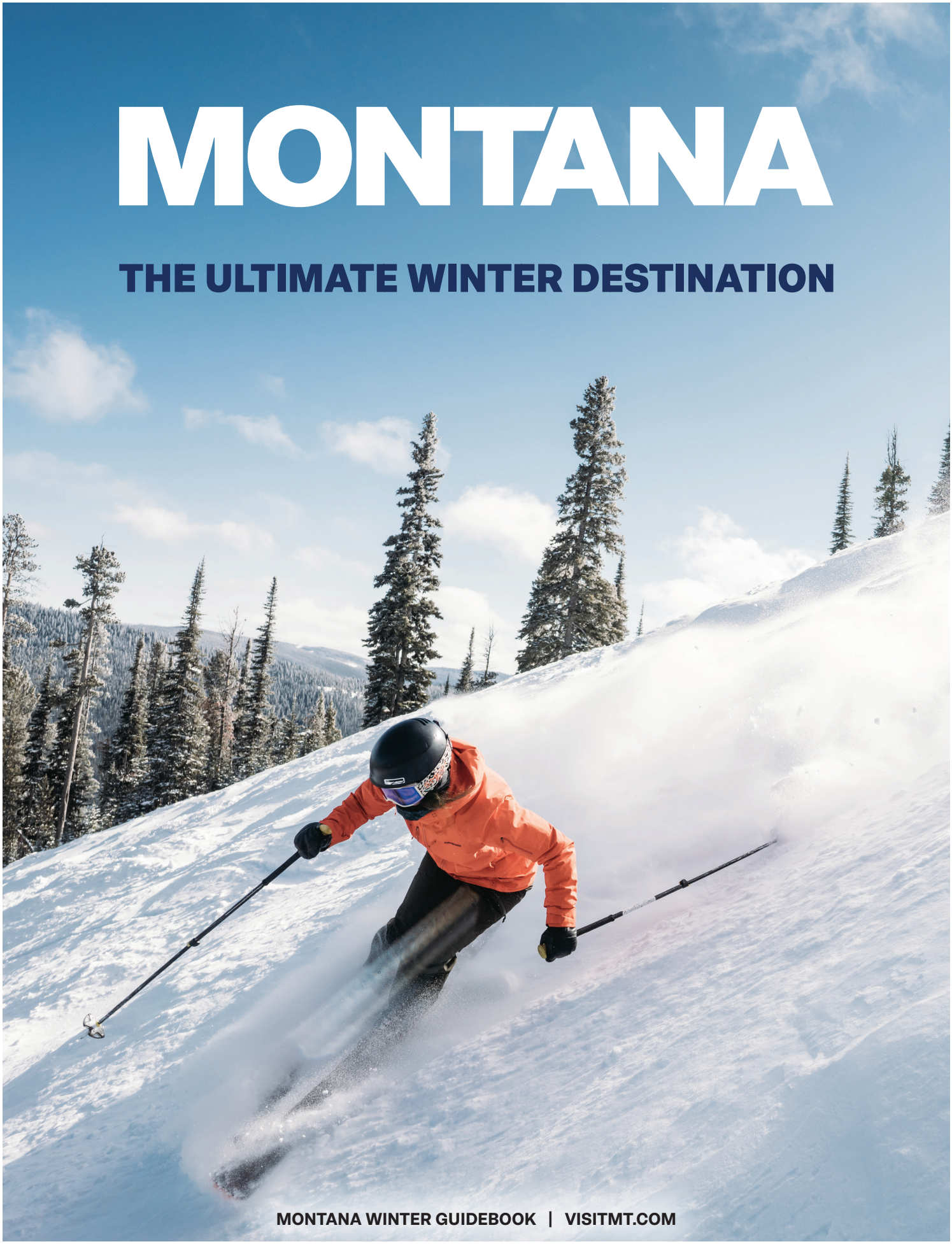
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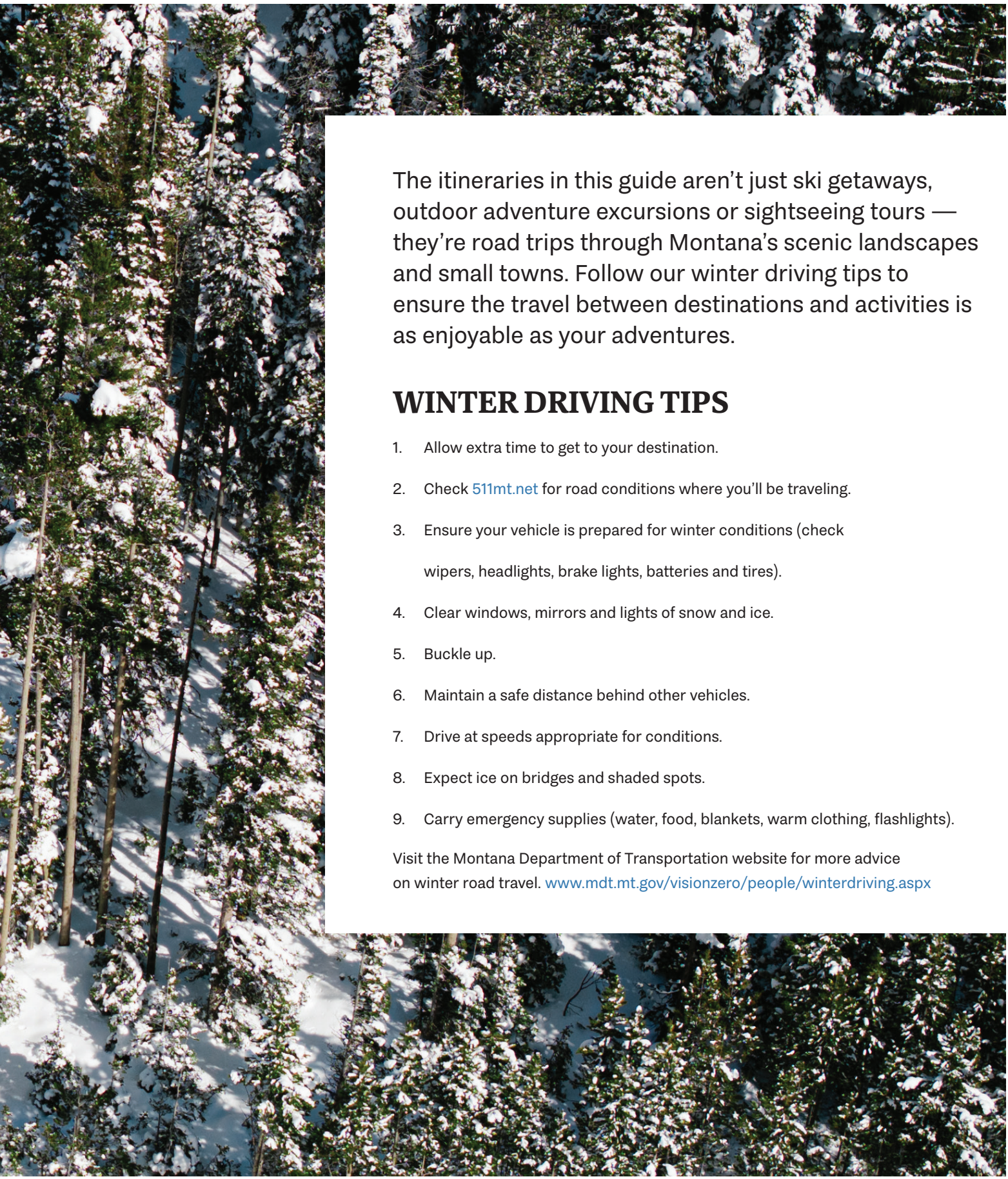
In Montana, we embrace winter.

