MONTANA Montana is the fourth-largest state in the U.S. with more than 94 million acres. where you are we've broken things down into six regions and highlighted some You'll find 24 mountain ranges, charming small towns and homegrown, one of the things to see and do. Each region has its own personality and unique intersection, gas-station-and-grain-elevator burgs sprinkled in between our two offerings in addition to the world-class recreation and magnificent views that our national parks and around our high plains. To help you identify the specifics of whole state is known for. Enjoy. MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY CENTRAL **COUNTRY MONTANA** NATIONAL **MONTANA** QUICK FACTS + State Capital: Helena + Became the 41st state on RESERVATION November 8, 1889 + Size: 147,138 square miles (4th largest in U.S.) + Water Area: 1.746 square miles + Population: 998,199 (48th most densely populated in U.S.) + State Name: From the Latin word montaanus, which means "mountainous" + State Bird: Western Meadowlark + State Flower: Bitterroot + State Tree: Ponderosa Pine + National Parks: Two (Yellowstone and Glacier) + The city of Helena became the capital of Montana only after a very suspicious and controversial election. + Montana is home to the world's shortest river: the Roe River in Great Falls + Montana holds the world record for the greatest temperature change in 24 hours. On January 14-15, 1972, in Loma, the 31 temperature rose from -54°F to 49°F, a change of 103°. Anaconda + The highest point in Montana is Granite Peak. 12,799', located in the Beartooth Range in the Rockies. + Montana has two state gemstones: agate and sapphire. + The state nickname is the "Treasure State." Other nicknames include "Land of Shining Mountains," "Big Sky Country" and "Last Best Place." Saint Xavie For more facts about Montana, visit www.visitmt.com/facts Learn more about what makes Montana one of America's premier Red Lodo vacation destinations. SOUTHWEST to Belle Fourche, S MONTANA SOUTHEAST **MONTANA** www.twitter.com/visitmontana YELLOWSTONE FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/visitmontana COUNTRY MAP SYMBOLS AND OTHER FEATURES CITY/ POPULATION HIGHWAYS FOR ABOVE MAP AND CITY INSET MAPS Interstate Route Under 50 State Boundary Principal Highways LOOKING FOR MAPS OF OUR CITIES AND 50-1,000 Chambers and Convention and Visitors Bureaus Other Highways TOWNS? Using your smartphone and bar code Major Airports 1,000-2,500 scanner, scan this code to access a list of the 321 cities ROUTE MARKERS Secondary Airports 2.500-10.000 and towns across Montana that have detailed Interstate city maps. www.visitmt.com/community_maps ____ Amtrak Line 10,000-25,000 U.S. Route Amtrak Station Over 25,000 59 7 State or Provincial Route Roadside Geology Marker GET LOST™ IN MONTANA – THE MAGAZINE **GET LOST™ IN MONTANA?** Sure. Get Lost™ exploring our big State Capital (39) Other Route state. Find and share your favorite places. Or check out where (IPAD APP) Download this magazine app to find all

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sheep and black bears. 406.644.2211,

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to about 350 to 500 of these maiestic animals.

WELCOME

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and Scenic River. This remote location retains

unspoiled, natural settings that form a backdrop

14 BEAR PAW BATTLEFIELD South of Chinook

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the Lewis & Clark Expedition in 1805, Giant Springs

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there visit the adjacent

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visit the nearby Lewis &

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Trail Interpretive Center.

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presentation '40 Miles from Freedom' that describes

It was here that Chief Joseph spoke his famous

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the Battle. 406.357.3140, www.nps.gov/nepe

in the United States. The Nez Perce Indians

located in Fort Benton. 406.538.1900.

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MONTANA'S ROADSIDE GEOLOGY

KOOTENAI FALLS AND

US Highway 2, MP 21

LANDSLIDE BUTTE

₹ THE BEAVER'S DAM

√ A LOST WORLD:

US Highway 93, MP 57

THE BELT SUPERGROUP

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRENCH

Montana Secondary 213, MP 39

THE LEWIS OVERTHRUST FAULT

PRECAMBRIAN BELT ROCKS

MOUNTAINS ON THE MOVE: THE

I-90, MP 4, Dena Mora rest area

√ GLACIAL LAKE MISSOULA

US Highway 93, MP 13

THE GARNET RANGE

SOUVENIRS OF THE ICE AGES

Clearwater Junction rest area

MADISON LIMESTONE AND

I-90 Frontage Road (old US 10).

