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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Over a million acres of scenic grandeur, Glacier National Park is a magnificent association of rugged peaks, glaciers, and lakes. The park is a natural playground for the imagination. Two hundred and thirty miles of spectacularly rugged trails lead to fields of colorful wildflowers, dense forests, and lakes of brilliant blue. The park is a natural playground for the imagination. Two hundred and thirty miles of spectacularly rugged trails lead to fields of colorful wildflowers, dense forests, and lakes of brilliant blue. The park is a natural playground for the imagination. Two hundred and thirty miles of spectacularly rugged trails lead to fields of colorful wildflowers, dense forests, and lakes of brilliant blue.

Glacier National Park
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Welcome to Montana!

The Indians called Montana "The Land of the Shining Mountains" because of the many peaks. A Pulitzer prize-winning author sees it as the land of "The Big Sky."

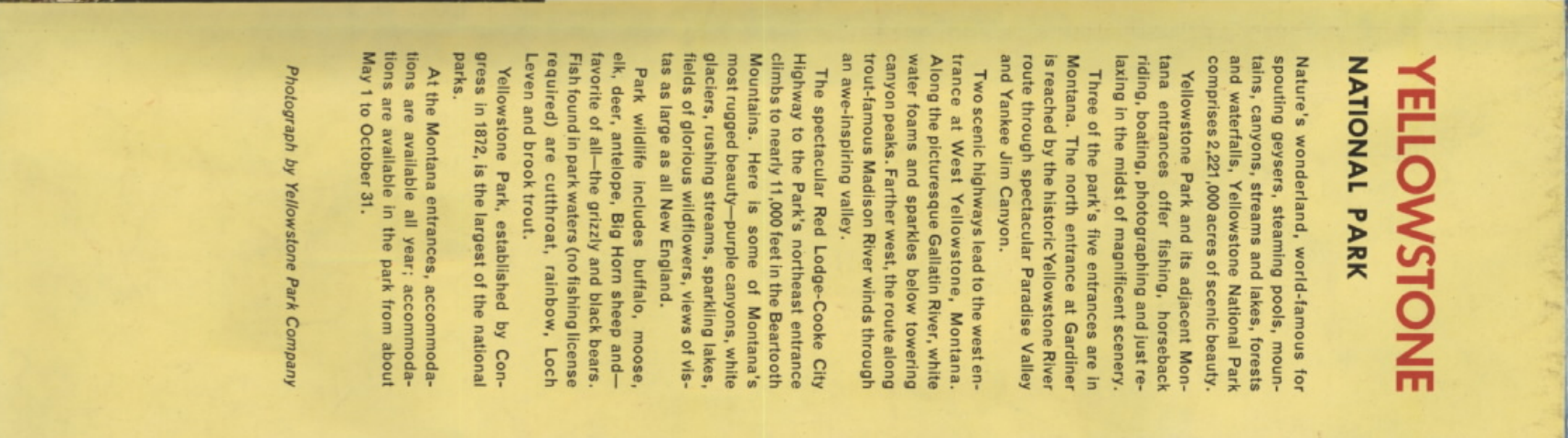
Montana is the site of three of the nation's most famous travel attractions—Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and the Custer Battlefield National Monument. While summer and fall attracts visitors to view our mountains and vast plains, to enjoy our lakes and rivers, to feel the pull of mountain regions attract many hundreds of ski enthusiasts during the winter months.

Sincerely,

Tim Blasko
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GOVERNOR



State Capitol Building, Helena



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Nature's wonderland, world-famous for geysing geysers, swimming pools, mud-hot springs, and waterfalls. Yellowstone National Park covers 2,227,000 acres of scenic beauty.

Yellowstone Park and its adjacent Mounting Baldy National Monument are the most rugged beauty—purple canyons, white geysers, rushing streams, sparkling lakes, and wildflowers. The park is a natural playground for the imagination. Two hundred and thirty miles of spectacularly rugged trails lead to fields of colorful wildflowers, dense forests, and lakes of brilliant blue.

Yellowstone Park, established by Congress in 1872, is the largest of the national parks. At the Montana entrance, accommodations are available all year, accommodations in the park from about May 1 to October 31.

