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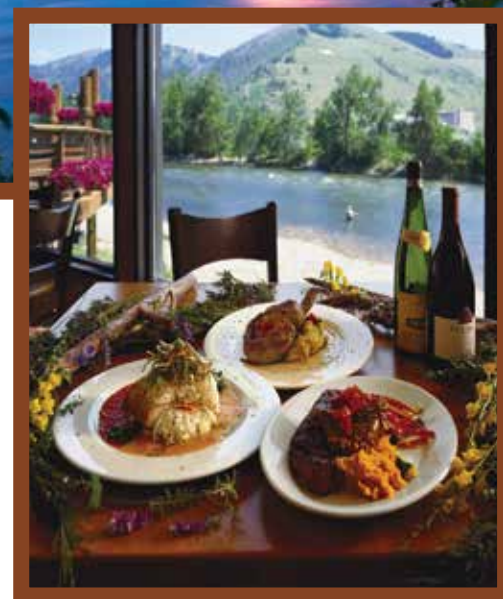
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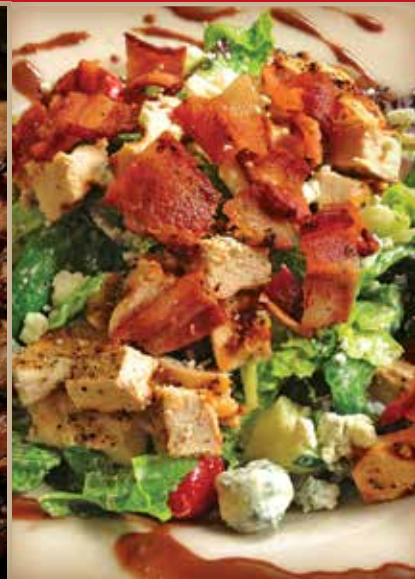
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ON THE COVER:

Lit by the setting summer sun, Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre principal dancer Katy Clay finds inspiration for her dance in the waters of the Clark Fork River near Blue Mountain. Clay is one of many ballerinas who train at RMBT, a Missoula-based professional dance school and company. RMBT's world class ballerinas will travel the world as ambassadors for Missoula in the coming years, telling the story of the town through dance thanks to a unique partnership with Destination Missoula that melds the worlds of performing art and tourism. Photo by Taylar Robbins.



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26 OUTDOOR RECREATION

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DESTINATION MISSOULA

Visitor Information Centers

To get the most out of your visit to beautiful Missoula, your first stop should be the Destination Missoula Visitor Information Centers. Conveniently located at the Missoula International Airport and in the heart of historic downtown on the corner of Higgins and Main streets in the MSO HUB, our visitor centers are as unique as our community. Whether you are here for business or pleasure, our friendly and highly trained travel counselors are your source for insider information on all things Missoula, providing Missoula's Official Visitor Guides and maps, as well as information on attractions, hotels, dining, entertainment and recreational opportunities. Our staff also provides a wide variety of services and assistance for those planning events and conferences in the Missoula area.

In addition, the MSO HUB has an impressive 4,500 square foot retail section featuring unique state and local souvenirs, Made in Montana gifts. It is the only outlet in western Montana for official state Get Lost in Montana merchandise, sports team apparel for both the Missoula Osprey and University of Montana, and a ticket outlet – your one stop to purchase tickets to Osprey baseball games or the hottest events happening in Missoula.

Parking for our Visitor Center is easy. We provide quick stop parking at our Main Street entrance and the convenience of long-term parking in our Central Park, Bank Street, and Park Place Parking Garages. The first hour is always free at the Central Park and Park Place. In addition, we offer free RV parking on the 100 block of Pattee Street.

We invite you to come relax and plan your time in Missoula, enjoy our free WiFi access, or kick back and watch a game or scenic video on our big screen TVs. We promise to make your visit to Missoula memorable!

Barb Neilan

Sincerely,
Barb Neilan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DESTINATION MISSOULA

DESTINATION MISSOULA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER MSO HUB DOWNTOWN

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E-Mail: office@destinationmissoula.org



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(January – May)
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Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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Read our blog with up-to-date news and information on Missoula. Plus, build your own itinerary!



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TIA TROY

A native of Big Sky Country, Tia Troy was raised in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains in the small community of Augusta. Today, she happily works and plays in Glacier Country where she's able to combine three of the things she loves most: travel, writing and Montana.



TAYLAR ROBBINS

Taylor Robbins is a Missoula-based photographer. Taylor takes pride in using her photos to share all that Western Montana has to offer through her nationally-recognized work. See more of Taylor's work at taylarrobbins.com.

