



Western Montana's Glacier Country

Best of Both Worlds

In the northwest corner of the state, outdoor adventure and in-town exploration meet. Here, you'll find ample opportunities to head into the backcountry or to experience the local character of 75+ welcoming communities — or both. There's outdoor recreation to be had year-round in the region's mountains, valleys, lakes and rivers, and after you've spent a day hiking, fishing, horseback riding, skiing, snowmobiling or snowshoeing, mountain towns await with arts and culture, history, entertainment and hospitality.



Central Montana

Heart of the Big Sky

History-rich Central Montana may be known figuratively as the heart of the big sky, but the region does lay claim to the actual geographic center of Montana — a marker in Lewistown notes the exact spot. Two Indian reservations are located in the region as are sites of indigenous history that date back thousands of years. Much of the early history of Montana as it's known today happened in this part of the state, too, and travelers can visit an array of historical sites in the wide-open prairie, mountain and river breaks landscapes and communities of Central Montana.



Missouri River Country

Remote and Remarkable

Montana's Missouri River Country encompasses the vast northeast corner of the state, where the storied Missouri River cuts through the Great Plains. In this remote, wild and expansive region, travelers will find both river breaks formations and badlands, as well as enticing ways to spend time outside — wildlife watching, hunting, fishing, stargazing and even digging for dinosaur fossils. On the Fort Peck Reservation and in the 25+ communities in the region, visitors can experience local culture and history at museums and events held throughout the year.

Plan Your Trip

Montana is a special place, one with endless opportunities to experience something new. With over 94 million acres to consider, and more off-the-beaten-path places than most can conquer in a lifetime, these free tools are sure to help you lose yourself in Montana's wide-open landscapes:

Web

From general inspiration to specific trip ideas, visitmt.com is your source for places to go and things to do in Big Sky Country. With a wealth of information on state and national parks, outdoor activities, history, culture and more, there is something for every adventurer.

Social Media

Get inspired by real Montana travelers just like you by following Visit Montana's social channels. Be sure to check out [#MONTANAMOMENT](https://twitter.com/MONTANAMOMENT) and tag your own Montana photos.

For road conditions and updates, check out Montana Department of Transportation's traveler information service at 511mt.net, or by dialing **511** within Montana or **800-226-7623** outside Montana. You can also check MDT's social media pages.

Facebook: Follow MDT on Facebook. facebook.com/montanadot

YouTube: Follow MDT on YouTube. youtube.com/montanadot

Visit our Plan Your Trip page for more information about transportation systems, trip ideas, services and more at visitmt.com/plan-your-trip.

Call

Call **800-VISIT MT (800-847-4868)** or **406-841-2870** to request information about lodging, camping, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling or other activities. TDD **406-841-2702**.



Official Highway Map

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Fast Facts

Below are some essential and interesting Montana facts to know as you travel through the state.

STATE CAPITAL: Helena	STATE NICKNAME: The Treasure State	STATEHOOD: 1889; 41st state
STATE FLOWER: Bitterroot	STATE FRUIT: Huckleberry	STATE TREE: Ponderosa pine
STATE BIRD: Western meadowlark	STATE FISH: Blackspotted cutthroat trout	STATE MAMMAL: Grizzly bear
STATE GEMSTONES: Sapphire and agate	OFFICIAL SPORT: American rodeo	HIGHEST POINT: Granite Peak; 12,808 feet

Trails

Not all of Montana's trails are for the outdoor recreational activities you might expect. The themed trails below appeal to culinary, historical, cosmic and cultural interests and offer unique ways to explore sites across the state.

Pie a la Road: Central Montana's Pie Trail

Flaky crust and delicious fillings are never too far away in Central Montana, as the 18 stops on this sweet trail can attest. Our tip: Try the huckleberry pie when you come across it.

Southeast Montana Burger Trail

Experience mouthwatering burgers that are local favorites at the small-town eateries featured on this trail, where true Montana flavor meets local hospitality.

The Montana Dinosaur Trail

Visitors to the 14 museums on this statewide trail, established in 2000, can experience Montana's rich dinosaur history up close — from viewing fossils on display to observing on-site dino digs.

Montana's Trail to the Stars

Discover 45+ ideal spots for stargazing across Eastern Montana, and come nighttime, look up to see stars, planets, the Milky Way and even the northern lights!

Montana Bookstore Trail

Fun fact: Montana has more independent bookstores per capita than any other state. The shops on this trail not only sell books but are gathering spaces for their communities, making them great places to take in local character.

Governor's Message

Montana leaves a mark

Whether you've lived here your whole life or you're just passing through, you know pretty quickly — Montana leaves a mark.

It's not just the mountains or the rivers or the sky that goes on forever. It's the people. The way a stranger waves on a dirt road. The way a town shows up when it matters. The way the land makes you slow down and pay attention.

If you're visiting, we're glad you made the trip. If you're local, thanks for keeping this place what it is.

Wherever the road takes you next — travel well. And don't be a stranger.