Fresh fallen snow opens a world of possibilities for how to spend your days: taking run after thrilling run at local ski hills, sledding through backcountry powder, enjoying the stillness of a quiet trail or taking in the winter scenery on your way to exploring a cozy small town. Across Montana's 147,000 square miles, there are unforgettable winter adventures to discover, whether you're visiting for the first time or you've lived here your whole life. So bundle up, set out and experience the winter moments that'll become the stories that warm you for years to come.

COVER: SHOWDOWN MONTANA



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The itineraries in this guide aren't just ski getaways, outdoor adventure excursions or sightseeing tours — they're road trips through Montana's scenic landscapes and small towns. Follow our winter driving tips to ensure the travel between destinations and activities is as enjoyable as your adventures.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

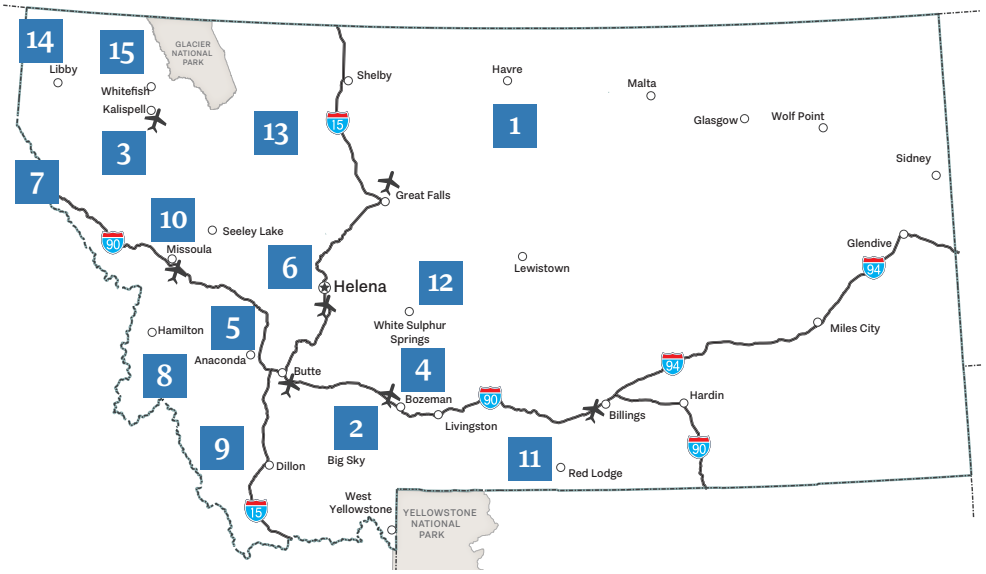
1. Allow extra time to get to your destination.
2. Check 511mt.net for road conditions where you'll be traveling.
3. Ensure your vehicle is prepared for winter conditions (check wipers, headlights, brake lights, batteries and tires).
4. Clear windows, mirrors and lights of snow and ice.
5. Buckle up.
6. Maintain a safe distance behind other vehicles.
7. Drive at speeds appropriate for conditions.
8. Expect ice on bridges and shaded spots.
9. Carry emergency supplies (water, food, blankets, warm clothing, flashlights).

Visit the Montana Department of Transportation website for more advice on winter road travel. www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/people/winterdriving.aspx

In Montana, enjoy skiing in friendly mountain towns with these 10-day, four-day and two-day ski getaway ideas. Be sure to check ski conditions as you plan your trip to ensure you make the most of your time in the snow.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

1. Bear Paw Ski Bowl
2. Big Sky Resort
3. Blacktail Mountain Ski Area
4. Bridger Bowl Ski Area
5. Discovery Ski Area
6. Great Divide Ski Area
7. Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area
8. Lost Trail Ski Area
9. Maverick Mountain
10. Montana Snowbowl
11. Red Lodge Mountain
12. Showdown Montana
13. Teton Pass Ski Resort
14. Turner Mountain
15. Whitefish Mountain Resort





DISCOVERY SKI AREA

SKI LIKE YOU USED TO.



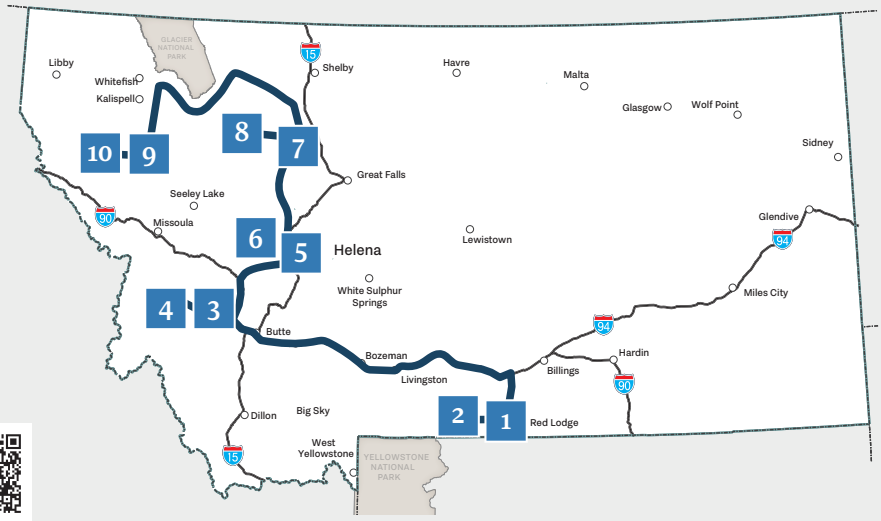
10-DAY SKI GETAWAY

TOTAL DISTANCE:
Approximately 790+ miles

TRIP DETAILS: Red Lodge Mountain > Discovery > Great Divide > Teton Pass > Blacktail Mountain

Between hometown ski areas and friendly mountain towns, experience true winter life in Montana. Balance days of skiing untracked powder and exciting terrain with time spent enjoying unique Montana experiences and discovering cozy local spots for dining, lodging and recapping the day's adventures.

DAY 1 Explore Red Lodge
DAY 2 Ski Red Lodge Mountain
DAY 3 Explore Anaconda
DAY 4 Ski Discovery
DAY 5 Explore Helena
DAY 6 Ski Great Divide
DAY 7 Explore the Rocky Mountain Front
DAY 8 Ski Teton Pass
DAY 9 Explore Flathead Lake Area
DAY 10 Ski Blacktail Mountain



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RED LODGE MOUNTAIN



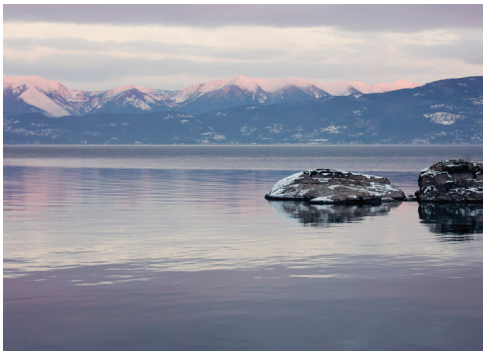
HELENA, MONTANA



RED LODGE, MONTANA



GREAT DIVIDE SKI AREA



FLATHEAD LAKE

FOUR-DAY SKI GETAWAY

TOTAL DISTANCE:
Approximately 372 miles

TRIP DETAILS: Lookout Pass > Discovery > Lost Trail > Maverick Mountain

Ski under-the-radar hills where the wide-open runs are as thrilling as the local character is warm and welcoming. Off the slopes, relax and rest up for the next day's adventures in cozy small towns and hot springs.

