

Welcome to Montana!

Montana is one of those delightful states which travelers "discover" and return often to explore. The Indians called Montana the "Land of Shining Mountains." Watch the reflection of the sun on the snow-covered mountain peaks and you understand why.

Fine authors too have been stirred by the beauty of Montana's spectacular mountain ranges and the vastness of its plains. One calls Montana "High, Wide and Handsome." Another sees it as the land of "The Big Sky." Both are apt descriptions.

Montana is the site of three of the nation's most famous travel attractions... Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and the Custer Battlefield National Monument. It also is blessed with thousands of miles of trout fishing streams and an abundance of game animals, making it a favorite of fishermen and hunters everywhere. You'll find Montanans a warm, hospitable people who are proud of their state and who take sincere pleasure in acquainting visitors with it. I join them in inviting you to vacation with us often.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Nutter

Governor of Montana

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND SAFETY RULES

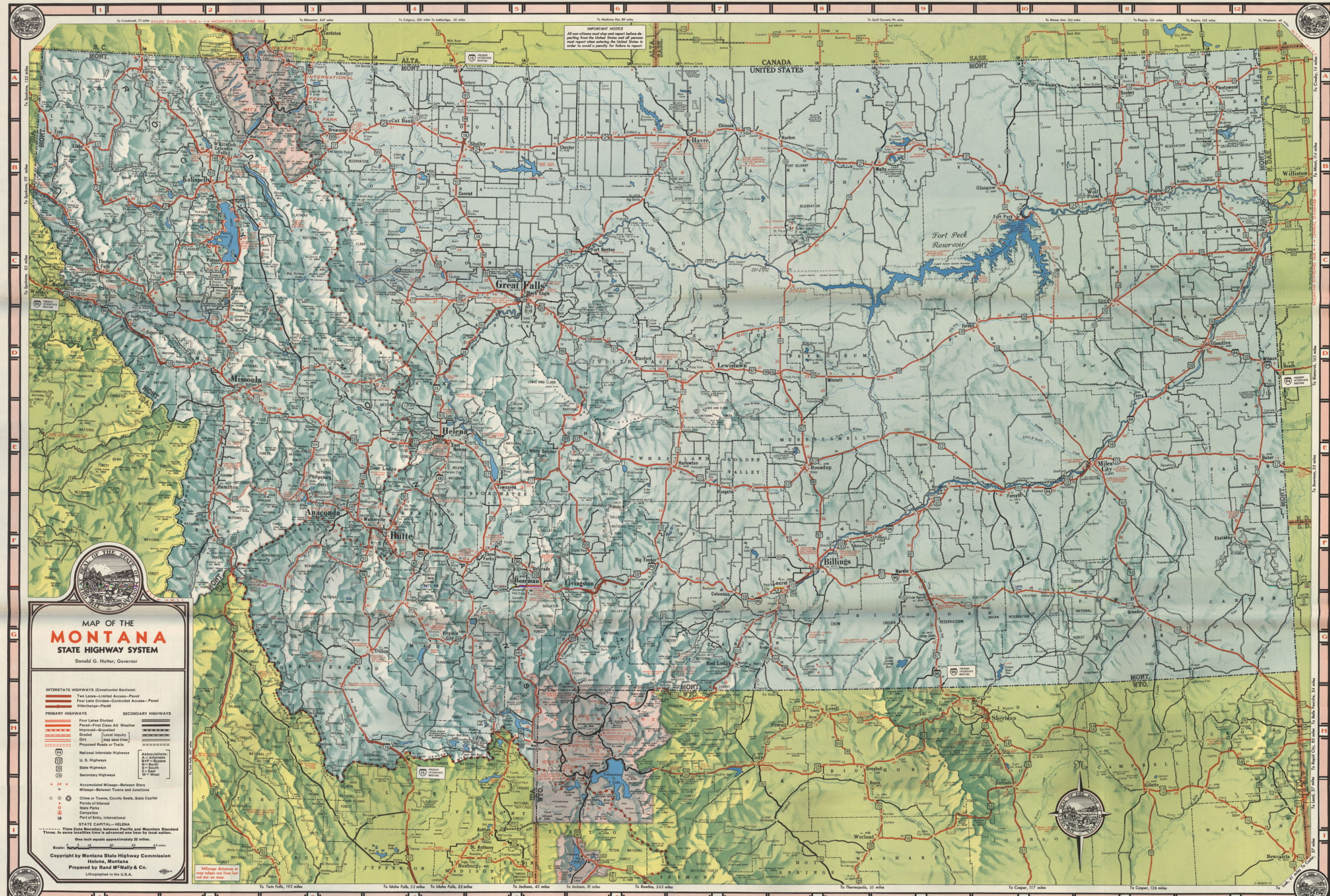
- 1. Montana speed limits: Daylight—reasonable and prudent speed; 55 miles per hour during the hours when lights are required, except where zoned and posted. Trucks in excess of 8,000 pounds gross weight—50 miles per hour. Vehicles towing house trailers—50 miles per hour. Speed limit on roads under construction—35 miles per hour.
2. Vehicles entering main highways from side road or drive must yield right-of-way to vehicles traveling main highways.
3. Vehicles must drive to right of center line at all times except when passing another car. Never pass on hills or curves. Be sure you can see far enough ahead to make a safe passing.
4. Proper signal must be given when passing another vehicle, changing direction, stopping or slowing down on the highway. Sound horn to warn the car ahead you are going to pass; left turn, left hand and arm extended horizontally; right turn, left hand and arm extended upward; stop or slow down, left arm extended downward. Electrical turn indicators are legal.
5. Obey all warning signs, such as School Zone, Stop, Slow, Danger, Curve, Yield Right-of-Way, and others.
6. Never drive at a speed greater than that at which you can stop in the clear road visible ahead. Slow down at night or when the road is wet or icy.
7. When approaching another car from either the front or rear, dim your lights, don't be afraid to dim first. Overtake promptly and safely.
8. Slow down when approaching any child, pedestrian, bicycle, livestock, parked car, or other obstruction of the highway. Be prepared for the unexpected.
9. Don't stop or park on the main-traveled portion of the highway, especially on hills or curves. Pull out on the shoulder. It's safer for you and other cars.
10. Accidents resulting in death, personal injury, or property damage of an apparent extent of \$100 or more requires immediate notification to Sheriff, Police or Highway Patrol by quickest means of communication. This notice must be followed by a written report to Montana Highway Patrol Board, Helena, Montana within ten days.
11. When approaching school buses loading or unloading school children, drivers must stop and not proceed until school bus resumes motion.
12. Littering forests prohibited—HELP KEEP MONTANA CLEAN.
13. PREVENT FOREST FIRES—USE YOUR ASH TRAY.
14. During the forest fire season every vehicle going into forest areas must be equipped with a serviceable shovel, axe, and bucket, except when traveling numbered state and federal highways.

