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Montana State Parks Guide

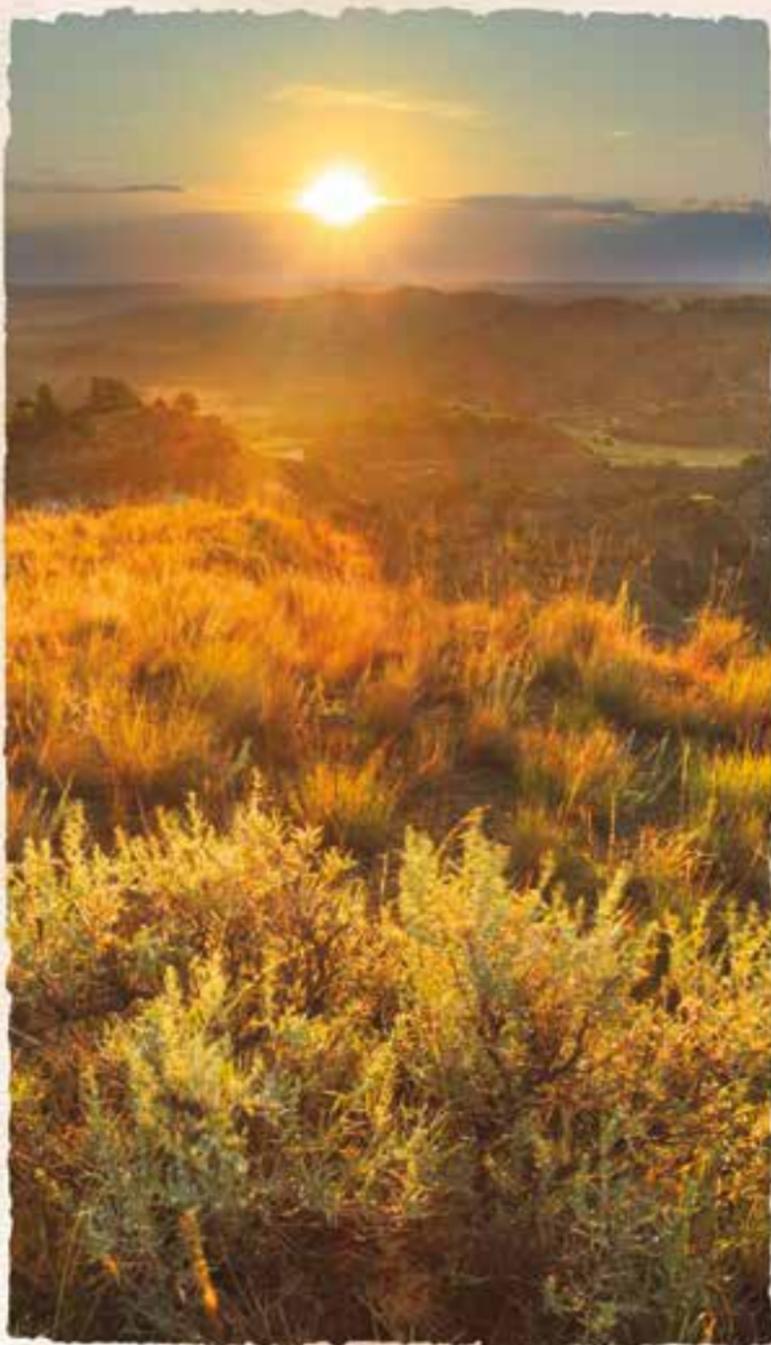




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PARK ACTIVITIES LEGEND

The following icons represent activities and facilities that are available at each park listed throughout this brochure.



CAMPGROUND



PICNIC AREA



NON-MOTORIZED
BOATING



HIKING TRAILS



SWIMMING



GIFT SHOP



INTERPRETIVE
DISPLAYS



VISITORS
CENTER



MOTORIZED
BOATING



WILDLIFE
WATCHING



DINING



BIKE CAMP
SITES



AMPHITHEATER



REST ROOMS



FLOATING



SHOWERS



ELECTRICITY



NATURAL & HISTORICAL TREASURES UNDER THE BIG SKY

Welcome to refreshing beauty and unlimited opportunity to connect yourself with nature. Welcome to Montana State Parks. Our parks offer the chance to discover nature, history and the waters of Montana. Whether you're seeking an event, education, family fun or a change of scenery, find yourself in ghost towns, battlefields, caves and gazing at geological wonders. Visit our website, stateparks.mt.gov, for more on Montana's State Parks. Explore more in Montana.

Campsite Reservation Program
stateparks.mt.gov | 855-922-6768



HISTORICAL SITES

Montana's past is a rich and diverse story. There's no better way to connect with it than by visiting our many state parks. From ghost towns that showcase a boom-and-bust mining history to awe-inspiring buffalo jumps that recall another way of life, you'll find yourself marveling at our heritage. These parks feature monuments that pay tribute to our history: Montana's rich Native American legacy, our early pioneers and of course, the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Best of all, these parks will make history come to life for you and your family.

MONTANA HISTORY

ANACONDA SMOKE STACK STATE PARK*

The 585-foot Anaconda Copper Company smelter stack, completed in 1919 by the Anaconda Copper Company, is one of the world's tallest free-standing brick structures. It can be viewed at a distance where signs detail its history.