DAY 1 Ski Lookout Pass
DAY 2 Ski Discovery
DAY 3 Ski Lost Trail
DAY 4 Ski Maverick Mountain



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DISCOVERY SKI AREA



ELKHORN HOT SPRINGS



LOOKOUT PASS SKI & RECREATION AREA



MAVERICK MOUNTAIN



PHILIPSBURG, MONTANA

TWO-DAY SKI GETAWAY

TOTAL DISTANCE:
Approximately 160 miles

TRIP DETAILS: Showdown > Bear Paw

Enjoy a winter weekend on the slopes of two of Montana's hidden-treasure ski hills. Between your days on the mountains, spend a cozy evening in the historic town of Fort Benton — complete with flavorful local eats and unique lodging.

DAY 1 Ski Showdown Montana
DAY 2 Ski Bear Paw Ski Bowl
(open Saturdays and Sundays)



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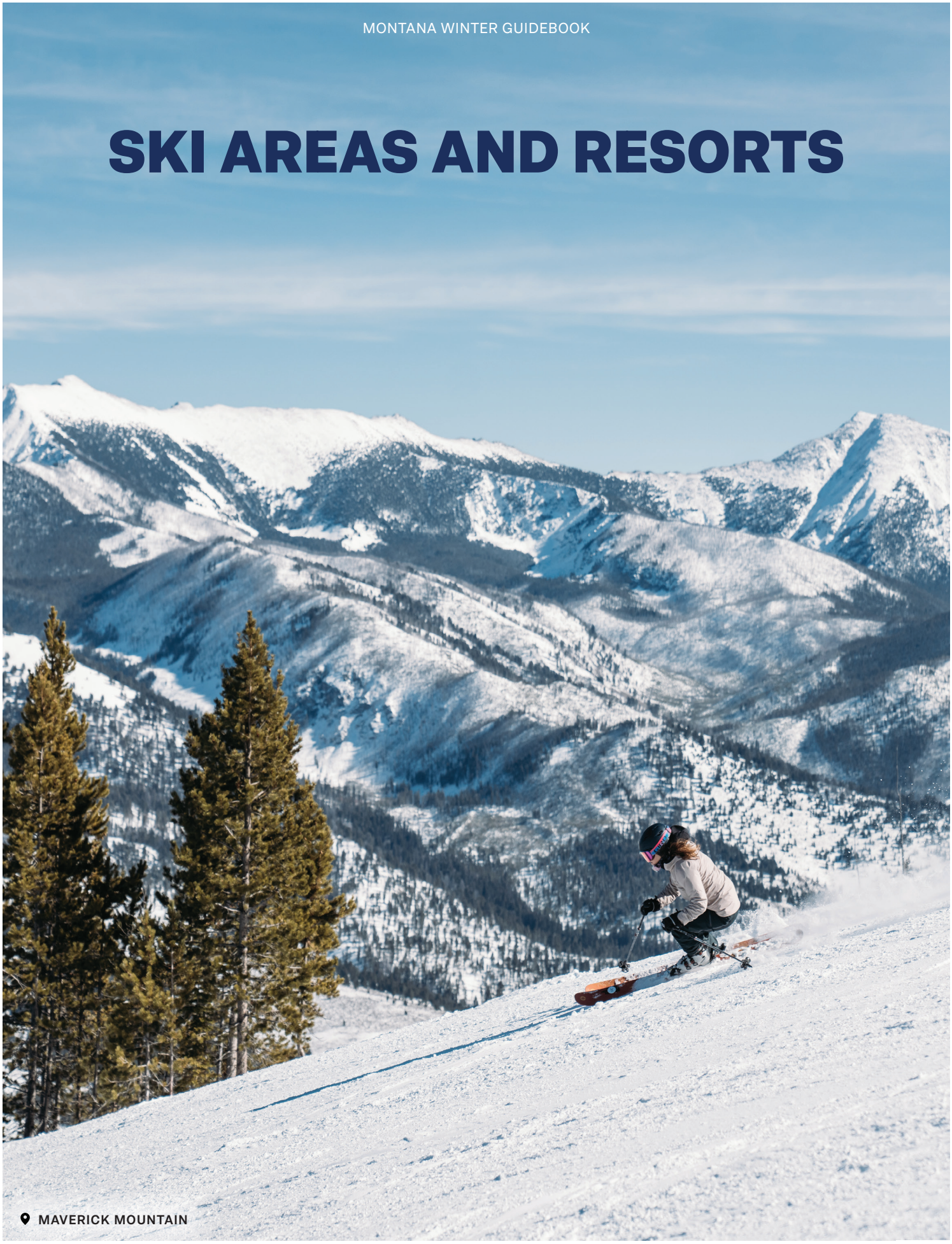


SHOWDOWN MONTANA



BEAR PAW SKI BOWL

SKI AREAS AND RESORTS



MAVERICK MOUNTAIN



BEAR PAW SKI BOWL



BEAR PAW SKI BOWL

Bear Paw Ski Bowl harkens back to skiing's heyday: one double lift, one rope tow, 900 feet of vertical, 20-some runs and more community stoke than anywhere else in skidom. A visit here truly is like stepping back in time to what skiing was like 50 years ago — and that's a good thing. Bear Paw is also one of two U.S. ski areas that operate on tribal land: It's located inside Rocky Boy's Reservation, home of the Chippewa Cree. The mountains themselves, jutting up suddenly in the middle of Montana's plains, are remarkable in their own right — with Bear Paw in the shadow of the region's pinnacle peak, 6,900-foot Baldy Mountain.

Big Sandy Creek Road, Havre, MT 59521

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
Get a fascinating look at historic, underground Havre on a "Havre Beneath the Streets" tour.

APRÈS SKI
Recount a fun day on the slopes with the friendly crowd at Triple Dog Brewing Company.

EAT
The coziest dining in town, Bow & Marrow serves up seasonal seafood and pasta dishes alongside mouthwatering steaks.

SLEEP
Take your pick of friendly Havre hotels, like the Best Western Plus Havre or Great Northern Inn.

MUST DO
For bumps, jumps and tree lines, ski the Four Souls trail along Bear Paw's western boundary.

BIG SKY RESORT

With 5,850 skiable acres, 4,350 vertical feet and an average of 265+ inches of annual snowfall, Big Sky Resort is big everywhere. The resort's iconic Lone Peak is a massive white tooth with trails spilling down all sides. It's spectacular, and only an hour from both Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport and Yellowstone National Park. The turn into the Ikon Pass resort is marked by a log-cabin general store that sells everything from breakfast sandwiches to cowboy hats. Restaurants, lodging and bars are plentiful too — try a local favorite like Beehive Basin Brewery in Meadow Village, where most of the folks around these parts live. From the double-black-diamond buffet of the hike to A–Z Chutes and Headwaters, to the mellow, sun-drenched corduroy off Andesite, there is so much terrain here that it would take a lifetime to explore it all.

50 Big Sky Resort Road, Big Sky, MT 59716



BIG SKY RESORT

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
Yellowstone National Park's secret season is winter, when visitors board snowcoaches to enjoy a private audience with the bison that abound.