Gov. Greg Gianforte and First Lady Susan Gianforte

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Southwest Montana

Gold Rushes and Copper Kings

With 22 mountain ranges, blue-ribbon rivers and streams, hot springs and rich history, this region stretches from the Idaho border northward to encompass Helena, the state capital. Dig into Southwest Montana's mining past with visits to gold rush towns turned ghost towns, the ornate mansions of Montana's copper kings still standing in Butte and the living history museums of Nevada City and Virginia City. You can even try your hand at gem mining before driving a scenic byway, hitting a hiking trail, fly fishing a winding river, skiing or soaking under the stars in a hot spring.



Montana's Yellowstone Country

More Than the Park

The renowned wildness of Yellowstone National Park spills north beyond park boundaries into the five counties that make up this region. Year round, travelers here enjoy a wealth of recreational opportunities amid the stunningly beautiful mountain ranges, valleys, lakes and rivers, including fly fishing, hiking, rafting, horseback riding and skiing. The small businesses, museums and lively events in the region's communities — which range from a city like Bozeman to a small town like Fishtail — are where folks will experience local history, flavors and character.



Southeast Montana

Otherworldly West

Dive into the wide open of Southeast Montana and be rewarded with incredible terrain, fascinating history and chances to experience both indigenous and Western traditions. Dramatic landscapes like the badlands in the east or the ruggedly beautiful Bighorn Canyon in the south await, as do museums, state parks and national monuments that highlight dinosaur, Native American, military and homesteading history. Tribal gatherings, historical reenactments, rodeos and horse and cattle auctions are unforgettable ways to experience the region's vibrant culture.



Indian Country

Sacred Lands, Enduring Culture

Indian Country is a distinct tourism region with sites spread throughout the state. It comprises 12 federally recognized tribal nations and seven reservations, including the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians headquartered in Great Falls. These sovereign tribal nations keep their traditions alive in both the wild landscapes and communities of their homelands. Respectful travelers are welcome to visit and experience the beauty, history and culture of the Native American tribes in Montana.

Traffic and Safety

Unless otherwise posted, Montana has the following speed limits.

Interstates	Interstates through the cities of Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Helena and Missoula	Public highways	Urban districts

Regardless of maximum speed limits, you should drive at a reasonable and prudent speed, taking into account traffic, visibility, weather, road and vehicle conditions.

BUCKLE UP IT'S THE LAW

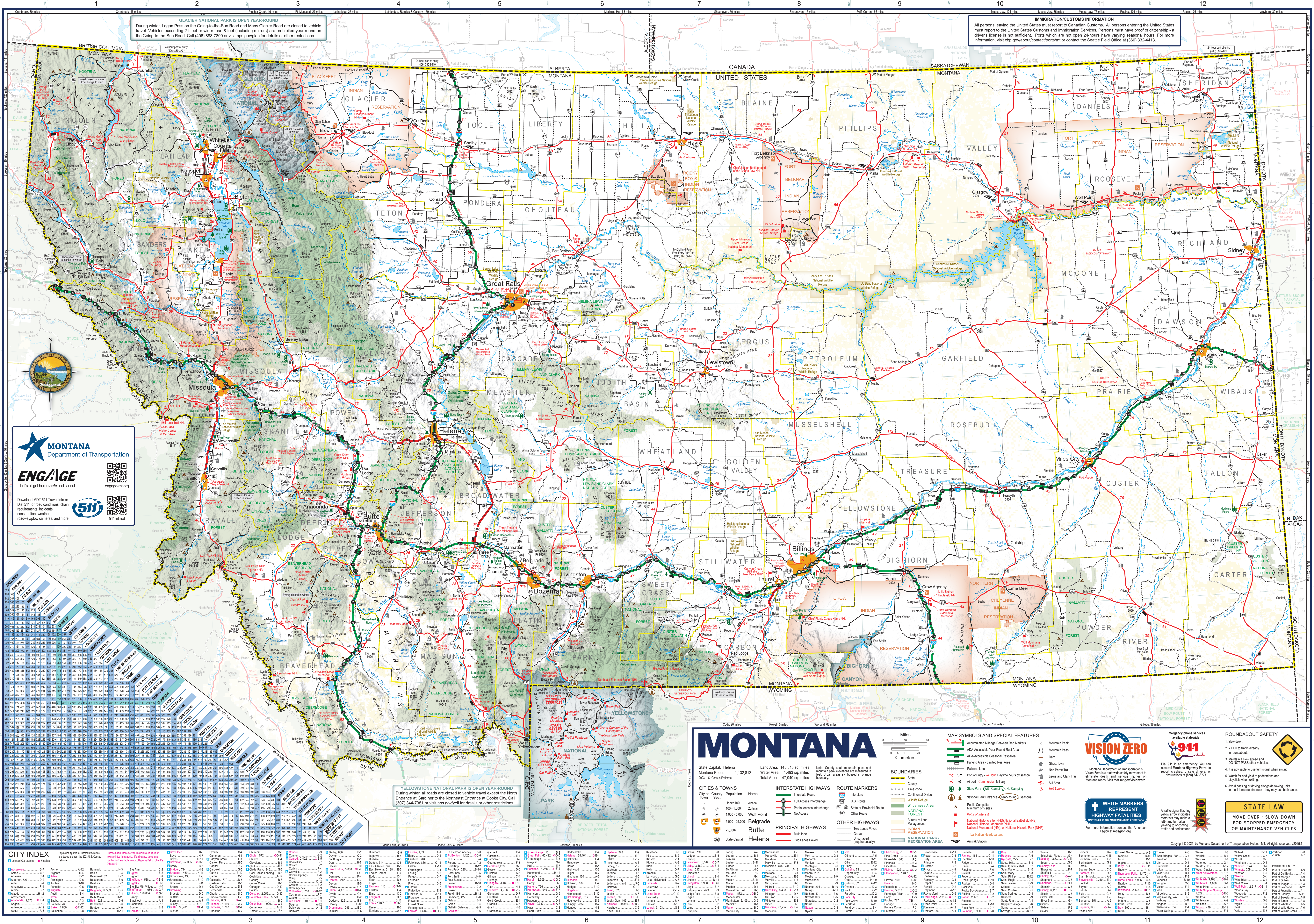
All vehicle occupants must wear safety belts. A child must be properly restrained in a safety restraint system that has been installed, adjusted, and used according to manufacturer instructions.