Viewing area at east end of Anaconda on 4th St. (Lat 46.11, Lng -112.914)
Phone (406) 287-3541.



* National Register of Historic Places

FORT OWEN STATE PARK*

Montana's first permanent white settlement is also the site of other "firsts," including the state's first Catholic church, founded in 1841. John Owen welcomed Indian tribes, traders, trappers, missionaries, settlers, and travelers to Fort Owen in the 1850's and 60's. Interpretive signs and exhibits detail the site's history.

25 miles south of Missoula on U.S. 93 to Stevensville Junction, then .5 miles east on Secondary 269.
(Lat 46.52, Lng-114.097) Phone (406) 273-4253.



GHOST TOWNS

BANNAK STATE PARK**

More than 50 buildings, weathered by the seasons, still stand on the site of Montana's first major gold discovery on July 28, 1862, and its first territorial capital. Stroll down the boardwalks on Main Street and wander through the deserted buildings in one of the state's best preserved ghost towns. A reservable shelter and a rentable tipi are also available.

Located in southwestern Montana. Take I-15 south of Dillon to Exit 59 (Hwy 278 exit). Drive west on Hwy 278 for 18 miles. Turn south onto the Bannack Road and travel four miles. Park entrance road will be on the left-hand side.
(Lat 45.163, Lng-112.995) Phone (406) 834-3413.



ELKHORN STATE PARK*

This historic boom-and-bust mining town features two impressive structures, Fraternity Hall and Gillian Hall, both examples of frontier architecture. These are the only two buildings in the town of Elkhorn that are publicly owned. Please respect private property while visiting this site.

I-15 at Boulder exit, 7 miles south on MT 69, then 11 miles north on county road. (Lat 46.275, Lng-111.946)
Phone (406) 495-3260.



GRANITE STATE PARK*

Nicknamed "Montana's Silver Queen," Granite had its heyday in the 1890s. Today the park is comprised of the Superintendent's House and the ruins of the Miner's Union Hall which featured the "Northwest's Finest Dance Floor."

From Philipsburg, east on Hwy 10A, South on Sansome, east on gravel road opposite Center St. approximately 4 miles from townsite. (Lat 46.319, Lng-113.257) Phone (406) 287-3541.



AMERICAN INDIAN

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK**

Apsáalooke (Crow) Chief Plenty Coups and his wife Strikes the Iron willed their log home and farmstead, as a place for all cultures to come together in a cooperative manner. Visit their two-story log house, walk the Crow Life-ways trail, browse the gift shop for original Crow art and beadwork, and enjoy a picnic along beautiful Pryor Creek at this National Historic Landmark.

So. Billings Blvd., Exit 447 off I-90, 35 miles south to Pryor, 1 mile west. (Lat 45.429, Lng-108.549) Phone (406) 252-1289.



COUNCIL GROVE STATE PARK

A beautiful monument commemorates the Hellgate Treaty of 1855 that involved the Bitterroot Salish, Pend d'Oreilles and Kootenai tribes.

This is also a great park for birdwatching and fishing access to the Clark Fork River.

In Missoula on I-90 at Reserve St. Exit, 2 miles south on Reserve St., then 10 miles west on Mullan Rd.
(Lat 46.911, Lng-114.161) Phone (406) 542-5500.



* National Register of Historic Places

** National Historic Landmark

FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK*

This is one of the largest buffalo jump sites in North America. For thousands of years people gathered here to hunt and celebrate the abundance the buffalo brought to them.

A modern visitor center, with dioramas and hands-on activities, tells the story of the buffalo and the native people of the Plains. Wheelchairs available.

10 miles south of Great Falls on I-15 at Ulm Exit, then 3.5 miles northwest on Ulm-Vaughn road.

(Lat 47.479, Lng-111.525) Phone (406) 866-2217.



MADISON BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK*

Nomadic tribes stamped buffalo over this cliff and used the remains for food, clothing and shelter. Hike to the top of the limestone cliffs jump for impressive views of the Madison River valley.

23 miles west of Bozeman on I-90 at Logan Exit, then 7 miles south on Buffalo Jump Road.

(Lat 45.795, Lng -111.462) Phone (406) 285-3610.



PICTOGRAPH CAVE STATE PARK**

Prehistoric hunters left their mark on the cave walls as early as 2,000 years ago. A full service visitor center, staff, and printed trail guides explain why Pictograph Cave is known as "the birthplace of Montana archaeology."

In Billings on I-90 at Exit 452, then 6 miles south on Coburn Road. (Lat 45.738, Lng-108.433)

Phone (406) 254-7342.



ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK**

This expansive rolling landscape is the site of one of the most significant battles ever waged between American Indians and the U.S. Army. Though the battle was a draw, it was a strategic victory for the Lakota (Sioux) and Tse' tsehestahese (Cheyenne) eight days before Little Bighorn.

25 miles east of Little Bighorn Battlefield on U.S. 212, then 20 miles south on Secondary 314, then 3 miles west on the county road. The last 1.5 miles are on unpaved roads. (Lat 45.219, Lng-106.978) Phone (406) 757-2298.