APRÈS SKI
Keep it simple at Carabiner, a lounge at the base of the lifts where you'll find craft cocktails, live music and a lively crowd.

EAT
Horn & Cantle opened at the expansive Lone Mountain Ranch in 2017. The ambience alone is worth the reservation — but the cuisine never disappoints.

SLEEP
Check in to The Wilson Hotel in Big Sky Town Center, a Marriott Residence Inn whose 129 suites are decorated with a bit of Western swagger.

MUST DO
Big Sky Resort's headlamp-equipped night skiing is not to be missed. Join a group and see the slopes in a whole new light.

BLACKTAIL MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

This local hill is an excellent family ski destination overlooking Flathead Lake. It's unique in these parts because the parking lot is at the top (the local refrain is "The first run's free!"), where the unparalleled views of Flathead Lake and Glacier National Park will prompt the whole family to get in on the selfie. Three chairlifts and a handle tow access 1,000 acres of tree skiing, along with beginner and intermediate terrain. The thoughtful layout, which sections off terrain according to difficulty, was designed by the former mountain manager at nearby Whitefish Mountain Resort.

13990 Blacktail Road, Lakeside, MT 59922



BLACKTAIL MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Point your compass north to historic downtown Kalispell and explore the local shops and galleries, tasty eateries and lively nightlife.

APRÈS SKI

By the time you reach the base of the mountain you'll be ready for pizza and a pitcher of Montana craft beer fireside at Tamarack Brewing Company.

EAT

Enjoy waterfront dining — even when the water is ice — at Harbor Grille in Lakeside. Try the smoked trout before feasting on seafood, burgers and steak.

SLEEP

Stay at the Cabins at Blacktail near Lakeside or settle in for the night in Kalispell at Sherman Lodge.

MUST DO

Blacktail Mountain Nordic Trails are the perfect way to slow things down a bit and take in the winter scenery.



BRIDGER BOWL SKI AREA

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Bridger Bowl, a community-owned nonprofit, is the biggest little resort in the West. It's as if you put Big Sky's raucous chutes, Blacktail's purring groomers and Whitefish's snow ghosts (evergreens encased in snow and ice) together in a snow globe, shook it and planted it 25 miles from the bustling center of Bozeman. Bridger Bowl's unique storms (the arrivals of which are announced by the flashing blue beacon atop the Baxter Hotel in Bozeman) come from the Bridger Bowl Cloud — an upslope-precipitation phenomenon that hovers mysteriously over The Ridge, a 600-foot hike-to zone that requires both avalanche gear and a solid jump turn. Despite its radical terrain (though you'll find some incredible beginner and intermediate runs here, too), Bridger Bowl still has the spirit of a bygone Bozeman.

15795 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

If you haven't soaked in a natural hot springs, you haven't fully arrived. Bozeman Hot Springs is the place to enjoy this quintessential Montana experience.

APRÈS SKI

Immerse yourself in local vibes and real Montana flavor at Bozeman Taproom. With over 50 taps, this community favorite is a sip in the right direction.

EAT

Dinner is one thing (and you can't go wrong in Bozeman), but breakfast is a whole other thing, and Jam! knows what they're doing in the kitchen.

SLEEP

Downtown Bozeman's 4-star Kimpton Armory Hotel is your place for adventure beyond the slopes — plus a dose of modern Montana hospitality.

MUST DO

If you've got kids in tow, don't snooze on Hully Gully — it's a run that even adults can enjoy, with a few tips: Take it slow and don't ski right down the middle.



DISCOVERY SKI AREA

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Aptly named, Discovery Ski Area is the most expansive hometown mountain you'll ever ski. With 2,200 skiable acres, the skiing here is on par with better-known resorts, but this family-owned operation doesn't fuss with slopeside lodging or a base village. The shortbread chocolate chip cookies at the base lodge are the only frills you'll need. Easily reached from Missoula, Butte and Helena, it's a real skier's mountain: With 55% expert terrain, double black diamonds pepper the entire north-facing slopes. Its sunny south side is friendly for the green-circle set, while the Granite area is rife with blues and black diamonds. This place is a discovery worth finding.
Pssst ... don't miss the bighorn sheep sculpture on Gold Bug Run.

180 Discovery Basin Road, Anaconda, MT 59711

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
Mine your own Montana sapphires at Gem Mountain in Philipsburg, and get your sugar rush at The Sweet Palace candy shop (closed on Saturdays).

APRÈS SKI
Head to Philipsburg Brewing Company and imbibe some award-winning Montana craft beer or join a wine tasting at Bighorn Bottle Shop in Anaconda.

EAT
Carbs are what's called for after a day on the slopes, and O'Bella! in Anaconda is where you'll find scratch-made modern Italian fare (and a curated wine list).

SLEEP
Enjoy a cozy overnight in Anaconda at the Forge Hotel or the boutique Copperhead Lodge.

MUST DO
It's worth reiterating just how good the shortbread chocolate chip cookies in the Discovery lodge are; they're warm, delicious and world-famous.

GREAT DIVIDE SKI AREA

This local, family-owned area skis like a huge playground. It boasts 1,500 acres across three peaks, with intermediates and experts having their pick of 85% of the course. Great Divide serves Helena and the surrounding communities, but the outer valleys are only open on the weekends, which bodes well for the weekend skiers. When the night skiing lights turn on Fridays from 4 to 9 p.m., tickets are a mere $15. Along with live music, grills and kegs, this place is transformed into a dance party on snow.

7385 Belmont Drive, Marysville, MT 59640



GREAT DIVIDE SKI AREA

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Take a stroll through Reeder's Alley and explore the shops, galleries and eateries on Last Chance Gulch (including the Helena Walking Mall).

APRÈS SKI

Soak up the magic in nature's hot tub at Broadwater Hot Springs and then pull up a chair for some craft brews and bites at Mt. Ascension Gastropub.

EAT

The Union is part wood-fired grill, part butcher shop and all local meat. A true pasture-to-plate experience.

SLEEP

Take your pick of places to lay your head in Helena at The Great Northern or a local B&B, like The Carolina, which is as charming as it gets.

MUST DO

Two words: night skiing. Catch "Nights Under the Lights" on Fridays. Stick around for live music at the Missing Lynx Saloon.

LOOKOUT PASS SKI & RECREATION AREA

Straddling the Idaho/Montana border, Lookout Pass boasts the single distinction of being one of the snowiest resorts in both states. The steep, cone-shaped mountain offers skiing on three sides: the Idaho side, Montana side and north side. It's also one of the easiest resorts to access — a snowball's throw away from Interstate 90 — and within a 1.5-hour drive of Missoula, Coeur d'Alene and Spokane. Lookout features 1,660 feet vertical, 52 trails and 1,023 acres of skiable terrain, with two quad chairlifts and two lodges to help you refuel after a long run. In addition to wildly fun events all season long, you can find your ski legs here with group and private lessons. Lookout is a local treasure.

I-90 Exit 0, Mullan, ID 83846



LOOKOUT PASS SKI & RECREATION AREA

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Immerse yourself in pure Montana bliss at Quinn's Hot Springs Resort, with five natural hot springs, two warm, salt-treated pools and a cold plunge.

APRÈS SKI

Lookout's Loft Pub & Grub is what's on tap after a day on the slopes. Don't miss their signature slow-cooked bratwurst, served alongside panoramic views.

EAT

Enjoy a post-ski, post-soak dinner in the aptly named town of Paradise at the Harwood House or Quinn's Tavern.