Photograph by Yellowstone Park Company



LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERN STATE PARK

Lewis and Clark Cavern, Montana's first cavern in the Northwest. Located in the heart of Montana's vacationland between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, and fun to explore.

Colorful stalactites, stalagmites, clusters and flowstones, produced by a million years of mineral seepage. The cavern is all electrically-lighted, and is safe and comfortable to visit. An open-air, heated road runs along the middle of the cavern and an electric tram completes the trip.

Inside the cavern, where natural air-conditioned, well-constructed walks lead through the caverns. Guided tours take 90 minutes. Admission charge \$1.00 per person. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tours operate at frequent intervals daily as follows:
May 1—June 15 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 16—September 30 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Free parking and camping facilities are provided.



MONTANA,

THE FOUR-SEASON BIG SKY VACATIONLAND



Springtime in the Big Sky country becomes a magnificent display of exploding blossoms, deep-green hills covered with receding grass and renewed outdoor activity. Here, two young girls admire the cherry blossoms in the Flathead valley.



Montana summers provide visitors with relaxing escapes from crowds and heat. Clean fresh air, sweeping vistas of parks, cool bubbling streams, snow-capped glaciers and low western hospitality make every a guest to enjoy longer than he had planned.

Photograph by Ernst Peterson

Photograph by Gordon Miller

Photograph by Bill Browning, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Photograph by Madeline Lacy

THE TREASURE STATE

Montana, for exploring the bones of Indians and buffaloes, was first seen by white men—the Venetians, French fur-traders—in 1726.

In 1805-06 Lewis and Clark explored the area, then part of the Louisiana Territory. In 1807, James W. Wadsworth, who was St. Mary's Mission, founded in 1841. In 1862 a rich gold strike at Butte brought a rush of prospectors. With gold discoveries and gold coin, the Vigilance organized and dispersed justice. The great cowboy era began in 1868 when the first herd of longhorn cattle was traced in the growing frontier of what men into the Indians' homeland, the disappearance of buffalo and failure of white men to keep their word, brought the Indian wars of the 1870s. Chief Joseph's surrender at the Battle of the Bear's Paw.

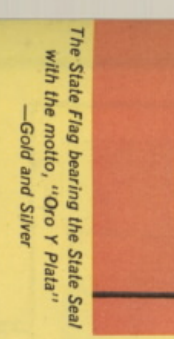
The fourth largest state, Montana averages 500 miles in length and 375 miles in width. The highest point is Granite Peak, 12,799 feet; the lowest is 1,200 feet on the Kootenai River at the state's "rod and spare" from minimum 497 to over 10,000 feet on its southern slope. Nine railroads, 11 bus lines and 4 rail lines serve Montana; 7,400 miles of paved highways cross the state.

Montana's most valuable resources—timber, fish, coal, 1,600,000,000 pounds of furs, and oil. The value of Montana's minerals is estimated at \$200,000,000 annually. From coal, potash, sulfur, asphalt, sand, mustard seed, flaxseed, beans and cherries. Poultry, potatoes, alfalfa, wheat, corn, oats, and other crops. Lumber, brick, cement, and other products. Lumber, brick, cement, and other products. Lumber, brick, cement, and other products.