THE ANACONDA-PINTLER AND

THE BOULDER BATHOLITH AND

I-15, MP 130 SB

EARTHQUAKES!

BEAVERHEAD ROCK

US Highway 287, MP

THE SHINING MOUNTAINS

Montana Highway 55, MP 7

A PASSAGE THROUGH TIME:

THE JEFFERSON RIVER CANYON

Montana Highway 2, Lewis and Clark

Cavern State Park Group Use Center

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Expedition. Even though Lewis and Clark lead the

Corps of Discovery across Montana more than 200

years ago, much of Montana's landscape remains

unchanged. Spend some time following their route

stop at the landmarks related to the expedition.

through our state, take in the vistas that they saw and

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HISTORIC TRAIL

MONTANA TRIBAL TOURISM

Montana Highway 41, MP 13

THE RICHEST HILL ON EARTH

US Highway 287, MP 49, Lion's Park

46 A NEW WORLD: TERTIARY MAMMALS

FLINT CREEK MOUNTAINS

I-90, MP 143 EB, Bearmouth rest area/

MP 10, ten miles west of Drummond

MT Highway 1, MP 1, Anaconda rest area

Montana Highway 200, MP 32,

US Highway 2, MP 198, Summit rest area

I-90, MP 72 EB/MP 73 WB, Alberton parking area

BITTERROOT AND SAPPHIRE MOUNTAINS

Montana Highway 37, MP 65

Since 2006, the Montana Department of Transportation has installed geological markers/interpretive signs along our roadways. Each sign provides information on a geological or paleontological point of interest. Take the time to pull over and read more about each of these interesting locations. The markers are noted on the map to the

left with a yellow circle/ax icon. Listed below are the names of the markers and their location. Visit www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/geomarkers.shtml for more information.

**** THE PRYOR MOUNTAINS AND**

THE GREAT INLAND OCEAN

HELL CREEK FORMATION

THE ICE AGES

Montana Highway 24, MP 41

†1 THE FORT UNION FORMATION

COAL, OIL AND NATURAL GAS

I-94, MP 242, Wibaux rest area

I-94, MP 192, Bad Route rest area

I-94, MP 112, Hathaway rest area

THE POWDER RIVER BASIN AND

TONGUE RIVER SANDSTONE

THE SHORE OF AN ANCIENT SEA

Fountain Park adjacent to the city hall, Colstrip

Montana Highway 3, MP 1.5, Sword's Park

US Highway 212, MP 81, Broadus rest area

RED-CAPPED HILLS OF

EASTERN MONTANA

HELL CREEK FORMATION

48 HELL CREEK FORMATION

Montana Highway 7, MP 10

TENDOY MOUNTAINS AND

The reservations are shown on the map to

broke out between white settlers and some of the

the Nez Perce continued their journey with the goal

Nez Perce groups. The U.S. Army was called in and

of finding refuge in Canada. Led by Chief Joseph and

others, the Nez Perce did elude capture for several

October 5, 1877 just short of the Canadian border.

The trail, noted on the map to the left, became a

National Historic Trail in 1986. For more information

months but were trapped and finally surrendered on

the left. For more information visit

www.visitmt.com/indiannations.

visit www.fs.usda.gov/npnht.

ORYCTODROMEUS

I-15 Lima Rest Area

I-90 Homestake Pass parking area

THE GIANT RIPPLES OF CAMAS PRAIRIE Secondary 382, MP 13, Flathead Reservation

MEDICINE ROCKS

№ BOULDER BATHOLITH

AND THE ICE AGE

-90. MP 419. Columbus rest area

US Highway 310, MP 29, Bridger rest area

8 EVIDENCE OF A CATASTROPHIC EVENT

US Highway 2, MP 527, Vandalia rest area

Junction Montana Highways 5 and 16,

MP 42, Sheridan County Fairgrounds

WELCOME TO DINOSAUR COUNTRY!

US Highway 2, MP 646, Culbertson rest area

Montana Highway 200, MP 213, Jordan

RAPTOR COUNTRY

48 ELKHORN VOLCANOES AND

I-15. MP 177 NB/MP 178 SB.

