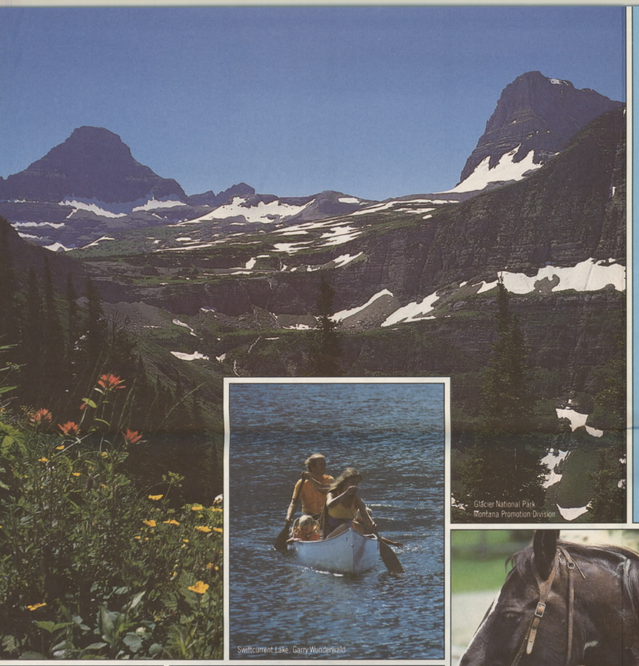

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MONTANA ATTRACTIONS

CHARLIE RUSSELL COUNTRY

Sites listed below are keyed to the highway map, opposite side.

Cowboys and buffalo, Plains Indians, the Missouri River Breaks, cattle spreads, grass prairies and the grand Missouri River — this is the land memorialized by famed western artist Charlie Russell.

C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM (C-5), 1201 4th Ave. N., Great Falls. The works of Montana's beloved cowboy artist are preserved here, along with collections of western art and history. C.M. Russell's original log cabin studio and home are adjacent.

GIANT SPRINGS (C-5), east side of Great Falls. One of the largest fresh water springs in the world, Giant Springs was discovered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. Visit the nearby fish hatchery and picnic by the Missouri.

CHIEF JOSEPH BATTLEFIELD (B-7), 16 miles south of Chinook. This site marks the surrender of the famed Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce, after a bitter 6-day battle.

FORT BENTON HISTORIC DISTRICT (C-6), Fort Benton. The discovery of gold in 1862 made Fort Benton an important overland connection with Missouri River steamers, playing a significant role in the opening of the Northwest. Museum of Missouri River history at Front and 18th Streets.

ADAMS' STONE BARN (C-4), 16 miles west of Great Falls on Hwy 89. This magnificent stone barn, built in 1884-1885 by J.C. Adams, is the only one of its kind west of the Mississippi.

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER (C-5). A member of the National Wild and Scenic River System, this 149-mile stretch of river offers rich wildlife, scenic, historic and recreation values. It stretches from Fort Benton to the Kipp Recreation Area on the west end of the Russell National Wildlife Refuge.

BUFFALO JUMP SITES: Wahkpa Chu'gn **(B-7)**, US 2, Havre, listed in the National Register as the "Too Close for Comfort Site." Ulm Pishkun **(C-5)**, off I-15 west of Great Falls, a state park with interpretive trail area.

CHARLES M. RUSSELL ART AUCTION (C-5), Great Falls. Annual March exhibit, sale and auction of some of the West's finest art, old and new.

STATE FAIR (C-5), Great Falls. Montana's complete summer fair (last Saturday July – first Saturday August), with exhibits, horse racing, rodeo, nightly entertainment.