SLEEP

Quinn's Hot Springs Resort has two lodges and 25+ cabins, so you can wisely make this slice of paradise your ski vacation home base.

MUST DO

After your ski boots come off for the day, head down the mountain for a huckleberry milkshake at the St. Regis Travel Center, no matter how cold it is outside.



LOST TRAIL SKI AREA

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Situated in the Bitterroot Mountains on the border of Montana and Idaho, about 90 miles from Missoula, Lost Trail is truly a place you go to unplug, unwind and reconnect with your favorite people. It's a family place through and through, but don't let that mislead you: There are plenty of cliffs to jump in Hollywood Bowl, as well as wide-open terrain on South Face and Thunder. After your runs, nearby Jackson Hot Springs is the place to unwind and gives you a front-row seat to the undiluted sky, so full of glittering stars that you'll have difficulty finding the Big Dipper. The spirit of skiing is alive and well at Lost Trail. And when you come here, yours will be too.

9485 U.S. Highway 93 South, Sula, MT 59871

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

A day on the mountain should end with a soak at Jackson Hot Springs. Don't forget to look up: Montana's star-studded night sky is clearest in winter.

APRÈS SKI

Bitter Root Brewing is worth the trek, or just make Hamilton your Lost Trail basecamp and take in all this lively little mountain town has to offer.

EAT

After you've worked up an appetite on the slopes, head to 406 Saloon in Darby, where you'll find delicious bar bites as well as seafood and steak.

SLEEP

Get cozy in a cabin. It's the Montana way. Book one in Sula at A Lil' Bit of Heaven or, if you're staying in Hamilton, book a SkyWater Cabin.

MUST DO

Since the mountain's not open Monday to Wednesday, it's tradition for powder hounds to head up on "Powder Thursday" for fresh tracks (if luck and storm systems align).



MAVERICK MOUNTAIN



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In Southwest Montana, 40 miles from Dillon, Maverick Mountain is skiing as it used to be: People from all walks of life come to the slopes for the sheer thrill of sliding downhill. The base lodge at Maverick Mountain rocks the same shag carpet it's had since the '70s, when it was cool to nail it to the walls and ceiling, too. Elkhorn Hot Springs, just up the road at the base of the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway, offers ski-and-stay packages, so you can enjoy being in the middle of nowhere without having to drive somewhere at the end of the day. But the best thing about this place is the smiles you'll see on everyone's faces — this might be the friendliest place you'll ever ski.

1600 Maverick Mountain Road, Polaris, MT 59746

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
Soak up some Montana magic just a few miles from the mountain at Elkhorn Hot Springs, or drive a little farther to Jackson Hot Springs.

APRÈS SKI
Pull up a stool at Maverick's Thunder Bar, where live tunes and friendly conversation will have you feeling like a local.

EAT
The Den Steakhouse & Bar in Dillon doesn't just serve amazing steaks — they've got made-from-scratch burgers and pizzas, too.

SLEEP
Overnight in Polaris at the Grasshopper Inn B&B, a local mainstay that'll make you feel right at home. Or, make Dillon your home base.

MUST DO
The ice skating pond and warming house at Bannack State Park, one of Montana's best preserved ghost towns, provides a historic taste of small-town life in Montana.

MONTANA SNOWBOWL

Two things stand out at Montana Snowbowl: Its terrain is the real deal — rocky chutes, steep pitches, rowdy tree shots, 2,600-foot vertical — and its cozy and warm base lodge, with a wood-fired pizza oven and friendly crowd, is one of the best in skidom. Plus, the bloody mary might be the best in the world. Just a half hour from Missoula, a cool college town teeming with locally owned shops and art galleries, Montana Snowbowl has both a laid-back and cultured vibe. Its locals are understandably loyal, but so much so that they'll take you right to their favorite stash, eager to share how good this place really is.

1700 Snow Bowl Road, Missoula, MT 59808



MONTANA SNOWBOWL

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Nordic ski, snowmobile or even snowshoe into Garnet Ghost Town, one of Montana's best preserved abandoned mining towns.

APRÈS SKI

Head downtown, wander around and stumble into whatever calls to you — in Missoula, you're bound to find an après adventure that suits your mood.

EAT

Plan ahead with a reservation at The Camino for authentic Mexican cooking, and be sure to try the ceviche.

SLEEP

Lodge in style at The Wren or the AC Hotel, where you'll be perfectly positioned right in downtown Missoula as to not miss a thing in this eclectic mountain mecca.

MUST DO

The great outdoors are truly something, but so is Rockin' Rudy's, a funky little record-store-meets-gift-shop that you really shouldn't miss if you're anywhere near Missoula.

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

It's not an uncommon story: Those who stumble upon Red Lodge en route to Yellowstone National Park fall in love with the place and return year after year. The town is charming, and just hip enough to have great coffee shops (Coffee Factory Roasters), lively bars (Snow Creek Saloon) and foodie-friendly eateries (Piccola Cucina at Ox Pasture) without losing its country roots. When it comes to the mountain, riders get 1,635 skiable acres with an impressive 2,400-foot vertical, not to mention views from the top of the Grizzly chair that stretch all the way from the Beartooth Mountains to Wyoming. Hit the Palisades lift to see the famed Palisades rocks — giant limestone plates that jut out from the ridge like a stegosaurus' spine. And the fun doesn't end when winter does: Skiers pack the campgrounds around nearby Beartooth Basin — North America's only summertime ski area — as soon as Beartooth Pass opens in the spring.

305 Ski Run Road, Red Lodge, MT 59068



RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Get up close and personal (safely) with non-releasable bears, bobcats and bison on a guided wildlife tour at Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary.

APRÈS SKI

Mosey on up to Snow Creek Saloon for a post-ski pint and rack up for a game of pool while you're at it. If you're lucky, there'll be live music.

EAT

After your day of snowy runs, warm up and refuel at Red Lodge Pizza Co., which has been serving up its delicious, handcrafted pies to locals and visitors alike for 30 years.

SLEEP

Stay at the elegant Pollard Hotel, housed in Red Lodge's first brick building (built in 1893) or try the Yodeler for a historic motor lodge experience.

MUST DO

Red Lodge is pure heaven for those who ski the deep and steep. The Beartooth Mountains boast bragworthy backcountry fields and fresh-powder chutes.



SHOWDOWN MONTANA

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Deep in the woods of the Little Belt Mountains, Showdown Montana has been spinning lifts for the Great Falls region since 1936. The mountain is owned and operated by a local mother-daughter duo and has been in the same family for more than 50 years. There's no artificial snow here — the real stuff is one of Showdown's hallmarks, just like the hot cocoa at King's Hill Grille up top and the cheese fries at the base lodge. The skiers who frequent Showdown come in all kinds, from cowboys in Carhartts to terrain park kids in under-helmet goggles and baggy pants. Come New Year's Eve, the locals all gather together to watch the torchlight parade and celebrate their own history in this pristine and wild corner of the world.

2850 U.S. Highway 89, Neihart, MT 59465

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
Thaw out at Spa Hot Springs in eclectic White Sulphur Springs. These praised mineral waters are some of nature's finest.

APRÈS SKI
Hit up the Jawbone for handcrafted cocktails and mocktails as well as small plates and entrees that change seasonally.

EAT
Rub elbows with the locals at Bar 47, where grown-up milkshakes pair well with comfort food, like pulled pork mac & cheese.

