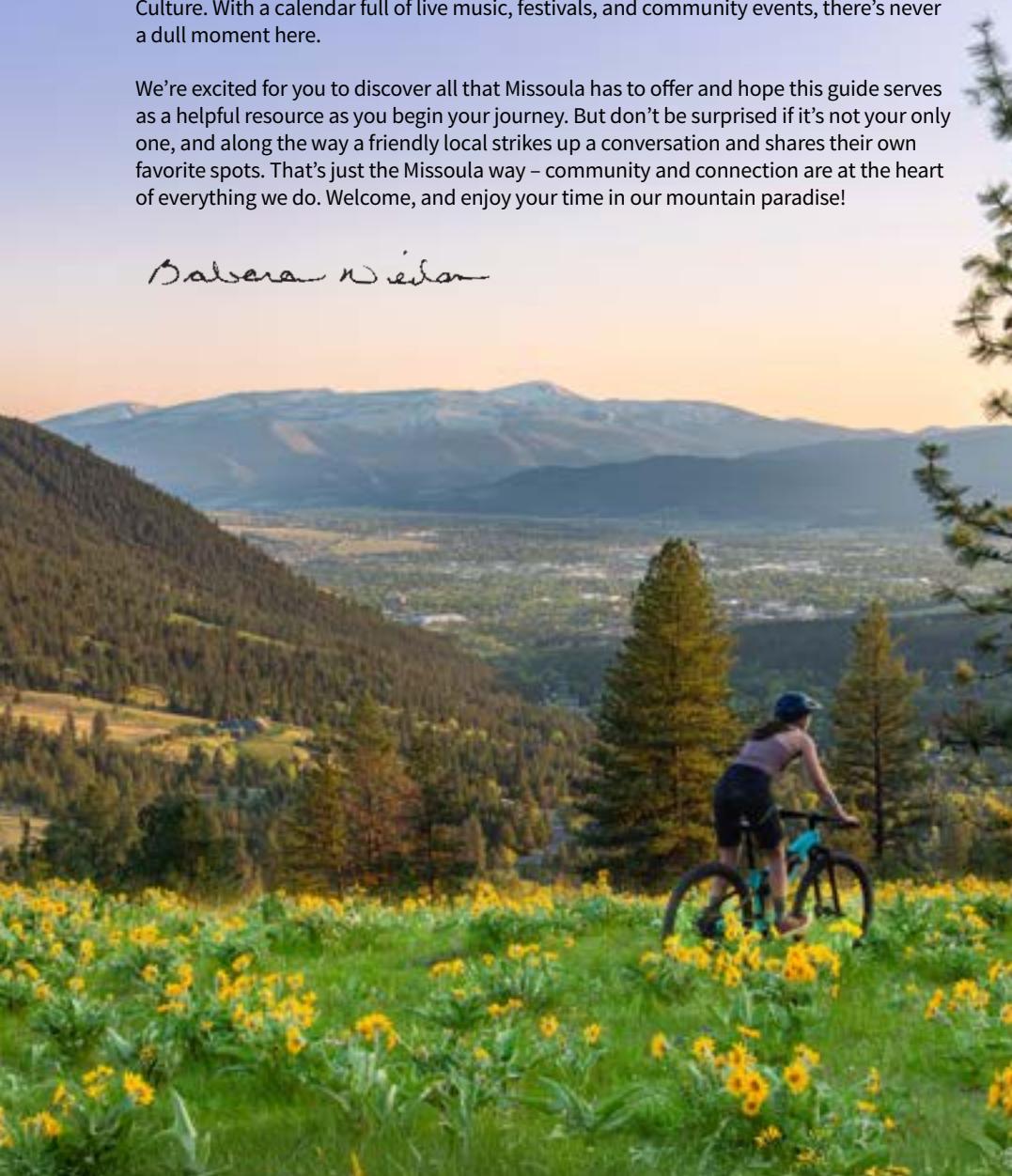
Welcome to Missoula, a place we're proud to call home and are excited to share with you. As the director of Destination Missoula, I'm thrilled to welcome you to our vibrant city, nestled at the confluence of the Bitterroot, Blackfoot and Clark Fork rivers, all framed by the beauty of the surrounding mountains. Rivers aren't the only things that converge here: In Missoula, our natural beauty, dynamic arts scene, and our warm, welcoming community connect to make this a truly special place.

At Destination Missoula, we're committed to preserving our town's uniqueness through projects like the Destination Stewardship Plan and Know Your Public Lands. These efforts are about ensuring that both residents and visitors can continue to enjoy the beauty, culture, and experiences that define Missoula for years to come. We hope that by working together to protect our natural resources and lifting up local businesses, we can support not only Missoula, but the people who make this the best place to live, work, and explore.

And what a place to explore! From the incredible outdoor adventures that await year-round to rich cultural experiences, this is a place where you can always find something to spark your interests. Enjoy a scenic hike on Mt. Sentinel, savor a locally sourced meal at one of your favorite restaurants, or be inspired at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture. With a calendar full of live music, festivals, and community events, there's never a dull moment here.

We're excited for you to discover all that Missoula has to offer and hope this guide serves as a helpful resource as you begin your journey. But don't be surprised if it's not your only one, and along the way a friendly local strikes up a conversation and shares their own favorite spots. That's just the Missoula way – community and connection are at the heart of everything we do. Welcome, and enjoy your time in our mountain paradise!

Barbara Nielsen



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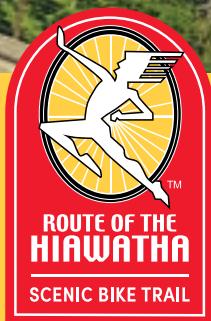


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Missoula is easily accessible by highway. Interstate 90 runs east-west through the Missoula valley, and Montana Highway 93 travels north-south.

FLIGHTS TO MISSOULA MONTANA AIRPORT (MSO)



DISTANCE FROM MISSOULA

Billings, MT	345 mi/555 km	Great Falls, MT	168 mi/270 km	Salt Lake City, UT	524 mi/843 km
Boise, ID	369 mi/593 km	Helena, MT	113 mi/181 km	San Francisco, CA	1,071 mi/1,723 km
Bozeman, MT	202 mi/325 km	Kalispell, MT	121 mi/194 km	Seattle, WA	476 mi/766 km
Calgary, Alberta, Canada	512 mi/585 km	Los Angeles, CA	1,211 mi/1,948 km	Spokane, WA	198 mi/318 km
Denver, CO	895 mi/1,440 km	Phoenix, AZ	1,230 mi/1,979 km	Whitefish, MT	138 mi/222 km
Glacier National Park	140 mi/225 km	Portland, OR	549 mi/883 km	Yellowstone National Park	264 mi/395 km

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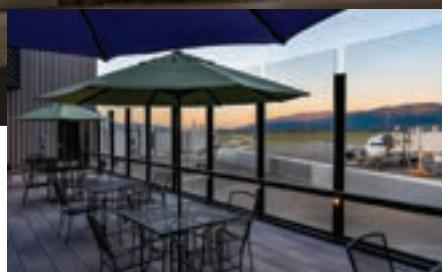
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This little mountain town wears a lot of hats and “ski destination” is one of its most fitting. A downhill and cross-country mecca, Missoula makes the perfect basecamp for the region’s five ski areas, in-town trails and bounty of backcountry terrain. Snow lovers, ski bums, sledgers, shredders, ice climbers and winter wonderland wanderers unite in a community that craves the cold stuff and knows how to warm up at the end of a long day in deep powder.

(Dec. - Feb.)

High	32.8°F
Low	17.7°F
Precip.	2.98"
Sunshine	32.3%

SEASONAL FAVORITE: DOWNHILL SKIING

With a whole handful of downhill ski areas to choose from—all boasting mixed and exciting terrain, epic snowfall levels, affordable lift tickets and no lift lines—it's no wonder Missoulians welcome winter with open arms.

(March - May)

High	57.4°F
Low	32.9°F
Precip.	4"
Sunshine	56%

The season of new growth, rushing rivers, thawing ground and emerging wildlife has eager explorers ready to get off the slopes and onto sparkling waters and lush trails. It's time to lace up your hiking boots, pump up your bike tires, dust off your golf clubs and head out into the wildflowers and wide-open green spaces as they emerge from the blanket of winter.

SEASONAL FAVORITE: GOLFING

Missoula's surprisingly long golf season can start as early as March. With almost a dozen golf clubs and courses in the area, it's pretty easy to tee up during Montana's invigorating spring renewal.

(June - Aug.)

High	80.4°F
Low	48.5°F
Precip.	3.97"
Sunshine	72.7%

Daylight graces Missoula's summers by hanging around very late into the evening. Warm weather and alpine sunshine mean play by day and by night. It's the time to be on the water, in the water or by the water, whether with a rod, in a boat or on a board. It's the time to meet up with friends at the farmers market or on a downtown patio for brews and adventure brags. See a live concert in an amphitheater on the banks of the famed Blackfoot River. Or, simply, head out on your own two feet and trek as many trails as you can.

SEASONAL FAVORITE: TUBING

It's not uncommon to spot a car with multiple inner tubes tied to the top of it heading up the road to one of many Clark Fork River boat launches and put ins, where tubers joyfully float right down the river into downtown Missoula.

(Sept. - Nov.)

High	56.3°F
Low	44.2°F
Precip.	2.87"
Sunshine	52%

Locals love autumn in Missoula because hunting season is on and ski season is right around the corner. Plus, the unreal fall colors are good for the soul. As the temps cool down, the wildlife viewing outside of town gets good, the rivers offer new fishing opportunities, cold-brew coffees are traded in for warm, seasonal lattes and sweater weather makes for an even tighter-knit community. Plus, it's Griz football season, and community pride runs very, very deep.

SEASONAL FAVORITE: FOOTBALL

Missoula's population increases by 30% during a Montana Grizzlies home game, and stands are filled with Griz fans wildly cheering on their favorite team. The whole town displays a spirited exuberance with pre- and post-game festivities, too.

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SUNSET	5:14PM	5:59PM	7:13PM	8:25PM	9:04PM	9:32PM	9:26PM	8:45PM	7:46PM	6:53PM	5:01PM	4:47PM

DESTINATION STEWARDSHIP

LET'S TAKE CARE OF *This Place*



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Working together to protect what makes Missoula special.

If you talk to anyone who's spent time in Missoula, they'll tell you that there's just something about this place. It's this feeling that keeps visitors coming back, and Missoulians calling this place home for decades. The breathtaking scenery throughout the valley inspires people from all walks of life, whether it's beckoning you to enjoy a day exploring, influencing your art or simply inviting you to linger for just a second longer and appreciate the view.

That feeling—that desire to linger here is something worth protecting. And it takes all of us to do just that.

The Missoula Destination Stewardship Plan is a 10-year strategic roadmap that includes a vision, goals, and strategic initiatives. It is more than an idea—it is the result of a deep love and respect for this place by residents, businesses, the University of Montana, nonprofits, and visitors who strive to keep Missoula vibrant, to inspire lasting and positive change, and to nurture Missoula as a sustainable haven in our ever-changing world.

Missoula's Destination Stewardship Plan is about more than sustainable tourism—it's about taking care of the place we call home (or home-away-from-home) and protecting it for generations to come. We're all in this together, in the best possible way. Taking care of Missoula means supporting our six best practices of stewardship. These best practices align with actionable steps to achieve the five strategic goals of Missoula's Destination Stewardship plan: elevate and enhance stewardship, support placemaking enhancements, improve transportation and connectivity, strengthen community alignment, and advance destination development. Everyone has a role to play in preserving and bettering this place.



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Learn more about Missoula's Destination Stewardship plan—including our long-term goals and ways to get involved here:



BEST PRACTICES

Here's what you can do to help.

LET'S PROTECT OUR FLOW



Keep our rivers clean, safe and sacred.

Let's take care of this place by enjoying our rivers with intentionality and care—pack it in, pack it out and stick to designated access points. Whether you're floating, fishing, surfing or SUP-ing, show respect by leaving our waters better than you found them.

LET'S OWN OUR FOOTPRINT



Every step leaves a mark. Make yours a good one.

Let's take care of this place by staying on trails, cleaning up after our pets, giving wildlife space, following all posted regulations and taking nothing but memories with you. On the roads and on the trail, to minimize your trace is to honor this place. The lands around Missoula are shared treasure—do your part so they stay welcoming and pristine for generations to come.

LET'S CHOOSE LOCAL



People are the soul of this place. Let's lift them up.

Let's take care of this place by supporting the makers, creators and local business owners that call Missoula home. Actions speak louder than words, so let your dollars do the talking—shop small, eat local and show your appreciation. Supporting local bolsters the quirk and spirit that makes Missoula, well, Missoula.

Missoula, Montana, is more than a place—it's a way of life. With wilderness to explore, stories rooted in the landscape, and a culture of cool, it's no wonder that so many people fall in love with this place. In order to safeguard the "soul" in Missoula, we all must do our part to keep it vibrant, welcoming and weird for this and future generations. Whether you're here for a weekend or a lifetime, you have a role to play. Let's take care of this place—together.

LET'S LEAD WITH KINDNESS



Missoula is good to us. Let's be good back.

Let's take care of this place by being good to one another—on the trail, on the roads, at the market or in line for a pint. Whether you've spent your lifetime here or are just passing through, smile, say hello, give back and remember that our stories are all connected.

LET'S LEARN THE WHOLE STORY



The land remembers, and the story is still being written.

Let's take care of this place by learning its full story—the histories, heritage and continued legacy of the Seliš (Salish), Ksanka (Kootenai) and Qlispé (Upper Pend d' Oreille/Kalispel) people are the foundation of this place, and their voices remain central to Missoula today. Understand that this is a sacred place and be respectful and curious—not only about the legacies of the past, but about the people and the stories that continue to shape Montana's present and future.

LET'S EMBRACE EVERYONE



We are all connected.

Let's take care of this place by creating a community where everyone feels welcome. From accessible trails and inclusive events to creating a culture that honors all voices and identities, there is room for all walks, rolls and rides in Missoula.

ATTRACTI0NS FOR ALL

Missoula is so much more than its mountains.

While beauty surrounds this city, there's so much beauty to be found within the community itself. Missoula's full of inspiration both indoors and out, from the renowned Missoula Art Museum to an exquisitely hand carved (and surprisingly fast!) carousel ride. Spin the dial from past to present at the Montana Natural History Center. Splash around in indoor and outdoor water parks. Discover the wonders of the all-abilities Dragon Hollow playground. Stroll through art galleries, shops and boutiques. Trace Missoula's early days on a self-guided riverfront walking tour. There's a year-round schedule of festivals and events taking place "under the tent" in a newly renovated Caras Park, and they all draw a crowd. Missoula's a place where adventure, delight and gratitude have seeped their way into the city's very foundation – where every turn holds the promise of something new.



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FAMILY FUN for all ages



Whether you're young in years or just young at heart, Missoula knows how to spark childlike wonder and provide endless entertainment for the whole family.

A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA + DRAGON HOLLOW PLAY AREA

With its intricate hand-carved ponies, an antique carousel frame and over 100,000 hours of volunteer time put into the construction, this whimsical attraction has become a beloved staple of the Missoula community. Located next door is Dragon Hollow—a multi-activity playground with accessible play equipment for children of all abilities.

MAKE A SPLASH AT CURRENTS, SPLASH MONTANA AND MULTIPLE SPLASH DECKS

Because we know water play is an essential family activity, Missoula offers two aquatic centers and several splash decks in public parks so you and the kids can cool down.

MONTANA NATURAL HISTORY CENTER

Montana's Natural History Center offers interactive exhibits on local flora, fauna, geology and ecology—the perfect way to combine learning and fun.

THE MISSOULA BUTTERFLY HOUSE AND INSECTARIUM

Experience the wonder of nature. With 35 species of butterflies flitting around your head, and interpretive exhibits to learn about all kinds of creepy-crawlies, the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium is a fun, hands-on adventure for all ages.

living it up at the MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dubbed the Best Library in the World in 2022, the Missoula Public Library is a hub for visual and literary artists, a learning center for families and young children, and a gathering space for visitors and residents. In addition to its stunning views and award-winning design, this four-story building houses a media and film lab, rotating science exhibits, interactive learning center, and drop-in events. The library features accommodations that allow everyone to come and enjoy its unique space. It is a participant in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program—a subtle way to let others know someone may need extra time and support, and the facilities are wheelchair accessible for those with mobility issues. The diverse activities and resources offered make this a library experience unlike any other.

SPECTRUM

Science and creativity merge at SpectrUM, a hands-on science center promoting learning and discovery through exhibits like a Large River Ecosystems table, a flight simulator and a Discovery Bench that incorporates the five senses into science exploration.

FAMILIES FIRST LEARNING LAB

Head to the second floor of the library and discover a world of inspiration, learning, growth and development for families. The Families First Learning Lab holds regular events and exhibits that inspire hands-on exploration and play.

MAKERSPACE

This captivating workshop is perfect for the gearheads of the family. It provides the tools and space for self-directed, hands-on technological pursuits. The space offers supplies and kits to learn the fundamentals of robotics, computer programming and craft making.

MISSOULA ATTRACTIONS

ADVENTURE CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Stop in for information about local and national cycling opportunities, see artifacts and exhibits and learn more about the world of bike travel.

*150 E. Pine St., 406.721.1776
adventurecycling.org*

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB

Located in the historic Old Milwaukee Depot, the visitor gallery features a history of wildlife conservation, the World's Record Diorama for trophy animals and activities for kids.

*250 Station Dr., 406.542.1888
boone-crockett.org*

A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA & DRAGON HOLLOW

This historic, hand-carved carousel offers rides, birthday parties and private rentals and is neighbors with Dragon's Hollow, an all-abilities playground. Open year-round. See ad on page 21.

*101 Carousel Dr., 406.549.8382
carouselformissoula.com*

CITY PARKS

Picnic spots, playgrounds, courts, splash decks and sports fields abound at Missoula's many city parks. McCormick, Bonner and Fort Missoula Regional parks rank among the biggest and best. See ad on page 93.

*600 Clegg Ln.
406.721.PARK (7275)
missoulaparks.org*

CURRENTS AQUATIC CENTER

This year-round indoor facility features water slides, a water playground, a leisure and lap pool, a sparkling spa and a party room. See ad on page 65.

*600 Clegg Ln.
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DOWNTOWN MISSOULA

Catch a show, view an art exhibit, shop in specialty stores and boutiques, dine at one of over 50 restaurants and enjoy Missoula's nightlife, all in the span of a few blocks. See add on the back cover.

*Downtown Missoula Partnership
218 E. Main St., 406.543.4238
missouladowntown.com*

FAMILIES FIRST LEARNING LAB

The Families First Learning Lab is an inspirational place of learning, growth, and development for families located on the second floor of the Missoula Public Library.

*455 E Main St., 406.721.7690
familiesfirstmt.org*

GET AIR TRAMPOLINE PARK

This family-friendly indoor attraction features wall-to-wall trampolines, foam pits, ninja obstacles, and dodgeball.

*251 Brooks St., 406.221.2070
getairsports.com*

GLACIER ICE RINK

Glacier Ice Rink is Missoula's nonprofit ice arena offering skating, hockey, and curling for all ages. It provides a welcoming space for athletes and families to enjoy ice sports and activities.

*1101 South Ave W., 406.721.0316
glaciericerink.com*

INDIGENOUS INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

In Missoula, we acknowledge that we are in the homelands of the Seliš, Qlispé and Ksanka people. Look for interpretive signs around the city and in surrounding open spaces that help to connect their history and culture to the present.

Northwest corner of Higgins and 3rd St.; northwest corner of the Missoula Public Library; signal box on the corner of Madison and Broadway.

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE SITE

Four colorful historical interpretive signs detail the experiences of early explorers in the area.

Next to Brennan's Wave in Caras Park, Downtown Missoula.

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MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN

Dedicated to the veterans and casualties of America's 20th century conflicts, as well as police officers and firefighters, the garden borders the Blue Star Memorial Highway—a nationwide highway network that pays tribute to armed forces that have defended the U.S.

Rose Park at the corner of Brooks St. and Mount Ave.

MISSOULA BUTTERFLY HOUSE AND INSECTARIUM

This hands-on experience features interactive exhibits of live butterflies and bugs, as well as a classroom for school programs and events. Open year-round. See ad on page 95.

*1075 South Ave. W., Suite 2
406.317.1211
missoulabutterflyhouse.org*

MISSOULA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Missoula County Fairgrounds hosts year-round events, including the Western Montana Fair. It's a community hub for agriculture, recreation and entertainment.

*1101 South Ave. W., 406.721.3247
missoulafairgrounds.com*

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Living up to its title of Best Library in the World of 2022—the Missoula Public Library is a pillar of our vibrant community—tucked away in the heart of downtown. Stop in and explore four floors of knowledge for all ages.

*455 E. Main St., 406.721.2665
missoulapubliclibrary.org*

MISSOULA SMOKE JUMPER CENTER

Learn about smokejumpers and wildland fire management at the Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center. Guided tours are available.

*5765 W Broadway St.
406.329.4934
fs.usda.gov/science-technology/fire/smokejumpers/missoula/center*

MOBASH SKATEPARK

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*600 Clegg Ln., 406.207.2691
missoulaparks.org*

MONTANA NATURAL HISTORY CENTER

The Montana Natural History Center promotes understanding, appreciation and stewardship of nature through museum exhibits and special programs throughout the community.

*120 Hickory St., Suite A
406.327.0405
montananaturalist.org*

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION & ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER

Discover interactive exhibits that explore the nature of elk country. Wildlife films are shown regularly. See ad on page 22.

*5705 Grant Creek Rd., 406.523.4500
rmef.org*

SPECTRUM DISCOVERY AREA

Science and creativity merge at spectrUM, a hands-on science center on the Children's floor of the Missoula Public Library. Kids are encouraged to learn and discover as they explore exhibits like the Water Room and Makerspace.

*455 E. Main St.
406.728.STEM (7836)
spectrum.umt.edu*

SPLASH MONTANA

Bring the entire family to Splash Montana, an outdoor water park with three water slides, a lazy river, a water playground, a leisure pool, and more. See ad on page 65.

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ACCESSIBILITY IS IN OUR NATURE

Caras Park is the beating heart of downtown Missoula. It's so much more than an event venue, it's a gathering place; a space where people are able to come together. Sitting on the banks of the Clark Fork River, the park hosts all kinds of events year-round, from cultural events and concerts like the International Choral Festival, to food and drink festivals that the whole city looks forward to each year, like Germanfest and Garden City Brewfest. There's also weekly mainstays when the weather is warm, with Downtown ToNight, Out to Lunch and the Clark Fork River Market drawing big crowds throughout the summer. Caras Park has always been accessible for visitors and residents alike – this isn't new. Now, an addition to the park has made the river more accessible than ever before.