GLACIER COUNTRY

Here, in Montana's northwest corner, the magnificent Rocky Mountains guard a variety of treasures below. Wild rivers, jewel-like lakes, forests, wildlife, historic sites, golf courses, resorts, dude ranches — and the wonders of Glacier National Park — all beckon.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (A-2). Lying in a rugged section of the Montana Rocky Mountains, home to 50 living glaciers and 200 sparkling lakes. Crystal-clear streams for fishing, fields of brilliant mountain wildflowers, cascading waterfalls, sheer cliffs, dense forests and wildlife provide a changing panorama. Going-to-the-Sun Road (open June to October), a spectacular east-west 50-mile drive, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. Part of the park is accessible by car and nearly a thousand miles of trails lead deep into back country or to mountain chalets. Contact the Superintendent, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936.

NATIONAL BISON RANGE (D-2), off US 93 at Moiese. The Range protects one of the most important remaining herds of American bison. Self-guided auto tour.

FLATHEAD LAKE (C-2). Occupying nearly 200 square miles, Flathead Lake is the largest natural fresh water lake in the western U.S. The quality of the fishing is renowned. The east shore drive, bordered by the majestic Mission Mountains, offers 35 miles of unexcelled beauty.

ST. IGNATIUS MISSION (D-2), St. Ignatius. Constructed in the early 1890s, this unique Catholic Church contains 58 original murals on its walls and ceilings.

THE CONRAD MANSION (B-2), Woodland Avenue, Kalispell. Built in 1895 and restored to Victorian elegance, this was the home of C. E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River trader, freighter and founder of the City of Kalispell.

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIAN (B-3), Hwys 2 & 89, west of Browning. Comprehensive collection of Blackfeet Indian tribal artifacts, and history of the tribes of the Northern Great Plains. Museum shop sells authentic contemporary Native American arts and crafts.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA (D-2), *off South Ave., west of Reserve St.; Bldg. 22; Missoula.* Western Montana history. 12 historic structures on-site.

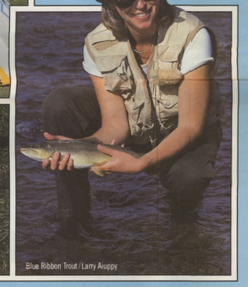
GIANT CEDARS-ROSS CREEK SCENIC AREA (B-1), MT 56, south of Bull River. Stroll among cedars more than 500 years old and 250 feet tall on this easy .9-mile interpretive trail.

WINTER CARNIVAL (B-2), Whitefish. Fun-filled winter celebration held in February with King Ullr royalty, parades, ski events, snowmobile and cross-country races.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS CELEBRATION (B-3), Browning. Blackfeet Indian games, chanting, dancing and parades are held in the camp circle every July.

Plains Indian Tepee / Damian Conrad

Elkhorn Ghost Town / Garry Wunderwald



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MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

A great river sets the theme for the landscape of Montana's northeast. Here, everything is big — prairies from horizon to horizon, ranches measured in miles, Fort Peck Dam and wildlife ranges that host elk, deer, sheep, waterfowl and more.

FORT PECK DAM AND RESERVOIR (B-10), Fort Peck. The world's largest hydraulically earth-filled dam forms a reservoir 134 miles long with more than 1,600 miles of shoreline. Recreation area. Tours available.

CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (C-9), 25 miles south of Glasgow. A variety of wildlife for viewing and photographing, including a scenic loop wildlife tour of Slippery Ann, 6 miles east of US 191.

WOLF POINT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY (B-11), Wolf Point. Displays on homesteading, farming and ranching.

RESTORED PIONEER TOWN OF 1900s (A-11), Scobey. Homestead shack, shops, stores, antique farm machinery, cars and trucks.

PIONEER MUSEUM (B-10), Glasgow. History of the area; Indian collections.

MEDICINE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (B-12), 3 miles southeast of Medicine Lake on MT 16. Abundant wildlife, self-guided auto tour. Also the site of Tepee Hills Natural Area, where many tepee rings are preserved.

FOSSIL BEDS (D-10), Jordan. On Hell Creek, north of Jordan, paleontologists discovered an almost complete skeleton of Tyrannosaurus, the largest and fiercest carnivorous dinosaur.

FORT PECK THEATER COMPANY (B-10), Fort Peck. Musicals and drama every weekend, June-August, in a building listed in the National Register of Historic Sites.

MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER (C-12), 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney. Art exhibits, local history, extensive early-1900s street scene, library.

McCONE COUNTY MUSEUM (C-11), Circle. Area history, wildlife collection.

WILO HORSE STAMPEDE (B-11), *Wolf Point. Since 1901*, this annual July spectacular has been called the Granddaddy of Montana rodeos.

THRESHING BEE AND ANTIQUE SHOW (A-11), Scobey. Thresherman's breakfast, old car and tractor display, parade, Dirty Shame Saloon Show — every July.

NORTHEAST MONTANA THRESHING BEE & ANTIQUE SHOW (B-12), Culbertson. Annual September event features restored steam engines, old tractors and farm implements, antiques, exhibits.

CUSTER COUNTRY

It's the site of the most famous Indian battle in U.S. history. You'll also see cattle ranches, Indian reservations, coal fields, Bighorn Canyon and Pompeys Pillar.

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT (G-9), 15 miles southeast of Hardin. Site of the annihilation of Lt. Col. George Custer and his troops by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians on June 25-26, 1876. Visitor center, museum, self-guided auto tour.

BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (G-8), southeast of Billings. Rich in scenic, historic and geologic value. The lake and steep-sided canyons provide wonderful opportunities for sightseeing and water sports.

POMPEY'S PILLAR (F-8), 30 miles east of Billings. In 1806, Captain Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition carved his signature — still visible — into this massive sandstone block, and named it for Sacajawea's baby son.

MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK (D-12), 3 miles southeast of Glendive off US 94. The Sioux Indians named this place Makoshika, meaning "bad earth" or "bad land." Unusual scenery, shooting range, nature trail and camping area.

MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK (F-12), near Ekalaka on MT 7. A place of "Big Medicine" where Indian hunters conjured up magical spirits. A haven for wildlife, the 160-acre park has camping and picnicking facilities.

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE MONUMENT (G-8), 35 miles south of Billings at Pryor. Situated on the Crow Reservation, and once the home of Plenty Coups, last chief of the Crows. Museum, log home and store.

PICTOGRAPH CAVE STATE MONUMENT (F-8), off I-90, 7 miles southeast of Billings. This major archaeological site preserves the remains of a prehistoric culture 5,000 years old. Interpretive area.

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER (F-9), Hardin. Cultural exhibits, farmhouse, log cabin, farm exhibits, restored church, picnic area, visitor information center.

BILLINGS HISTORIC DISTRICT (F-8), Billings. Includes the Carlin Hotel and its theater pipe organ, and the Rex Hotel, built with support from "Buffalo Bill" Cody. From N. 26 St. E. to N. 21 St.; between 1st Ave. N. and south of Montana Ave.

FORT KEOGH (E-11), 2 miles southwest of Miles City. The Custer Massacre led to the establishment of the largest cavalry post in Montana, and later the founding of Miles City.

BUCKING HORSE SALE (E-10), Miles City. Annual May rodeo, auction of rodeo stock, wild horse races and pari-mutuel betting.

CROW FAIR (F-9), Crow Agency. Every August, Indian tribes gather for rodeo, parades and dancing.

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YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

Savor the world's finest fishing in Yellowstone Country, along with the awesome Beartooth Highway, the aptly named Paradise Valley, remote wilderness areas and Yellowstone National Park, the world's first.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (H-5). Three of the five entrances to Yellowstone, the oldest and largest park in the lower 48 states, are in Montana. Often termed "nature's wonderland," Yellowstone is renowned for spouting geysers, brilliant pools, bubbling caldrons, mountains, canyons, streams and lakes, forests and waterfalls ... 2,221,000 acres of scenic beauty. Contact the Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY (G-7). The Beartooth Highway is the section of US 212 from Red Lodge, Montana to Yellowstone National Park, and is rated as one of the 10 most scenic highways in America. It takes about 3 hours to travel, and the world's most breathtaking mountain scenery can be found at every turn.