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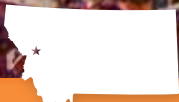


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Welcome to

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MISSOULA IS AN **EXPERIENCE.**



Missoula, Montana

- ▶ **FOUNDED:** 1864
- ▶ **POPULATION (2014):** 69,122

- ▶ **NICKNAME:** THE GARDEN CITY
- ▶ **MOTTO:** "THE DISCOVERY CONTINUES"

CARAS PARK IS HOME TO OUT TO LUNCH, DOWNTOWN TONIGHT, PLUS SEVERAL FESTIVALS.

PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

“THE 16 GREATEST PLACES TO LIVE IN AMERICA: #9 MISSOULA, MONTANA” OUTSIDE MAGAZINE, AUGUST 2014

Some might dub it unique, cool or hip. Others will experience it as serene, welcoming and replete with natural beauty. You might spend time here and see it as vibrant, active and pulsating with places to go and things to do. The beauty of Missoula is that it is all these things and more.

Think of it as a little city or a big town. Approximately 112,000 people call the area home. Off the banks of the Clark Fork River, there's an active downtown, and it's packed with boutiques, day spas, coffee houses, cafés, and curio shops. Add in a river wave designed for kayaking, a carousel with adjacent play park, bike trails and walking paths galore, and a riverside park continually hosting events, festivals and fairs, and you quickly realize that downtown is indeed a dynamic place. But that's just the beginning.

Drive on North Reserve Street, and you'll find a plethora of big box stores, restaurants, and specialty retailers. The north and west sides of town come to life with breweries, coffee houses, an indoor climbing gym, and a shop carrying an impressive selection of goods from Asia. Mid-town, with its fairgrounds, two ice rinks, Southgate Mall and a host of other retailers, bustles with activities and events. During the warmer months, head to the south side for a dip (or ride down a super fast slide) at the town's very own water park, Splash Montana. There's more: the Rattlesnake neighborhood and its easy access to all things outdoors; the South Hills with its killer views of the Missoula Valley, plus a hilltop restaurant and golf course; and Grant Creek, literally at the base of Missoula's very own ski area. Without a doubt, it's worth the time to check out all the city has to offer.

Nestled in the Northern Rockies, Missoula sits at the convergence of five valleys. Three major rivers – the Bitterroot, the Blackfoot, and the Clark Fork of the Columbia – run through the area. Rock Creek, known for its blue ribbon trout fishing, is an easy 20 minute drive from downtown. Seven wilderness areas – Bob Marshall, Mission Mountains, Anaconda-Pintler, Rattlesnake, Scapegoat, Selway-Bitterroot, and Welcome Creek – are all within 100 miles of Missoula. Ski areas, golf courses, mountain biking and hiking trails dot the horizon. And, Glacier National Park is a scenic 140-mile drive north of the city, while Yellowstone National Park is 270 miles southeast.

Without question, Missoula is a hub



SURFING BRENNAN'S WAVE IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN. PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

for outdoor enthusiasts. It's also a regional destination for shopping and dining, boasting three distinct shopping districts and an abundance of restaurants, cafés, coffee houses and breweries. Arts and entertainment lovers feel right at home with a surprising number of galleries, theaters, independent bookstores, sporting venues, and attractions. History buffs are treated to a wonderful mosaic of stories, most notably those of the area's first people – the Native Americans – while geology fans are utterly fascinated by the impressive land-changing force that was Glacial Lake Missoula.

So it should come as no surprise that, at its core, Missoula is a community of people passionate about living the very best life possible. That's a theme that's run through town for centuries.

It's what brought the early settlers here as they made their way west searching for gold, often following trails set by the Native Americans. What they found here – an abundance of natural and cultural resources wrapped snugly in a rugged solace – is what continues to draw people today. We hope you'll take the time to fully immerse yourself in our community, sampling all it has to offer.

► ELEVATION: 3,209 FEET

► COORDINATES: 46°51'45" N 114°0'42" W

VISIT MISSOULA'S

ATTRACTIONS

HISTORIC BUILDINGS, SPLASH PARKS, THE GREAT OUTDOORS, MUSEUMS, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. FOR A SMALL CITY, MISSOULA IS PRETTY DARN LARGE WHEN IT COMES TO ATTRACTIONS. **SO, WHERE TO START?**



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How about taking a spin on a carousel? Before you assume it's just for little ones, think again. This isn't any old merry-go-round. Missoula's carousel is fast – among the fastest in the country – and fabulous. Local cabinetmaker Chuck Kaparich told the city "if you will give it a home, and promise to never take it apart, I will build a carousel for Missoula."