In 2025, the park completed and unveiled the Caras Park River Access Project—a project allowing even more people to gather and enjoy all the park has to offer.

Construction began in 2024 on the existing infrastructure, with the hopes of transforming the observation deck overlooking Brennan's Wave. The project culminated in two ADA-accessible ramps to take patrons right up to the water's edge, as well as terraced seating to give spectators watching the surfers and kayakers a front row seat to the action. The access also connects to the Riverfront Trail, a paved 7-mile trail connecting some of downtown Missoula's hot spots.

This new addition will help to make the beautiful Clark Fork—the city's cornerstone—accessible to individuals of all abilities for years to come.

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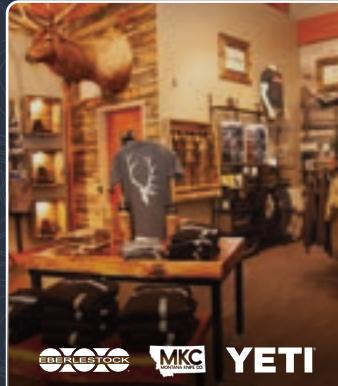
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Live Like a Local

This is a community that thrives on its ‘happenings.’ With weekly markets, a Brewfest for every season and enough events to fill your calendar, there is no shortage of ways to experience this city like a local. Whether you’re visiting for a week or have lived here for a lifetime, there’s always something exciting happening that reminds us why we’re here in the first place.

EXPLORE THE WILDERNESS

Only minutes from town, Pattee Canyon, Blue Mountain and Rattlesnake recreation areas offer mountain biking, hiking and fresh alpine air—especially lovely in winter when Montana transforms into a wonderland of snow. Designated wilderness areas just minutes from downtown make for an easy escape from the hustle and bustle. Remember to practice responsible recreation while enjoying the outdoors: know before you go, leave no trace, go slow and stay on the trails and say hello.

LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

Missoula’s live music scene is quickly topping the charts as one of the best in the West. Local musicians and national acts sell out venues big and small all year long.

GO OUT TO LUNCH OR DINE DOWNTOWN TONIGHT

Locals gather for food truck fare and live music at Missoula’s signature summer events—Out To Lunch on Wednesdays and Downtown ToNight on Thursdays. Both are free at Caras Park from June through August. Added bonus: Get a taste of the town’s creativity at the Missoula Makers Market, where local artists sell their handmade art and products. It runs alongside Downtown ToNight.

GET ON THE BEATEN PATH

The city’s extraordinary pathway system travels throughout Missoula and also connects to the Kim Williams Nature Trail. You can even bike 50 miles from Missoula to Hamilton on the Bitterroot Trail. During the winter, these scenic routes are fat bike, snowshoe and cross-country ski friendly.

DRINK LOCAL

Missoula takes its beer seriously. There’s so many local breweries around here that we’ve lost count, and every last one of them is worth a visit. Serving up hometown cult-classics and award-winning brews, even the biggest beer nerds will find something they love. Distilleries, wineries, and cideries? We’ve got those too.

SHOP SATURDAY MARKETS

Stock up on the produce, fresh flowers, baked goods and the sounds of local street musicians at the Missoula Farmers’ Market. Nearby, find locally crafted Made in Montana gifts and wares at the Missoula People’s Market. Make your way to the Clark Fork River Market on Pattee Street May-October for fresh produce, pastries, breads, homemade jams and locally sourced meats and cheeses. This year, the River Market will stay open from November-April, offering goods from your favorite vendors each Saturday throughout the winter at The Badlander. Missoula Valley Winter Market is a longtime community staple, and it’s here where you can find local meat, eggs and produce as well as baked goods, prepared foods and handmade arts and crafts on those snowy Saturday mornings.

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Missoula is brimming with delicious, local food, whether you’re looking for 5-star dining or food truck fare on-the-go. And when we say local, we really mean it – countless restaurants in Missoula pride themselves on sourcing their ingredients from local farmers and ranchers.

FIRST FRIDAY

This year-round art walk has Missoulians strolling downtown streets the first Friday of every month as galleries and shops open their doors for art viewing, artists meet and greet along with local food, drinks and music.

SURF THE RIVER

River surfers and kayakers ride and play at Missoula’s man-made Brennan’s Wave near Caras Park. Rent a board or boat from a local gear shop, to join the spectacle or watch the action from the newly renovated—and ADA accessible—Caras Park river access.

SKI AND BIKE THE BOWL

In Missoula’s backyard, Montana Snowbowl ski area combines deep powder and diverse runs with some of the best wood-fired pizza and bloody marys in the region. And in summer, Snowbowl offers chairlift rides for mountain bikers to cruise down the mountain as well as zip line tours.

FLOAT THE RIVER

Missoula is a river town, and that is most apparent when the temperatures climb and hundreds head to the water, inner tubes in hand. Pack a cooler (rig it to your tube so you won’t lose it) and make a day of it. Just remember to respect the river—and other rivergoers—while you enjoy a float downstream, and don’t forget your lifejacket!

SCAN FOR OUR
FAVORITE 30 THINGS
TO DO IN MISSOULA:





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THE SÉLIŠ, QLISPÉ AND KSANKA TRIBES OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION

Long before European settlers arrived, various tribes, like the Seliš (Bitterroot Salish), Qlispé (Upper Pend d'Orielle/Kalispel) and Ksanka (Kootenai), called the Missoula area home. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples relied on hunting and gathering to sustain their way of life. The valley served as a natural corridor through the mountains, with numerous tribes passing through on their way to and from the buffalo-rich eastern plains.

With the arrival of fur traders, trappers, missionaries and settlers in the 1800s, tribes faced immense pressure to abandon their territories and traditional ways of life. In 1891, after 36 years of resisting removal from their homelands, the Bitterroot Seliš people were forcibly removed from their ancestral lands and relocated to the Flathead Indian Reservation, sharing the area with the Ksanka and Qlispé tribes.

Montana is now home to seven Indian reservations and 12 recognized tribal nations. Two reservations are easily accessible from Missoula: the Flathead Reservation of the Seliš, Qlispé, and Ksanka people (which are known as the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes—the CSKT—but have adopted traditional spellings of their nations' names) and the Blackfeet Reservation of the Blackfeet Nation.

When visiting the region's tribal nations, supporting local artisans by purchasing authentic Indigenous arts and crafts not only preserves tradition, but also offers visitors something special to remember Montana by. It is a way to honor the deep connection to the land and its Indigenous peoples, ensuring their vibrant culture remains a vital part of Montana's identity for generations to come.

POINTS OF INTEREST

CSKT BISON RANGE: 18,500-acre range that is home to about 350-500 head of bison as well as black bear, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope and elk.

FLATHEAD LAKE AND VALLEY: Northwestern Montana communities and large natural lake (surrounding cities: Polson, Kalispell)

NINEPIPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: 4,027-acre National Wildlife Refuge.

THREE CHIEFS CULTURAL CENTER: Cultural learning center and shop with Indigenous artists' work for sale such as paintings, photos, bead crafts and more.

Keep in mind that tribal land is private land, but CSKT has open areas for the general public to recreate. Visit the CSKT Natural Resource Department at csktribes.org for information about visitor education programs, **required recreational permit resources and more.**

CULTURAL GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

In the region, Indigenous cultural heritage is deeply revered, with annual gatherings and celebrations like powwows offering glimpses into the rich traditions of Indigenous peoples through dress, art, music, dance and storytelling. The organizers of the following annual events welcome visitors to attend and respectfully observe their Indigenous cultural heritage.

THE GATHERING AT TMSMÍL: On the first weekend in May, Travelers' Rest State Park and its partners at the Séliš Qlispé Culture Committee celebrate Indigenous art and culture with education stations, food, vendors and more.

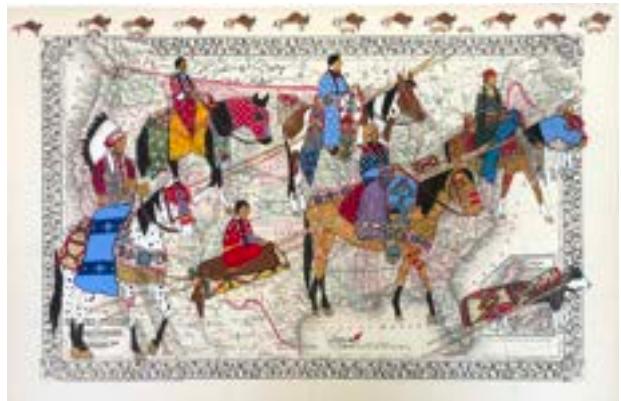
KYIYO POW WOW: This two-day cultural celebration featuring music, dance and art is held every April in Missoula. The Kyiyo Native American Student Association at the University of Montana hosts the event, which draws thousands of locals and visitors.

ANNUAL BITTERROOT FESTIVAL: Hosted in the Bitterroot Valley (toward Hamilton), this event centers around the Bitterroot—Montana's state flower. The day's festivities include traditional Salish drumming, dancing, regalia, food vendors and more.

ANNUAL ARLEE CELEBRATION: A Fourth of July powwow located in Arlee that celebrates tribal heritage, diversity, music and art, dating back to at least 1900.

ANNUAL STANDING ARROW CELEBRATION: A powwow located in Elmo on the west shore of Flathead Lake that celebrates tribal heritage. This event takes place on the third weekend of July every year and has been featured in National Geographic as a traditional Native American gathering.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY CELEBRATION: On Indigenous Peoples' Day—the second Monday of October—the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes host the Beartracks Celebration Powwow in Missoula. The event celebrates the resiliency of the tribes who have historically called this area home with music, dance, crafts and food.



COURTESY OF ASPEN DECKER



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ASPEN DECKER: PROTECTING AND FOSTERING THE SALISH LANGUAGE

Aspen is a member of the CSKT, and creates art honoring Indigenous language. Her work is featured at both the Montana Museum of Art and Culture and Missoula Art Museum. She uses her traditional Salish style to help bring ancestral stories to life. She is part of a very small percentage of CSKT members that are able to speak the language fluently, and has raised her children with Salish as their first language in order to protect and promote the culture of her tribe. XWLXWILT.COM

LET'S TAKE CARE OF *This Place*.

KNOW THE WHOLE STORY. The past is a part of our here and now. Respect what came before—it's the Missoula way.

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Like the nearby rivers we adore, Missoula’s history has more tributaries than you can count. And the town proudly showcases its lively and diverse background through places devoted to history like Holt Heritage Museum and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. If you’re fascinated by the early days of aviation, take a trip to the Museum of Mountain Flying, where you’ll find vintage aircraft and so much more.

The city’s cultural past is vibrant and diverse, melding the stories and lives of people—pioneers, homesteaders, fur trappers, gold rushers and railroaders—who came from around the world to settle the valley that American Indians inhabited for millennia. Missoula’s past truly does run deep, and its roots are grounded in the lives of the men and women who shaped, and were in turn shaped, by this landscape.

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

Much of the landscape near Missoula that Lewis and Clark crossed remains unchanged. Montana’s rivers and highways flow past scores of landmarks touched by the expedition. In 1806, Captain Lewis traveled through the Missoula Valley. Near Missoula, Lewis and Clark camped at present day Lolo in an area called Travelers’ Rest. It’s the only place they camped twice and one of two sites in the country with physical evidence of their journey. They wrote about Lolo Hot Springs and the trek across the Bitterroot Mountains along the Lolo Trail.

SETTLING MISSOULA

The Hellgate Village Trading Post was established in 1860 by Christopher P. Higgins (where downtown Missoula’s “main drag” gets its name) and Frank Worden. By 1866, the settlement had moved east, five miles upstream, and was renamed Missoula Mills, later shortened to Missoula.



FORT MISSOULA

Western Montana’s rich history is brought to life on Fort Missoula’s 32 acres, with over 20 well-preserved historic structures. Established in 1877 during the Indian Wars, this once-major military post also served as the starting point for the African American 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps’ 1,900-mile ride to St. Louis, Missouri; a WWI military training center; a 1933 Civilian Conservation Corps headquarters; and a WWII internment camp housing 2,200 Italian and Japanese nationals. Rotating exhibits at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula explore a range of thought-provoking historical topics, and the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History covers U.S. military history with an emphasis on the U.S. Army during the interwar period from 1921 to 1941.

FORT MISSOULA. TAYLOR ROBBINS



NATIONAL CONSERVATION LEGACY CENTER

In summer 2026, a new national destination will open in Missoula. The National Conservation Legacy Center—the flagship project of the National Museum of Forest Service History—will showcase a world-class facility and exhibition focused on our country's conservation history.

The Conservation Legacy Center is the only museum of its kind, and will serve as a learning center for audiences of all ages to explore a wide world of conservation stories and heroes. The interactive and participatory exhibits will inspire visitors as they are drawn into and explore the many facets of conservation history, with key stories, figures and immersive experiences about conservation's impact.

The building is also an exhibit in and of itself. A beautiful showcase of innovative wood products, the Center features mass timber and wooden tree columns from species around the country. Built from wood and grounded in history, the Center will stand as a bold reminder that conservation connects us all. Learn more at FORESTSERVICEMUSEUM.ORG.

GLACIAL LAKE MISSOULA

Glacial Lake Missoula was a massive prehistoric lake in Western Montana, created as a result of ice sheets blocking the Clark Fork River near today's Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho. Named after the city of Missoula, you can still spy its old shorelines high on nearby mountains. Around 13,000 to 15,000 years ago, as the lake filled and emptied, it shaped landscapes across Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Evidence of the lake and catastrophic flooding offered by geologists J.T. Pardee in 1910 and J. Harlen Bretz in 1923 initially were met with opposition. However, acceptance grew with extensive fieldwork in the 1940s, aerial photos in the 1950s and satellite images in the 1970s. Bretz was later honored with geology's top prize, the Penrose Medal, confirming his groundbreaking theories. Visit the Glacial Lake Missoula exhibit at the Montana Natural History Center to learn more about how the lake shaped landscapes from here to the Pacific Ocean.

DISCOVER HISTORY IN MISSOULA

HALLWAYS TO HISTORY

"Hallways to History: A Photographic Walk Through Missoula's Past," offers a photographic tour of Missoula's history. The exhibit is on display daily in the major hallways at Southgate Mall.

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shopsouthgate.com

HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA

The Historical Museum was established to preserve and interpret the area's history with 13 buildings on 32 acres featuring an impressive collection of artifacts. See ad on page 36.

3400 Capt Rawn Way, 406.728.3476

fortmissoulamuseum.org

HOLT HERITAGE MUSEUM

This "Cowboys and Indians – Rodeos and Pow Wows," museum captures the essence of the Old West with the country's largest private collection of western memorabilia, including American Indian artifacts and celebrity cowboy boots. Open by appointment only.
6800 Lewis & Clark Trail (Highway 12), Lolo, 406.273.6743, holtmuseum.com

LOCAL MISSOULA WALKING TOURS

Experience Missoula through downtown solo and guided tours that highlight the city's history, activities, art and culture.

101 E. Main St., 406.304.7241

localmissoulatours.com

MONTANA NATURAL HISTORY CENTER

Learn about the nature that surrounds the valley and its history. The museum encompasses the flora, fauna and natural history of the region. Explore Glacial Lake Missoula, fossils, Montana ecosystems, and more.

120 Hickory St., Suite A

montananaturalist.org

MUSEUM OF MOUNTAIN FLYING

Get up close and personal with the aircraft that helped shape Montana's aviation legacy. The Museum of Mountain Flying preserves the history of Johnson Flying Service and aviation in the northern Rocky Mountain West.

5843 Museum Way, 406.721.3644

museumofmountainflying.com

NATIONAL CONSERVATION LEGACY CENTER

Discover something new at this nonprofit museum dedicated to collecting and preserving the history of the U.S. Forest Service. Open seasonally.

6305 U.S. Highway 10 W., 406.541.6374

forestservicemuseum.org

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY

The Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History promotes the commemoration and study of the U.S. armed services from the frontier period to the present. Memorabilia and donations accepted. See ad on page 22.
Fort Missoula, Buildings T-310 and T-316, 406.549.5346, fortmissoula.org

TRAVELERS' REST STATE PARK

Walk in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, and explore one of the only campsites with physical evidence of their cross-country expedition. Interpretative programs are offered daily in the summer, with special events throughout the year. See ad on page 26.

6717 Highway 12 W., Lolo

[406.273.4253, travelersrest.org](http://travelersrest.org)

UNSEEN MISSOULA

The Downtown Missoula Heritage Program (Unseen Missoula) offers historic guided walking tours, including "Basements & Back Alleys," "Hotels & Hooligans," "Carnal Enterprises," "Heritage Missoula," and "Screams & Spirits."

218 E. Main St., 406.543.4238

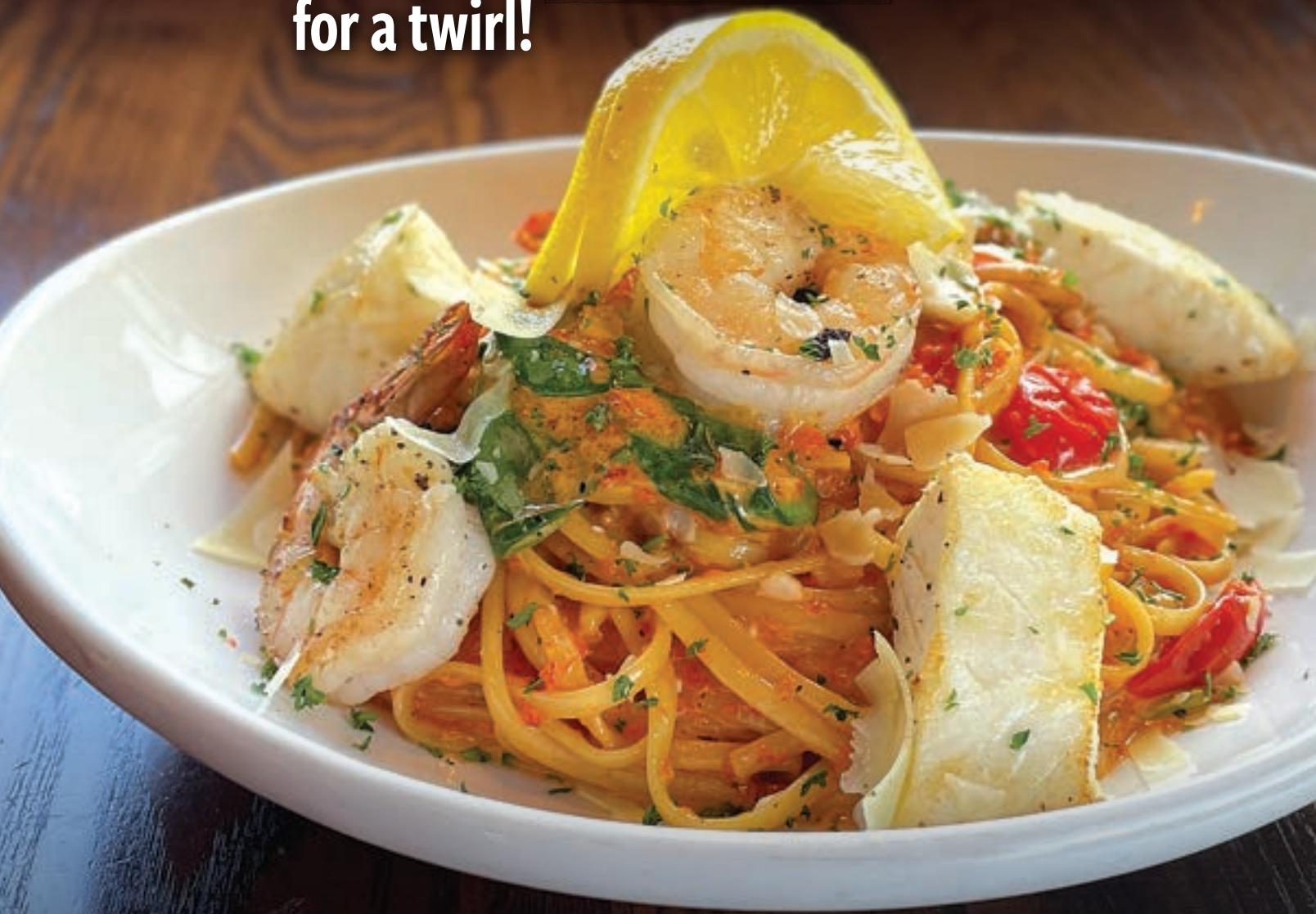
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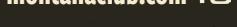
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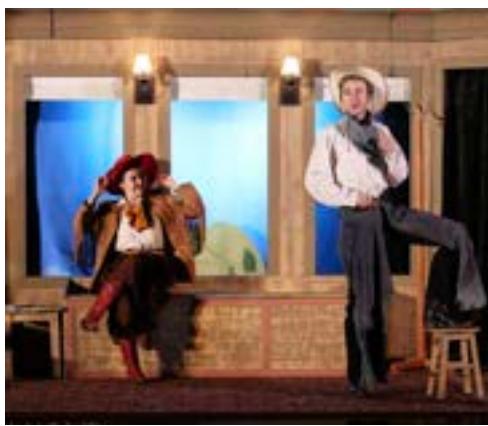
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With a setting as awe-inspiring as ours, a thriving cultural scene is inevitable.

Missoula is the hub for all things arts and culture throughout the region. With a music scene that's showcasing local and world-class talent on the regular, one of the most expansive art collections in the state and a rich film history with ties that run deep, Missoula is so much more than its mountains.

The breathtaking natural beauty is only half of what makes this place so special. Missoula's cultural scene is weird and funky in all the best ways, and we love every bit of it.

This city is turning into a gathering place, where people from all over can come together to enjoy cultural celebrations in all forms. From art festivals to improv groups, ballet performances to stand-up comedy nights, every corner of Missoula is dedicated to honoring the people—and their art—that make this a colorful cultural capital for the state



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PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

Nature's bounty may look like Missoula's main stage, but if you're looking for invigorating live theater productions—from heartwarming family theater to professional caliber entertainment—this town invites audiences to an array of brilliant performances. The Missoula Children's Theatre and the Montana Repertory Theatre offer musicals, dramas and comedies from autumn to spring each year. Located on the Hip Strip, the Roxy Theater hosts screenings and events seven days a week, including documentaries, cult classics and community events. Missoula is also the host city for several film festivals throughout the year, including the International Wildlife Film Festival, the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival and the Queer West Film Fest. Whether you're sitting down to enjoy a community show or attending the world premier film of an up-and-coming filmmaker, catching a show in a place like Missoula is something special.