MADISON BUFFALO JUMP (F-5), 7 miles south of Logan off I-90. This buffalo jump (pishkun) vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used by prehistoric man. Interpretive area shows the technique of stampeding buffalo over a cliff.

NATURAL BRIDGE (G-6), 28 miles south of Big Timber. Spectacular falls and river canyon. Constrained by a deeply cut chasm, during high water the river flows over a 100-foot precipice, creating Boulder River Falls.

MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES (F-5), Montana State University campus, Bozeman. Physical and social heritage of the Northern Rockies.

MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK (F-5), Three Forks. Where Lewis and Clark found the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin Rivers joined to form the Missouri. Historical exhibit, recreation area. Headwaters Heritage Museum in nearby Three Forks.

SLEEPING GIANTS WILDLIFE MUSEUM (F-6), 2 miles south of Livingston. Unique collection of wildlife in natural surroundings, gallery, gift shops, restaurant.

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD (H-5), West Yellowstone. Headquarters for an extensive snowmobile trail system, this lively community offers full service for winter enthusiasts. West Yellowstone is just as busy in the summer, too, when the main topic of conversation is fishing.

MONTANA WINTER FAIR (F-5), Bozeman. A week-long livestock show and sale every January, with classes and exhibits, arts and crafts, draft horse pulling contest.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS (D-7), Red Lodge. A 9-day August celebration featuring a different nation's food, music, crafts and exhibits each day.

GOLD WEST COUNTRY

Gold was the prize in this area of Montana, and history is still alive in abandoned and restored gold camps. You'll also find the beautiful Bitterroot Valley, the historic city of Butte and famous fishing rivers and streams.

CAPITAL CITY OF HELENA (E-4). An 1864 gold discovery transformed Helena into the "Queen City of the West" and Montana's capital city. Trace her evolution along Last Chance Gulch, with buildings dating to the 1870s. St. Helena Cathedral, State Capitol, original Governor's Mansion, many historic buildings.

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE (E-3), outskirts of Deer Lodge. A stop back in time. Tour more than 30 structures, some more than 100 years old, including a 23-room ranch house, bunkhouse, blacksmith shop and more.

VIRGINIA CITY AND NEVADA CITY (G-4), 67 miles southwest of Bozeman on Hwy 287. Virginia City is the site of the richest placer gold discovery ever made (1863) and former territorial capital. Both towns have been restored to show how businesses flourished in the boom days. The Virginia City Players entertain all summer long.

PINTLER SCENIC ROUTE (E-3), 63 miles of Hwy 10A off I-90. Drive through high mountain passes, mining and ghost towns along the shores of Georgetown Lake.

MADISON CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA (H-5), west of Yellowstone National Park. On August 17, 1959 an awesome earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon, creating Quake Lake. Memorial, visitors center and vista.

BANNACK (G-3), off Hwy 278 west of Dillon. The site of Montana's first major gold discovery in 1862. A walking tour of this ghost town, Montana's first territorial capital and now a state park, includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's Gallows and the Hotel Meade.

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS (F-4), 47 miles east of Butte off I-90. One of the largest limestone caverns in the Northwest. Naturally air conditioned, these spectacular caves are electrically lighted and safe to visit.

BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT (F-3), 12 miles west of Wisdom on MT Hwy 43. Site of 1877 battle between the Nez Perce Indians, led by Chief Joseph, and the forces of Col. John Gibbon. Visitor center, walking tour.

BUTTE HISTORIC DISTRICT (F-4). Much of Montana's history was written in mineral-rich Butte. Old architecture, historic mines and monuments recall these colorful times. Walking tours. World Museum of Mining on Hell Roarin' Gulch brings a 1905 mining camp back to life.

MONTANA TERRITORIAL PRISON (E-3), Deer Lodge. A castle-like stone structure at the end of Main St. is the site of the West's first territorial prison. Now a museum with daily tours.

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (E-4), 225 N. Roberts, Helena. Charles M. Russell art, Haynes Gallery of photos, military and Montana history, changing western art exhibits.

