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"Meeting the Flatheads," by C. M. Russell



Montana's Centennial Medalion

Welcome to Montana!

I join the the proud, hospitable people of Montana in welcoming you and all others to visit the Big Sky Country in 1964. One hundred years ago Montana became a Territory. Seventy-five years ago this land of unexcelled, inviting, scenic beauty and vacation splendor became the 41st State of the United States.

Tim Babcock
TIM BABCOCK, Governor

Photo by Cliff Dreher



Yellowstone NATIONAL PARK

Yellowstone National Park is the largest and the oldest of all the national parks. It was first discovered by frontiersman John Colter in the winter of 1807-08, and his friends refused to believe the tale of the fantastic land he had seen. Twenty years later, descriptions of the area, and eventually exploration of the Yellowstone country extensively.

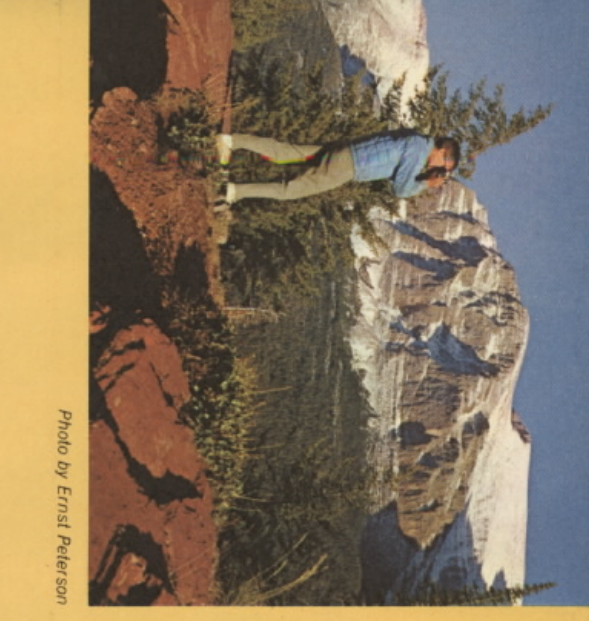


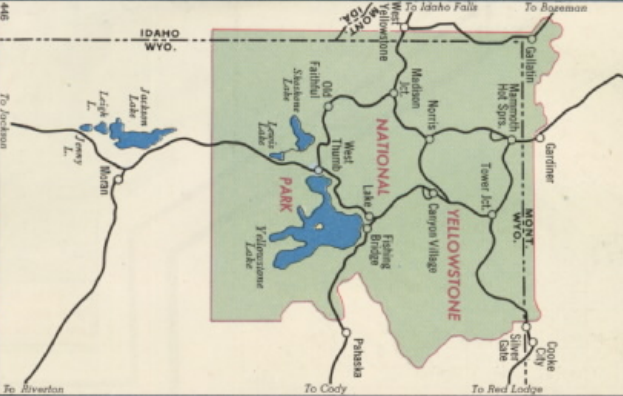
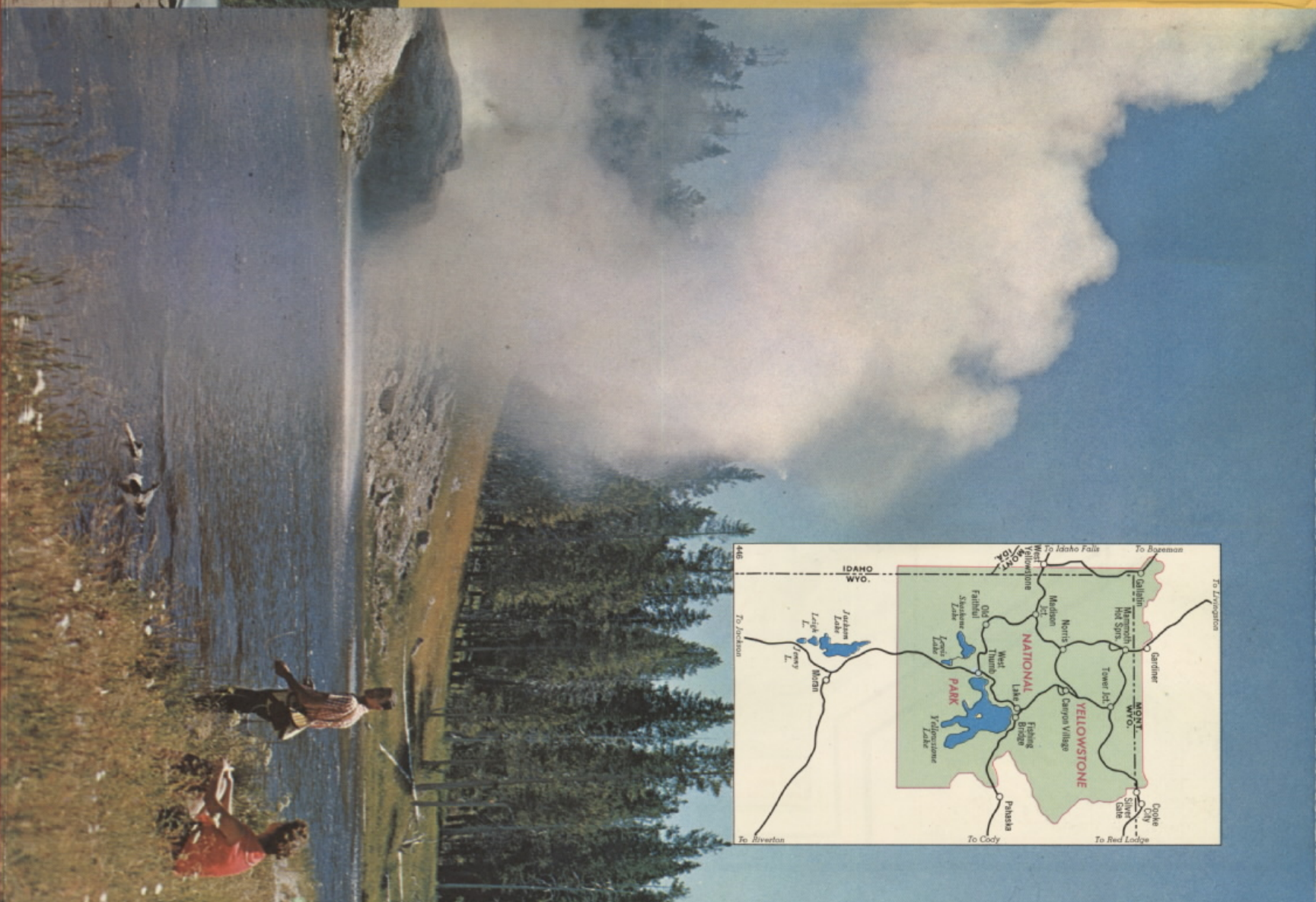
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Glacier NATIONAL PARK