LEWIS & CLARK

BEAVERHEAD ROCK STATE PARK*

As the Corps of Discovery moved into the area of current-day Dillon, Sacagawea recognized a landmark indicating a spot where the Shoshone camped. The Shoshone called the landmark "Beaver's Head," because the formation resembles the head of a swimming beaver. No services.

14 miles south of Twin Bridges on MT 41. (Lat 45.385, Lng-112.46) Phone (406) 834-3413.



John Lambing photo

CLARK'S LOOKOUT STATE PARK*

Interpretive signage explains the navigational techniques used by Lewis & Clark. Walk the trail to the top of this promontory to stand where Clark stood and view the scenery. A granite monument at the summit depicts the three compass readings Clark took.

1 mile north of Dillon on Hwy 91. (Lat 45.235, Lng-112.634) Phone (406) 834-3413



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MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK**

Captain Lewis stood on top of a limestone cliff and saw the three rivers that formed the Missouri River. He named the tributaries Madison, Gallatin and Jefferson. Interpretive signs, hiking trail, campground and rental tipi all make this park a convenient and informative stop.

4 miles northeast of Three Forks, off Hwy 205, then onto Hwy 286. (Lat 45.924, Lng-111.498) Phone (406) 285-3610.



PIROGUE ISLAND STATE PARK

Captain Clark, his men and Sacagawea are believed to have camped on Pirogue Island on their return trip in 1806. The site is a haven for waterfowl, bald eagles, whitetail and mule deer.

1 mile north of Miles City on MT 59, then 2 miles east on Kinsey Road, then 2 miles south on county road. (Lat 46.436, Lng-105.821) Phone (406) 234-0900.



TOWER ROCK STATE PARK*

Tower Rock is a landmark noted by Meriwether Lewis in his July 16, 1805 journal entry. This igneous rock formation is 424 feet high and stands in the mouth of the canyon where the Missouri River flows.

South of Cascade, the east side of Tower Rock is visible from I-15 and can be accessed by using Exit 247 at Hardy Creek. (Lat 47.189, Lng-111.810) Phone (406) 866-2217.



TRAVELERS' REST STATE PARK**

This is the only site on the Lewis and Clark Trail where archaeological evidence has been pieced together confirming a Corps encampment. The Corps established this campsite in September 1805 and camped here again on the return journey in 1806. This crossroads was used by people for centuries before Lewis and Clark.

8 miles south of Missoula to Lolo, then 1/2 mile west on U.S. Hwy 12. (Lat 46.751, Lng-114.089) Phone (406) 273-4253.



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LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS
Cheryl Aldrich photo



NATURE PARKS

From peace and tranquility to sheer amazement and awe, Montana's beauty is sure to stir your senses. Montana's state parks include the best examples of its geological formations, wide-open natural landscapes and sparkling lakes. Find your natural playground in one of these parks.

BEAVERTAIL HILL STATE PARK

A one-mile disabled-accessible self-guided nature trail points out many of the natural features of the riparian zone in which the park is located. In addition to RV and tent camping, this park also offers the opportunity to rent a full-size tipi for the night.

Located 26 miles southeast of Missoula on I-90 to Beavertail Hill exit 130, then .25 mile south on county road. (Lat 46.719, Lng-113.574) Phone (406) 542-5500.



FISH CREEK STATE PARK

From the lookout atop Williams Peak to the crystal clear blue pools of Fish Creek, this 5603-acre park is full of wildlife, beautiful scenery, and places to explore. Open year round, activities include hiking, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. The Alberton Gorge, with first-rate whitewater, is nearby.

35 miles west of Missoula on I-90 at Fish Creek Exit 66, then 2.5 miles west on Fish Creek Road. (Lat 46.979, Lng-114.693) Phone (406) 542-5500



GIANT SPRINGS STATE PARK

One of the largest freshwater springs in the country, Giant Springs flows at 156 million gallons a day. Visit the adjacent fish hatchery, walk along the River's Edge Trail or visit the nearby Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Wheelchairs available. This river's edge setting is shaded by massive cottonwood trees.

2 miles east of U.S. 87 on Giant Springs Road, Great Falls.
(Lat 47.534, Lng-111.227) Phone (406) 454-5840.



GREYCLIFF PRAIRIE DOG TOWN STATE PARK

Black-tailed prairie dogs are very social animals that engage in activities such as communicating and grooming each other. This is a great place to enjoy a picnic and learn about the important role these animals play in the prairie ecosystem.

Nine miles east of Big Timber at I-90 exit 377. (Lat 45.759, Lng-109.79)
Phone (406) 445-2326.



LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK

Explore one of the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the northwest on an informative two-hour guided tour. The park also has hiking trails, ranger programs, nature store, deli, cabins, a tipi and reservable shelter and campground. A visitor center features a classroom and interpretive displays. Fee charged for Caverns tour. Easy highway access.

22 miles west of Three Forks on MT 2 or 18 miles east of Whitehall on MT 2.
(Lat 45.843, Lng-111.883) Phone (406) 287-3541.



LONE PINE STATE PARK

With spectacular views of the magnificent Flathead Valley and Glacier National Park, one can learn about the area's natural history at Lone Pine's Visitor Center. Exhibits explore the relationship between humans and the wildlife of the area. The park also offers archery, great hiking, and mountain biking on more than 7 miles of trail.