TOWE ANTIQUE FORD COLLECTION (E-3), 1106 Main St., Deer Lodge. Antique Ford auto collection.

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Indian chiefs met in battle, world-renowned fishing rivers like the Yellowstone, the Madison and the Jefferson, where "gone fishin'" dreams turn into reality. Choose adventure in the form of a weekend, a week or a month of Montana's wilderness areas; Relax at a first-class hotel, a rustic dude ranch, or around a campfire under our awesome star-filled sky.

Whatever your idea of travel, you will discover your vacation dollars have helped to shape today's Montana—a state diverse in geography, economy and people. We think you'll find plenty to enjoy! For your safety while you are in Montana, please observe traffic regulations and drive carefully.

Ted Schwinden

Governor Ted Schwinden

Welcome to Naturally Inviting Montana—and welcome to our Big Sky bounty of activities, attractions and scenic beauty.

We invite you to share our warm Western heritage, from rodeo action to art auction, from pioneer museum to Indian powwow, from fishing to hiking. Traveling in Montana, you'll find an abundance of wildlife in natural settings, panoramic vistas of Rocky Mountains and great plains, friendly rural towns and cities, and a tapestry of culture just the right mix of yesterday and tomorrow.

Take the time to explore the unique sights that only Montana can offer: Glacier National Park, Beartooth Highway, Yellowstone National Park, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, hundreds of miles of hiking trails, Custer Battlefield National Monument, where cavalry generals and

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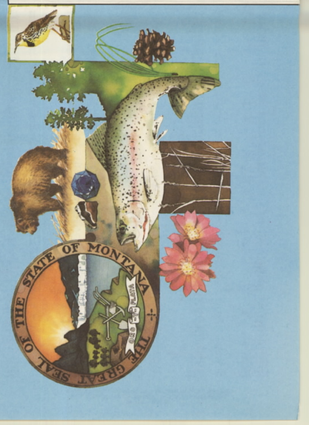

world are water, timber, coal, gold and silver, copper, oil and natural gas. Most of the state's power is generated by water; there are six steam generating plants using coal as fuel.

MONTANA has 59 state parks, 18 state monuments, 712 state recreation areas, 229 fishing access sites, one million acres of state forest land.

MONTANA is home to seven North American Indian Tribes: the Assiniboine and Sioux, the Blackfeet, the Chippewa-Cree, the Gros Ventre, the Kootenai, the Crow, the Arikiahonee and Gros Ventre, and the Northern Cheyenne.

MONTANA, the State of Montana, shown below, represent some of Montana's most beloved and familiar sights: Bitterroot Flower, Western Meadowlark, Ponderosa Pine, Grizzly Bear, Mountain Bluebird, Black-tailed Wheatgrass, Blackspotted Cutthroat Trout, and the Grizzly Bear. The official seal of Montana was adopted on March 1, 1893 and is based on the Great Seal of the Spanish words for gold and silver. The central part of the seal has a plow and a miner's pick and shovel, with a rising sun in the background. Mountains are in the mountain scenery on the left.

MONTANA's tourism and hospitality industry hosts 8 million visitors annually, and welcomes 800,000 residents alike glory in year-round spectacular scenery, the last vibrant corner of the West, and unlimited outdoor recreation. Montana is uniquely inviting—all year long.

MONTANA is a word derived from the Latin meaning "mountainous." Admitted to the Union on November 8, 1889, it is the nation's fourth largest state, averaging 550 miles east-west and 275 miles north-south. Montana is plains country central thirty, plains and isolated mountain ranges, western third, mountains and foothills. Rivers flow north through Canada and south through the western section. The highest point is Granite Peak, 2,759 feet, the lowest is 2,820 feet on the Kootenai River where it leaves the state. Because of topography and altitude, Average annual rainfall is 15 inches. Average daily temperatures vary from 28 degrees in January to 84.5 in July.

MONTANA has a land area of more than 93 million acres, richly endowed with natural resources. In addition to its natural wealth, Montana's people are its most plentiful commodities utilized for the nation and the