The history of Glacier National Park begins with the Indians. The Buckner lived under the spell of the mountains. And died, they did enter this abode of spirits to last and to cross to the Fishback country to the west.



Photo by W. S. Keiser



The BIG SKY Vacationland 1964... Territorial Centennial Year

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The Treasure State

Montana, for centuries the home of Indians and buffalo, was first seen by white men—the Vancouver, French fur-traders—in 1805-06 Lewis and Clark explored the area, then part of the Louisiana Territory.

In 1827 Manuel Lema, a fur-trader, built Montana's first trading post.

The first permanent white settlement was St. Mary's Mission, founded in 1841.

In 1862 a gold strike at Butte brought a rush of prospectors, more lode-mines, gold-mines flourished in the mining boom camps until the Vigilantes organized and dispersed justice.

The great cowboy era began in 1866 when the first herd of long-horn cattle was driven from Texas to Montana.

The opening invasion of buffalo and failure of white men to hunt the game led to the disappearance of the buffalo.

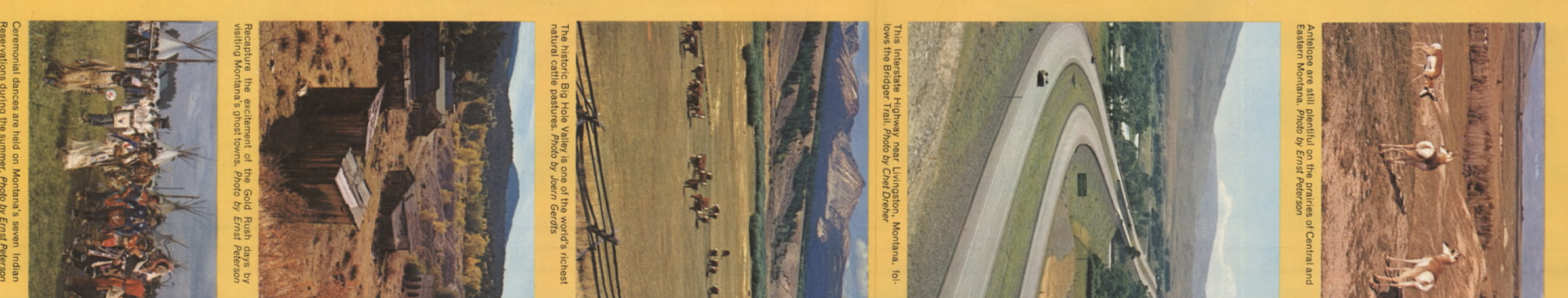
When heavy rains and cool, stormy nights set the land throughout the summer, early season visitors find waterfalls at their highest. In the fall, sections of trees slender, colorful, orange, yellow, red, and purple, are seen in the mountains.

Lewis and Clark CAVERN STATE PARK

Lewis and Clark Cavern, Montana's largest state park, is the largest limestone cavern in the Northwest. Located in the heart of Montana's world-famous Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to western, Lewis and Clark Cavern is easy to reach and colorful stalactites, stalagmites, chalcidites and flowstone produced by a million years of natural processes, from limestone.



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- Glacier National Park** 3 miles east of Three Forks and 3 miles north of U.S. 10
- Missouri River Headwaters State Monument** 3 miles east of Three Forks and 3 miles north of U.S. 10
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- Park Reservoir Recreation Area** 22 miles northeast of Helena on U.S. 2
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Antelope are still plentiful on the prairie of Central and Eastern Montana. Photo by Ernst Peterson

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