From the Highway 93 Alternate, head west at the Foy's Lake Roundabout on Foy's Lake Road. Travel 4 miles, then turn left on Lone Pine Road and follow to the park entrance.
(Lat 48.176, Lng-114.337) Phone (406) 755-2706.



LOST CREEK STATE PARK

The varied wildlife, unusual geological formations and picturesque Lost Creek Falls provide visitors with a unique outdoor experience. Look for mountain goats and bighorn sheep in the area.

1.5 miles east of Anaconda on MT 1, then 2 miles north on Secondary 273, then 6 miles west.
(Lat 46.21, Lng-113.004) Phone (406) 287-3541.



MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK

Hogback ridges, fluted hillsides, pinnacles and caprocks ornament a network of buttes at this scenic park. The site of rare dinosaur finds, Makoshika features a visitor center, campground, hiking trails, archery range, amphitheater and scenic vistas. For more information on the Montana Dinosaur Trail, please visit www.mtdinotrail.org.

Located at the southeast edge of Glendive. Follow the signs through town – Merrill Avenue to Barry St. to Taylor Ave. (Lat 47.062, Lng-104.668) Phone (406) 377-6256.



MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK

Weathering has given the soft sandstone rock formations in this scenic 320-acre park a Swiss-cheese look. Jutting abruptly from the southeastern Montana prairie, this park's unique scenery and rugged beauty is a sight to behold. Visitors often see mule and white-tailed deer, antelope and wild turkey.



25 miles south of Baker on MT 7.
(Lat 46.045, Lng-104.469) Phone (406) 234-0900.



MILLTOWN STATE PARK

Abundant outdoor opportunities and a rich cultural heritage converge at the newly restored confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot Rivers at the heart of the Milltown State Park.

The overlook is open now. The the main park areas are anticipated to open to the public in late 2014 or 2015. Milltown State Park features more than 500 acres of terrain, ranging from restored river bottoms to a pine forested bluff overlooking the confluence. The park will afford visitors a place to go hiking, biking, fishing, floating and watching for birds and wildlife.

Located five miles east of Missoula on I-90. Exit at Bonner (exit 109) and take Hwy. 200 to Milltown.
(Lat 46.8708, Lng 113.8866). Phone (406) 542-5533.



SLUICE BOXES STATE PARK

In this area of pristine beauty and historical mining significance, one can see the remains of the Albright town site, limestone quarry and railroad trestles lining Belt Creek. A primitive trail provides access to fishing, challenging floats and wildlife viewing. Permit required to camp. Call before your visit to obtain a permit.

12 miles south of Belt on U.S. 89 on the Kings Hill Scenic Highway, then 1/2 mile west on county road 340.
(Lat 47.212, Lng-110.935) Phone (406) 454-5840.



WILD HORSE ISLAND STATE PARK (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

A boat is the only access to this 2000 acre day-use island park. Visitors can enjoy outstanding wildlife viewing of mule deer, bighorn sheep, wild horses and more.

Big Arm State Park is a popular access point to reach Wild Horse Island by boat. Kayaking, swimming, hiking and fishing are popular activities.
(Lat 47.845, Lng-114.218) Phone (406) 752-5501.



Kenton Rowe photo





WATER-BASED PARKS

The shimmering waterways of Montana's water-based state parks offer plenty of opportunities for fishing, swimming, water skiing, boating and more. Montana State Parks feature lakes and rivers perfect for filling your senses. For more detailed information on water-based rules and regulations, please see our website at stateparks.mt.gov.

ACKLEY LAKE STATE PARK

Nestled in rich grassland with beautiful mountain views, Ackley Lake offers a variety of year-round water sports opportunities. Motorized boating and water-skiing permitted. Popular for rainbow trout fishing.

17 miles west of Lewistown on U.S. 87 to Hobson, then 5 miles south on Hwy 400, then 2 miles southwest on county road. (Lat 46.957, Lng-109.943) Phone (406) 454-5840.



BIG ARM STATE PARK (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

Come explore this 217-acre park. It is a popular spot for swimmers, boaters, sunbathers and anglers. Located on the southwest shore of Flathead Lake, Big Arm is a popular launch site for Wild Horse Island. Three yurts and a group camping facility are available.

14 miles north of Polson on U.S. 93 on the west shore. (Lat 47.811, Lng-114.312) Phone (406) 752-5501.



Linda Meredith photo



BLACK SANDY STATE PARK (ON HAUSER LAKE)

On the shore of beautiful Hauser Lake, this recreational area offers camping, swimming, year-round fishing, boating and hiking.

7 miles north of Helena on I-15, then 4 miles east on Secondary 453, then 3 miles north on county road. (Lat 46.749, Lng-111.888) Phone (406) 495-3260.



BRUSH LAKE STATE PARK

This mile-long lake is ideal for swimming, wildlife viewing, motorized boating and water skiing. Due to the mineral make-up of Brush Lake, there are no fish. Northeast portion of the lake includes a day-use area.