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LITERARY ARTS

Authors from all over flock to Missoula, finding inspiration in the people and landscapes that make this place so special. Their works and many more are showcased in several independent bookstores around town. Well-loved local favorites like Fact & Fiction, Shakespeare & Co., FMC Books and the Book Exchange offer plenty of programming for book lovers of all ages, from book signings to weekly storytime sessions. Missoula's a city of readers, and there's plenty of ways to get together to talk about books throughout the year. Check out Hush Hour—a weekly silent reading party at a rotating list of bars and restaurants in town—to enjoy a curated playlist from Slant Street Records, and a night of community reading. Each fall, the University of Montana hosts the Griz Read, where members of the community read a featured novel, culminating in a talkback with the author, while the Missoula Public Library hosts community events for readers throughout the year. From reading along the river, to attending talks from revered authors, Missoulians are passionate about their books.

MISSOULA'S PERFORMING & LITERARY ARTS

BARE BAIT DANCE

Bare Bait Dance showcases regional performers and choreographers in exciting and thought-provoking contemporary dance productions. Their season runs September through March.

1200 Shakespeare St. Suite #2
406.209.9778, barebaitdance.org

DENNISON THEATRE

Showcasing local and professional talent, famous speakers and renowned musicians have taken the stage in the Dennison Theatre on the University of Montana campus since 1935.

University of Montana
406.243.2853
umt.edu/dennison-theatre

GARDEN CITY BALLET

Garden City Ballet is Missoula's premier ballet company, dedicated to enriching the community through high-quality dance performances and education. Best known for its annual production of The Nutcracker, which has been a cherished cultural tradition in Montana for over 40 years.

406.880.0970, gardencityballet.org

INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

World-class choirs from five continents gather every two years to share a week of music and cultural exchange with local audiences.

406.936.0393
choralfestival.org

MASQUER THEATRE

The Masquer Theatre at the University of Montana School of Theatre & Dance is a black-box theater, where seats surround three sides of the stage. Students often perform in this intimate space.

PAR/TV Center, University of Montana, 406.243.4481
umt.edu/umarts/theatredance

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

For over 50 years, the Missoula Children's Theatre has provided Missoula with outstanding family entertainment. The Missoula Children's Theatre's season runs October through May each year.

200 N Adams St.

406.728.7529, mctinc.org

MISSOULA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORALE

Nearly 200 of the area's finest musicians come together for a concert season that includes numerous masterworks concerts, youth and family concerts and Symphony in the Park, a popular summer event.

200 N Higgins Ave., 406.721.3194

missoulasymphony.org

MONTANA REPERTORY THEATRE

The Montana Repertory Theatre is the only full-season Equity Theatre in the state, as well as the resident professional theatre for the *University of Montana*.

PAR/TV Center, University of Montana
406.243.6809, montanarep.com

PERFORMING ARTS AND

RADIO/TV CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

The PAR/TV Center houses several performance spaces where visitors can see productions by the Montana Theatre, Masquer Theatre, Open Space Performance Lab, and Montana Repertory Theatre.

PAR/TV Center, University of Montana
406.243.4481
umt.edu/umarts/theatredance

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BALLET THEATRE

Since 1998, the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre has performed locally, regionally, and internationally. The RMBT offers classes for ages 3 through adult.

2704 Brooks St., 406.549.5155
rmbt.org

THE ROXY THEATER

Missoula's nonprofit community cinema hosts weekly screenings of award-winning new and classic independent films, live music, community events, and the annual International Wildlife Film Festival.

718 S. Higgins Ave.
406.728.9380, theroxytheater.org

STRING ORCHESTRA OF THE ROCKIES

This 15-member orchestra is comprised of teachers and professional musicians who perform without a conductor and feature many internationally acclaimed guest artists. Concerts are held in the UM Music Recital Hall, *University of Montana*
406.493.2990, sormt.org

WESTSIDE THEATER

This dynamic, artist-run studio can be rented for private classes and events or visited to experience live performances rooted in modern dance and aerial arts.

1200 Shakespeare St. Suite 2
406.209.9778
thewestsidetheater.com

THE WILMA

The Wilma is a historic theater and is Missoula's premier entertainment hotspot. This is the hub for numerous world-famous film festivals and a wide variety of concerts and other performances year-round.

131 S. Higgins Ave., 406.830.4640
logampresents.com/venue/the-wilma

ZDK ARTS

ZDK Arts is a nonprofit organization in Missoula that fosters creativity and connection through inclusive community arts programs. By offering workshops, events, and volunteer opportunities, it empowers individuals to explore and express themselves through the arts.

zdkarts.org

ZOOTOWN ARTS

COMMUNITY CENTER

A nonprofit local arts center that hosts a range of local and touring artists, comedians, musicians, theater groups, and more. Also features three gallery spaces for visual artists and a paint your own pottery studio. See ad on page 33.

216 W. Main St
406.549.7555
zootownarts.org

“Almost every day in Missoula you'll find a speaker, reading, concert, live music set, play or performance to pop in on.” Chadd Scott, *See Great Art*





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ART AROUND EVERY CORNER

Missoula's public art scene is flourishing, and everything is fair game. From over 50 traffic signal boxes dripping in colorful artwork to vibrant murals—new additions can be spotted outside Worden's Market and in The Wren Hotel—you'll meet a testament to the city's love of art around each corner.

Creativity is especially encouraged in Missoula's outdoor spaces, where culture, community and nature interweave. The Missoula Art Museum's Art Park features large-scale outdoor exhibits, and Silver Park is home to Sculpture Missoula, where several sculptures are on display as you walk through the park's outdoor space. The alleyway outside of Radius Gallery has been transformed into a rotating outdoor urban mural space known as Allez! Missoula. Check out missouladowntown.com/tours/public-art-tour/ for a list of public artworks around town.

ART SCENE

Creativity here runs as wild and free as Montana's rivers. From one-of-a-kind sculptures to photography, ceramics and contemporary paintings, the Missoula Art Museum and our various art galleries—Dana, Radius and 4 Ravens to name a few—offer a stunning rotation of regional and Indigenous artists. Don't miss the Rocky Mountain Northwest's most prominent fine art collection (close to 12,000 pieces) at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture. Locals flock downtown on the First Friday of each month, when the neighborhood explodes with art on every block, as well as poetry readings and culinary delights...food for the soul and the belly. See DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/ART-GALLERIES for more.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Friday

Hosted by Arts Missoula, browse downtown galleries, museums and businesses to see the latest creations of local artists and new exhibits. See ad on page 22.

First Friday of the month
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Downtown Missoula
artsmissoula.org/resources/first-friday

MISSOULA ART MUSEUMS

MISSOULA ART MUSEUM

Missoula Art Museum (MAM), a contemporary art museum offering a spectacular attraction in the heart of the historic downtown: a free, public museum that boasts eight exhibition spaces, displaying more than 25 exhibit—including a dedicated Indigenous art gallery—per year.

335 N. Pattee St., 406.728.0447

missoulaartmuseum.org

MONTANA MUSEUM OF ART & CULTURE

The MMAC opened on the UM campus in September 2023. MMAC has the state's largest publicly owned art collection. The new 17,000-square-foot space displays more than 11,000 artifacts, leaving room for research, education and programming.

University of Montana, 406.243.2019

umt.edu/montanamuseum



DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE ART WALLS

Autumn 2025 brought a new addition to the Missoula public art scene. Large murals celebrating Indigenous art and culture were installed on the walls of the downtown NorthWestern Energy substation. The 4,000 square foot piece features a variety of mediums including poetry, traditional artwork and ledger art—a style of Native American art depicted on account books—honoring the tribes who have inhabited this valley for centuries.

With the talents of eleven Indigenous language and visual artists—Frank Finely, Debra Magpie Earling, Vic Charlo, April Charlo, Aspen Decker, John Isaiah Pepion, David Dragonfly, Terrance Guardipee, Rachel Twoteeth-Pichardo, Monica Gilles-BringsYellow and more—each work reflects the artists' individuality while honoring their own cultures.

"This Indigenous mural installation will be visible to everyone walking along the Clark Fork River, wandering the Saturday morning market or enjoying East Caras and Bess Reed Parks; allowing them the opportunity to appreciate the amazing artwork and to learn more about the original stewards of this amazing place," says Karen Sippy, the Downtown Riverside Art Walls project manager.

Community members from Destination Missoula and TBID, Downtown Business Improvement District Board, North Riverside Parks and Trails Implementation, owners of Radius Gallery and Clayworks, Poteet Construction and others collaborated to help bring this vision to life.

Additional interpretive signage will allow viewers to learn more about the art, and its significance to the region's Indigenous populations.

PHOTO BY KASSIDY MALCOLM



Now entering its 23rd year, the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival is an Academy-qualified festival and the premier event for nonfiction film in the American West.

Hosting over 200 visiting artists, an average of 150 films, and an audience of over 20,000 over ten days, Big Sky offers a variety of exciting events at venues throughout downtown Missoula, including the DocShop Filmmaker's Forum, the Big Sky Pitch, educational screenings and so much more.



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SPORTS SPIRIT

You can hear the roar all over town. But it's no bear—well, not exactly. It's the sound of thousands of fans in the Washington-Grizzly Stadium cheering on their Montana Grizzlies. Decked out in maroon and silver, Griz fans are some of the loudest and most loyal college fans you'll meet. Everyone is a Griz fan in Missoula.

When they're not screaming themselves hoarse for the Griz, they cheer for the Missoula PaddleHeads baseball team. The PaddleHead's home base is at Ogren Park at Allegiance Field on the Clark Fork River, and nothing feels more like summer than sitting in this beautiful setting while listening to the crack of a bat making contact with a ball.

For those fans of sports that are a little more unique, you can cheer on the Missoula Curling Club, the Hellgate Roller Derby or the Griz Hockey Team.

During games, Washington-Grizzly Stadium becomes Montana's sixth largest town, with around 26,000 fans cheering for the University of Montana Grizzlies.



MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION

FORT MISSOULA REGIONAL PARK

In a place where the outfield is endless, it's no surprise Missoula is a draw for regional sports tournaments. The city's state-of-the-art Fort Missoula Regional Park boasts seven softball diamonds, 11 multipurpose fields, a dog park and 156 acres of recreation space. The landscape and architecture offer a nod to the area's past, complete with interpretive trails that tell its story, an all-inclusive playground, sports fields and courts—all modern and top-of-the-line. The facilities are perfect for tournament play, but also offer space for lawn games like croquet and bocce ball. The entire park is accessible by bike via the South Reserve Street pedestrian bridge, which connects with the community's other pathways. So even if you're just headed to the park to spectate, there's no excuse to not get in a workout—or at least try your hand at a couple rounds of bocce ball.

FORT MISSOULA REGIONAL PARK



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MULTI-SPORT
GRASS FIELDS

1
SYNTHETIC TURF
SPORTS FIELD

1
RUGBY
PITCH

7
SOFTBALL
DIAMONDS

8
TENNIS
COURTS

22
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HOME TEAMS

GRIZZLY ATHLETICS

The University of Montana offers 15 intercollegiate athletic programs for student-athletes. You can find the Grizzlies in action in a variety of sports from August through mid-May. There are also a variety of club teams to watch.

Locations vary; visit gogrizz.com for sports schedules.
406.243.4051 or 888.MONTANA, umt.edu/griztix

HELLGATE ROLLER DERBY

Roller derby fever hit Missoula in 2009 and has been rolling strong ever since. The Hellgate Roller Derby battles it out in league bouts from February to September.

500 E. Spruce St., hellgaterollerderby.org

MISSOULA PADDLEHEADS

The Missoula PaddleHeads are an independent baseball team of the Pioneer League. They play home games and host additional fun events at Ogren Park at Allegiance Field.

*Ogren Park at Allegiance Field, 700 Clegg Ln.
406.543.3300, gopaddleheads.com*

MISSOULA WILDFIRE FC

Missoula Wildfire FC is a pre-professional soccer team that will compete in U.S. professional soccer's fourth tier. Wildfire FC kicks off its inaugural season in 2026 and will host home matches in late May through July.

wildfirefc.com



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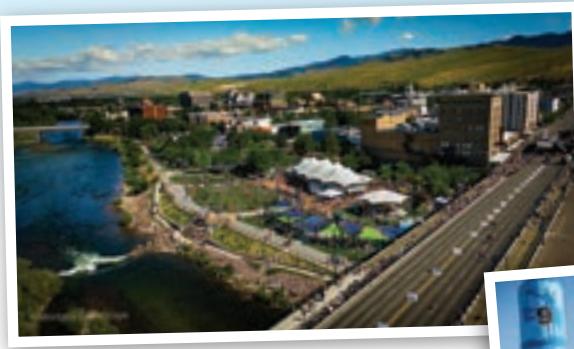


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MISSOULA MARATHON

How a community crosses the finish line.

Each June, thousands flock to Missoula to run the Missoula Marathon, a race that is steeped in a love for its community. This past year, more than 7,500 runners from 50 states and eight countries hit the pavement during marathon weekend.

This is a special race. Not only is the course flat and fast, it's also surrounded by breathtaking scenery as runners breeze over rivers and through the valley. From "Top 10 Races for Breathtaking On-Course Scenery," to "Top 5 Race-cations in the US," this is a race that is beloved by visitors and locals alike.

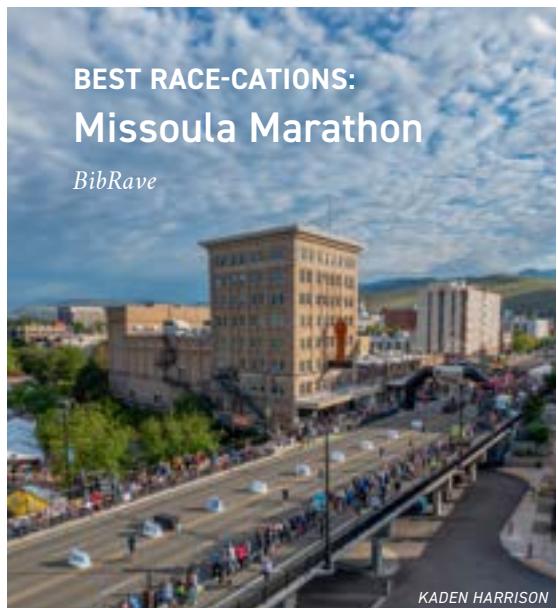
The marathon organizer—Run Wild Missoula—has been hosting group runs and races since the late '80s. Running in Missoula quickly became the best way to connect with people, while taking advantage of easier terrain and beautiful views. And thus, the marathon was born in 2007, paying homage to the culture that is so deeply intertwined with Missoula.

More than 600 volunteers hit the course before sunrise to support the runners, but they aren't the only locals who are showing out, spectators line the route to bring the energy to the runners who so desperately need a boost. The strong community presence is what keeps racers pushing towards that finish line.

This race is consistently ranked among the best and most beautiful races in the country. But it's not the accolades that keep racers running this route every year. The culture of the race—and Missoula itself—is enough to keep them coming back again and again. Learn more at MISSOULAMARATHON.ORG. See ad on page 35.

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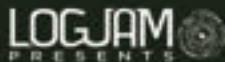
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MUSIC & NIGHTLIFE

The sounds of Shania Twain, Hozier, Kacey Musgraves, Brad Paisley, Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, Zach Top, Caamp and other famous musicians swell into the streets and rise up to the mountains on any given night. Music pulses through Missoula. You'll find local bands trying to make it big and bona fide rock stars on Missoula's stages. It's no wonder Missoula's music scene is considered the best in Montana and is gaining notoriety throughout the West.

Missoula is undeniably a music town. You can find live music any day of the week, and sometimes the biggest challenge is just picking which shows you want to see and which venues you want to hit first. Lineups include internationally known performers—think Elton John, the Rolling Stones and Guns N' Roses—along with up-and-coming artists, indie favorites with cult followings and local bands making their mark on the music scene. No matter the season you're visiting or the genre you're searching for, Missoula is bound to have a live show in the lineup.

Stay up-to-date with the latest musical happenings in Missoula by visiting MISSOULA.LIVE.

THERE'S NEVER A BAD SEAT IN THE HOUSE

The Wilma, a renovated historic theater, is known for having one of the best sound systems in the Northwest. Local indie artists enjoy more intimate settings, such as the ZACC Showroom, The Top Hat and Longstaff House. Big-name bands play for arena-sized crowds at the Washington-Grizzly Stadium and the Adams Center. Festivals throughout the summer, like the River City Roots Festival, bring in bands to perform on downtown stages.

Two outdoor amphitheaters combine some of Missoula's favorite things: the outdoors, live music and local beer. The Big Sky Brewing Company Amphitheater features a world-class stage set against Montana's big sky, and the KettleHouse Amphitheater is situated on the banks of the Blackfoot River. There's no better place to jam out than outside on a Montana summer evening. If you're looking for a venue that's a little more Missoula, Free Cycles shows feature local talent in a unique indoor-outdoor setting.

YOUR MISSOULA SOUNDTRACK: Get inspired with our playlist featuring Missoula musicians. Scan with the Spotify App to listen.



ZOOTOWN FESTIVAL: MUSIC AND MORE IN MISSOULA

This June, adventure gets an unforgettable soundtrack.

Great tunes and unforgettable experiences met in Missoula with the inaugural Zootown Festival this past July. The festival was a rousing success, and brought a weekend full of music to our corner of Montana. Zootown Festival is returning in 2026 on June 19-20, with a highly anticipated lineup featuring the musical stylings of The Lumineers, The Chicks, Rainbow Kitten Surprise, Tedeschi Trucks Band and more.

Zootown isn't just about the music, it's also a celebration of the festival's host city. There's plenty of fun to be had inside the festival gates, but when you're not jamming out to your favorite artists, there's so much more to explore in Missoula. This year, attendees will enjoy special offers from local breweries, restaurants and other vendors, and through the festival's partnership with GuideTime, attendees will be able to purchase half-day and full-day recreational excursions on the days before and after the festival (and morning activities on show days) to experience the unmatched natural beauty of our mountains and rivers, and fully embrace everything a Missoula summer has to offer. "I believe there are only a few truly iconic destinations in the U.S. ideal for hosting a festival of this caliber," shares festival partner and promoter Scott Osburn, "and to me, Missoula sits at the top of that list. Our goal is for the local and regional community to feel a deep sense of pride and ownership in this event, while giving visitors the chance to discover the unique spirit of Missoula, Montana." Missoula's newest summertime tradition is one we're looking forward to celebrating for many years to come.

Visit ZOOTOWNFESTIVAL.COM to learn more.

Missoula Venues

BIG SKY BREWING COMPANY AMPHITHEATER

This outdoor venue attracts national acts like the Decemberists, Luke Bryan and the Avett Brothers. Savoring a show here is the perfect way to spend a quintessential Missoula summer evening against the backdrop of rolling foothills and the big blue sky that gave the brewery and venue its name.

KETTLEHOUSE AMPHITHEATER

Situated on the banks of the Blackfoot River, this venue draws performers like Bonnie Raitt, the Lumineers, Nathaniel Rateliff and Sublime, who play under the stars while rafts float by behind them on the wildly scenic river.

THE WILMA

Retro elegance meets eclectic talent in this historic steel-framed Missoula “skyscraper” built in 1921. The landmark venue has brought the likes of Jeff Tweedy, Rainbow Kitten Surprise, Peter Frampton and Lyle Lovett to the heart of downtown Missoula.

TOP HAT LOUNGE

A Missoula staple, the Top Hat offers great food, tasty drinks and killer live music, all year round. This intimate venue is perfect for getting to know beloved local acts as well as big-name entertainers like Tyler Childers, Ty Segall and more.

ADAMS CENTER/WASHINGTON-GRIZZLY STADIUM

Sir Paul McCartney, Pearl Jam, Pink and the Rolling Stones have rocked Missoula to the tops of the mountains and back at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, while the Adams Center has hosted big-name artists like Florida Georgia Line and Elton John.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT MISSOULA?

“The endless nights of live music.”

Zoe Malters



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OUR CALENDAR IS ALWAYS FULL

If you're planning a trip to coincide with one of Missoula's special events, you're going to need to visit again and again to catch it all.

The ceaseless beauty of Missoula can be fully appreciated by way of its events calendar, with indoor and outdoor activities all year long. Where else can you catch a wave and a show on the same block? While planning your trip, consider this helpful list packed with festivals and celebrations. Some are annual, others are monthly and weekly. The Big Sky Documentary Film Festival in February is Montana's largest and the region's premier festival for nonfiction films, where reality plays itself. April features the world's longest-running International Wildlife Film Festival. Each May, the Garden City BrewFest proves why Missoula was named one of the Top 10 Cities for Beer Drinkers by SmartAsset. Among infinite choices for summer fun, you can enjoy the Missoula Marathon in June and the fireworks at PaddleHeads baseball games in July. Join us for the River City Roots Festival in August, the Montana Book Festival in September and Holidays on Higgins in December. Our calendars are definitely full around here, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Community Celebration	January
Big Sky Documentary Film Festival	February
Winter Brew Fest	February
International Wildlife Film Festival	April
Kyivo Pow Wow Celebration	April
MaggotFest	May
Garden City BrewFest	May
Juneteenth Celebration	June
Missoula Pride Parade	June
Missoula Marathon	June
Zootown Festival	June
Independence Day Celebration at Fort Missoula	July
International Choral Festival (every two years, next festival: July 2027)	July
Garden City River Rod Run	July
Western Montana Fair	August
River City Roots Festival	August
Missoula Symphony in the Park	August
Montana State Hemp & Cannabis Festival	September
Maverick BrewFest	September
Montana Book Festival	September
UM Homecoming Weekend	October
GermanFest	October
Indigenous Peoples' Day Powwow	October
Montana Film Festival	October
In the Footsteps of Norman Maclean Festival	October
Festival of Remembrance	November
Brawl of the Wild (every two years, next game: Nov. 2027)	November
Holidays on Higgins (formerly Parade of Lights)	December
Missoula on Main (formerly First Night Missoula)	December



INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL

Missoula's own International Wildlife Film Festival offers a look at animals that people wouldn't normally get to see. IWFF is the longest ongoing festival devoted to wildlife films in the world, showcasing wildlife films of all kinds. WildWalk, the annual animal parade down Higgins Ave., always kicks off the festival week with an unconventional parade that is weird in the best way.

This year's festival takes place April 18-23, 2026. Visit WILDLIFEFILMS.ORG for more information.

MISSOULA MARKETS

CLARK FORK MARKET

This year-round farmers market boasts locally-produced meat, dairy products, fruits, veggies, flowers, baked goods, live music, coffee, a bar, and vendors who dish up breakfast and lunch.