SLEEP
Tuck in for the night at The Edith Hotel in White Sulphur Springs — freshly renovated lodging with unique décor.

MUST DO
Ski or board the trees on Dynamite and Gun Barrel trails and then head to the lodge for the best tacos and cheese fries around.



TETON PASS SKI RESORT

TETON PASS SKI RESORT

Located just east of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and west of Choteau on Montana's jaw-dropping Rocky Mountain Front, Teton Pass possesses some of the most stunning views, diverse terrain and untracked snow of any ski hill around. This local favorite covers 400 acres and has 43 downhill runs, with incredible access to backcountry skiing and boarding for those who like to shred the way back. Folks come here for the deep snow, good soup, cold drinks and relaxed vibes. Those in the know return season after season, relishing the warm Montana welcome every time.

2906 Teton Canyon Road, Choteau, MT 59422

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
The Rocky Mountain Front is one of the prettiest places on the planet, and this winter wonderland was meant to be explored. Grab your snowshoes and hit the trails.

APRÈS SKI
One of the best watering holes in Choteau, The Livery Saloon (located in the Stage Stop Inn) has a cold beer with your name on it.

EAT
Head to Choteau's Wagon Wheel Bar and Grill and find Montana-brewed beers, local beef and house-made desserts on the menu.

SLEEP
The Stage Stop Inn is a warm and friendly place to call it a day, and the heated pool is the post-adventure soak you need.

MUST DO
Choteau offers incredible access to backcountry skiing and boarding. Gear up and get out into that powder.

TURNER MOUNTAIN

Turner Mountain was made for a chairlift — the mountain is a perfectly symmetrical 2,110-vertical-foot mound with a double chair running right up the center and gorgeous matching glades on either side. This nonprofit area is 85 miles away from Kalispell and mostly serves the local Libby, Montana, population: Everybody knows everybody, which is all part of its charm. A big day at Turner Mountain is roughly 125 skiers, which means the skier density remains lower than the density of the Montana cold smoke powder you'll find if the storm systems align. Its sole lift serves 22 runs, most of which are expert and intermediate. If you go, be sure to order a burger and hand-cut fries at the Day Lodge — they're rumored to be the best in Libby.

Pipe Creek Road, Libby, MT 59923



TURNER MOUNTAIN

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
Power up with the Lincoln County SnoKats and Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club to explore 350 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the Kootenai National Forest.

APRÈS SKI
Warm up at Cabinet Mountain Brewing, aka "Libby's Living Room." Savor an award-winning Yaak Attack IPA at this women-owned brewery.

EAT
Enjoy the locally farmed and house-made modern Mediterranean cuisine of chef Seth Black at The Black Board Bistro.

SLEEP
There's R&R to be had at "Libby's finest," The Venture Inn, where you'll find a full-service restaurant, pool and hot tub.

MUST DO
Snag some snowshoes and trek to frozen Kootenai Falls or venture to Ross Creek Cedars Scenic Area for a walk among the giant western red cedars.

WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

Let's start with the powder: When it's there, you'll find smooth, creamy goodness bonded to layers underneath, making 4 inches feel like 8, and it transforms the trees into the snow ghosts for which this place is known. When the views of Whitefish Lake and Glacier National Park appear, it's downright magical. Add in a genuinely welcoming town easily accessed by the S.N.O.W. Bus — a free shuttle that runs between downtown and the resort — and Whitefish becomes a seamless vacation destination. Whitefish Mountain Resort offers a world-class resort experience. Yet because it's Whitefish — on the edge of Glacier National Park, not far from the border of Canada — its laid-back vibe and long-standing traditions remain untouched. Take the Frabert Clod of the Week awards at the Bierstube, in which ski patrol roasts the employee who made the week's biggest blunder. Be sure to belly up at Hellroaring Saloon, where the memorabilia will help you understand this place — and the people who keep it real. If you're here on a weekend or during the holidays, night skiing is a go.

1015 Glades Drive, Whitefish, MT 59937



WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

ESSENTIALS

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
Hop on a fat bike and pedal to your heart's content along one of the winter-friendly, multi-use paths — a new way to take in the town.

APRÈS SKI
Montana Tap House is the place to go for Montana-made beers in a chill setting downtown. Bonus: Order a pie from the pizza kitchen.

EAT
Beloved Fleur Bake Shop moved to bigger digs and expanded its menu. Stop by for Black Coffee Roasters brew and house-baked pastries.

SLEEP
Hang your ski helmet at the Firebrand Hotel, right in the heart of downtown Whitefish's many shops, restaurants and bars.

MUST DO
For a unique winter experience, book a dog-sledding adventure and take in the frosty scenery from a cozy sled pulled by enthusiastic, snow-loving dogs.

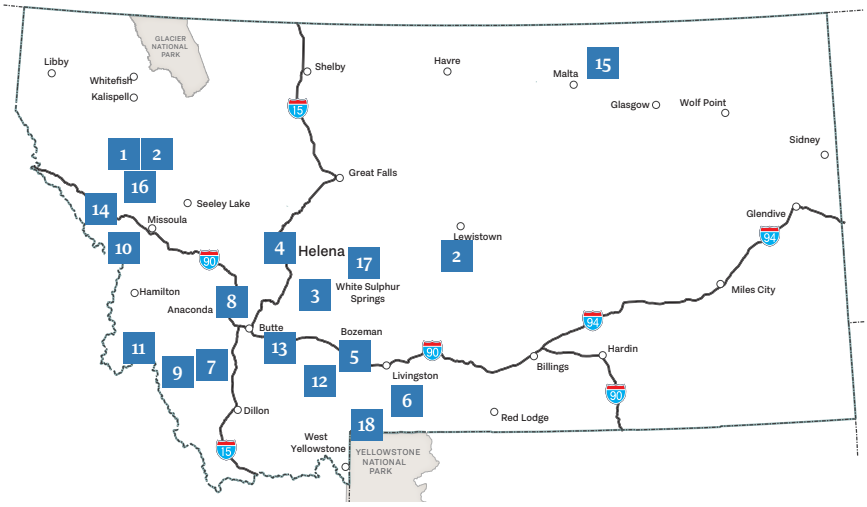
HOT SPRINGS RESORTS



CHICO HOT SPRINGS

FORGET YOUR WORRIES, BUT NOT YOUR BATHING SUIT.

After a day on the mountain, hit the hot springs for a relaxing, post-adventure soak. You'll find these hot spots throughout Montana — from hidden local treasures to cozy resorts.