31 miles southeast of Plentywood. Off state Hwy 16, go east on Hwy 258 (East Reserve Highway) for 16.5 miles, turn south on Brush Lake county road, go 1 mile. (Lat 48.603, Lng-104.113) Phone (406) 557-2362 or (406) 483-5455



COONEY STATE PARK

Enjoy year-round activities at this popular recreation area. The 5 campgrounds, boating, swimming and fishing on Cooney Reservoir are popular in the spring, summer and fall. Ice fishing, cross-country skiing and ice skating are winter favorites.

22 miles southwest of Laurel on U.S. 212, then 8 miles west of Boyd on county road. Or, south of Columbus 4 miles to Shane Creek Road, 14 miles east.

(Lat 45.441, Lng-109.228) Phone (406) 445-2326.



FINLEY POINT STATE PARK (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This secluded campground is located in a mature conifer forest near the south end of the lake. Boat slips at the 16-slip marina may be rented nightly to moor boats or for an on-board camping experience. Features 16 RV sites and 4 boat slips with electrical service and water hookups. Two reservable tent sites are also available.

6 miles north of Polson on MT 35, then 4 miles west on county road. (Lat 47.755, Lng-114.085)
Phone (406) 752-5501.



FRENCHTOWN POND STATE PARK

This man-made lake is great for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, picnicking and more. Playground facilities and reservable group shelters are available. Sportfish include largemouth bass, yellow perch and pumpkin seeds.

15 miles west of Missoula on I-90 at Frenchtown Exit 89, then 1 mile west on Frontage Rd.
(Lat 47.024, Lng-114.258) Phone (406) 542-5500.



HELL CREEK STATE PARK (ON FORT PECK RESERVOIR)

Offering year-round public access on the south shore of Fort Peck Reservoir, Hell Creek's amenities include camping, wildlife viewing, a full-service marina and store, fish cleaning station and playground. Motels and rental cabins are available through www.hellcreekmarina.com or by calling (406) 557-2345.

25 miles north of Jordan on county road. Inquire locally about road conditions.
(Lat 47.615, Lng-106.886) Phone (406) 557-2362.



LAKE ELMO STATE PARK

Enjoy the pleasures of a lake setting—without leaving the city. Open year-round, Lake Elmo offers an abundance of recreational opportunities, including swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, hiking, a dog park and more.

In Billings, Main St. (U.S. 87) north to Pemberton Lane, then .5 mile west. (Lat 45.839, Lng-108.477)
Phone (406) 247-2955.



LAKE MARY RONAN STATE PARK

Seven miles west of Flathead Lake, nestled in the Salish and Mission, this shady park is a great place to camp and swim. The lake offers excellent fishing for kokanee salmon, trout, bass and yellow perch. Group camping facilities available by reservation. (855-922-6768)

U.S. 93 at Dayton, then 7 miles northwest.
(Lat 47.927, Lng-114.383) Phone (406) 752-5501.



LES MASON STATE PARK (ON WHITEFISH LAKE)

This wooded area on the east shore of Whitefish Lake provides access to cool, clear waters along a stretch of smooth cobble beach. Shaded picnic tables, great swimming, and a spot to launch canoes and kayaks all make this an ideal day-use park.

1.3 miles north of Big Mountain turnoff on East Lakeshore Drive in Whitefish.
Lat 48.455, Lng-114.369) Phone (406) 752-5501.



LOGAN STATE PARK (ON MIDDLE THOMPSON LAKE)

A comfortable spot for spectacular fishing as well as picnicking, swimming, boating, camping and water skiing, Logan is nestled in a mature forest on the banks of the Middle Thompson Lake.

45 miles west of Kalispell on U.S. 2.

(Lat 48.033, Lng-115.067) Phone (406) 752-5501.



PAINTED ROCKS STATE PARK

Surrounded by the Bitterroot Range which rises to an elevation of 10,700 feet, this park offers several recreational opportunities. Open year-round, activities include snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, wildlife viewing, camping, hiking, boating and fishing.

17 miles south of Hamilton on U.S. 93, then 23 miles SW on route 473. (Lat 45.682, Lng-114.302)

Phone (406) 273-4253.



PLACID LAKE STATE PARK

This park provides a peaceful escape where visitors can participate in many lake-related activities. It also features accessible viewing of many species of birds such as Red-necked Grebes, waterfowl, ospreys and Common Loons. RV camping for units up to 35 feet in length.

Take Hwy 83 about 10 miles north of Hwy 200, then follow the signs to the park, which is 3 miles west of the highway. (Lat 47.12, Lng-113.503) Phone (406) 542-5500.



SALMON LAKE STATE PARK

This woodland setting of western larch, ponderosa pine and Douglas fir is perfect for fishing, canoeing, water skiing and boating. RV camping for units up to 35 feet in length is available.

On Hwy 83 about 7 miles south of Seeley Lake.

(Lat 47.094, Lng-113.399) Phone (406) 542-5500.



SMITH RIVER STATE PARK

Smith River State Park offers gorgeous scenery in a remote setting. Renowned trout fishing helps make this float trip an unforgettable experience, as does the fact there is only one public put-in and one take-out site on the entire 59-miles of river. Permits are required to float between Camp Baker and Eden Bridge and are issued annually through a lottery.

16 miles northwest of White Sulphur Springs on secondary 360, then 10 miles north on Smith River Road. (Lat 46.8, Lng-111.18) Phone (406) 454-5840.