*Saturdays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. May – October
225 S. Pattee St.*

*Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. November – April
208 Ryman St., Downtown Missoula
clarkforkmarket.com*

MISSOULA FARMERS MARKET

Nearly 100 local vendors are on hand to offer their produce, plants, flowers, breads, and coffee.

*Saturdays 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
May – October in Circle Square
at the north end of Higgins Avenue
Downtown Missoula
missoulafarmersmarket.org*

TUESDAY EVENING FARMERS MARKET

Stock up on produce, plants, flowers, and breads from local vendors.

*Tuesdays 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
June – September
Circle Square at the north end of
Higgins Avenue, Downtown Missoula
missoulafarmersmarket.org*

MISSOULA MAKERS MARKET

A thoughtfully curated market where local artists sell handmade goods. Visit their brick-and-mortar store year-round, or their weekly market at Downtown ToNight from June – August.

*112 N Front St.
Visit mslmakers.com for market dates.*

MISSOULA PEOPLES MARKET

Dozens of craftspeople showcase their photography, jewelry, clothing, soap, glass art, and other handmade items.

*Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
May – September, W. Pine St.
Downtown Missoula
missoulapeoplesmarket.org*

MISSOULA VALLEY WINTER MARKET

Farmers market promoting local produce, meat, eggs and other farm goods as well as locally roasted coffee, baked goods, prepared breakfast and lunch items, and handmade arts and crafts.

*November – April
Saturdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Southgate Mall, 2901 Brooks St.
facebook.com/mslavallywintermarket*

ORCHARD HOMES' FARMERS MARKET

Small farmers market providing vegetables, fruits, baked goods, farm-fresh eggs, jewelry, jams and jellies, and a variety of other crafts.

*Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
January – March
Thursdays 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
late June – October
2537 S. 3rd St. W.
(Orchard Homes Country Life Club),
facebook.com/OrchardHomesFarmersMarket*

INDIGENOUS MONTANA MADE MARKETS

Indigenous Made Montana is owned and operated by Native American women and holds several markets throughout the year where Indigenous makers showcase and sell their work.

*Visit indigenousmademontana.com/events
for market dates.*

MISSOULA, MONTANA: Best Farmers Market 2022 *USA Today*



RECURRING EVENTS

DOWNTOWN TONIGHT AND MAKERS MARKET

Free family event. Enjoy live music, food vendors, a beer garden, and activities for kids.

*Thursdays 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., June – August
Caras Park, Downtown Missoula
missouladowntown.com*

FIRST FRIDAY

Browse downtown galleries, museums and businesses to see new exhibits and the latest creations of local artists.

*First Friday of the month 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Downtown Missoula
destinationmissoula.org/blog/first-fridays-missoula*

MISSOULA OUTDOOR CINEMA

Watch beloved children's movies, quirky independent films and cult classics on a huge screen under the stars.

*Sunset (times vary) Fridays, July – August
Various locations
frontstepclt.org/news-events*

OUT TO LUNCH

Montana's longest running festival featuring live music and over 20 food vendors.

*Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., June – August
Caras Park, Downtown Missoula
missouladowntown.com*

SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

The Missoula City Band plays free weekly summer concerts at Bonner Park.

*Wednesdays 7:30 p.m., late June – mid-August
Bonner Park, corner of Ronald Ave. and Hastings St.
missoulacityband.org*

TEN SPOON VINEYARD & WINERY WINE TASTINGS

Taste award-winning wines, enjoy live music and bring a full picnic basket! Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome.

*Fridays 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., November – March
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
April – October
406.549.8703, 4175 Rattlesnake Dr.
tenspoon.com*

MISSOULA, MONTANA: The 9 Best Small-Town Pride Festivals in the U.S. *Matador Network*



Visit Destination Missoula's event listings at DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/EVENTS for the current schedule of everything happening in town.

SCAN FOR EVENTS



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

*The great outdoors,
right outside your door.*

Rugged and wild or laid-back and rambling, this natural playground has something for everyone.

Exploration and adventure come easy in Missoula, where the great outdoors are part of everyday life. Swoon-worthy wilderness calls from all directions. Pick a spot and grab your gear. No matter the weather, there's something for folks of all abilities. Indulge in your favorite activities on land or in the water. Try something new or practice a familiar skill. Bring your own equipment or find what you need from a local gear shop or rental provider. Missoula's got hiking trails and biking trails, ski hills and wandering hills, fishing rivers and floating rivers. And if you've got wheels, there are three major recreation areas just a few minutes' drive outside of town. Whether you're wanting to get your blood pumping, or are simply yearning to reconnect with nature, there are endless ways to experience the wild wilderness just beyond your doorstep.

Visit DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/OUTDOOR-RECREATION for more.

Celebrating
50 YEARS
of A River Runs Through It.

MISSOULA, MONTANA

10 Top Trout Towns: The Best Trout
Fishing in the U.S. *Field & Stream*

Start Your Adventure Here

RATTLESNAKE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND WILDERNESS

This 61,000-acre wilderness complex to the north of Missoula offers a variety of hiking, backpacking, horseback riding and bicycling opportunities on developed trails.

PATTEE CANYON RECREATION AREA

A favorite Missoula recreation area for years, this 3,200-acre spot has an abundance of ponderosa pines and a network of scenic trails for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

This 4,900-acre area offers off-road trails for hikers, equestrians, bicyclists and ATV enthusiasts. There are also two wheelchair accessible loops plus accessible parking and restrooms. Find breathtaking views on this 41-mile trail system and a forest-fire lookout at the road's end.

CLARK FORK RIVER

The Clark Fork River runs straight through the heart of Missoula, making it easily accessible for locals and visitors alike.

BLACKFOOT RIVER

The Blackfoot River has become one of the state's most popular due in part to its beautiful natural setting and the fame gained from the beloved novella and film *A River Runs Through It*.

BITTERROOT VALLEY AND RIVER

Western Montana's Bitterroot Valley spans 1.6 million acres of wilderness and contains an extensive trail system, 84 miles of river with world-renowned fishing access and a breathtaking canyon every few miles as you journey down Highway 93.

RELAX AND RESET IN MISSOULA

The perfect getaway for wellness-focused travelers.

Recharge and reconnect with the things you love in Missoula, where wellness is ingrained in the way we live, work, play, eat and explore. We nourish ourselves, body and soul, by supporting local farmers, ranchers, bakers and creators at every meal. We stretch our legs every chance we get, whether that means a quick walk along the river or a full day hitting the trails on foot, bike or even horseback. When it comes to relaxation, there's something to soothe your stress around every corner—spas, spin classes, stand-up paddleboard yoga, sensory deprivation float tanks, you name it.

At the end of the day, a getaway to Missoula should never leave you feeling drained or in need of a “detox”—quite the opposite, in fact. Missoula is the detox, and wellness is part of our culture.



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LET'S TAKE CARE OF *This Place*

This place is a special one, and whether you're visiting for a week or have called Missoula home for a lifetime—we can all do our part to protect Missoula and the surrounding area by recreating responsibly. That means staying on designated trails, respecting the people and wildlife around you, and leaving no trace. Respect this place not only for ourselves, but for each other, in order to make sure the valley is able to be enjoyed by its people and its wildlife for generations to come.

For more information on Missoula's Destination Stewardship Plan and how you can support it, see page 16 and visit DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/RECREATERESPONSIBLY.



Bringing your pup on your next adventure? Check out the top 20 things to do with your dog in Missoula.



A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

There's a famously good reason that locals go surfing on their lunch hour. It's the same reason that experts and newcomers go fly-fishing side by side in the middle of downtown and that freestyle kayaking competitions are hosted here. The Clark Fork River runs right through town. Just about everybody spends time on, in and around the river. Why not star in your own movie? We'll provide the iconic setting, the authentic extras, suitable gear and experienced guides. We'll even throw in a picnic lunch. From high-adrenaline whitewater to a relaxing float with a backdrop of ponderosa pines, mountain shorelines and bald eagles, come have a blast and splash around with us.



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© ALBERTON GORGE. RUN THE ATLAS

SURFING

Missoula was one of the first mountain towns on the map for river surfing, and thrill-seeking is on a whole new level here as more and more people are choosing to chase the nonstop ride of a rushing river. Watch surfers conquer Brennan's Wave from the newly opened ADA accessible waterfront terrace in Caras Park.

FLY FISHING

An angler's paradise, Missoula offers the perfect setting for a peaceful day of casting a fly rod on the river. With an impressive number of skilled, award-winning fishing outfitters and guides, three rivers, and Rock Creek's blue-ribbon trout stream, Missoula has been named one of the country's top 10 fly-fishing towns.

WHITEWATER RAFTING

Hitting the rapids is exhilarating no matter your vessel of choice, but whitewater rafting—led by any one of Missoula's several rafting guides—lends a sense of community to the whole experience. The nearby Alberton Gorge features some of the best rafting in the region, and is an easy 40 minute drive west. With a variety of rafting expeditions tailored to your needs and preferences, it's an adventure made for you.

TUBING/STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Whether gliding along a smooth lake surface or navigating the ebb and flow of a river, tubing and stand-up paddleboarding attract a wide range of water enthusiasts looking to relax under Montana's big sky. The Clark Fork Yacht Club is Missoula's premier tubing outfitter, equipping floaters with state of the art tubes, and a shuttle service from downtown Missoula to one of the river's most popular put-ins. All you need to do is bring the cooler!

KAYAKING

Kayaking draws quite the crowd with Brennan's Wave, in the heart of downtown. A wave system created in memory of a local kayaker, Brennan's Wave brings Montana's outdoors into Missoula's city limits.



Download Missoula's river map:
DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/RIVERS

Watch Missoula's
 River Safety Video



RIVERWISE RECREATION: DIVE INTO THE FUN RESPONSIBLY

Missoula boasts three pristine rivers—Clark Fork, Blackfoot and Bitterroot—making it an outdoor haven. As river enthusiasts and recreators, it is up to us to preserve the health and vitality of these waters. Follow these tips for a seamless (and responsible!) river adventure:

1. PACK IN, PACK OUT: Check weather and terrain, have a backup plan, and arrive early to avoid congestion at access points. Leave glass at home, pick up trash, use designated restrooms and respect private property. Let's do our part to leave the river better than we found it.

2. TREAD LIGHTLY: Opt for eco-friendly transport like the UM River Shuttle, zero-fare Mountain Line or carpooling.

3. PROTECT THE FLOW : Be updated on alerts like the Hoot Owl Fishing Restriction, which outlines hours to fish during hot stretches in order to protect species and habitats. Visit FWP.MT.GOV for more info.

PRO TIP: Keep an eye out for Missoula's River Ambassadors. They're like river sidekicks, decked out in bright shirts at access points, parking areas and even on stand-up paddleboards and kayaks. They've got all the insider info on parking, riverbank care, safety and more.

If you plan to recreate on any state lands and rivers, anyone over the age of 12 requires a conservation license in order to access them. Find more information at FWP.MT.GOV.



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OF *This* Place**

RESPECT THE FLOW
Do your part. No one likes a trashy river.



HIT THE TRAIL

Welcome to 360 degrees of awesome via Missoula's astonishingly vast network of hiking and biking trails. You can pace yourself according to elevation gain and distance and there are trailheads almost everywhere: along the riverfront or at the base of any mountain or foothill. You'll be rewarded with views of snow-capped peaks, the shape of the river as it carves through downtown, profusions of wildflowers and likely even a few deer. Take your pick from switchbacks galore as well as trails hugging the edges of hillsides.

Catch the sunrise from one of Missoula's many peaks and watch the valley take its morning bath in mesmerizing early light. The birdsongs and dew-drenched grasses make it all worthwhile. You can bookend your day with a breathtaking portrait of the sunset from yet another mountaintop, giving new meaning to the phrase "paint the town." If you'd rather not navigate it solo, there are a number of skilled outfitters nearby who would be happy to lead the way. By foot or on wheels, Missoula has a path with your name on it. Many, actually.

Missoula is a prime location for trail running, with several trail races taking place here throughout the year for both amateurs and professionals. Runners flock from all over to compete in these races that take place in this unmatched setting. If you're looking for your next race destination, Missoula is the perfect spot to celebrate after crossing the finish line, with post-run celebrations that last all weekend long.

Learn more at DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/HIKING.



**LET'S TAKE CARE
OF *This Place***

OWN YOUR FOOTPRINT.
Protect what's wild so it
stays that way.

ALL-ABILITIES RECREATION IN MISSOULA



In Missoula, we take pride in being a city for everyone. From transportation, to accommodations and activities, there's plenty of ways for folks of all abilities to enjoy a getaway to Missoula. With ADA accessible trails connecting you to every corner of the valley, there's no shortage of routes to take in the views from anywhere in town, and with sensory-friendly experiences available at some of the city's biggest and best attractions—both indoor and outdoor—we can say that Missoula's a city for everyone and mean it.

Looking to get outside? Join Missoula Adaptive Recreation & Sports, a nonprofit that provides adaptive recreational opportunities such as biking, skiing, hockey and rafting throughout the seasons. Wheelchair-friendly trails across town allow access to some of the most scenic parts of the city, from Kim Williams, Greenough Park and Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness.

Scan the QR code for information on accessible ways to explore Missoula.



Can't-Miss Hikes

Hiking in Missoula is one of those activities almost anyone can appreciate.

From summing steep peaks to peaceful, leisurely strolls, it's one of Missoula's most popular pastimes.

THE "M" (MOUNT SENTINEL)

A quick hike that's all about the incline, ascending the "M" offers the quintessential snapshot of Missoula Valley as far as the eye can see.

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN: 1.5 MILES

WATERWORKS HILL

Multiple trails encourage exploration and every bend offers something new. Hike to the ever-evolving rock and stone peace sign that has been crafted by the community.

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN: 0.7 MILES

THE "L" (MOUNT JUMBO)

A system of trails spreads out in all directions, and in the spring the arrowleaf balsamroot flower paints the entire face of the mountain yellow.

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN: 1 MILE

BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

Succumbing to the wilderness surrounding Missoula, these trails deliver sweeping views and a sense of out-of-town adventure among their many twists and turns.

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN: 6.2 MILES

PATTEE CANYON RECREATION AREA

Several trails crisscross acres of a thickly wooded forest where getting lost is as easy as finding your way back.

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN: 6.5 MILES

RATTLESNAKE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND WILDERNESS

Five miles from downtown, you'll find this spectacular area with 60,000 acres and a system of trails that open up new pockets of nature for all who venture in.

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN: RATTLESNAKE TRAILHEAD: 5 MILES

MOUNT DEAN STONE

New trails continue to open on this 4,200 acre complex, including the Barmeyer Trail, the single-track Inez Creek Trail, and the House of Sky Trail — Mount Dean Stone's latest addition.

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN: 3.5 MILES



📍 RATTLESNAKE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA & WILDERNESS. KASSIDY MALCOLM

BIKING

With easy and immediate access available to all forms of biking, Missoula's cycling culture is reflective of Missoula itself; eco-friendly, embracing the outdoors and always on the move. Hundreds of miles of biking trails crisscross the land and offer stunning vistas.

Major mountain biking trail systems run through the Rattlesnake Recreation Area, Pattee Canyon and Blue Mountain, offering miles of single track only minutes from downtown. The Clark Fork Riverfront Trail System links to biking trails in the Deer Creek and Marshall Mountain areas. Snowbowl isn't just for skiing, hit the snow-free slopes with your bike for some serious downhill action. Head south and you'll find the Bitterroot Trail, a 50-mile paved path that connects Missoula and Hamilton. It's the perfect way to explore the charming towns along the way, complete with amazing views of the Bitterroot Mountains.

From bike races to local community rides, there's a group for every type of cyclist. With a well established pathway system, and designated bike lanes on most main thoroughfares, Missoula keeps cycling accessible and stress-free for all riders.

MISSOULA, MONTANA:

America's Best Running Trails *Run, 2025*

RUNNING

The Missoula Marathon was ranked the #1 marathon in the U.S. by BibRave and The Runner's Edge in downtown Missoula was named the Best Running Store in the U.S., so it's safe to say Missoula loves to run. And with all the trails and wide-open spaces, it's no wonder. As many as 40 organized races are held here each year, where Run Wild Missoula is a way of life.



📍 WATERWORKS. KADEN HARRISON

ZIP LINING

For the dry-land thrill seeker, or anyone who craves the sensation of flying, Montana Snowbowl ski area boasts a collection of zip lines in the summer that are sure to pump your adrenaline into overdrive.

FALL FOR MISSOULA

Even in autumn you can keep your heart rate up by biking and hiking around town, and the golfing season can be surprisingly long, starting as early as March and continuing well into October. From water's edge to summit, birding and hunting are popular pastimes. Opportunities for exploration aren't all limited to those summer days of late twilight. So, pack up your gear and don't forget your layers: you'll have a new perspective in no time.

MISSOULA, MONTANA:

Outdoor Enthusiasts and Nature Lovers Can't Get Enough

Forbes, 2025



STAY SEEN, STAY SAFE. During hunting season, make sure you stand out on the trail. Wear bright or fluorescent colors—like orange, red, or pink—so you can easily be seen.

© BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA. HOLLY GANNETT

BIRDING

With infinite locales available in minutes, you can spot your next yellow warbler or great horned owl by lunchtime and be back on the search for a bald eagle before you know it.

DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/BIRDING

GOLFING

Gorgeous green spaces meet relaxation at any one of Missoula's seven golf courses. Most are open to the public and feature mature trees and sweeping fairways underneath Montana's big sky. Missoula is also home to Montana's only links course, The Ranch Club.

DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/GOLFING

HUNTING

Autumn's shifting colors signal the beginning of a long tradition in Montana. Hunting here is not merely a sport or remotely a chore, but a way of life that carries a history and love of the wild with it.

DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/HUNTING

DISC GOLF

Looking for a relaxing weekend activity as temps start to dip? Look no further than "folf," or disc golf if you're not in the know. Missoula features several courses that complement the surrounding scenic areas—like Blue Mountain's year-round course and Pattee Canyon, Fort Missoula and Snowbowl's seasonal courses—with all offering fun and challenging rounds of disc golf in beautiful settings. Missoula's Garden City Flyers Disc Golf Club connects people with opportunities for both casual and more official competitive play in town and around the state. DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/DISC-GOLF



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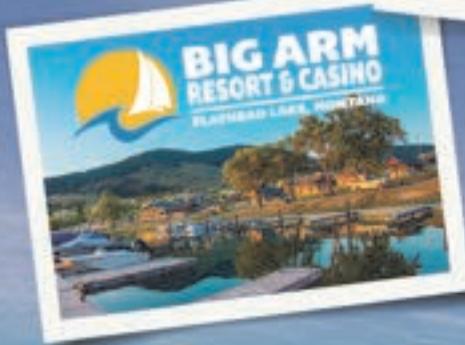
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WINTER WONDERLAND

We know a thing or two about winter out here, and we can say with confidence that it's not a season for hunkering down. Winters are long in Missoula, but days are short, and we take advantage of every second. Whether we're shredding that sweet, sweet powder, or enjoying our favorite hike on spikes, a little snow never got us down. With every winter sport from skiing to curling right at your fingertips, this is a season that's easy to embrace.



MISSOULA, MONTANA: The Ultimate Ski and Stay, Long Weekend, Small Town Montana Road Trip

Forbes

SLEDDING AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

Blue Mountain Recreation Area offers year-round outdoor fun, with 4,900 acres and 41 miles of trail to explore. Blue Mountain is a quick 15 minute drive from downtown Missoula, and makes for a convenient place to bust out the sleds once winter coats the trails with snow. You'll find folks sledding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and letting their dogs play in the powder.

ICE SKATING

Ice skating can be enjoyed indoors and out in Missoula. Head to the Glacier Ice Rink for skating at the Missoula Fairgrounds, check for public skate hours at the University of Montana campus ice rink, and enjoy the crisp winter air at Pineview Park's seasonal outdoor rink.

FAT BIKING IN THE RATTLESNAKE

Don't give up biking for the season just because of a little snow! Fat biking allows folks to explore Missoula's mountain biking trails in every season, and Rattlesnake National Recreation Area boasts some of the best fat biking around.

Ski the West

Winter in Montana is a wonderland of deep, fluffy, white powder. And Missoula is the perfect basecamp for your wild winter experience. Here, you're just a stone's throw away from five ski areas, and with so many runs just waiting to be shredded, it's kind of a no brainer.

MONTANA SNOWBOWL is right in Missoula's backyard. Within minutes you can go from city streets to snow globe, complete with fresh soft powder and a rustic lodge serving wood-fired pizza and bloody marys talked about far and wide. The ski area offers exciting runs on well-groomed terrain for skiers of all experience levels.

25 MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN MISSOULA

BLACKTAIL MOUNTAIN offers affordable, family-friendly skiing with stunning views of Flathead Lake and a unique top-to-bottom run. Beat the crowds and pricey lift tickets at one of Montana's best-kept secrets.

2 1/2 HOURS NORTH OF MISSOULA

LOOKOUT PASS lets you straddle the Montana/Idaho border, hone your skills at their famous ski school, and warm up in one of the oldest ski lodges in the northwest. Experience a brand new lift that brings skiers to an additional 500 acres of powder! See ad on page 52.

1 1/2 HOURS WEST OF MISSOULA

LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN is a true Montana treasure loved by beginners and experts alike. You'll find more snow here than any other resort in Montana. Waist-deep powder and authentic winter fun are yours for the taking. See ad on page 61.

2 HOURS SOUTH OF MISSOULA

DISCOVERY SKI AREA is known around here as "Disco" and has all the beautiful views, wide-open slopes, groomed runs and moguls you need for an epic day of powder play, not to mention all the nordic ski trails in the surrounding area. Don't miss their warm chocolate chip cookies!

1 1/2 HOURS SOUTHEAST OF MISSOULA



BUNDLE UP FOR THESE ANNUAL WINTER EVENTS

Snow doesn't slow the buzz of activity around Missoula—in fact, it gives us more ways to play! There's always something going on around town, including our list of annual winter events worth braving the cold for.

OCTOBER

- University of Montana Hockey Games (Oct.–Feb.)
- Griz and Lady Griz Basketball Games (Oct.–March)
- Annual Pray for Snow Party

DECEMBER

- Holidays on Higgins
- Carriage Rides Downtown
- Missoula Symphony's Holiday Pops! Concert
- Holiday MADE Fair
- Santa at Southgate Mall
- The Nutcracker by Garden City Ballet
- The Enchanted Christmas Village at 9 Mile Schoolhouse (Huson, MT)
- Missoula on Main
- Holiday Showings at The Roxy Theater (all winter long)

JANUARY

- Resolution Run 5K
- Missoula Symphony's Family Concert
- Missoula Telemark Challenge (Thursday nights in January and February)

FEBRUARY

- Winter BrewFest
- Big Sky Documentary Film Festival
- Snowbowl Gelände Jump
- Snow Joke Half Marathon

PHOTO BY KADEN HARRISON

NORDIC ADVENTURES AND WINTER TREKS

In and around Missoula's city limits, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing provide a fun and fresh way to get outside and enjoy the beauty of a Missoula winter. Several places in town provide affordable rentals, and trails range from quick loops through town, to scenic treks through the snow-covered forest.

