

# 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 visitor center, and picnic along the Missouri.

**BEARS PAW BATTLEFIELD (B-7)**, 16 miles south of Chinook. This site marks the surrender of the famed Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce on October 5, 1877, after a 1,700-mile retreat.

**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. Fort Benton's new Montana Agriculture Center and Museum of the Northern Great Plains will be dedicated in 1989.

**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-6)**, 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: Wahnka Chu'gn (B-7), US 2, Havre.** listed in the National Register as the "Too Close for Comfort Site." Ulm Park (C-9), off I-15 west of Great Falls, thought to be the largest prehistoric buffalo kill site in the U.S.; interpretive trail.

**CHARLES M. RUSSELL ART AUCTION (C-5)**, Great Falls. Annual March exhibit, sale and auction of some of the West's finest original 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 Rocky Mountains provide a magnificent backdrop for wild rivers, jewel-like lakes, forests, wildlife, historic sites, golf courses, resorts, dude ranches — and the wonders of Glacier National Park.

**GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (A-2)**, Living glaciers and sparkling lakes, mountain-fresh streams, brilliant wildflowers, cascading waterfalls, dense forests and watchable wildlife provide a changing panorama. Going-to-the-Sun Road (open June to October), a spectacular 50-mile drive, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. Nearly a thousand miles of trails lead deep into Glacier's backcountry or to mountain chalets.

**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 fishing is renowned. East Shore Highway, bordered by the majestic Mission Mountains, offers 35 miles of unexcelled beauty.

**ST. IGNATIUS MISSION (C-2)**, St. Ignace. 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 INDIANS (B-3)**, Hwy 2 & 89, west of Browning. Comprehensive collection of Blackfeet Indian tribal artifacts and history of the tribes of the Northern Great Plains. In July, visitors may view Blackfeet Indian games, chanting, dancing and parades during the annual North American Indian Days Celebration.

**HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA (D-2)**, off South Ave., west of Helena. St. Bigg, 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 handicapped-accessible, 3-mile interpretive trail. Picnic area.

**RAVALLI COUNTY HISTORIC SITES (E-2)**, Bitterroot Valley. St. Mary's Mission was the first Catholic mission in the Northwest, established in Stevensville in 1866. The Daly Mansion was built near Hamilton in the late 1800s for Marcus Daly, an Irish immigrant who became one of Montana's colorful "copper kings."

**NATIONAL WILDERNESS AREAS.** All or part of eight wilderness areas are located in Glacier Country: Bob Marshall (C-3), Great Bear (B-3), Cabinets (B-1), Rattlesnake (D-2), Selway-Bitterroot (F-2), Welcome Creek (E-2), Missions (C-2) and Anaconda-Pintler (F-2).

## Missouri River Country

One of the world's great rivers sets the theme for a vast landscape of prairie, mountains, streams, forests, wildlife and recreation. Here, everything is big — prairies from horizon to horizon, ranches measured in miles.

**FORT PECK DAM AND RESERVOIR (B-10)**, Fort Peck. This huge earth-filled dam forms a reservoir 134 miles long with more than 1,500 miles of shoreline. Beautiful recreation area. Home of the annual Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. 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.

**BOWDIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (B-9)**, 6 miles east of Malta. Established for waterfowl, this refuge protects 208 bird species. Auto, hiking tours.

**MEDICINE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (B-12)**, 3 miles southeast of Medicine Lake on MT 15. 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.

**WILD HORSE RAMPEDE (B-11)**, Wolf Point. Since 1901, the Granddaddy of Montana rodeos. July. **THRASHING BEE AND ANTIQUE SHOW (A-11)**, Scooby. Threshermen's breakfast, old car and tractor display, parade, Dirty Shame Saloon Show — every July.

**PEOPLES GOLD'S ZORTMAN MINE (C-8)**, Zortman. One of the largest- producing gold mines in the nation. Mine tours available.

**PUGAUL INDIAN POW-WOWS (B-11)**, Poptar. Traditional celebrations on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, June-August.

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

**FORT PECK THEATER COMPANY (B-10)**, Fort Peck. Musicals and drama every weekend, June-August, in historic Fort Peck Theater.

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

**MUSEUMS,** tracing northeastern Montana's farm and ranch history, homestead era, Indian cultures, plus art and wildlife exhibits, are located in Wolf Point (B-11), Glasgow (B-10), Malta (B-8), Poptar (B-11), Sidney (C-12), Circle (C-11) and Plentywood (A-12).

## 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.

**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 calderas, mountains, canyons, streams and lakes, forests and waterfalls.

**BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY (G-7)**, The section of US 212 from Red Lodge, Montana, to Yellowstone National Park. Rated by Charles Kurat as one of the 10 most scenic highways in America. It takes about 3 hours to travel, and offers views of the world's most breathtaking mountain scenery at every turn.

**MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES (F-5)**, Montana State University campus, Bozeman. Best known for its world-class dinosaur collection, the museum will add the only public planetarium in a three-state region as part of a \$6.5 million expansion in April 1989. Other attractions are homestead history, contemporary Indian culture and the Kirk Hill Nature Area.