SPRING MEADOW LAKE STATE PARK*

Fed by natural springs, this is a popular recreation area for the whole family. It provides opportunities for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, scuba diving and picnicking.

Close to downtown Helena, Hwy. 12 West (Euclid St.), then Joslyn St. north to Country Club Ave.

(Lat 46.611, Lng-112.076) Phone (406) 495-3260.



**THOMPSON FALLS STATE PARK
(ON CLARK FORK RIVER)**

Located on the banks of the scenic Clark Fork River, Thompson Falls is a great place to camp, walk, and fish for trout and smallmouth bass. The park also features a boat launch, picnic tables, 17 campsites and reservable covered shelters.

1 mile northwest of Thompson Falls on MT 200.
(Lat 47.616, Lng-115.389) Phone (406) 752-5501.



TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR STATE PARK

Boating, fishing and other water sports are popular on this 12-mile long reservoir on the Tongue River. Services at the site include fuel, boat rental, fish cleaning station, groceries and more.

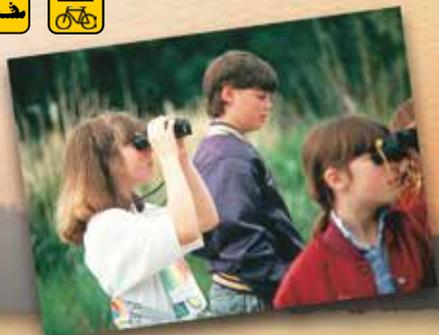
Northeast of Sheridan, WY, 6 miles north of Decker, MT, on Secondary 314, then 1 mile east on county road.
(Lat 45.11, Lng-106.78) Phone (406) 757-2298.



WAYFARERS STATE PARK (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

Set in a mature forest, Wayfarers is a popular stop for visitors who enjoy nature walks with excellent views. This park includes a campground, beach, boat launch, picnic areas, wooded hiking trails and more.

.5 miles south of Bigfork on MT 35 on the east shore. (Lat 48.054, Lng-114.081) Phone (406) 752-5501.



WEST SHORE STATE PARK (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This park's glacially carved rock outcrops offer spectacular views of Flathead Lake and the Mission and Swan Mountain Ranges. Facilities include 31 campsites, including 5 walk-in tent sites, hiking trails, potable water and a boat ramp. Fishing for lake trout can be excellent here.

20 miles south of Kalispell on U.S. 93.
(Lat 47.951, Lng-114.187) Phone (406) 752-5501.



WHITEFISH LAKE STATE PARK

Along the shore of beautiful Whitefish Lake and a mile from extensive hiking and mountain biking trails, this 10-acre park provides a pleasant campground, mature forest and a beach. Boating, swimming, fishing and water skiing are popular activities here. A group campsite for hikers and bikers is also available.

1 mile west of Whitefish on U.S. 93, then 1 mile north.
(Lat 48.425, Lng-114.371) Phone (406) 752-5501.



YELLOW BAY STATE PARK (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This park features five walk-in tent camping spots and a wide beach for swimming, scuba diving, boating, fishing and bird watching.

19.5 miles north of Polson on MT 35 on the east shore.
(Lat 47.875, Lng-114.028) Phone (406) 752-5501.





FLATHEAD LAKE
Donnie Sexton photo



ACCOMMODATIONS

The good times continue when the sun goes down when you camp overnight at a Montana State Park. Put up a tent, park an RV, sleep in a tipi or enjoy a unique overnight stay in a yurt.

Twenty five state parks offer more than 800 campsites. Nearly 500 campsites can be reserved in advance by phone or online. Reserve a campsite 9 months in advance, or with as little as two days notice. All remaining campsites are first-come, first-served.

Cabins are available only at Lewis & Clark Caverns year round by reservation. All three cabins are furnished with beds, table and chairs, and electricity. Cabins sleep up to 6 people and are a comfortable retreat at the end of the day. Grills are outside each cabin and flush toilets and shower facilities are a short walk away. Water is shut off from the first part of October to May.

Three yurts—circular, domed tents used by nomadic tribes—are available at Big Arm overlooking Flathead Lake during summer months. Yurts sleep 4 to 6 people and are furnished with beds, table and chairs and electricity. Reservations are required.

For a unique camping experience, try one of five Sioux-style tipis that can be reserved at Bannack, Beavertail Hill, Makoshika, Missouri Headwaters and Lewis & Clark Caverns state parks. These 18-foot in diameter canvas lodges sleep 6-8 people.

Group camping sites at Bannack, Big Arm, Cooney, Lake Mary Ronan, Lewis & Clark Caverns, and Thompson Falls state parks may also be reserved and require a special permit.

For more information on accommodations in the parks and reservations, visit our website at stateparks.mt.gov, or call (855) 922-6768.