LOLO PASS has some of the most reliable snow in the region, offering eight miles of groomed trails for skate and classic skiing and a significant network of groomed multi-use trails.

LOOKOUT PASS SKI TRAILS are known for generous snowfall and are located next to and part of the snowmobile trail system. There are nine ungroomed trails that total 7.3 miles of cross-country exploration.

LUBRECHT FOREST maintains more than 12 miles of dog-friendly ski trails, and you can make it an overnight excursion with a Lubrecht cabin or lodge rental.

PATTEE CANYON RECREATION AREA is set in a beautiful, lush wooded canyon near Missoula and offers a mix of flat and hilly groomed skate and classic trails.

RATTLESNAKE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA offers 61,000 acres of stunning, glaciated terrain in some of Montana's premier urban wilderness, blending the best of both wilderness and civilization. The main Rattlesnake and side drainages are readily accessible to cross-country skiers.

SEELEY CREEK NORDIC SKI TRAILS are a series of linked groomed ski trails in one of Montana's most-desired recreation areas. Skiers can take their pick of a short, medium or long route.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA GOLF COURSE is in the heart of Missoula's University District, and as the snow covers the green, offers two nordic skiing loops for those wanting to get outside without trekking too far. The west loop is dog-friendly, so make sure to bring your furry friends along for the ride.

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SEELEY LAKE—tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range—is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. From town, snowmobilers can explore over 230 miles of groomed trails in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafés and backcountry lakes.

GARNET boasts a 116-mile trail system for snowmobilers and skiers, complete with spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness, and the Pintler Range. The 31.5-mile Garnet National Winter Recreation Trail takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and the surrounding area.

HAUGAN offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities, combining vast riding possibilities with a family-friendly atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops with designated trails, open meadows and scenic views.

MISSION MOUNTAIN trails offer up-close exploration of this picturesque range. Because the trails are on the Flathead Indian Reservation, snowmobilers need special recreation permits widely available at gas stations and convenience stores on the reservation.

GUIDING SERVICES

Whether you're trying a new activity or want to experience a pastime in a new way, there's a guide out there who's ready to help you explore. These sportsmen and women are experts in their niches—from birdwatching to backpacking—and even better, they help to ensure that you and your crew are recreating safely and responsibly. They sweat the details, so you can have the day trip of a lifetime.

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blueheronnaturetours.com
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clarkforkyachtclub.com

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trailadventures.com

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406.214.0245
montanariverguides.com
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406.214.6177
montanawoodboattours.com
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406.813.0595, rivercitybrews.com

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11111 Mullan Rd. E., Superior, MT
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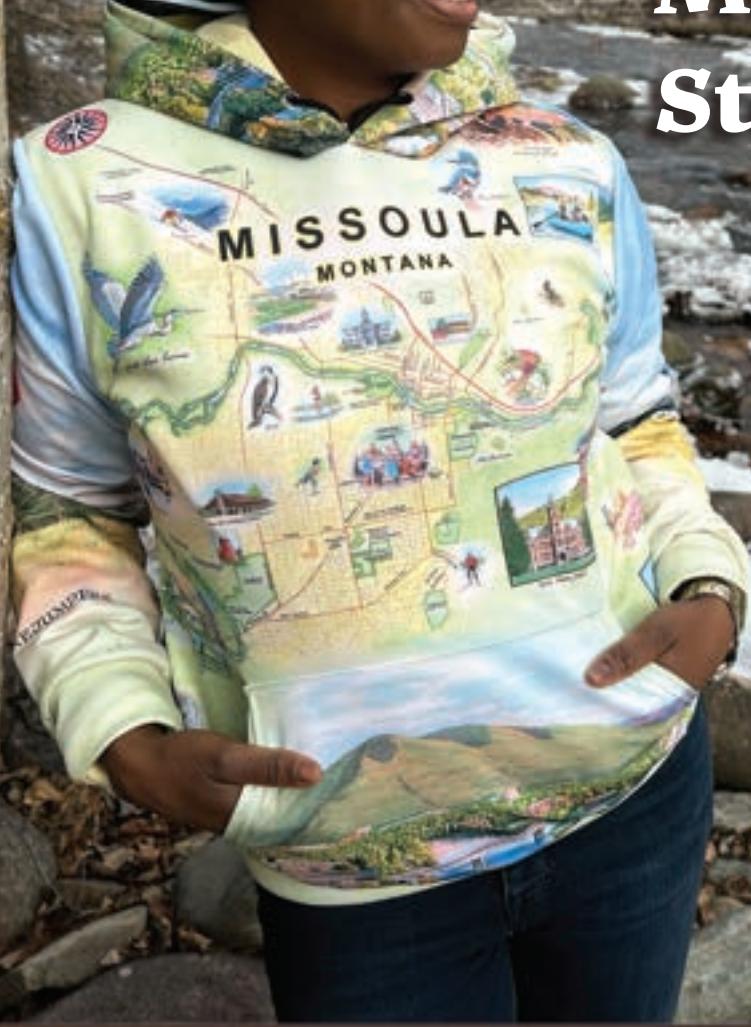
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Building 26, Fort Missoula Rd.
406.329.3511, fs.usda.gov/r1

MISSOULA RANGER DISTRICT & LOLO NATIONAL FOREST SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

24 Fort Missoula Rd.
406.329.3750, fs.usda.gov/lolo

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MISSOULA FIELD OFFICE

3255 Fort Missoula Rd.
406.329.3914
blm.gov/office/missoula-field-office

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS REGION 2

3201 Spurgin Rd., 406.542.5500
fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/regions/region2

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420 Barret St., Dillon, MT
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88 Main St, Stevensville, MT 59870
406.777.5461
fs.usda.gov/bitterroot

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650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT
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MONTANA STATE PARKS

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Confluence area: 7363 Juniper Dr.
406.542.5561
fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/milltown

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montanacyclocross.com

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bigskyhorsepark.org

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MT-83 Seeley Lake, MT
406.677.2777, doublearrowresort.com

DUNROVIN RANCH

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406.273.7745
dunrovinranchmontana.com

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1268 Bandmann Trail,
East Missoula, MT
406.721.0222, canyonrivergolfclub.com

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17775 Mullan Rd., Frenchtown, MT
406.626.4000, kingranchmt.com

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3200 Fort Missoula Rd.
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208.744.1301, skilookout.com
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MISSOULA NORDIC SKI CLUB

Missoula Nordic Ski Club maintains the trails at Lubrecht Experimental Forest, Pattee Canyon Recreation Area, Rattlesnake Recreation Area, and University of Montana Golf Course.
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SEELEY LAKE NORDIC SKIING

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For avalanche updates, call the West Central Montana Avalanche Foundation 406.549.4488.
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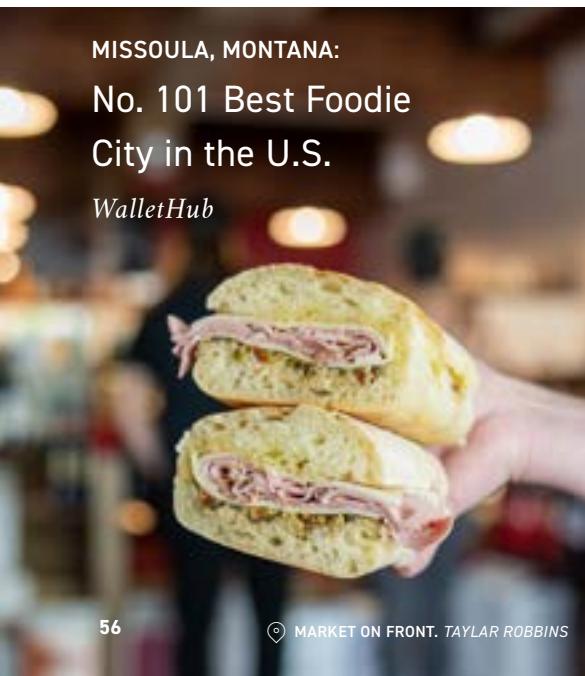
SAVOR THE LOCAL FLAVOR

An amazing food scene is part of the charm.

A heads up for foodies visiting Missoula: You're in for some truly delectable and diverse dining when you come to town. And it's no wonder—the creative minds in Missoula's kitchens have serious skills and a passion for creating dishes worth writing home about (and easy access to an abundance of local, fresh ingredients doesn't hurt either). No matter what you're craving, there's a handcrafted dining experience to tempt you for any meal of the day. From ultra-friendly breakfast joints (The Breakfast Club, The Trough) and one-of-a-kind food trucks (Gary's Local, Aikos, Clove Cart Pizza, or Garden City Taqueria) to take-out Brazilian combos (Five on Black) and counter-style East Indian (Masala) to classy elegance (The Keep) and happy hour heaven (please run, do not walk, to Plonk—you can thank us later), you'll find an array of cuisines to please any palate. The only hard part about eating in Missoula? The challenge of choosing where to have your next meal! Here's one mouthwatering master plan: Start the day with a fresh brew and light breakfast from Clyde Coffee, where they roast their own beans



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and make their delicious baked goods in-house. Explore a mountain trail to work up your appetite for a picnic lunch (take your pick of fresh to-go fare at a farmers market, Double K Ranch Deli, or Tagliare Delicatessen), then hit the river until it's time to relax with a refreshing beverage at one of our top-notch craft cocktail locations (like Bar Plata!). Wrap up your culinary tour with a prime spot for dinner (Saketome or The Camino). Hungry yet?



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Where to Eat in Missoula

We know, it can be tough to choose between Missoula's seemingly endless array of bars and eateries. That's why we're sharing a few of our favorite go-to spots for every occasion. And that's just the start.

GOURMET

FLORABELLA: Cozy yet refined setting with curated Italian wines and homemade pasta dishes.
BOXCAR BISTRO: French-inspired cuisine in an elegant detailed yet casual atmosphere.
THE STABLES: A new downtown wine bar and restaurant (with a full bar and craft beer offerings) featuring a menu inspired by classic cuisine.
BRASSERIE PORTE ROUGE: This French-inspired eatery has good food, great wine and a cute wrap-around bar. What's not to love?

VEGAN & VEGETARIAN

RAGHEEF & KAMOON RESTAURANT: Authentic Arabic cuisine serving flavorful lunch and dinner options.
KOH CHANG THAI: This eatery offers fresh ingredients and a rotating chef's special.
MASALA: Authentic Indian dishes, scratch-made with locally sourced ingredients.
VEERA DONUTS: Unique donuts and savory breakfast options, all 100% vegan.
GREEN SOURCE: Organic smoothies, fresh pressed juices, salads, bowls, broths and more.

GRAB & GO

GOOD FOOD STORE: The in-store deli, salad bar, hot bar, pizza oven and cafe offer breakfast, lunch and dinner options.
MARKET ON FRONT: Gourmet sandwiches and salads in an urban market.
TAGLIARE DELICATESSEN: Contemporary Italian deli with specialty food and wine.
NOTORIOUS P.I.G.: Slow-cooked meats inspired by the barbecues of St. Louis.
CATALYST2GO: Wholesome, delicious, ready-to-eat breakfast and lunch items and take-home-and-heat foods.

BISON

1889: An upscale Montana steakhouse that serves a bison filet.
BLUE CANYON KITCHEN & TAVERN: Enjoy bison and elk menu items at this Reserve Street eatery.
THE STILL ROOM: Locally sourced, from-scratch dishes best enjoyed on the patio.
JAMES BAR: Hearty American fare in a laid-back bar.
TAMARACK BREWING CO.: Their bison tacos and bison burger pair well with their house-brewed beer.

WHERE TO CATCH A GAME

PARADISE FALLS: American comfort food in an easygoing tavern.
PRESS BOX: American grub and draft beer in a sports-themed setting.
THOMAS MEAGHER BAR: Irish restaurant offering pub food, a lengthy whiskey list and screens galore.

FARM TO TABLE

BASAL: Clean eating – from smoothies to grab & go options.
BIGA PIZZA: Beer, wine, salads and brick oven pizza from scratch, showcasing local, seasonal ingredients.
THE CAMINO: Traditional Mexican kitchen and agave bar.
IRON GRIZ: With produce grown and harvested on-site, this summer dining spot offers elevated dining with sweeping views of the valley.
DOUBLE K RANCH DELI: Sandwiches, salads and more featuring meats raised and processed locally.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

HIGHLANDER BREWING: Local brews, pizza and a creekside patio area to enjoy them on.
THE MONTANA CLUB: Steakhouse, seafood and a full bar with multiple locations.
EL CAZADOR: Hearty Mexican dishes in a comfortable, laid-back setting.
CIAO MAMBO: Italian dishes and wine in an art-filled atmosphere.

BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

THE TROUGH: Home-grown grub in a gourmet market.
LIQUID PLANET GRILLE: A sit-down spot for hearty breakfast and lunch complete with a full coffee bar.
THE OLD POST: American pub food with a gourmet touch in downtown Missoula.
CAMBIE TAPHOUSE + COFFEE: Café and restaurant with stunning patio views of Mt. Sentinel.
FSK: This neighborhood eatery is serving up classic fare with unique twists.

DINING WITH A VIEW

THE DEN BY MARKET ON FRONT: A neighborhood restaurant serving scratch-made food and valley views all day.
FINN: Steak and seafood paired with waterfront dining on the Clark Fork River.
THE KEEP: Upscale eatery with panoramic mountain and city views.
THE PATIO AT RATTLESNAKE MARKET: This neighborhood market and eatery offers elevated dining with stunning views of the nearby mountains.

BEST BURGERS

TOP HAT: Unique, house-made dishes in a live-music venue.
WALLY & BUCK: Creative burgers made with local ingredients.
IRON HORSE: Bar and grill with daily happy hour specials.
MISSOULA CLUB: This Missoula institution's burgers are no frills and all flavor.

FOOD TRUCKS

Missoula's food truck scene is one to savor. These unique vehicular vendors can be found truckin' around Missoula all year long, serving up food that is as diverse as the city itself. You'll also find food trucks seasonally at festivals and events like the Clark Fork River Market, Downtown ToNight and Out to Lunch in Caras Park. Visit Missoula's own Garden City Taqueria for a mean burrito, and mix things up with Zeera or Big Thai Country—as far as we're concerned, you can never have enough food truck fare. From BBQ, bison tacos and Big Dipper ice cream to tamales, Thai and teriyaki, the food truck culture in Missoula is one of dedication and borderline obsession. Mini doughnuts? There's a truck for that too.

Read about Missoula's many food trucks and locate one today at DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/FOOD-TRUCKS or FACEBOOK.COM/FOODTRUCKLOCATOR.MISSOULA.



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⌚ MAC LOVIN, MACKENZIE RIVER PIZZA. KADEN HARRISON

Top Sweet Treats

When you're on vacation, there's no better time to treat yourself. For inspiration, here are some of Missoula's finest sweet treats.



⌚ SWEET PEAKS ICE CREAM. TAYLAR ROBBINS



⌚ MONTANA MUD PIE, MUSTARD SEED. KADEN HARRISON



⌚ MOUNTAIN BERRY BOWLS. KASSIDY MALCOLM



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⌚ GREAT HARVEST BREAD CO. KADEN HARRISON



⌚ CARROT CAKE, PANGEA. ANNA SMIDT

EAT AROUND THE WORLD WITHOUT EVER LEAVING MISSOULA

Missoula's food scene is thriving, from James Beard award nominees taking residency in downtown hotspots, to local mainstays serving up dishes that feel like home. Among the ever-growing number of restaurants, coffee shops and food trucks that cover the city, more than 20 different nationalities are represented. These spots are treasured among locals, and the unique cuisine draws foodies from all over. A culinary landscape as diverse as ours is rare for this part of the country, with menus often centering around our exceptional Montana beef. Our international chefs offer a beautiful cultural melange, with Montana ingredients intertwining with traditional recipes, one complimenting the other.

In downtown alone, brick-and-mortar restaurants featuring Thai, Mexican, Japanese and French cuisines can be found, with Saketome, Masala and Brasserie Porte Rouge getting plenty of love from locals. Just down the street, hometown favorite Ciao Mambo serves up delicious Italian cuisine to satisfy every taste. Most outdoor events around here offer a fleet of locally-owned food trucks ready to serve hungry crowds, and among them, you'll find unique selections from Madeline's Mediterranean, Puma Peruvian Cuisine and Kamoon Arabian Cuisine, weekly staples that draw crowds when they circle up in Caras Park. Weekend farmers markets showcase stands where the Greek Kiosk and Ibn Al-Sham—a Syrian bakery—share delicious treats that bring us back each Saturday throughout the summer.

While the quality of our beef is unmatched, Montana is so much more than just steaks and burgers. If you're hoping to expand your culinary and cultural palette, the world is at your fingertips in Missoula.



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An advertisement for Lost Trail Ski Area. It features a large image of a skier in a red jacket performing a jump. The text "FIND YOURSELF AT LOST TRAIL" is prominently displayed in white and red, with "LOSTTRAIL.COM" below it. The Lost Trail Ski Area logo is in the top left. Social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram are at the bottom. Text at the bottom left includes "Avg. Snowfall: 300" and "69 Trails | 5 Lifts". The bottom right contains the address "Lost Trail Ski Area 9485 US HW-93 S | Sula, MT 59871 (406) 821.3211 | LostTrail.com".

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An advertisement for Worden's Market. It features four main sections: "DELICATESSEN" showing a large sandwich, "CATERING" showing various dishes and salads, "BEER AND WINE" showing a selection of bottles, and "MARKET" showing a display of cheeses and deli items. The Worden's Market logo is in the center. Text at the bottom right includes the address "451 N. Higgins Missoula, MT 59802 • (406) 549-1293 • wordens.com".

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DRINK UP, YOU'RE IN MISSOULA

Raise your glass.

From signature cocktails and local craft brews to an enticing selection of wine, expertly distilled spirits, and locally roasted coffee, there's plenty to drink in Missoula, no matter the occasion. Brewed-to-perfection espresso; masterbrew craft beers from traditional to cutting-edge; must-try distilled liquors; and ciders pressed from local apples. You'll discover that Missoula is equally good at wildlife and nightlife. Check out some historic watering holes for old-school dive-bar lovers, like Charlie B's, The Missoula Club, Stockman's Bar and The Oxford. Breweries in Missoula are landmark venues and family-friendly to boot. Plus, there's the sleek-yet-welcoming Montgomery Distillery, acclaimed for the "best gin in the world." There's the Top Hat (with its triple-arch Brunswick backbar) and The Dram Shop (with its everchanging and supremely astonishing variety). Hoping to hold the alcohol? We've got you. Locally brewed kombucha is not in short supply around here, with deliciously tart flavors on tap at most of your favorite spots. And we're always mixing something up, with no shortage of craft mocktails and cocktails featuring locally-sourced ingredients to whet your appetite.

A BREWFEST FOR EVERY SEASON

Here in Missoula, we're pretty proud of our water, but there's only one thing that rivals our rivers in terms of flow, and that's definitely our beer. We take beer seriously, and we also take any opportunity to get outside and drink it, rain or shine. This means a brewfest (or two!) every season to celebrate Missoula, its people and of course, its beer. A Missoula Brewfest takes place in Caras Park and showcases more than 20 Montana-made beers for festival-goers to sample, featuring some local food trucks and live music to really make it a party. Here's your comprehensive guide to one of our favorite downtown get-togethers, and the ways you can attend throughout the year:

WINTER BREWFEST (FEBRUARY)

The bears may be hibernating, but we don't have to! This is always a well deserved excuse to bundle up and get outside in the midst of a long winter. The best part? You'd be hard-pressed to find a warm beer around here.

GARDEN CITY BREWFEST (MAY)

The Brewfest to end all Brewfests! With temps starting to warm up, this event always signals the start of summer and the entire town takes advantage.

BACKCOUNTRY BREWFEST (JUNE)

Everything you love about a Brewfest, while supporting Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, and their mission to protect public lands.

FALL RENDEZVOUS BREWFEST (SEPTEMBER)

Hosted by the Montana Brewers Association, it's the state's best beers, all in one place!



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BREWERIES

BAYERN BREWING

Here, you'll find a wide selection of Bavarian master brews at Montana's oldest—and only dedicated German—brewery. Located upstairs is the Edelweiss Bistro, serving traditional German food. **F**

DON'T MISS: Face Plant Doppel Weizen
1507 Montana St., 406.721.1482
bayernbrewery.com

BIG SKY BREWING COMPANY

Big Sky Brewing strives to produce balanced, world-class beers, while having as much fun as possible.

DON'T MISS: Moose Drool Brown Ale
5417 Trumpeter Way, 406.549.2777
bigskybrew.com

CRANKY SAM PUBLIC HOUSE

Cranky Sam Public House is a brewery and full bar all in one downtown location. Their food menu is also top notch, serving up local favorites with Pacific flair. **W L F**

DON'T MISS: Tropical Blonde
233 W. Main St., 406.540.4325
crankysam.com

DRAUGHT WORKS BREWERY

A Westside taproom, Draught Works has a cool, industrial feel with a huge patio out front, ideal for warm-weather tasting. **W**

DON'T MISS: Pineapple Express Tropical IPA
915 Toole Ave., 406.541.1592
draughtworksbrewery.com

GILD BREWING

Missoula's hip strip upped its cool factor with craft beer, Mexican street food and a basement arcade. Get the goods at Gild. **W F**

DON'T MISS: Survey Says Mexican Lager
515 S. Higgins Ave., 406.926.3258
gildbrewing.com

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Locally owned, family-friendly brewery featuring traditional ales brewed with a West Coast flair. DON'T MISS: Smoke Chaser Porter
2230 McDonald Ave., 406.317.1557
greatburnbrewing.com

HIGHLANDER BEER – MISSOULA BREWING COMPANY

Missoula Brewing Company features a full line of traditional beer styles as well as some cutting-edge, knock-out, crazy-hopped and barrel-aged recipes of this modern age of craft brewing. **W F**

DON'T MISS: Strawberry Wheat
200 International Dr., 406.549.8193
highlanderbeer.com

IMAGINE NATION BREWING CO.