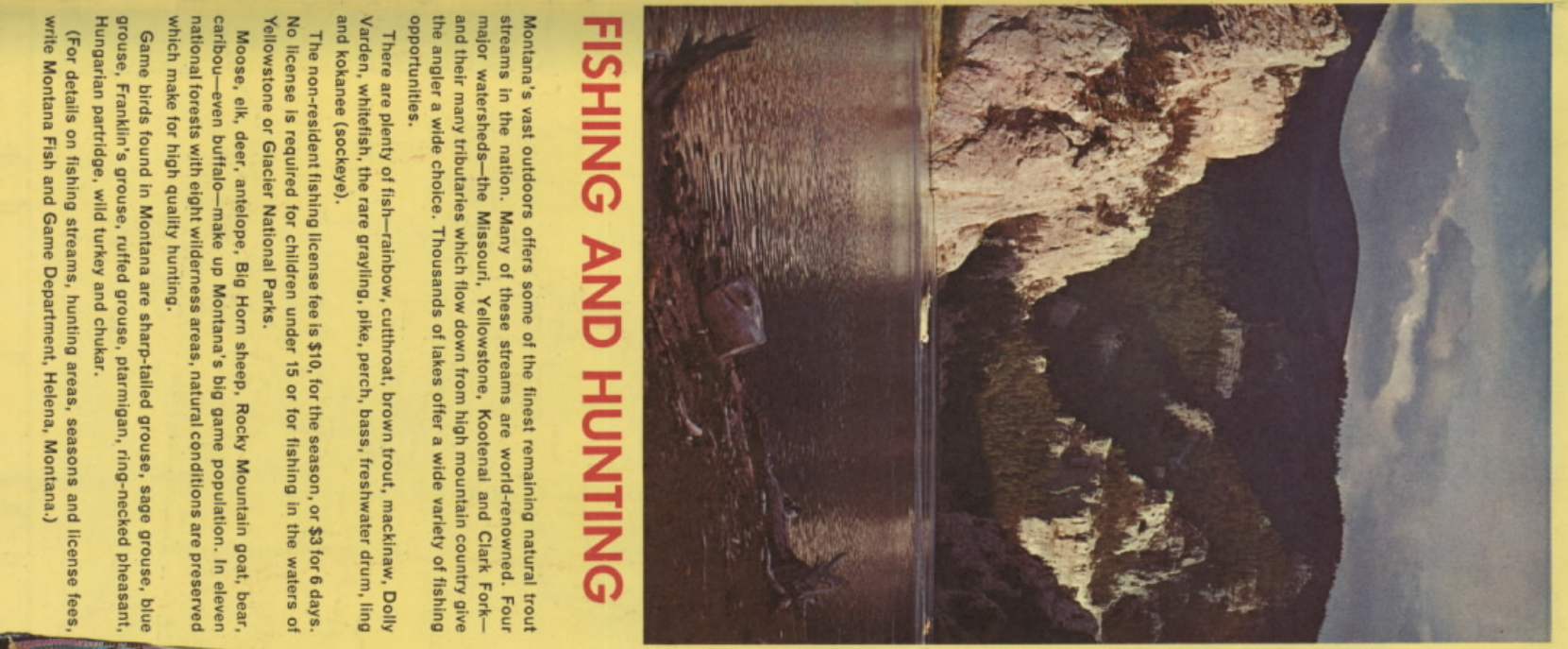
Manufacturing includes refining of copper, zinc, aluminum and petroleum, production of refined flour and millings. The value of all manufactured products approaches \$219,000,000 annually.

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The State Flag bearing the State Seal with the motto, "Oro y Plata"—Gold and Silver