Montana law prohibits open alcoholic containers in vehicles. A person commits the offense of driving under the influence if the person drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle on roads open to the public while under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or a combination.

Motorcycles must be operated with lights on at all times. No more than two motorcycles may be operated side by side in a single traffic lane. Operators and passengers under 18 must wear approved headgear.

Watch for wildlife and domestic animals crossing the roads. If you hit an animal, contact the Montana Highway Patrol at **888-647-3777** from the scene of the crash to write a report.

Bicyclists are required to obey the motor vehicle traffic laws. There are no bicycle restrictions on state highways or interstates. For bicycling information, go to mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/bikeped or write to mtbikeped@mt.gov.



GLACIER NATIONAL PARK IS OPEN YEAR-ROUND
During winter, Logan Pass on the Going-to-the-Sun Road and Many Glacier Road are closed to vehicle travel. Vehicles exceeding 21 feet or wider than 8 feet (including mirrors) are prohibited year-round on the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Call (406) 888-7800 or visit nps.gov/gla for details or other restrictions.

IMMIGRATION/CUSTOMS INFORMATION
All persons leaving the United States must report to Canadian Customs. All persons entering the United States must report to the United States Customs and Immigration Services. Persons must have proof of citizenship - a driver's license is not sufficient. Ports which are not open 24-hours have varying seasonal hours. For more information, visit cbp.gov/about/contact/ports or contact the Seattle Field Office at (360) 342-4413.

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ENGAGE
Let's all get home safe and sound

Download MDT 511 Travel Info on your smartphone for road conditions, construction, weather, roadway camera, and more.

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State Capital: Helena
Montana Population: 1,312,812
2023 U.S. Census Estimate

Land Area: 145,545 sq. miles
Water Area: 1,452 sq. miles
Total Area: 147,040 sq. miles

Note: County seat, mountain pass and four-wheel drive areas are indicated in orange. Not all areas are shown.

CITIES & TOWNS
City or County Seat
Population
Town
Seat

INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS
Full Access Interchange
Partial Access Interchange
No Access

PRINCIPAL HIGHWAYS
Multi-lane
Two Lanes Paved
Two Lanes Gravel

ROUTE MARKERS
U.S. Route
State or Provincial Route
Other Route

MAP SYMBOLS AND SPECIAL FEATURES
Accumulated Melted Snow
ADA-Accessible Year-Round Road
ADA-Accessible Seasonal Road
Parking Area - Limited Road
Railroad Line
Port of Entry - 24 Hour Daytime hours by season
Airport - Commercial
State Park - With Campground
National Park Entrance - Year-Round Seasonal
Public Campsite - Minimum of 5 sites
Point of Interest
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Total National Headquarters
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State
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Time Zone
Customs Boundary
Wildlife Refuge
Wilderness Area
National Forest
Bureau of Land Management
Reservation
Recreation Area

OTHER HIGHWAYS
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Two Lanes Gravel
Unimproved (Rural Locality)

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Mountain Pass
Ghost Town
Necropolis Trail
Lewis and Clark Trail
Sal Area
Hot Springs

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VISION ZERO
Montana Department of Transportation
To report crashes, unsafe drivers, or obstructions at (800) 647-3777

WHITE MARKERS
REPRESENT HIGHWAY FATALITIES
FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY OR MAINTENANCE VEHICLES

ROUNDABOUT SAFETY
1. Slow down
2. YIELD to traffic already in roundabout
3. Maintain a safe speed and DO NOT PASS other vehicles
4. It is advisable to use turn signal when exiting
5. Watch for and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists when exiting
6. Avoid passing or driving alongside leading units in multi-lane roundabouts - they may use both lanes.

STATE LAW
MOVE OVER - SLOW DOWN
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