This community-oriented microbrewery not only serves an array of inventive craft brews—it serves as a popular Missoula gathering space. Check their calendar for live music, food trucks, and community event offerings and enjoy a beverage in the tasting room or in the outdoor beer garden.

DON'T MISS: Lupujus IPA (NA also available)
5646 W Harrier, 406.926.1251
imaginebrewing.com

KETTLEHOUSE BREWING CO.

The KettleHouse Brewing Company is a local favorite, and it's known as the birthplace of the award-winning Cold Smoke® Scotch Ale, just one of the must-have brews at KettleHouse. DON'T MISS: Bongwater Hemp Pale Ale

605 Cold Smoke Ave., Bonner, MT
406.728.1660, kettlehouse.com

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Venture just outside of Missoula to Lolo Peak Brewery, where you'll find a rustic taproom serving unique dishes and an impressive list of craft brews. **W F**

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6201 Brewery Way, Lolo, MT
406.493.6231, lolopeakbrewery.com

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W L F
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ODDPITCH BREWING

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DON'T MISS: Cold Fresh Joy Pilsner
1200 W. Kent Ave., Ste. 103
406.541.1007, oddpitch.com

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DISTILLERIES

LOLO CREEK DISTILLERY

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6610 US-12, Lolo, MT, 406.926.2803
lolocreekdistillery.com

MONTGOMERY DISTILLERY

The distillery opened its doors to sippers and swillers in 2012. Offering signature cocktails made with the distillery's Quicksilver Vodka and Whyte Laydie Gin, Montgomery also makes its own syrups and limited edition spirits. DON'T MISS: Single Malt Whiskey
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montgomerydistillery.com

CIDERIES

WESTERN CIDER

Missoula's first (and beloved) cidery offers a unique lineup of ciders. Check their website for a unique lineup of weekly events, featuring everything from Sunday morning yoga to square dancing. DON'T MISS: Poor Farmer

501 N. California St., 406.540.4477
westerncider.com

WINERIES

TEN SPOON VINEYARD AND WINERY

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4175 Rattlesnake Dr., 406.549.8703
tenspoon.com

Sip and Savor: COFFEE AND TEA

Missoula takes its caffeine seriously. Whether you're rolling through one of our (numerous!) local coffee huts before you set out on your adventures, or are languishing in a slow morning at an artisan shop with thoughtfully crafted food and drink, there's plenty of ways to get your fix.

DRINKS

BASECAMP

Connected to The Wren in downtown Missoula, this shop features a locally-sourced menu, with Black Coffee beans and pastries from various bakeries around town.

BERNICE'S BAKERY

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BLACK COFFEE ROASTING COMPANY

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Break is a Missoula fixture where students and families alike gather for great conversation and great coffee. A slice of their pie alone is worth the trip.

BUTTERFLY HERBS

Stock up on your favorite teas in bulk at Butterfly Herbs. You can also buy brewing and other kitchen accessories, as well as whole bean gourmet coffees. See ad on page 97.

CAFE FLORABELLA

Enjoy artisan coffee, fresh pastries and breakfast and lunch items in this sun-filled cafe.

CLYDE COFFEE

Hit the South Higgins location or the cafe's outpost in the Missoula Public Library for great coffee, good vibes and the much-talked-about avocado toast.

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DOG & BICYCLE

This relaxed Sawmill District spot is a coffee shop, bakery and cafe—try one of their breakfast burritos with your morning coffee.

DOG WASH CAFE

This new addition to Missoula's coffee shop scene serves local Drum Coffee and good eats from its location at the new LOGE Missoula hotel.

DRUM COFFEE

Fitz and the Tantrums drummer John Wicks and his wife started this Italian-inspired espresso bar that roasts its own coffee and also serves unique baked goods made in house.

FUNK IT COFFEE AND THRIFT

This cozy coffeehouse on Missoula's Northside is serving up delicious food and drink, and features a curated thrift store, because what's better than sipping and shopping?

HUNTER BAY COFFEE ROASTERS

This cafe on Missoula's Northside serves its own fresh-roasted coffee and locally sourced fare.

LAKE MISSOULA TEA COMPANY

Lake Missoula Tea Company offers thoughtfully sourced, premium loose-leaf teas from sustainable farms around the world, blended in-house in Missoula's downtown.

LE PETIT BAKEHOUSE

This Missoula mainstay is beloved by residents and businesses alike, with many of your favorite restaurants utilizing their breads in one way or another. Their new Hip Strip location is serving up their famous baked goods along with a robust espresso bar.

LIQUID PLANET

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Whether you're looking for gear, souvenirs, locally made treats or treasures, Missoula has four distinct shopping areas to explore. From the boutiques and galleries downtown to the name-brand stores in Southgate Mall, there's much to browse and even more to take home. Want to see what's unique and local? Check out some of Missoula's exceptional retail value and charm. It's got everything you need—and want—and with no sales tax, you've got a great excuse to splurge.

DOWNTOWN

Downtown offers a variety of local boutiques, one-of-a-kind restaurants and unique experiences you'll only find in Missoula. As you wander, stay alert for inspiring historic architectural details and vibrant murals in tucked-away alleys. Boutique windows and café bulletin boards remind you to save room in your schedule for live music, theater and pop-up poetry. Don't forget to re-fuel while you shop! From snacking to dining, there's plenty to munch on. Find chic fashion alongside fun souvenirs and elegant and eclectic jewelry to pair with comfortable footwear. You'll also find several fine art galleries generously dotted throughout the heart of downtown.

Cross Beartracks Bridge and discover Missoula's "Hip Strip," a little stretch of local businesses with big personalities. Here, you'll find effortlessly cool clothing, shoes and accessories, creatively upcycled goods and artwork, statement-making vintage treasures and globally conscious, fair-trade gifts. After shopping, kick back with a sensory deprivation float or some tasty bites—all awaiting on the Hip Strip.

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THE HIP STRIP. TAYLOR ROBBINS

SOUTHGATE MALL AND MIDTOWN

Southgate Mall has been going through an extensive upgrade. This isn't just a remodel—it's a full-scale transformation that includes a dine-in movie theater and an even wider selection of brand names, like new additions Hobby Lobby and Texas Roadhouse, along with unique stores, like the Last Best Store, which was named 2023 Retailer of the Year in Montana by the Made in Montana Program. Southgate Mall hosts special events all year long and includes dining options every member of the family will enjoy. Indulge in elevated Asian fusion cuisine at The Mustard Seed, or stop for a quick pretzel or cinnamon roll bite before hitting the next shop.

Head north on Brooks Street and you'll find even more shopping and dining in Tremper's Shopping Center and the neighboring Kent Plaza. Missoula staples call this part of town home, where the well-loved Book Exchange is stocked with new and used copies of all of your favorite reads. Just next door is local favorite, Paul's Pancake Parlor. This cozy hometown spot is the place to be on a Saturday morning. Across the parking lot is Oddpitch Brewing, one of Missoula's many stellar spots to grab a brew. Make sure to stop by every Sunday to catch their pinball tournament.



SOUTHGATE MALL. ANNA SMIDT

RESERVE STREET

Stretching for several miles along the west side of Missoula, North Reserve Street is where you'll find familiar stores like Target, Old Navy, REI and TJ Maxx. Remember, there's no shame in buying an extra suitcase to take home all the good stuff you find. And since you really shouldn't shop on an empty stomach, there are plenty of places to snack on local specialty foods as well as classic and familiar dining spots.

National retailers are gathered in this user-friendly shopping area of Missoula, where Brooks Street meets South Reserve Street. Men's Wearhouse, Kohl's and Boot Barn are here, and so is Bass Pro Shops—an outfitter's dream, boasting 42,000 square feet of excursion gear. A variety of restaurants in the area will whet your appetite and help to fuel your tax-free shopping spree.

INDIGENOUS MADE MONTANA

In Missoula—the homeland of the Séliš, Qlispé and Ksanka people—something special is happening. Meet Indigenous Made Montana, a trailblazing social enterprise that uplifts and supports Indigenous creativity and heritage. Founded by Latisha Buck Elk Thunder and Dacia Red Thunder Griego, this women-owned-and-led organization established an inclusive space for Indigenous artists and makers to shine a light on their work.

Indigenous businesses have long grappled with barriers to representation and success, but Indigenous Made Montana is rewriting the script. By fostering strong community ties, leading open-air marketplace events and hosting curated shops, the organization is able to connect Indigenous-owned businesses and entrepreneurs to a broader audience, generating new economic opportunities and relationships.

The monthly marketplace events hosted by Indigenous Made Montana are full of stunning craftwork, lively conversations and talented young creators. These gatherings are a warm invitation for all to connect, learn and honor Indigenous art and heritage—but it's more than that.

The overarching message of Indigenous Made Montana is at the heart of these gatherings: “Supporting Indigenous artists is not only an act of appreciation for their craftsmanship but also a means of contributing to the economic growth and self-determination of Indigenous communities. By acquiring handcrafted artwork, you are directly supporting artists and their families, encouraging cultural preservation, and fostering sustainable development.”

Indigenous Made Montana is doing more than providing a space to promote and sell Indigenous art; it's weaving a narrative of empowerment, unity and shared cultural appreciation in the heart of Montana. Learn more at INDIGENOUSMADEMONTANA.COM.



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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

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At UM, students spend their days performing field research at the school's 26,000-acre experimental forest, and their nights cheering at the top of their lungs for the Griz. Pride for this school runs so much deeper than the four years spent on campus, and extends far beyond the little corner of Missoula this institution occupies. Whether you're an alumn or just a Missoula resident, the spirit of the Griz is palpable throughout the community all year long (but maybe a little more during football season). UM is Missoula.

Students are active members of the community, showing support for local events with fresh perspectives and ideas, and it's not uncommon to hike to the "M," do some fly-fishing or run a kayak through Brennan's Wave between classes. Missoula residents do their part to show their Grizzly pride, and are no stranger to a pre-game pep rally, an afternoon lining the streets of downtown for the Homecoming Day parade, or an evening exhibition at the Montana Museum of Arts and Culture.

What weaves all this together is a commitment to the student's unique path, and to keeping their success and individual journey at the center of everything.

UM's College of Business is ranked as best in the Big Sky Conference, the Wildlife Biology Program is recognized as one of the best in North America, the ecology and atmospheric sciences rank among the top 100 in the world and professional programs in pharmacy and physical therapy are nationally renowned. From journalism to the arts, and computer science to creative writing, UM provides a world-class education in a truly extraordinary setting.

In addition, the Missoula College unit of UM provides two-year occupational and technical education covering 40 programs in areas including nursing, business and industrial technology.

Missoula fosters UM, and students give the energy right back to the community. What's made here in Montana is remaking the world.

MAKING HISTORY AND HONORING MONTANA'S TRIBES

Not only is the Payne Family Native American Center the first off-reservation building in the state of Montana designed to feature each of Montana's 12 federally recognized tribes, it's also the first facility in the U.S. built for a Department of Native American Studies (NAS) and American Indian Student Services (AISS).

Using Native American architectural influences and taking Montana's climate into account, the building's energy consumption is 42 percent more efficient than standard buildings of its size. With impressive views to outside, along with the native plants around the building, it's no wonder it's one of the most notable (and beloved) buildings on campus. Oh, and did we mention it houses a planetarium?

The Payne Center looks over the Campus Oval, which was once the site of a historic Salish Indian encampment. The building was designed to highlight the heritage and culture of Montana's tribes and to provide a space for students, faculty and visitors to reflect on Montana's past, present and future. Scan the QR code to learn more.





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Recharge before a day of adventures at Courtyard by Marriott. With easy access to both I-90 and the Reserve Street shopping district, this upscale accommodation is the perfect place to relax before heading wherever Missoula may take you.

DAYS INN & SUITES DOWNTOWN MISSOULA UNIVERSITY

744 E. Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59802
406.549.5134

wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn

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Newly refurbished, Days Inn is within walking distance of Washington-Grizzly Stadium, making for easy access to all the gameday festivities. Guests also enjoy complimentary breakfast and wifi.

DAYS INN MISSOULA AIRPORT

8600 Truck Stop Rd., Missoula, MT 59808
406.721.9776

toll free 800.DAYS.INN, 800.329.7466
wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn

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With easy access to both I-90 and Missoula Montana Airport, Days Inn is the ideal basecamp for your adventures in Missoula and beyond.

EDGEWATER MISSOULA, A TAPESTRY COLLECTION BY HILTON

100 Madison St., Missoula, MT 59802
406.728.3100, toll free 800.222.TREE

Fax: 406.728.2530
missoulaedgewater.doubletree.com

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Full-service hotel right on the scenic Clark Fork River and across from the University of Montana. Near downtown, and just 15 minutes away from the airport via complimentary hotel shuttle.

FAIRBRIDGE INN & SUITES

3803 Brooks St., Missoula, MT 59804
406.251.2065

fairbridgemissoula.com

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FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT MISSOULA

5252 Airway Blvd., Missoula, MT 59808
406.541.8000

marriott.com/en-us/hotels/msofi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-missoula/overview/

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Located near Missoula Montana Airport, Fairfield Inn and Suites offers comfortable amenities as well as easy access to I-90.

HILTON GARDEN INN MISSOULA

3720 N. Reserve St., Missoula, MT 59808
406.532.5300, toll free 800.HILTONS

Fax: 406.532.5305
missoula.HGI.com

146	\$-\$	I	0	•	•	•	•	F*	R/B	•	F	•	F	•	•
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150 Expressway, Missoula, MT 59808
406.830.3100

hg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/missoula/msoex/hoteldetail

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Fax: 406.728.3472
holidayinn.com/missouladwtn

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4825 N. Reserve St., Missoula, MT 59808
406.721.0990, toll free 800.445.8667

hilton.com/en/hotels/msohmhwhomewood-suites-missoula/

This hotel brings home to you in their cozy accommodations. Homewood Suites offers modern suites featuring in-room kitchens, as well as daily continental breakfast.

LA QUINTA INN BY WYNDHAM MISSOULA

5059 N. Reserve St., Missoula, MT 59808
406.549.9000

laquintamissoula.com

Conveniently situated right off of I-90, La Quinta Inn gives you easy access to all of Missoula's hot spots, including Missoula Montana Airport, the Reserve Street shopping district and downtown. This hotel offers comfortable accommodations, and a complimentary breakfast buffet to fuel the day's adventures.

LIVAWAY SUITES

3455 N. Reserve St., Missoula, MT 59808
844.548.2929

livawaysuites.com/locations/mt/missoula/missoula

LOGE MISSOULA

420 W. Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59802
406.481.1800

logecamps.com/property/missoula-mt

Perfect for adventurers of all kinds. Whether you're wanting to trek through the mountains, or discover the nearby downtown, this is the basecamp for all of your Missoula exploration. LOGE Missoula features artfully curated rooms, on-site gear rentals, events and excursions, and a cafe featuring locally sourced coffee.

MOTEL 6 EXPO PKWY

3035 Expo Pkwy., Missoula, MT 59808
406.549.6665

motel6.com/en/motels.mt.missoula.4034.html

MOTEL 6 UNIVERSITY

630 E. Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59802
406.549.2387

motel6.com/en/motels.mt.missoula.4448.html

MY PLACE HOTEL

2951 Expo Pkwy., Missoula, MT 59808
406.926.1001

myplacehotels.com/my-place-hotel-missoula

This pet-friendly hotel features in-room kitchens with convenient access to I-90 and Missoula Montana Airport.

QUALITY INN & SUITES

4545 N. Reserve St., Missoula, MT 59808
406.542.0888

choicehotels.com/montana/missoula/quality-innhotels/mt412

RED LION INN & SUITES

700 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802
406.728.3300

redlion.com

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT MISSOULA DOWNTOWN

125 N. Pattee St., Missoula, MT 59802
406.542.6252

marriott.com/msori

Located on the site of the old Missoula Mercantile, the Residence Inn is a modern hotel with historic integrity. Enjoy access to downtown restaurants, shops, breweries and more, or grab a cocktail at the hotel bar and appreciate the historic details. Amenities at the Residence Inn include extended-stay suites, free breakfast, fitness center, a rooftop courtyard and unbeatable convenience.

SLEEP INN

3425 Dore Ln., Missoula, MT 59801
406.543.5883

choicehotels.com/montana/missoula/sleep-inn-hotels/mt421

In the heart of the Southgate Triangle, the Sleep Inn is conveniently located with easy access to Southgate Mall, and the University of Montana. Here, guests enjoy comfortable accommodations, complimentary breakfast and an indoor heated pool.

STAYBRIDGE SUITES

120 Expressway, Missoula, MT 59808
406.830.3900

ihg.com/staybridge/hotels/us/en/missoula/msusb/hoteldetail

Featuring the comforts of home with their in-suites full size kitchens, Staybridge Suites brings comfort and convenience to you while you're exploring Missoula. Amenities include complimentary breakfast daily and snack hour on select days, a basketball court, indoor pool and complimentary airport shuttle.

STONECREEK LODGE

5145 Airway Blvd., Missoula, MT 59808
406.541.3600

stonecreeklodgemt.com

NUMBER OF ROOMS	PRICE RANGE	POOL (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	PET FRIENDLY	GUEST LAUNDRY (ON SITE/VALET)	ADA ACCESSIBLE	REFRIGERATOR, MICROWAVE	FREE WI-FI	FITNESS CENTER	BREAKFAST (FULL, CONTINENTAL)	*ADDITIONAL COST MM/APPLZ	RESTAURANT, BAR, CAFÉ	AIRPORT SHUTTLE	PARKING (FREE, PAID)	ON-SITE MEETING ROOMS	ON-SITE CATERING
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Lodging Information

SUPER 8 MOTEL BROOKS STREET/STUDIO 1 EXTENDED STAY

3901 S. Brooks St., Missoula, MT 59804
406.251.2255

wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/missoulamontana/super-8-missoula-brooks-street/Overview

NUMBER OF ROOMS	PRICE RANGE	POOL (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	PET FRIENDLY	GUEST LAUNDRY (ON SITE/VALET)	ADA ACCESSIBLE	REFRIGERATOR, MICROWAVE	FREE WI-FI	FITNESS CENTER	BREAKFAST (FULL, CONTINENTAL)	*ADDITIONAL COST MMV APPLY	RESTAURANT, BAR, CAFÉ	APARTMENT SHUTTLE	PARKING (FREE/PAID)	ON-SITE MEETING ROOMS	ON-SITE CATERING
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In the heart of downtown Missoula, The Wren offers thoughtfully designed guestrooms. This modern hotel draws inspiration from the thriving culture and picturesque views, while also providing a courtyard oasis in the middle of the city. Serving Missoula's best coffee, and with meeting space on the ground level, The Wren is the perfect basecamp for your Montana adventures.															
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THUNDERBIRD MOTEL

1009 E. Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59802
406.543.7251

thunderbirdmissoula.blogspot.com

TOWNEPLACE SUITES MISSOULA

3055 Stockyard Rd., Missoula, MT 59808
406.721.6000

marriott.com/msots

Located directly off I-90, this all-suites hotel features spacious suites ideal for an extended stay. Guests can enjoy a 24-hour fitness center, seasonal outdoor pool with sweeping mountain views and convenient access to the Reserve Street shopping district.

TRAVELODGE INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM MISSOULA UNIVERSITY PARK

800 E. Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59802
406.543.3102

wyndhamhotels.com/travelodge

WOODSPRING SUITES MISSOULA

3035 Stockyard Rd., Missoula, MT 59808
406.317.7444

woodspring.com/extended-stay-hotels/locations/montana/missoula/woodspring-suites-missoula

Located in the heart of the Reserve Street shopping district, Woodspring Suites gives its guests easy access to shopping and dining. This extended stay hotel features pet-friendly suites with in-room kitchens, and free WiFi.

Outside Missoula

ALBERTON ORCHARDS

1022 Sawmill Gulch Rd., Alberton, MT 59820
406.380.3308

albertonorchards.com

Alberton Orchards offers a boutique ranch that mixes Western flair with upscale sophistication. Here, guests can explore the orchards, relax in luxurious cabins, and take in the breathtaking views of the Alberton Gorge.

BITTERROOT RIVER INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr., Hamilton, MT 59840
406.375.2525

bitterrootriverinn.com

Located in the picturesque Bitterroot Valley, Bitterroot River Inn and Conference Center is the perfect home base for exploring the region. Guests enjoy a complimentary breakfast, 24-hour heated pool, fitness center and sauna and a sun deck for relaxing while you take in the mountain views.

DUNROVIN RANCH

5001 Expedition Dr., Lolo, MT 59847
406.273.7745

dunrovinranchmontana.com

KWATAQNUK RESORT
49708 US Hwy 93 E., Polson, MT 59860
406.883.3636

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THE RANCH AT ROCK CREEK

79 Carriage House Ln., Philipsburg, MT 59858
406.859.6027

theranchatrockcreek.com

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THE RESORT AT PAWS UP

40060 Paws Up Rd., Greenough, MT 59823
406.244.5200

pawsup.com

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RV Parks & Camping

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50	\$-\$-\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		

EKSTROM'S STAGE STATION CAMPGROUND

81 Rock Creek Rd, Clinton, MT 59825
406.825.3183

ekstromstagestation.com

Sleep beneath the pines at Ekstrom's Stage Station Campground. From cozy riverside cabin lodging, to scenic campsites offering views of the unspoiled wilderness, this is the ideal spot for your next mountain getaway.

GRANITE PEAK RV RESORT

9900 Thoroughbred Ln., Missoula, MT 59808
406.543.9400, toll free 800.318.9644
Fax: 406.543.9405

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MISSOULA KOA

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406.549.0881, toll free 800.562.5366

Fax: 406.541.0884
koa.com/campgrounds/missoula

YELLOWROCK CAMPGROUND

9955 Hwy 12 W., Lolo, MT 59847
406.273.0141

Fax: 406.541.0884
yellowrockcampground.com

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5 TIPS FOR RELOCATING TO MISSOULA



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Missoula is a mélange of unique neighborhoods, all offering something special to those who call this place home. Live in the historic University District with the buzz of lively activity from the University of Montana, or find a little land out of town a bit where there's room to roam. Find the place in Missoula that's right for you — it's important to live in an area that will complement your lifestyle.

GET SCHOoled

The school system in Missoula is exceptional, and offers a variety of excellent options — both public and private. There's somewhere for every student. The Missoula County Public School system offers nine elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools. You'll also find independent school districts in Missoula County, including Target Range and Hellgate, which serve students K – 8. In addition, there are a variety of private schools in the area that serve children from preschool through high school. It's important to visit schools and meet with teachers and administrators to find the environment in which your child will best thrive.



BE INVOLVED

Missoula is an extremely interactive community. There are plenty of groups, nonprofits and organizations that you can belong to, participate in and actively be a part of. Take some time to review the options and pick one (or more) that you're passionate about. Not only is this a great way to give back to the community, but it's also an effective way to network, meet people and make friends.

ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Western Montana is a haven for outdoor lovers. Boating, hiking, skiing, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, to name only a handful, are all just minutes from Missoula. One of the most desirable things about living here is the ability to enjoy these outdoor activities — it's one of the top reasons why we love where we live.



WORK WITH A PRO

Last but not least, whether you're considering a move to western Montana or you've already made the choice to relocate, be sure you're working with a qualified real estate advisor to help you navigate the process. At Engel & Völkers, we pride ourselves in knowing our area, doing extensive research for our clients and offering premier service to our incoming community members. We welcome you to our beautiful state and our intimate community. Give us a call, and put us to work!

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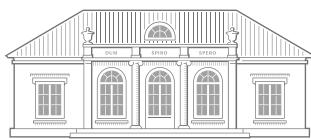


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BEYOND MISSOULA

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After you've wandered the town and sampled the local cuisine, head out in any direction. You're at the convergence of five valleys, three major rivers, and within 100 miles of seven wilderness areas. Exploration is easy with dozens of day trips at the touch of your GPS. Opportunities abound for blue-ribbon trout fishing, visiting the Flathead Indian Reservation, paddling on serene lakes and viewing wildlife like bison, antelope and elk. Between stunning scenery and historical distinction, among charming communities and majestic national parks, you'll see how inexhaustible Big Sky Country can be. Aim for the closest ghost town or explore your way north toward the breathtaking peaks of Glacier National Park or south to the otherworldly geysers of Yellowstone National Park. So whether you're setting out in your car, van, motorcycle or bike, there's plenty to see, and even more daylight to see it. It's time to hit the road. For more information, visit DESTINATIONMISSOULA.ORG/DAY-TRIPS.



REV UP THOSE ENGINES

Looking to head out on your motorcycle? The scenic routes surrounding Missoula are perfect for an unforgettable day trip out on the road. Highway 93 is a perfect route to explore, whether you're riding north or south. With so many small communities dotting the road in either direction, there's plenty to see. For nature exploration, hop on HWY-200 and catch HWY-83 to see the breathtaking Seeley-Swan Valley, with dramatic mountain peaks giving way to spectacular valley views, making for a motorcycle trip that's sure to go down as one of the best.

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SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

You'll find a small-town experience in Missoula's surrounding communities while remaining a short drive from dining, bars, museums, music venues and shopping.

DRIVING TIMES TO MISSOULA

SOUTH OF MISSOULA

- Lolo/Florence: 20 minutes
- Stevensville/Victor: 40 minutes
- Hamilton/Corvallis: 60 minutes
- Darby: 75 minutes

NORTH OF MISSOULA

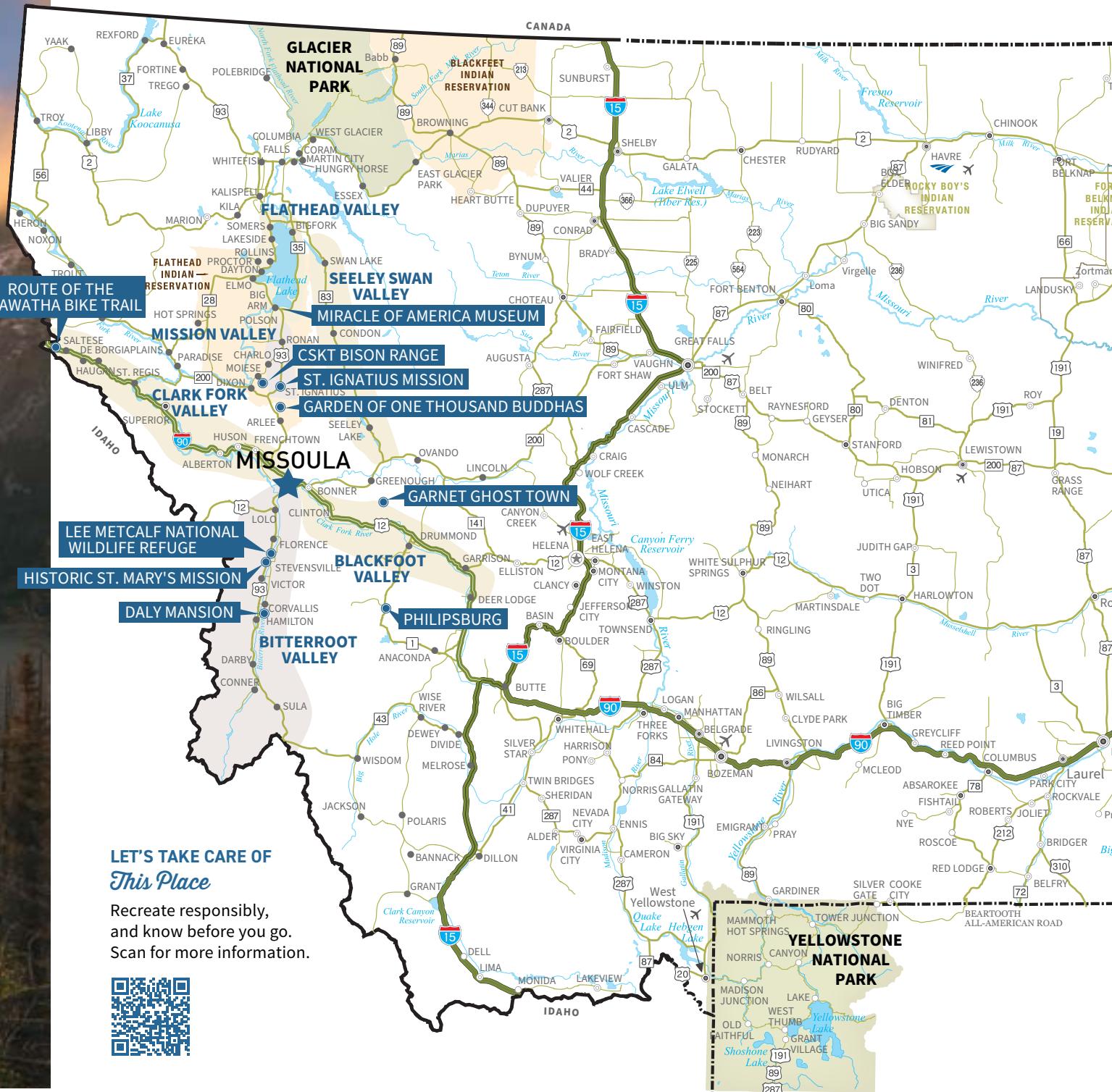
- Arlee: 25 minutes
- St. Ignatius: 45 minutes
- Ronan: 60 minutes

WEST OF MISSOULA

- Frenchtown: 20 minutes
- Alberton: 30 minutes

EAST OF MISSOULA

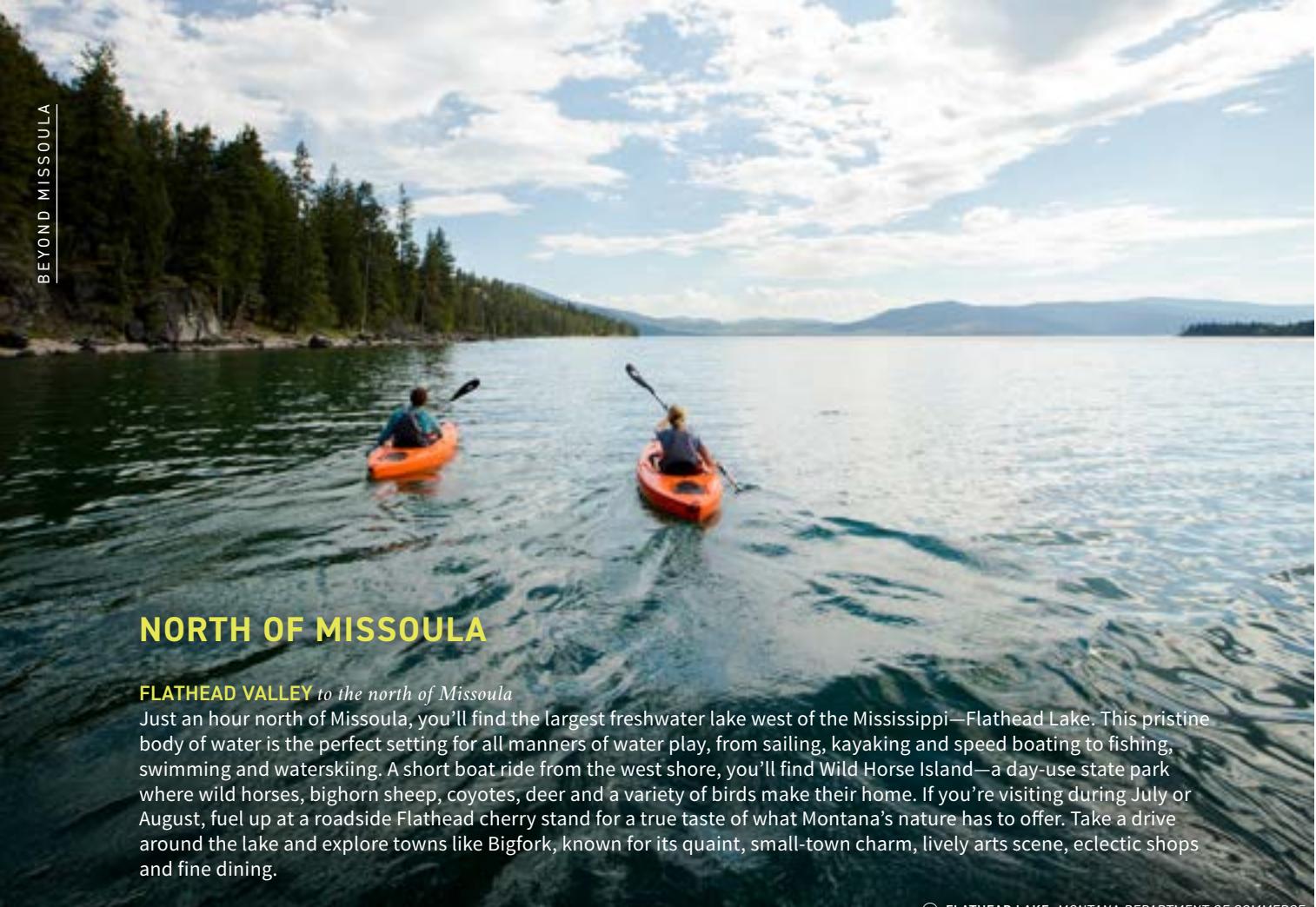
- Clinton: 20 minutes
- Potomac: 30 minutes
- Drummond: 45 minutes



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NORTH OF MISSOULA

FLATHEAD VALLEY *to the north of Missoula*

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MISSION VALLEY *to the north of Missoula*

Just 40 minutes north of Missoula on Highway 93 is the famous Ravalli Hill. As you crest the hill before heading into the Mission Valley, the Mission Mountains appear, seemingly out of nowhere, and are as majestic as it gets. The snowcapped Missions are known for pristine alpine lakes, peaceful meadows and abundant wildlife. Don't forget to look for the stunning Elizabeth Falls as you head up over the hill.



TAYLAR ROBBINS

MUST-SEE DESTINATION

GARDEN OF ONE THOUSAND BUDDHAS

29 miles north of Missoula

Sitting serenely in the middle of the Jocko Valley, you'll find the Garden of One Thousand Buddhas. These Montana-made statues inspired by Tibetan culture offer peace and tranquility, calming the soul and stimulating enlightenment.



ANNA SMIDT

MUST-SEE DESTINATION

MIRACLE OF AMERICA MUSEUM

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This unique museum features artifacts representing diverse eras and aspects of American life, from vintage firearms and antique mouse traps in the museum to farm and fire equipment, historic structures and military vehicles on its 5-acre grounds.



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MUST-SEE DESTINATION

CSKT BISON RANGE

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Established in 1908 to preserve the nearly extinct bison, the CSKT (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) Bison Range is a wonderfully scenic drive for wildlife viewing. Bring binoculars to spot Rocky Mountain elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, black and grizzly bears and, of course, plenty of American bison.

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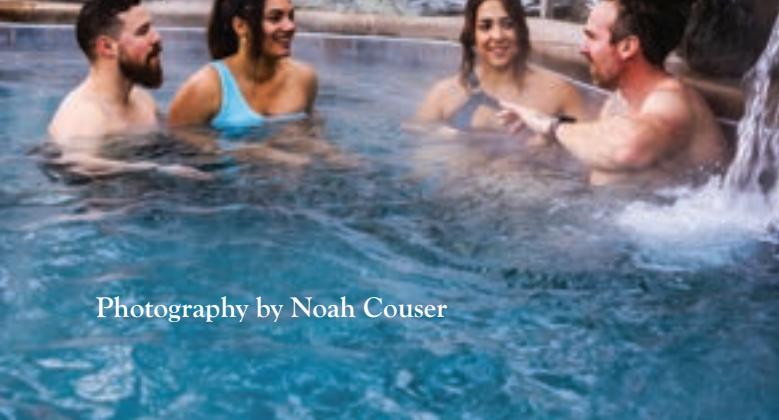
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SOUTH OF MISSOULA



BITTERROOT VALLEY

to the south of Missoula

Grab your backcountry boots and head south to the Bitterroot Valley where you'll find 1.6 million acres of wilderness containing an extensive trail system, 84 miles of river with world-renowned fishing access, and a breathtaking canyon every few miles. Take Highway 93 south from Missoula to explore the small communities peppering the Bitterroot Valley. From Lolo to Darby, each town's unique charm is well worth the visit.

📍 BLODGETT CANYON OVERLOOK. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



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MUST-SEE DESTINATION

LEE METCALF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE *25 miles south of Missoula*

The Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge spans over 2,800 acres in Stevensville, Montana. Situated between the Bitterroot and Sapphire mountains, the nature preserve houses and protects our wetlands, grasslands, and riparian habitats. A total of 242 bird species have been documented at the refuge. You can take a stroll along one of the wildlife viewing trails, like Riparian Way Trail Loop, and enjoy the view.



GLACIER COUNTRY

MUST-SEE DESTINATION

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S MISSION *25 miles south of Missoula*

The historic St. Mary's Mission is recognized as the oldest church in Montana. Built in 1841, the building itself served as the cornerstone of the first permanent settlement – which would go on to become the town of Stevensville. Today, the mission, visitor's center, research library, art gallery and museum are open to the public to preserve, restore, maintain and promote a key portion of Montana's path to statehood.



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DALY MANSION *49 miles south of Missoula*

The Daly Mansion is a 24,000-square-foot historical treasure. The original owner, Marcus Daly, is known as one of Montana's "Copper Kings," a copper magnate in the Gilded Age. The mansion and surrounding grounds are open to the public for tours and events, offering a unique glimpse into Montana's wealthy roots and historical significance on a national scale.



HOT SPRINGS

The Missoula area is a great jumping-off point to gain access to many of the commercially run and natural hot springs throughout the region. Over 10 natural hot springs lie in every direction, and you can reach any of them in less than two hours by car. Some folks opt to hike to natural springs like Jerry Johnson Hot Springs, while others enjoy the added amenities of developed spots such as Lolo Hot Springs and Quinn's Hot Springs.

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EAST OF MISSOULA

 GARNET GHOST TOWN. HUNTER DAY

BLACKFOOT VALLEY *to the east of Missoula*

The Blackfoot River runs through the Blackfoot Valley and was made famous by the 1976 fly-fishing novel by Norman Maclean, *A River Runs Through It*. The historic valley is filled with rolling hills, family-owned ranches and various river access points where you can try your luck and cast a line in the water.



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SEELEY SWAN VALLEY *to the northeast of Missoula*

Head east to the Seeley Swan Valley where there's something for every type of outdoor enthusiast. In the heat of the summer, take a dip in one of a chain of mountain lakes or hike to the scenic Morrell Falls. Rent a canoe and bird-watch as you meander through the willow marsh on the Clearwater River Trail. Visit in the winter for perfectly groomed snowmobile trails throughout the valley, vast Nordic ski trails northeast of Seeley and ice fishing on seemingly endless lakes. For off-the-grid adventures, head to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. With over a million acres, you'll discover one of the most preserved mountain ecosystems in the world with rugged peaks, alpine lakes, cascading waterfalls, grassy meadows and big river valleys.

DOWNTOWN PHILIPSBURG *76 miles southeast of Missoula*

While sapphire mining is definitely the main attraction in Philipsburg, you should also spend some time perusing the candy shop downtown for a nostalgic sweet treat and catch a play at the Opera House. In winter, shred the slopes at Discovery Ski Area or explore the terrain on a mountain bike in the summer.



MUST-SEE DESTINATION

GARNET GHOST TOWN *56 miles east of Missoula*

Tucked back in the Garnet Mountain Range, you'll find Montana's most intact ghost town and friendly people to tell its story.

WEST OF MISSOULA

CLARK FORK VALLEY *to the west of Missoula*

Follow the same path that glaciers took as they created Clark Fork Valley just west of Missoula for an unforgettable geological experience. Alberton Gorge's rose-colored cliffs border the waters, making any whitewater rafting trip invigorating and beautiful. If water isn't what you're feeling, check out the famous Route of the Hiawatha bike trail.



GLACIER COUNTRY

ROUTE OF THE HIAWATHA *117 miles northwest of Missoula*

With 10 tunnels and seven trestles over 15 miles of trail, this historic converted railroad offers a unique ride for the whole family. Don't forget your headlamp! You'll need it once you're riding through the Taft Tunnel, which runs for a mile and a half underground through a natural spring before opening back up to the wilderness. See ad on page 11.

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WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT MISSOULA?

"I love Missoula's location. You're only a few hours away from amazing national parks. And all the hikes lead to breathtaking views." Destanie



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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK *136 miles north of Missoula*

This awe-inspiring land is sky high with natural wonders. Drive the 50-mile Going-to-the-Sun Road and pass mountain goats and songbirds enjoying wildflower-filled meadows, marvel at 400-foot waterfalls and witness ancient glaciers. With so much to see, the park's red bus tours are convenient and fun for the whole family. If you're looking for a backcountry adventure, plan to visit North Fork, Two Medicine and Many Glacier. When you're filled with memories to last a lifetime, relax with the locals in one of the serene surrounding communities. Don't miss the famous Polebridge Mercantile, serving up fresh baked goods and authentic Montana charm. Visit the Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning to see the diverse art collection from tribal people of the Northern Plains including the Blackfeet, Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Sioux, Assiniboine, Arapaho, Shoshone, Nez Perce, Flathead, Chippewa and Cree.

Several communities near Glacier National Park are also worth a visit. Kalispell is home to the Conrad Mansion and the Hockaday Museum of Art. Visiting during the winter months? Check out Whitefish. Slip on your mittens before heading to the Whitefish Winter Carnival in early February. Festivities include the Penguin Plunge (participants jump into an ice hole in Whitefish Lake!), an old-fashioned parade and a torch-light ski parade followed by a fireworks show. Last but not least, don't forget to visit Columbia Falls, known as the gateway to Glacier National Park.

In 2021, Glacier National Park implemented a vehicle reservation system to limit vehicle traffic and lessen impact on its natural and cultural resources. Scan the code to learn more, and be sure to book your reservation early if you plan to experience the stunning Going-to-the-Sun Road.



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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

265 miles southeast of Missoula

Take an easy and scenic four-hour drive southeast of Missoula to West Yellowstone or Gardiner and find yourself in America's first national park: Yellowstone. Meander through this corner of the Rocky Mountains and experience unbelievable alpine rivers, deep canyons, dense forests, hot springs and geysers, like the famous Old Faithful, the Grand Prismatic Spring and the Norris Geyser Basin. The park's remarkable features are connected by 466 miles of roads and 15 miles of boardwalks, making these breathtaking sights accessible to anyone. Wildlife (including bison, elk, antelope, bear and wolves), recreation opportunities and stunning vistas are all abundant in Yellowstone.



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This hillside neighborhood is the gateway to outdoor recreation in the scenic Pattee Canyon.

FRANKLIN TO THE FORT

Equal parts learn and play, this historic neighborhood is home to Fort Missoula Regional Park—a recreation hub.

GRANT CREEK

Busy streets give way to a quiet meadow, and a winding road that leads to the beloved Montana Snowbowl.

DOWNTOWN MISSOULA

The beating heart of the city, this is home to the cultural epicenter of Missoula.

LEWIS AND CLARK

Tree-lined streets bookend family-friendly parks and playgrounds.

MILLER CREEK

On the edge of town, this tight-knit community offers sweeping views of the Bitterroot Valley.

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MISSOULA: QUICK INSIGHTS

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Your starting point for exploring Rattlesnake National Recreation Area, this locale offers outdoor adventure of all kinds.

RIVER ROAD

Hugging the Clark Fork, this area offers a reprieve from the bustling Reserve Street shopping district.

RIVERFRONT

A vast network of river trails offer waterfront transportation to and from Missoula's hotspots.

ROSE PARK

Home to local shops, restaurants and infectious Missoula energy.

SOUTH 39TH

Providing easy access to Missoula's southern hills, as well as prime wildlife viewing potential.

SOUTH HILLS

With some of the best views in the valley, this mountainside community features a front row seat to the sweeping scenery.

SOUTHGATE TRIANGLE

This business district is a hub for shopping, dining and entertainment.

ORCHARD HOMES

This countryside escape will leave you forgetting you're only a short drive from downtown.

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Missoula's historic district, and home to the town's pride and joy—the University of Montana.

TIME ZONE

Montana is in the Mountain Standard Time Zone from November through March and the Mountain Daylight Saving Zone from March through November.

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TIPS FOR CHOOSING A NEW SCHOOL

When moving to a new town, one of the harder decisions to make is where to send your child to school. Talking to your real estate agent is one way to get a local perspective on quality of schools and school districts. Visiting with those you meet in restaurants or retail shops always brings a broad array of perspectives.

However, you as the parent know your child best. You know their strengths, areas for growth, needs, and the learning environment that fits them best. So cater your questions and inquiries around this. Here are some questions to ask your real estate agent, your potential neighbors and the schools and school districts directly:



1. How big is the school? What is the student-teacher ratio?
2. What are the most noteworthy strengths of the school?
3. As a school, what are the identified areas of improvement you are working on?
4. What would my child's daily schedule look like in each grade?
5. What specialty classes, after-school activities, and athletic programs will my child have access to? What is the regularity of these offerings?
6. If my child is in need of any special services, such as speech, special education, counseling, etc., what services does the school offer?
7. What is a profile of your graduates (at any grade level that is applicable: 5th, 8th, 12th)? Where do most students move on to middle school, high school or college?
8. Where can I view the curriculum being taught at each grade level?
9. What does parent communication look like on a regular basis?
10. Is the school accredited?
11. How are parents involved in the school?
12. What local schools have the best reputations?
13. Can my child experience a "shadow day" at the school?