State Park Campgrounds

	Page Number	Total Campsites	RV Only Sites	Maximum RV Length	Tent-only Sites	Group Camping	Campsites with Electricity	Drinking Water	Flush Toilets	Showers	Dump Station	Recycling Sites	Boat Ramp	Disabled Campsite	Rentals	Season
Ackley Lake	16	15		24'									✓			All Year
Bannack	4	24		50'		✓									Tipis & Hike/Bike	All Year
Beavertail Hill	11	26	9	28'			✓	✓	✓					1	Tipis	5/1-11/1
Big Arm	16	45		40'		✓		✓	✓*	✓*		✓	✓	1	Yurts	All Year
Black Sandy	17	35		35'	6		✓	✓	✓*		✓		✓*	2	Boat Slips	All Year
Brush Lake	17	12		40'			✓	✓			✓		✓*	1		5/1-12/1
Cooney	17	89		60'		✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓*			✓*	4		All Year
Finley Point	18	29	18	35'	7		✓	✓	✓*			✓	✓*	1	Boat Slips	4/1-11/15
Hell Creek	18	71		50'			✓	✓	✓*		✓		✓			All Year
Lake Mary Ronan	19	30		40'		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓*	1		All Year
Lewis & Clark Caverns	12	43		60'		✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓*	✓			1	Tipis/Cabins	All Year
Logan	20	37	11	40'			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	2	Boat Slips	All Year
Lost Creek	13	21		23'				✓						1		5/1-11/30
Makoshika	13	25		40'	7			✓						1	Tipis	All Year
Medicine Rocks	14	6		25'				✓								All Year
Missouri Headwaters	8	18	8	35'				✓	✓				✓	1	Tipis	5/1-9/30
Painted Rocks	20	20		25'	5								✓			All Year
Placid Lake	20	40		35'			✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓		✓*	2	Boat Slips Hike/Bike	5/1-11/30
Salmon Lake	21	23		35'			✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓		✓*	1	Hike/Bike	5/1-9/30
Thompson Falls	22	17		30'		✓		✓					✓			5/1-11/30
Tongue River Reservoir	22	165		50'			✓	✓			✓		✓			All Year
Wayfarers	22	30		40'	3			✓	✓*	✓*	✓	✓	✓*	1	Hike/Bike	All Year
West Shore	23	31	1	40'	2		✓	✓				✓	✓	1		All Year
Whitefish Lake	23	31	1	35'	7			✓	✓*	✓*		✓	✓*	1	Hike/Bike	All Year
Yellow Bay	23	5			5			✓	✓				✓			All Year

* Disabled Access

- Maximum RV length refers to the combined length of the towing unit and trailer(s)
- Most campsites include a picnic table and fire ring. All campgrounds have vault toilets, unless noted.
- Pack-in/pack out trash at Ackley Lake, Lost Creek, Painted Rocks and Medicine Rocks State Parks.



MONTANA STATE PARKS WITH VISITOR CENTERS

Bannack State Park
 Chief Plenty Coups State Park
 First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park
 Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park
 Lone Pine State Park
 Makoshika State Park
 Pictograph Cave State Park
 Travelers' Rest State Park

CAMPING

Many campsites in Montana State Parks can be reserved. Reservations can be made online at stateparks.mt.gov or by calling toll-free 855-922-6768 up to six months in advance, and no less than two days before arriving.

DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY

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PARK FEES

RESIDENTS:

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DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2004, your vehicle registration support is the largest source of funding for Montana's 55 State Parks.

- Your State Parks receive no general fund dollars and no funding from hunting and fishing licensing.
- Your support means no daily entrance fees when you visit our State Parks.
- Your support helps our parks with maintenance and operations.

For just \$9, it costs less than one movie ticket or a couple of fancy cups of coffee to have fun, make memories and support Montana's natural, cultural and recreation heritage now and for generations to come.

WHERE DOES THE \$ 9.00 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE GO?

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- \$6.24 Montana's 55 State Parks
- \$0.50 Montana's 336 Fishing Access Sites
- \$0.39 Virginia and Nevada City Heritage Sites
- \$1.37 Community Recreation Trail Grants

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Non-resident visitors are required to pay day-use fees of \$8 per car. Non-residents may obtain a Montana State Parks Annual Pass for unlimited day-use access. Passes are \$50 per vehicle. For shorter stays, a 7-day entrance pass is available for \$35. Passes can be purchased at any state park, at regional Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices or online using FWP's automated licensing system. The non-resident pass includes a discount on camping fees.

The America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass is not valid in Montana State Parks.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

From stargazing to atlatl events and guided hikes to buffalo feasts, Montana State Parks feature entertaining and educational interpretive programs and special events.

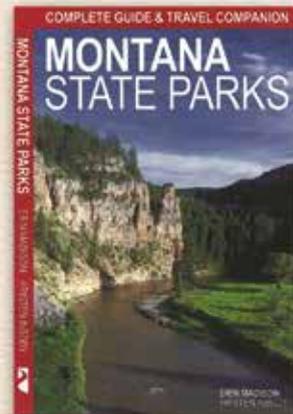
Events are posted on our e-calendar at stateparks.mt.gov (click Events) as they are scheduled. Most events are free, although some require pre-registration or a program fee.



MERCHANDISE BOOK

"Montana State Parks: Complete Guide and Travel Companion"
—By Erin Madison and Kristen Inbody

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Reservations for camping and other accommodations:

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For general travel information:

1-800-VISIT-MT (1-800-847-4868)

www.visitmt.com



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To report vandalism or other park violations, call 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668). Your call can be anonymous.

You may be eligible for a reward.