Jefferson City rest area

CLIFFS HIGH AND STEEP:

THE ADEL MOUNTAINS

US Highway 287, MP 58

US Highway 2. MP 321

CALL SWEET GRASS HILLS

AN ISLAND ON THE PLAINS:

THE BEARS PAW MOUNTAINS

THE GREAT FALLS COAL FIELD

MOUNTAINS, BELT BUTTE AND

THE LITTLE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Community Center, Lodgepole,

THE JUDITH RIVER FORMATION

Montana Highway 80, MP 28

AND ALBERT SILBERLING

31 SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS

US Highway 89, MP 24, Emigrant rest area

heritage which you can experience through annual

gatherings and sacred landscapes. Take the time to

The route is noted on the map to the left. For more

In 1877 the Nez Perce fled their homelands and

Oregon to just 40 miles south of Canada at the

Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, Montana, The

ancestral homelands and move to a reservation east

journey began as they were forced to leave their

of Lewiston, Idaho. During their journey, hostilities

traveled more than 1,170 miles from Wallowa Lake,

information visit www.lewisandclark.mt.gov.

Montana Highway 84, MP 27

US Highway 191, MP 47

THE BEARTOOTH PLATEAU

Montana Secondary 308, MP 5

US Highway 212, MP 69

PALEOCENE MAMMALS

US Highway 12, MP 95

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NEZ PERCE NATIONAL

HISTORIC TRAIL · · · · · ·

Montana Secondary 236. MP 47

SQUARE BUTTE AND SHONKIN SAG

Fort Belknap Reservation

827 BEARPAW SHALE AND

THE INLAND OCEAN

US Highway 87, MP 79, Big Sandy city park

Montana 200/US 89, MP 71, Armington rest area

Montana Highway 200, MP 158, Mosby rest area

49 A PERFECT DEFILE:

I-15. MP 222

61 EGG MOUNTAIN

THE BOULDER BATHOLITH

THE PRICKLY PEAR CANYON

I-90, MP 239, Dearborn rest area

A PLEISTOCENE WONDERLAND

406.789.2305 or www.fws.gov/medicinelake. than 50 different kinds of fish can be found in Fort Peck Reservoir, Montana's largest body of water. Surrounding the lake is the Charles M. Russell 406.654.2863, www.fws.gov/bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, which provides over one million acres of public land for incredible outdoor recreation. Check the weather before accessing the reservoir's dirt roads as they can become impassable

homesteading. 406.526.3493, www.visitmt.com/ftpeckinterp 22 CHARLES M. RUSSELL & UL BEND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES Prairies, pines, breaks and badlands, encompassing a million acres of wildlands surrounding Fort Peck Lake. Both refuges support Montana's biggest prairie elk herd, plus mule deer, red fox and a great diversity of birds. In the lake you'll find walleye, trout, salmon,

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has theater presentations, nature hikes, exhibits on

paleontology, the Fort Peck Dam construction and

Rivers, the flat-billed paddlefish Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, 406.538.8706, www.fws.gov/cmr UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge, 406.538.8706, www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/mt

pike and native to the Yellowstone and Missouri

23 MEDICINE LAKE & BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge has the largest white pelican colony in the state and more than 10,000 nesting birds,

Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge attracts migrating waterfowl and shorebirds, and provides breeding and nesting habitat. The area is also home to raptors, white-tailed deer, antelope, grouse and coyotes.

DANIELS COUNTY MUSEUM & PIONEER TOWN The museum and town is located on 20 acres just west of Scobev and includes 35 buildings that have been developed or restored to depict turn of the century businesses and homes. Its purpose is to collect, preserve and display Daniels County history in all its forms. 406.487.5965, www.scobevmt.com/museum.html

25 GREAT PLAINS DINOSAUR MUSEUM & FIELD STATION No trip through Montana is complete without a tour of the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Field Station in Malta. On display are spectacular dinosaur specimens, stunning invertebrates, fossil fish and rare fossil plants. The museum also offers lectures, educational programs and a unique gift store. 406.654.5300,