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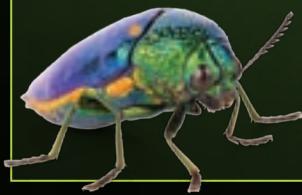
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WHAT'S NEW IN MISSOULA

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NEW SPOTS TO SAVOR

It feels like every time we turn around, a new eatery pops up and delights our community with mouthwatering treats. And local food is more than a movement here—it is a way of life. Experience the culinary magic of Missoula with these exciting new eateries, and be on the lookout for upcoming additions:

The beloved food truck hot-spot M-80 Chicken has traded in wheels for roots at their new brick-and-mortar location on Main Street. Le Petit Bakehouse recently reopened at their cozy new Hip Strip location, with the same breads and pastries you know and love. Campus favorite Calypso Sandwich Shop has added a second location on Front Street. Joining to the ever-growing roster of downtown favorites is The Local Berry—an açaí spot located inside The Wren hotel. Originally based out of Butte, 3B Bagel Company has recently added a Missoula location, serving up warm bagels and breakfast fare in the heart of Missoula. Double K Ranch opened up their general store on Higgins, offering prime Montana Beef, fine wines and cheeses and to-go sandwiches. A Missoula staple—Rice Thai Cuisine—has also added a downtown location. Just off Broadway is Indikai, another food truck-turned-restaurant featuring asian-fusion street food. Keep heading east, and you'll discover Jay's One Stop, a true hidden gem that locals love. While the location may seem unassuming—operating out of a gas station—their Indian cuisine is legendary. Also in East Missoula is the new Granite Mill Coffee and Bakery, with a large patio to enjoy their homemade treats. Just a little further east, local chocolatier Posh Chocolat has opened their physical location in Bonner, serving up a brunch menu along with the artisan chocolates they're famous for. New to the west side of town is FSK, a neighborhood spot with a robust brunch program. Just north is Kampfire Steakhouse, perfecting what Montana does best—beef. Several local mainstays have received a new look this past year, with Bernice's Bakery and Bridge Pizza's Hip Strip location undergoing remodels.

MISSOULA HOSPITALITY

Thanks to Missoula's hopping hospitality scene, our out-of-town guests have a great selection of lodging options to choose from to get a restful night's sleep after a busy day, whether they're here for work or pleasure—or both! In the last year, more inviting places have opened to welcome visitors, with additional spots in the pipeline. Homewood Suites, a Hilton extended-stay property, is now providing spacious stays on Reserve. On Broadway, LOGE has opened in a tastefully and thoroughly renovated space—one that offers adventure-minded accommodations for guests and their gear (there's also a Gear Room of recreation equipment you can borrow). Accessible from two major thoroughfares—Reserve Street and West Broadway—LivAway Suites recently opened offering another option for extended stays in Missoula's business district.

NEW SHOPPING

Missoula continues to welcome new storefronts to the local shopping scene, with additions popping up all over town. For romance lovers, FMC books has recently found its home downtown, with all the dreamy reads your heart could desire. If you're eager to fill your home with some new life, Vine Plants and Design just opened up off of Southwest Higgins. They also have a featured pop-up at the Missoula Makers Collective. Just down the avenue, stop by Ditto Bottle Shop to find your new favorite bottle of wine, among other hosting necessities.

NEW DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENTS

Missoula recently unveiled its newest addition—the Caras Park ADA River Access. This allows the Clark Fork to be accessed by individuals of all abilities, featuring ramps down to the water's edge and spectator seating built into the natural scenery. More is in the works for downtown Missoula in the coming years, check out the full plan at MISSOULADOWNTOWN.COM/DOWNTOWN-MASTER-PLAN.

THE FINAL PHASE OF THE NEW MISSOULA MONTANA AIRPORT

In 2022, the Missoula Montana Airport completed an expansion, offering five gates with nonstop flights to 14 major U.S. cities and global connections. The terminal embodies Montana's essence, featuring local cuisine, fireplaces, an outdoor patio and cozy decor. The initial phase is complete. The ongoing second stage is reaching completion, with the second baggage claim carousel up and running, as well as the rental car center. New gates and in-terminal dining were added to complete the expansion.

The airport's expansion has also helped to accommodate travelers of all abilities. MSO was recently certified as a sensory inclusive facility by Kulture City, a certification that only four other U.S. airports carry.

To help pay homage to the vibrant community art scene, the airport's expansion features a stunning 45-foot-long installation by Destination Missoula, celebrating the many elements that make Missoula so special. The exhibit features captivating images and descriptions of iconic local landmarks, along with unique art pieces that reflect the spirit of the city. Travelers will see a vinyl-wrapped surfboard by artisan Courtney Blazon showcasing Missoula's four seasons, a meticulously crafted metal Cutthroat trout and Bitterroot flower by Paul Barmore of Big Sky Flies, a hand-painted guitar by Monica Gilles-BringsYellow honoring the Indigenous roots of the region and a beautifully carved carousel horse by John Thompson who graciously donated it.



To help travelers explore even more, the installation also includes a TV and two interactive iPads featuring information about Missoula and upcoming events. Prefer to talk to someone? Just pick up the phone on-site to be connected directly with our local call center and speak with a real person who's happy to help.

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REASONS TO LOVE MISSOULA

THE PEOPLE: *There's this place where people come together.*

We're more than just a community. The city itself knits each and every person together, connecting and uniting us all under one big sky. Go get lost and then ask for directions, people-watch at Caras Park or grab a barstool next to a local and you'll see for yourself. The beauty here stretches far beyond what we see on the skyline. The people here help to make this place beautiful, and that's worth taking care of. There is a level of diversity, of open arms and of exploration that abounds within Missoulians.

THE ARTS: *There's this place where creativity flows as fast and free as our rivers.*

Artists have a soft spot for Missoula and it's no surprise why. The culture is utterly distinct, the lifestyle unequivocal to anywhere else and the heady combination of the then and the now, the young and the old, the tangible and that which is beyond reach makes way for a space that is constantly being reinvented and renewed. The city itself is pure art.

MISSOULA, MONTANA:

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in North America.**

USA Today

THE OUTDOORS: *There's this place that's worth unplugging for.*

Unparalleled outdoor beauty surrounds us. Sublime mountain ranges, a labyrinth of trails and an abundance of surging rivers are just the tip of the glacier, so to speak, and with nature as peaceful and serene as ours, you'll never want to see your phone again. We know a thing or two about embracing and preserving our town's nature-loving spirit. Missoulians never pass up the opportunity to get outside and play.

THE FOOD: *There's this place that tastes as good as it looks.*

A small town with big city flavor, Missoula's food scene is a feast for the senses. A strong culinary devotion permeates our community, resulting in an abundance of amazing eateries from all over the world. From lively festivals to downtown hotspots and late-night food trucks, the options are endless. With insatiable and diverse palates, both locals and visitors relish the tapestry of flavors that Missoula has to offer.

THE VIBE: *There's this place that keeps it weird.*

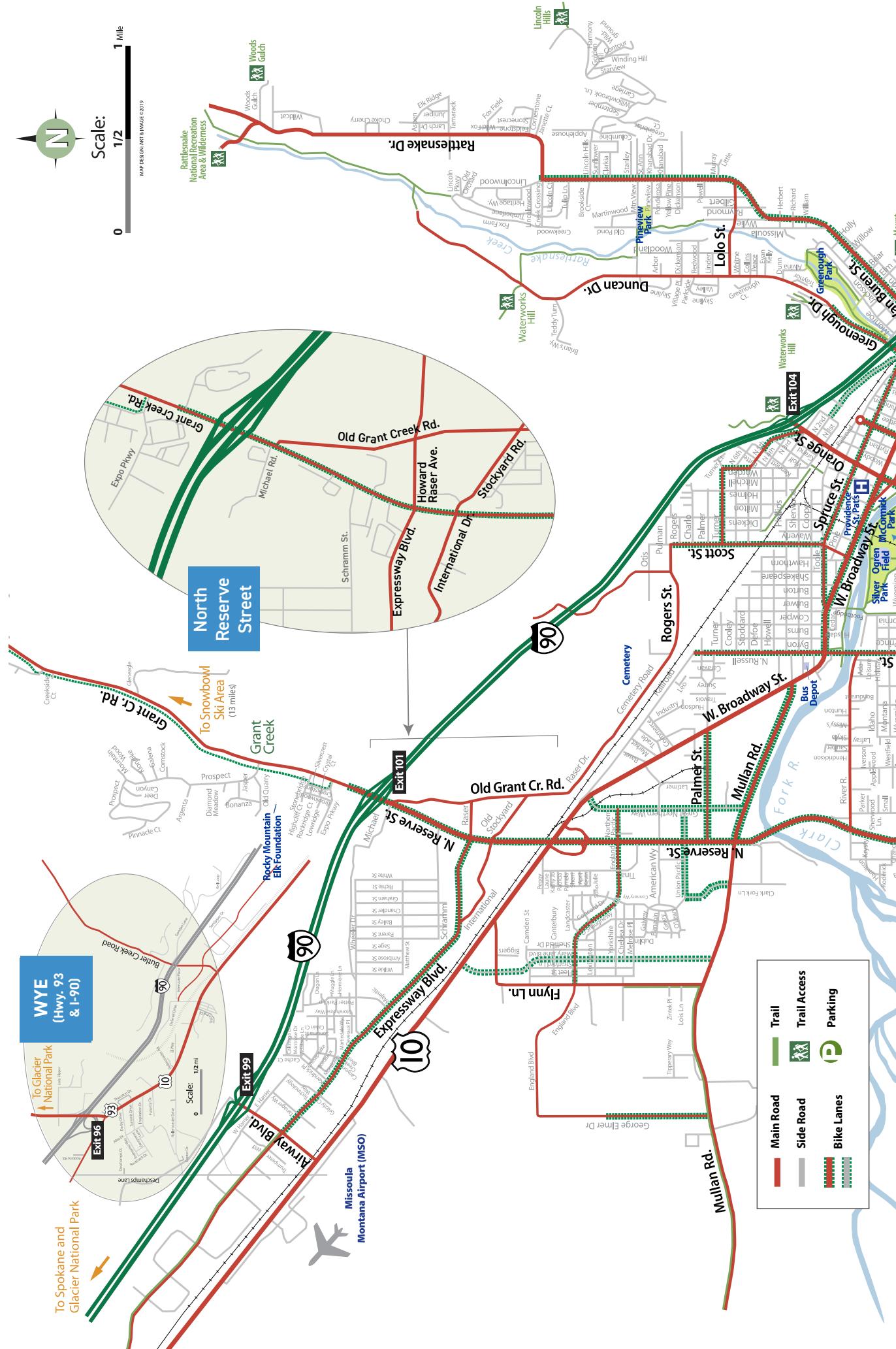
Missoula dances to its own rhythm, and boy, does it have a groove! With a tight-knit community that adores art, music, outdoor escapades and spur-of-the-moment fun, our captivating and diverse destination invites visitors to slip into the beat of mountain-town adventures.

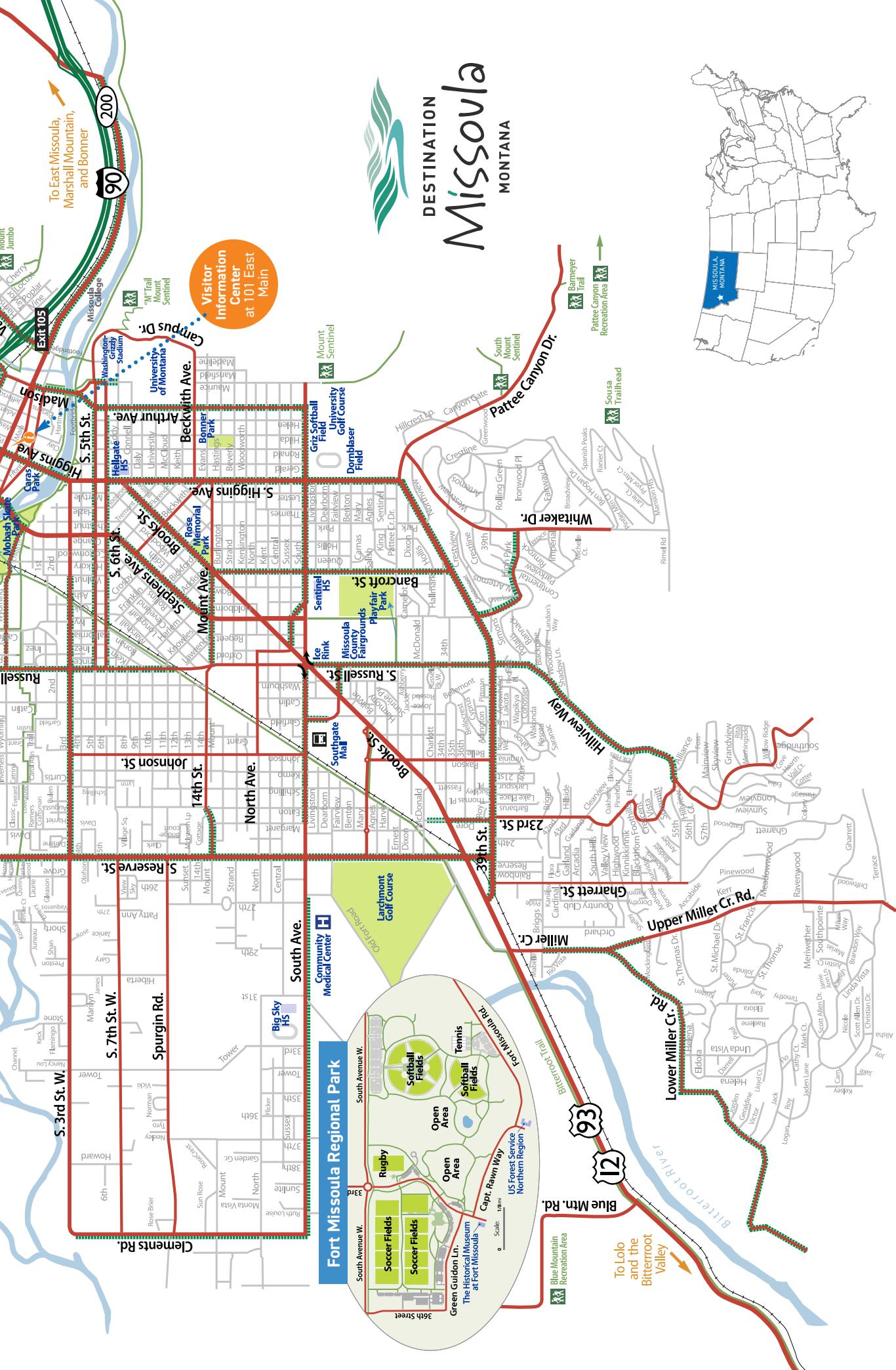


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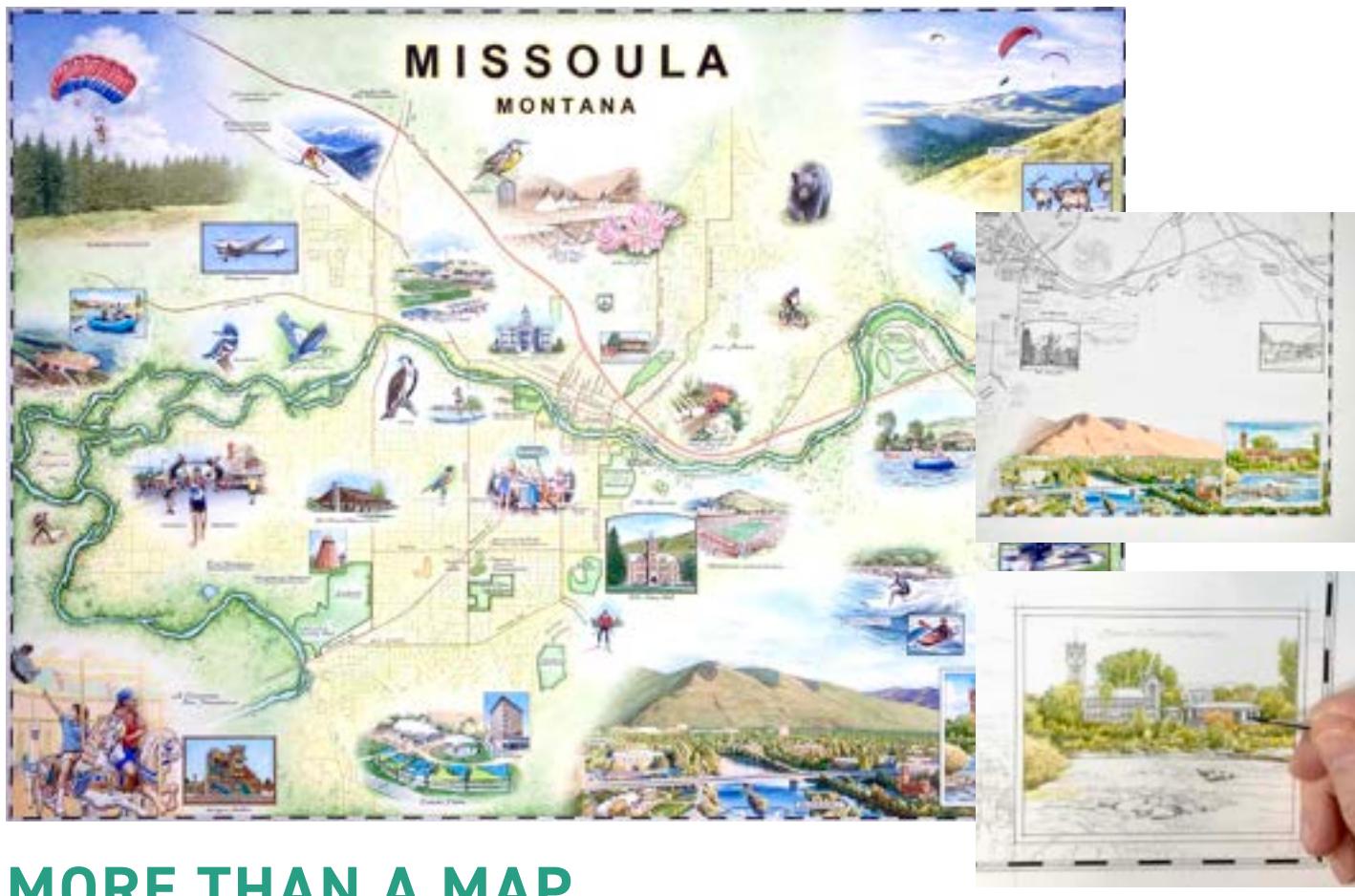


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MORE THAN A MAP

A work of art by and for Missoula.

“Have you ever considered adding a custom map of Missoula to the Xplorer Maps collection?”

This simple question sparked a collaboration between Xplorer Maps and Destination Missoula that has resulted in both a work of art and a partnership that gives back to the community.

As it turned out, local Missoulian Greg Robitaille, Xplorer Maps owner and cofounder, had dreamed for years about that very thing. Destination Missoula, a local organization that promotes sustainable tourism and a vibrant, inclusive quality of life, place and experience for Missoula residents and visitors, was the Missoula-centric partner he'd needed to make the dream a reality.

Not only that, the map is an important fundraiser: Xplorer Maps and Destination Missoula have committed 10% of proceeds from the map product line for the next 10 years to the Destination Stewardship Plan (learn more on page 16), making our community a sustainable, inclusive and dynamic place to live and visit. Additionally, there are 100 signed and numbered limited-edition giclée map prints available in a 24-inch by 32-inch size, and 100% of all profits from these prints will go to the Missoula River Ambassador program.

The Clark Fork, Blackfoot, and Bitterroot Rivers are the lifelines of Missoula and offer endless opportunities to float, fish, paddle and connect with nature. As river use increased, the River Ambassador program was created to help the prosperity of the city's surrounding waterways. These stewards are easily accessible for rivergoers, and help to provide practical guidance on logistics like parking and float times, share tips for minimizing ecological impacts and communicate seasonal updates from partner agencies. They offer resources like trash bags, dog waste bags, patch kits and sunscreen, and share information on river conditions and wildlife sightings. Aiming to foster curiosity, stewardship and safety, the program emphasizes positive, proactive engagement rather than correction. The River Ambassadors work toward a shared community vision and a bright future for Missoula's rivers in which they remain healthy, resilient and safeguarded—today and for years to come. For more information on the program and how to get involved, visit CLARKFORK.ORG/RIVER-AMBASSADORS.

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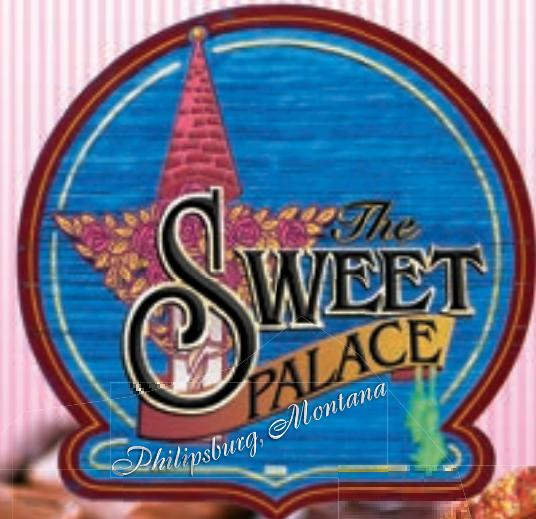
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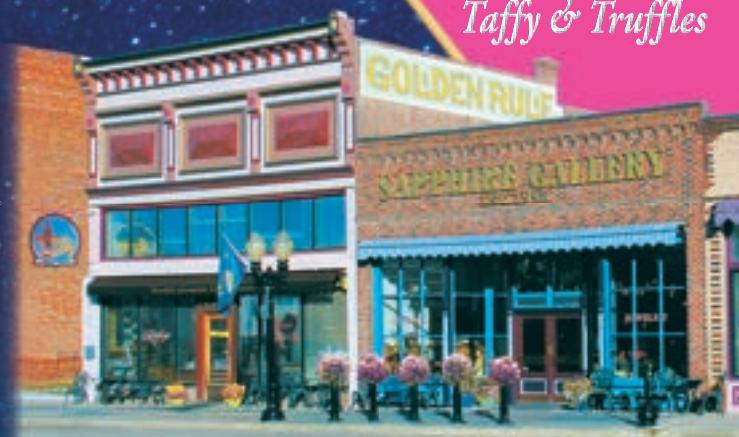
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