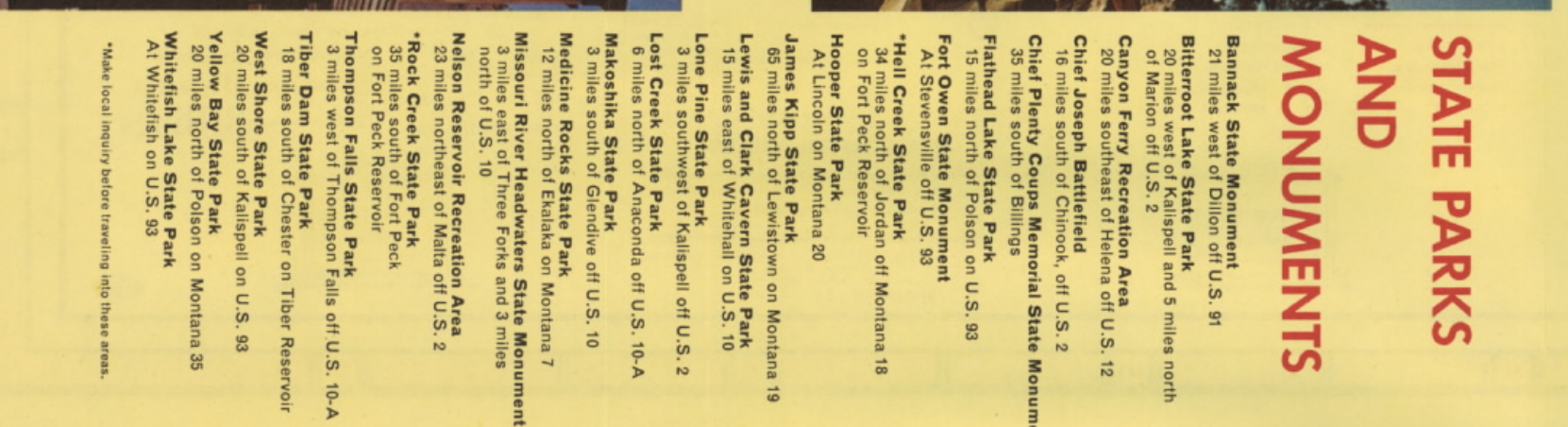
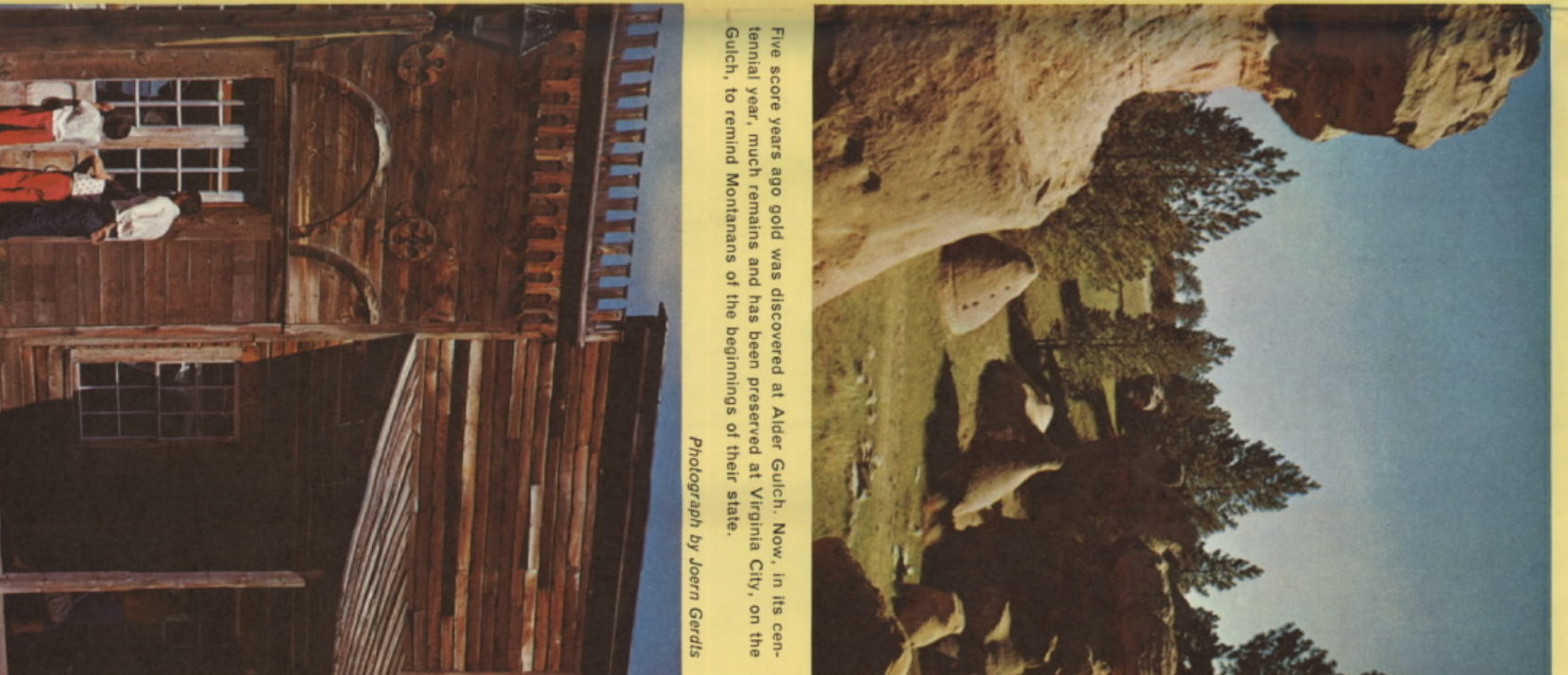
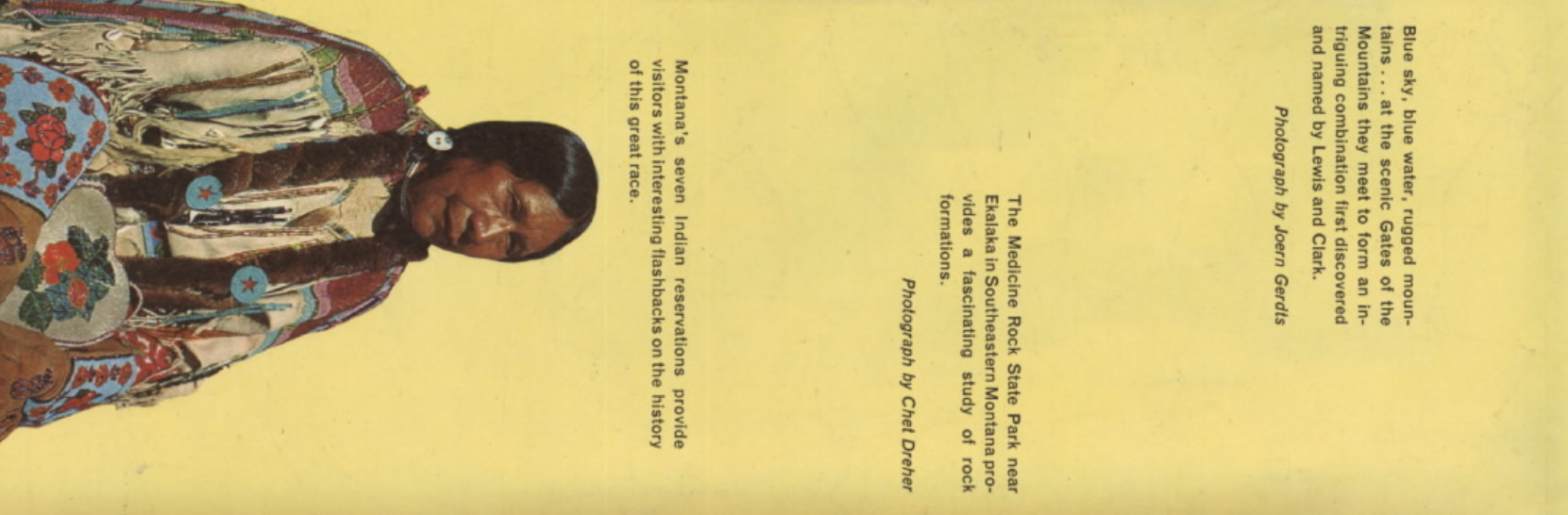
FISHING AND HUNTING