**MISSOURI HEADWATERS (F-5)**, Three Forks. Where Lewis and Clark found the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin rivers joined to form the Missouri. Interpretive displays, campground and picnic areas. Headwaters Heritage Museum in nearby Three Forks.

**NATURAL BRIDGE (G-8)**, 28 miles south of Big Timber. Spectacular falls and river canyon. Constrained by a deep-cut chasm, during high water the river flows over a 100-foot precipice, creating Boulder River Falls.

**DEPOT CENTER (F-6)**, Livingston. Restored 1902 Northern Pacific railroad station offers historic and artistic views of the Yellowstone Park region.

**POWDER PERFECT SKIING IN BIG SKY (G-5)**, Bridger Bowl (F-5) and Red Lodge Mountain (G-7). Montana is famous for its "cold smoke" — deep, dry, powder snow. Choose Big Sky for its world-class resort atmosphere, Bridger Bowl for its steep chutes and wide-open bowls or Red Lodge — the family, friendly mountain.

**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. Gardiner, Cooke City and many other areas in Yellowstone Country have developed snowmobile trails.

**MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING (F-8)**, Big Timber. Poets and musicians recite backcountry ballads and rhymes of the range, August.

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

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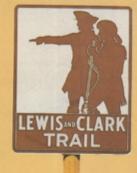
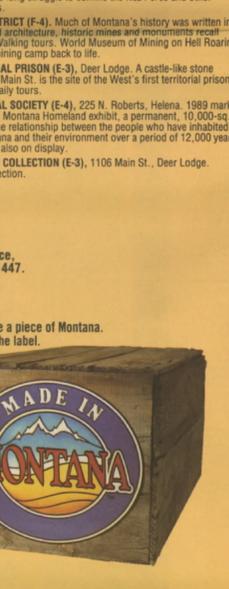
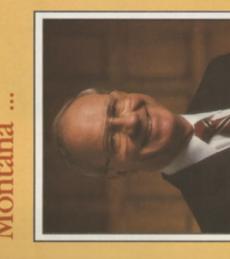
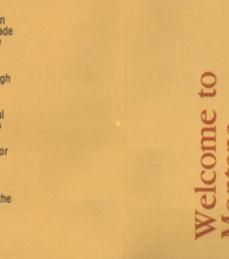
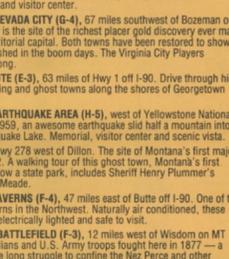
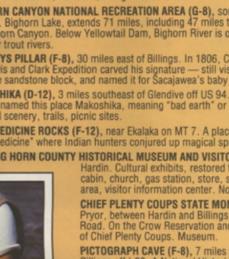
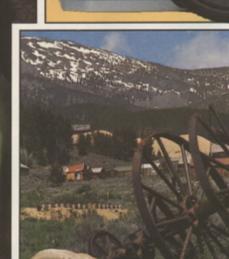
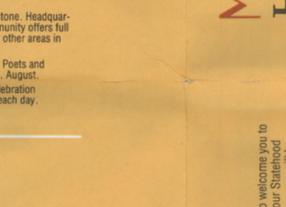
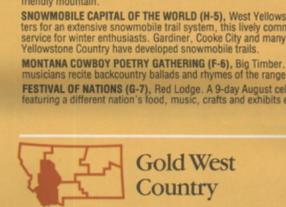
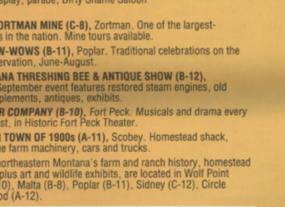
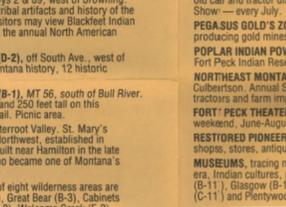
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## Montana Centennial Highway Map

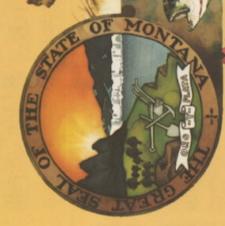


More than 50 years ago, cowboy artist (left) "Shorty" Shupe went to work for the Montana Highway Department, where he created dozens of illustrations from the scenic views of a 1936 touring brochure. Travel Montana celebrates the centennial of his work by featuring one of the high spots in the history of Montana tourism promotion.

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MONTANA is a word derived from the Latin meaning "mountains." Admitted to the Union on November 8, 1889, Montana is 1,470 miles long and 275 miles wide. The eastern third is prairie country, central third, plains and isolated mountain ranges, western third, mountains and south through the western section. The highest point is Granite Peak, 12,799 feet; the lowest is 1,820 feet on the Kootenai River at the Idaho line. Climate ranges from continental to sub-tropical. Average daytime temperatures vary from 28 degrees in January to 84.5 in July.



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