1. Alameda's Hot Springs
   Hot Springs, MT
2. Big Medicine Hot Springs
   Hot Springs, MT
3. Boulder Hot Springs
   Boulder, MT
4. Broadwater Hot Springs
   Helena, MT
5. Bozeman Hot Springs
   Bozeman, MT
6. Chico Hot Springs
   Pray, MT
7. Elkhorn Hot Springs
   Polaris, MT
8. Fairmont Hot Springs
   Fairmont, MT
9. Jackson Hot Springs
   Jackson, MT
10. Lolo Hot Springs
    Lolo, MT
11. Lost Trail Hot Springs
    Sula, MT
12. Norris Hot Springs
    Norris, MT
13. Pipestone Village and Hot Springs
    Whitehall, MT
14. Quinn's Hot Springs Resort
    Paradise, MT
15. Sleeping Buffalo Hot Springs
    Saco, MT
16. Symes Hot Springs
    Hot Springs, MT
17. Spa Hot Springs Motel
    White Sulphur Springs, MT
18. Yellowstone Hot Springs
    Gardiner, MT

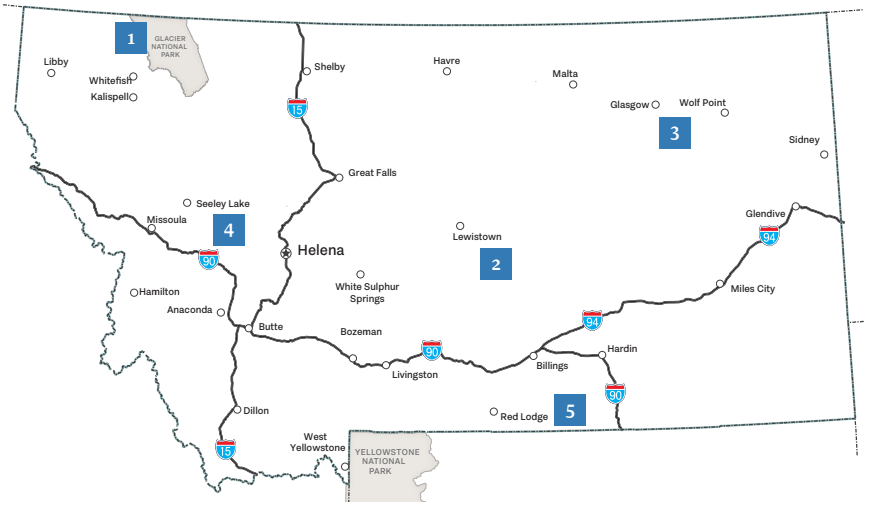
ICE FISHING



FORT PECK LAKE RESERVOIR

BUNDLE UP FOR YOUR COOLEST FISHING TRIP YET.

Temperatures drop and waterways freeze over, but that doesn't put a stop to fishing in Montana. Below are some of the best spots in the state to drop a line through the ice.



1. Duck Lake
2. East Fork Reservoir
3. Fort Peck Lake
4. Nevada Reservoir
5. Tongue River Reservoir

Scan to learn more about these ice fishing spots or go to visitmt.com/stories/top-spots-to-ice-fish-in-montana

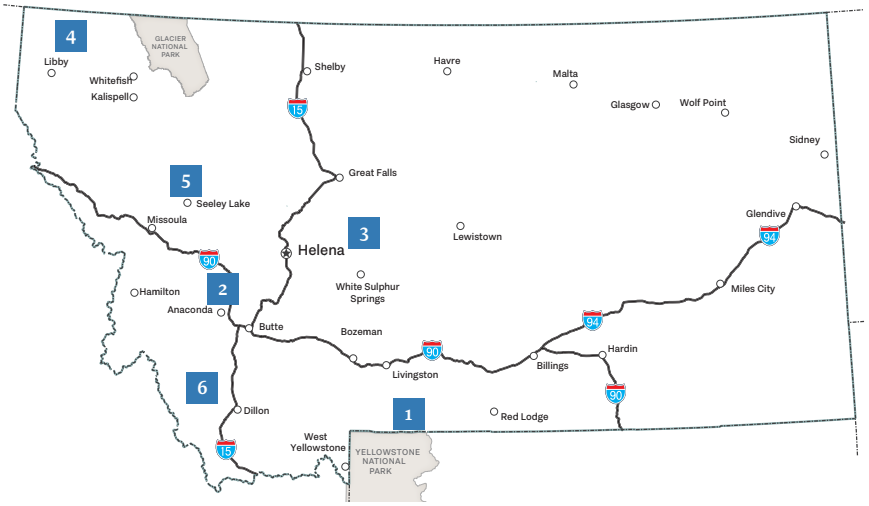
SNOWMOBILING



COOKE CITY, MONTANA

HIT THE GAS ON YOUR WINTER ADVENTURE.

Montana is a snowmobiling paradise, with more than 4,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and endless backcountry to explore. Below are some of the state's top sledding spots.



1. Cooke City
2. Georgetown Lake
3. Kings Hill Winter Recreation Area
4. Kootenai National Forest
5. Seeley Lake
6. Wisdom

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FOUR-DAY WARM + COZY GETAWAY IN SOUTHWEST MONTANA

TOTAL DISTANCE:
Approximately 187 miles

TRIP DETAILS: Norris Hot Springs > Butte > Anaconda > Jackson Hot Springs + Elkhorn Hot Springs

You can't get more Montana than this winter getaway featuring snowshoeing, Nordic skiing and small-town exploration bookended by hot springs — the perfect winter warm-up. Embrace the season with adventures in stunning winter landscapes and cozy, welcoming towns full of Western character.

To complete this itinerary as designed, you'll need snowshoes, cross-country skis and ski poles.

DAY 1 Soak at Norris Hot Springs
DAY 2 Explore Butte
DAY 3 Explore Anaconda
DAY 4 Soak at Jackson Hot Springs + Elkhorn Hot Springs



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BUTTE, MONTANA



NORRIS HOT SPRINGS



ANACONDA, MONTANA



JACKSON HOT SPRINGS

THREE-DAY SNOW + ICE ADVENTURE IN EASTERN MONTANA

TOTAL DISTANCE:
Approximately 220 miles

TRIP DETAILS: Fort Peck Lake > Makoshika State Park > Miles City

Discover the great outdoors in the quiet of an eastern Montana winter. From ice fishing for trophy walleye to snowshoeing the badlands, your adventures await — and so does a warm and friendly place to lay your head at the end of a day well spent (three days, in fact).

To complete this itinerary as designed, you'll need ice fishing gear and snowshoes or boots and hiking spikes.

DAY 1 Ice Fish on Fort Peck Lake
DAY 2 Snowshoe at Makoshika State Park
DAY 3 Ice Fish in Miles City



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FORT PECK LAKE RESERVOIR



MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK



FORT PECK LAKE RESERVOIR

FOUR DAYS OF WINTER EXPERIENCES

TOTAL DISTANCE:
Approximately 385 miles

TRIP DETAILS: Seeley Lake > Darby > Big Hole Valley > Maverick Mountain > Elkhorn Hot Springs > Bannack State Park > Philipsburg

Experience four days of exhilarating snowmobiling and downhill skiing, cozy cabins and hot springs, and one-of-a-kind sights and friendly small towns, and come away with Montana moments that'll stick with you long after the snow melts.

To complete this itinerary as designed, you'll need a snowmobile, cross-country skis, downhill skis and ski poles.