Montana's vast outdoors offers some of the finest remaining natural trout streams in the nation. Many of these streams are well-forested. Four major watersheds—the Missouri, Yellowstone, Kootenai and Clark Fork—drain into the Pacific Ocean. The waters are clear and the trout are large. The trout are large and the waters are clear.

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STATE PARKS AND MONUMENTS

- Banana Lake State Monument 21 miles west of Dillon on U.S. 81
- Big Lost Lake State Park 20 miles north of Glacier on U.S. 10
- Butte State Park 12 miles north of Butte on Montana 7
- Chamberlain State Park 3 miles east of Chamberlain on U.S. 10
- Chief Joseph National Monument 15 miles north of Polson on U.S. 83
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- Fort Owen State Monument 34 miles north of Jordan on Montana 18
- Hooper State Park At Lincoln on Montana 80
- James M. Smith State Park 15 miles east of Virginia City on the Judith on Montana 80
- John D. Rockefeller State Park 15 miles east of Virginia City on the Judith on Montana 80
- Levi Strauss State Park 15 miles east of Virginia City on the Judith on Montana 80
- Madison State Park 12 miles north of Exotic on Montana 7
- Medicine Rocks State Park 3 miles east of Three Forks on Montana 2
- Montana State Park 23 miles east of Helena on U.S. 83
- Rock Creek State Park At Fort Park on Montana 80
- Thompson Falls State Park 3 miles west of Thompson Falls on U.S. 10
- Wesley State Park 18 miles south of Chisler on Their Reservoir on U.S. 83
- Whitish Lake State Park 20 miles north of Polson on Montana 35

*State Park before opening this season.