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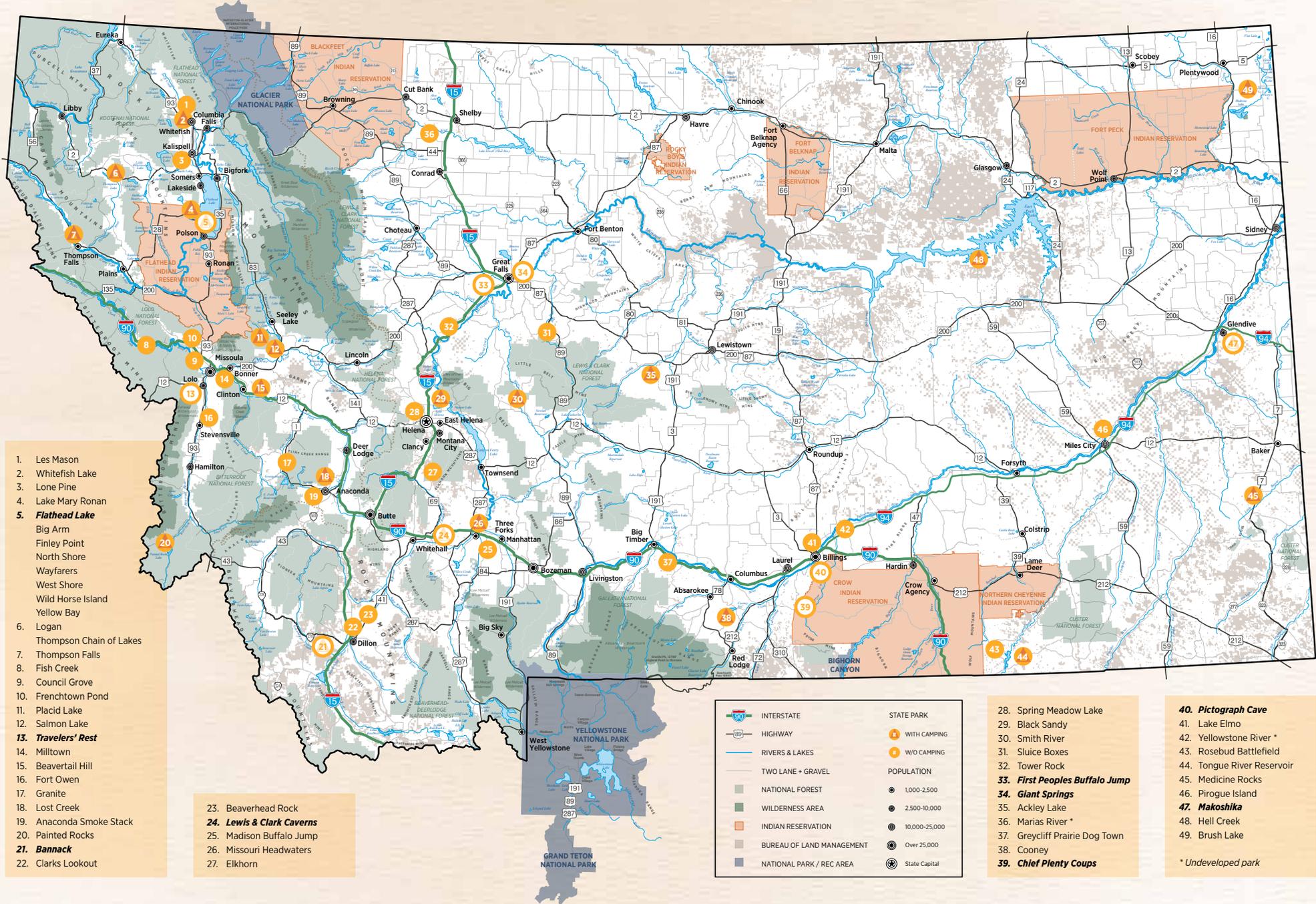
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- 2. Whitefish Lake
- 3. Lone Pine
- 4. Lake Mary Ronan
- 5. **Flathead Lake**
Big Arm
Finley Point
North Shore
Wayfarers
West Shore
Wild Horse Island
Yellow Bay
- 6. Logan
Thompson Chain of Lakes
- 7. Thompson Falls
- 8. Fish Creek
- 9. Council Grove
- 10. Frenchtown Pond
- 11. Placid Lake
- 12. Salmon Lake
- 13. **Travelers' Rest**
- 14. Milltown
- 15. Beavertail Hill
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- 18. Lost Creek
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- 20. Painted Rocks
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- 22. Clarks Lookout

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	RIVERS & LAKES		W/O CAMPING
	TWO LANE + GRAVEL		1,000-2,500
	NATIONAL FOREST		2,500-10,000
	WILDERNESS AREA		10,000-25,000
	INDIAN RESERVATION		Over 25,000
	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT		State Capital
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- 37. Greycliff Prairie Dog Town
- 38. Cooney
- 39. **Chief Plenty Coups**

- 40. **Pictograph Cave**
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 - 42. Yellowstone River *
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 - 44. Tongue River Reservoir
 - 45. Medicine Rocks
 - 46. Pirogue Island
 - 47. **Makoshika**
 - 48. Hell Creek
 - 49. Brush Lake
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