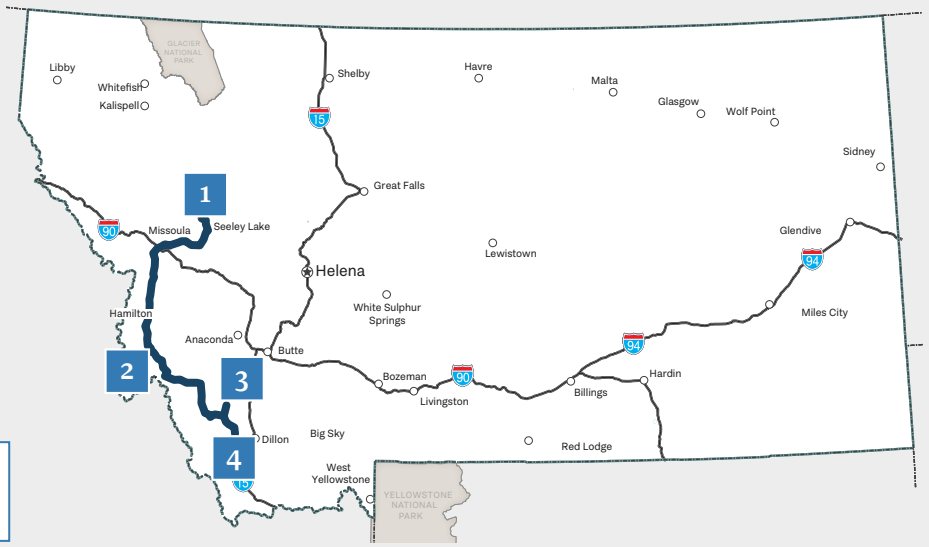
DAY 1 Snowmobile and Sleigh in Seeley Lake

DAY 2 Explore Darby and the Big Hole Valley

DAY 3 Ski Maverick Mountain and Soak at Elkhorn Hot Springs

DAY 4 Explore Bannack State Park and Philipsburg

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MAVERICK MOUNTAIN



SEELEY LAKE, MONTANA



ELKHORN HOT SPRINGS



PHILIPSBURG, MONTANA

SNOWMOBILER'S THREE-DAY WESTERN MONTANA ESCAPE

TOTAL DISTANCE:
Approximately 178 miles

TRIP DETAILS: Seeley Lake > Lolo Pass > Bitterroot Valley > Hamilton > Skalkaho Pass

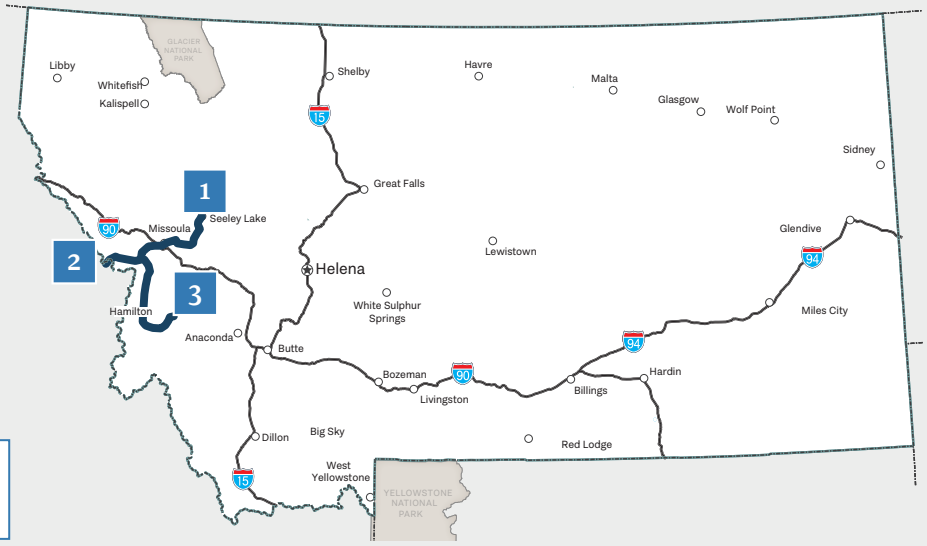
Enjoy exhilarating snowmobiling and relaxing downtime in this three-day trip through Western Montana. Fresh powder, epic terrain and small-town sights and welcomes will make for an adventure you won't soon forget.

To complete this itinerary as designed, you'll need to rent a snowmobile or bring your own.

DAY 1 Snowmobile in Seeley Lake

DAY 2 Snowmobile at Lolo Pass and Explore the Bitterroot Valley

DAY 3 Explore Hamilton and Snowmobile Skalkaho Pass



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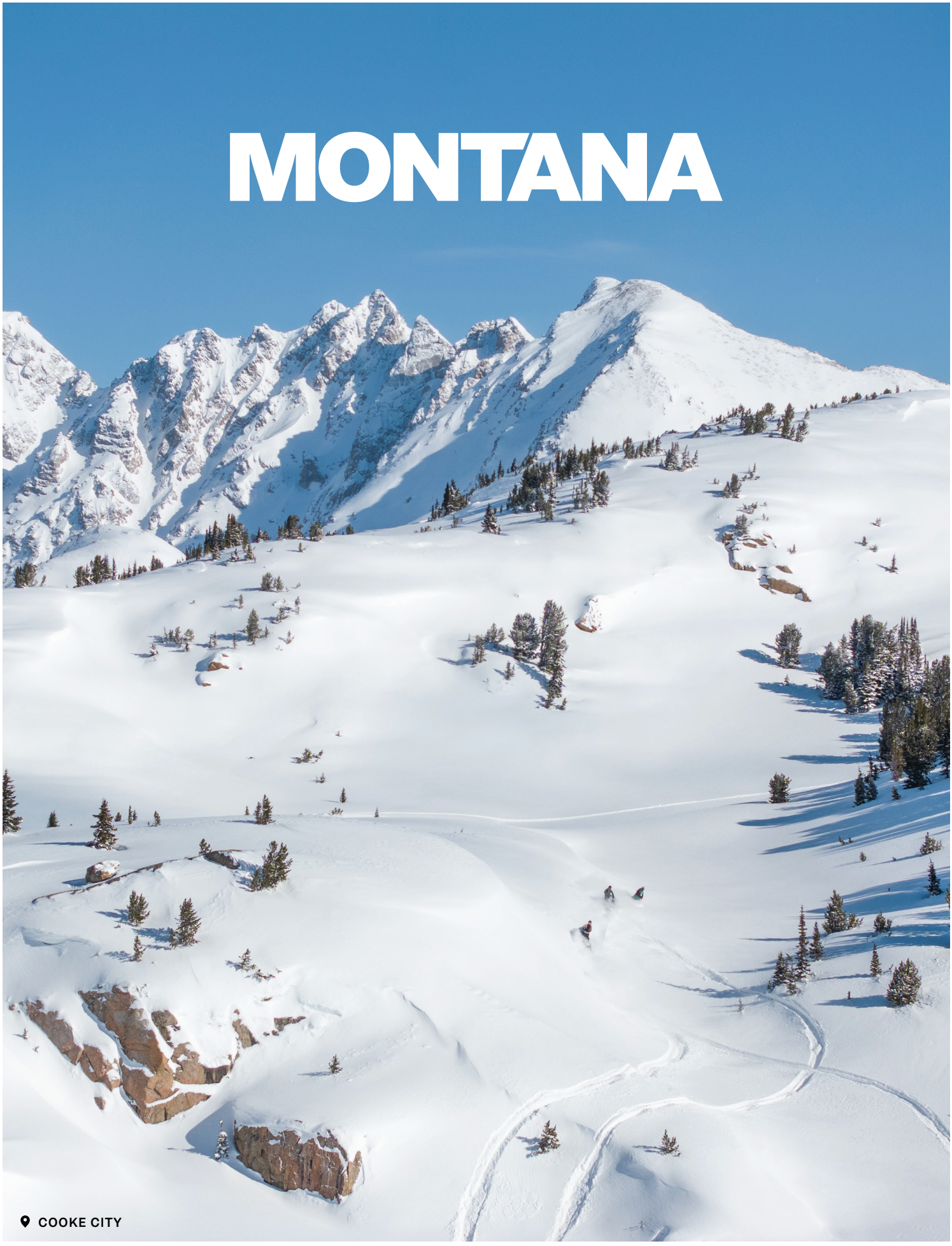
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