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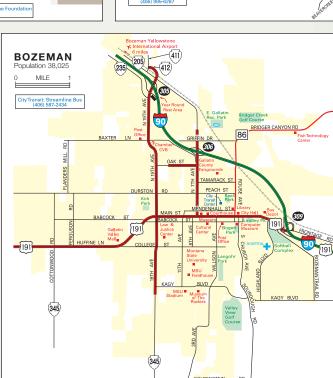
17 BEARTOOTH ALL-AMERICAN ROAD Called one of the most scenic drives in America, the Beartooth All-American Road features sweeping views of more than 20 peaks reaching over 12,000 feet in elevation. While the drive is a windy, ometimes narrow 65 miles, it takes a minimum of two to three hours and is best enjoyed as at least a day trip with time to pull off at scenic points and enjoy a hike. 406.446.1718, www.beartoothhighway.com

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19 ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH WILDERNESS **AREA** The wilderness area adjoins Yellowstone National Park on its northern edge and offers more than 640 alpine lakes and hundreds of miles of hiking trails—a true paradise for hikers, anglers and

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27 LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL 30 BIGHORN CANYON **MONUMENT** The site of the Battle of the Little Bighorn which took place on June 25-26, 1876, between the U.S. 7th Cavalry Regiment, led by Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, and the Sioux and Cheyenne under the spiritual leadership of Sitting Bull. The Museum features exhibits of the history of the battle, Plains Indian life and much more. The monument provides both a driving tour and a walking camping and hiking await. There tour (wheelchair accessible). 406.638.2621, www.nps.gov/libi

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29 POMPEYS PILLAR NATIONAL MONUMENT & INTERPRETIVE CENTER This is the site of the only remaining physical evidence of Captain William Clark's return journey through Montana. Clark carved his name in the sandstone pillar on July 25, 1806. The interpretive center features exhibits on the Lewis & Clark Expedition, Clark's Yellowstone River route, native culture, flora and fauna. 406.896.5235,

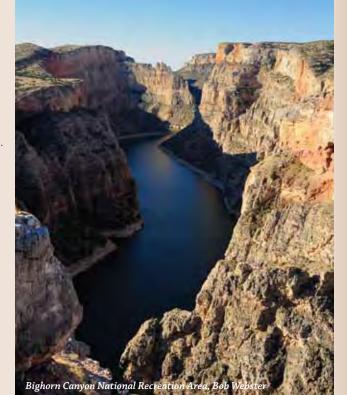
www.pompeyspillar.org

AREA This lesser-known treasure is waiting to be discovered. Breathtaking scenery, countless varieties of wildlife and abundant recreational opportunities such as boating, fishing, ice fishing, are two visitor centers and other developed facilities in Fort Smith, Montana and near Lovell, Wvoming,

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www.southwestmt.com · 800.879.1159 6 VIRGINIA CITY/NEVADA CITY Virginia City Ranger conducted programs are offered in summer; introductory presentations and exhibits is a well-preserved Victorian gold mining town are available year-round. 406.689.3155, and Nevada City, only a mile and a half away, offers more than 100 buildings, a museum, train www.nps.gov/biho rides and eating and lodging facilities. Check out GRANT-KOHRS RANCH This National the audio tour at www.visitmt.com/audiotour or on m.VisitMT.com. 800.829.2969, Historic Site illustrates the development of the Northern Plains cattle industry from the 1850s to www.virginiacitychamber.com recent times. It was the headquarters of one of

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YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

16 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK This is the most active geothermal region on Earth. There are 10,000 thermal features and more than 300 geysers within the park's 2.2 million acres. Look for bears, wolves, elk and bison in the Lamar and Hayden Valleys. Hike, camp and fish and enjoy exhibits and ranger-led programs throughout the park.

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the five falls on the Missouri River near Great Falls.

12 C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM COMPLEX Take

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along with displays of personal items and artifacts.

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contemporaries. The complex includes Russell's

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13 UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS

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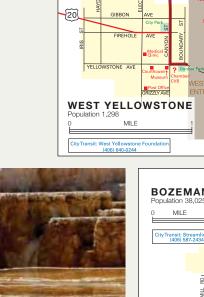
between the Corps of Discovery and the many Indian for outstanding recreational and cultural tourism

tribes they met, and the month-long portage around opportunities. An interpretive center for the area is

375,000 acres is public land managed by the Bureau This is also the site of the Roe River, once listed in

of Land Management. At the center of the monument the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's

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