TIPS FOR TRAILER OWNERS

Montana highway regulations provide that no combination of auto and trailer shall exceed 60 ft. in length, or 96 in. in total outside width, or 13 ft. 6 in. in height except with permit. Trailers should carry red lights to the rear, green, amber or white lights to the front and amber side lights. The speed limit for vehicles towing house trailers is 50 miles per hour. No person shall occupy a house trailer while it is being moved upon the highway.
Principal mountain passes in Montana are:
Lookout Pass—U. S. 10 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 6,726. Oiled, water stops.
MacDonald Pass—U. S. 12 west of Helena. El. 6,325. Oiled, water stops.
Pipestone Pass—U. S. 10 east of Butte. El. 6,418. Oiled, water stops.
Bozeman Pass—U. S. 10 east of Bozeman. El. 6,000. Oiled.
Marion Pass—U. S. 2 west of East Glacier. El. 5,216. Oiled, water stops.
Logan Pass—Glacier Park's Going-to-the-Sun Highway. El. 6,664. Oiled. Not advised for large trailers.
Beartooth Pass—Red Lodge-Yellowstone Highway, U. S. 212. El. 10,940. Oiled. Not advised for large trailers.
Kings Hill—U. S. 89 north of White Sulphur Springs. El. 7,383. Part not oiled. Elk Park Pass—U. S. 91 northeast of Butte. El. 6,372. Oiled, water stops.
Monida Pass—U. S. 91 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 6,822. Oiled, easy grade.
Targhee Pass—U. S. 191, 20 and Montana 287 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 7,078. Oiled, easy grade.
Lost Trail Pass—U. S. 93 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 6,990. Oiled.
Pass—Montana 43, southeast of Lost Trail, Pass El. 7,241. Not oiled. Not advised for trailers.
Rogers Pass—Montana 20 east of Lincoln. El. 5,609. Oiled.
Skaikho Pass—Montana 38 east of Hamilton. El. 7,230. Not oiled. Not advised for trailers.
Raynolds Pass—Montana 287 south of Ennis. El. 6,834. Oiled, easy grade.

MONTANA ROADS OPEN FOR WINTER TRAVEL

Modern maintenance equipment enables Montana to keep all primary roads (shown in red) open during winter months except for very short periods during or immediately after a severe storm. Make local inquiry regarding conditions during storms. Carry chains and a shovel. Reduce speed.
All main highway passes are kept open all winter. Passes that are closed to traffic for several months are:
Beartooth Pass on U. S. 212, from 12 miles south of Red Lodge over Beartooth Plateau to Cooke City.
Skaikho Pass on Montana 38 between Anaconda and Hamilton.
Pass on Montana 43 between Wisdom and junction with U. S. 91.
Logan Pass in Glacier National Park, closed from about Oct. 15 to June 1.
Yellowstone National Park roads subject to closure after Oct. 31, except for Gardiner-Cooke City road via Mammoth which remains open year around.



MAP OF THE MONTANA STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM. Includes a legend for Interstate Highways, Primary Highways, Secondary Highways, and National Interstate Highways. Also includes a scale bar and copyright information for Rand McNally & Co.

MONTANA INDEX. Population 691,000 (1960 Estimate). Area 147,138 sq. miles. Capital: Helena. Counties 1962 Estimates. Lists population for each county and a list of cities and towns with their 1960 census or later estimates.