Good to his word, Kaparich, along with hundreds of volunteers, assembled the antique frame and constructed more than 40 ponies, two chariots, 14 gargoyles, mirror frames, and the largest band organ in continuous use in the United States, all within a jewel-box building. Yes, it's that amazing. You

simply must take it for a ride.

Besides, a trip to the carousel situates you in the center of downtown, where you can stroll the river trails, watch kayakers surfing Brennan's Wave during warmer months, catch an event or two "under the tent" in Caras Park, or simply meander along downtown's many streets and through its many neighborhoods.

Speaking of meandering, Missoula's self-guided tours offer a fascinating glimpse into the town's early days. Did you know Missoula once had a red-light district? Or that the Missoula Mercantile, established in 1866, was one of the largest mercantile enterprises between Twin Cities, Minnesota, and Seattle, Washington? You'll learn this and



MEGAN RICHTER

more as you take a walk back in time through the downtown area. Download a tour map from the Missoula Downtown Association at www.missouladowntown.com.

[TIP] IN 2015, A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF PONY RIDES AND FAMILY FUN.



LOOK FOR HISTORIC MARKERS WHILE WALKING THE KIM WILLIAMS TRAIL TAYLOR ROBBINS

WANT MORE? On the self-guided Riverfront Walking Tour, you'll find 10 historic markers placed on the southside of the Clark Fork River between the Orange Street Bridge and the west side of the University of Montana campus. (Note: One marker is on the north side of the river.) A downloadable walking guide is available through Historic Missoula at www.historicmissoula.org.

Give your feet a rest and drive across town to the Elk Country Visitor Center at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Here, you'll have a chance to learn about elk, elk country, and the role the Elk Foundation plays nationally in conservation. Many of the exhibits are interactive, meaning kids will love this place as much as adults. Push buttons and listen to the bugle of an adult bull, or hear a cow communicating with a calf. Other "to dos" include identifying animal tracks, feeling the weight of an elk antler (heavy!), and sitting back and relaxing while watching a variety of wildlife films.

"THE BEST PLACES TO RAISE OUTDOOR KIDS: #3 MISSOULA, MONTANA."

OUTSIDE MAGAZINE, JUNE 2013

ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER

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- Trophy Elk Display
- Elk Country Wildlife Diorama
- Hands-On Exhibits For All Ages
- Wildlife Theater
- Elk Country Gift Shop
- Walking Trail

Directions: Take I-90 to Exit 101 in Missoula. Drive ¼ mile north to 5705 Grant Creek Road. ♿ accessible with RV parking. Open year round. For information, call 406-523-4545 or 866-266-7750 or visit www.rmef.org.

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ATTRACTIONS

ADVENTURE CYCLING

🏠 105 E. Pine St 📞 800-755-2453
 🌐 www.adventurecycling.org ☀️ Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon-Fri, Select Saturdays June-Sept

Adventure Cycling Association has the largest cycling membership group in North America, and is visited by thousands of bicycle travelers and other visitors from around the globe each year. Visiting cyclists receive a hearty welcome, sodas and ice cream, and a snapshot of them that is posted to the seasonal "wall of fame." You can learn about local and national cycling opportunities, see historic bikes, artifacts and exhibits, and explore the amazing world of bike travel.

AERIAL FIRE DEPOT & SMOKEJUMPER CENTER

🏠 5756 West Broadway, ½ mile west of the airport
 📞 406-329-4934
 🌐 www.smokejumpers.com ☀️ Hours: Memorial Day through Labor Day 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; tours hourly from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 💰 Cost: Free!

Learn about smokejumpers and wildland fire management at the Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center. Guided tours of the parachute loft and training facilities are available and typically last 30-45 minutes. Donations accepted.



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BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB

🏠 South Side Higgins Street Bridge, 250 Station Dr.
 📞 406-542-1888 🌐 www.boone-crockett.org
 ☀️ Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon-Fri excluding holidays.

Located in the historic Old Milwaukee Depot, the visitors' gallery features a time-line history of wildlife conservation in North America, the World's Record Diorama for trophy animals, and kids activities.

A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA

🏠 101 Carousel Drive in Caras Park, downtown Missoula 📞 406-549-8382
 🌐 www.carouselformissoula.com ☀️ Hours: At least 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. September through May; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. June through August;
 💰 Cost: 75¢ for children under 16 and seniors; \$2.25 for adults; \$1.50 for an adult and child sharing a seat; people with disabilities are always welcome to ride free.

The Carousel offers rides, birthday parties, and private rentals. The gift shop carries Carousel and Missoula-specific gifts and souvenirs. See ad on page 13.

CITY PARKS

🏠 600 Cregg Lane 📞 406-721-PARK(7275)
 🌐 www.missoulaparks.org ☀️ Hours: 6 a.m. - 11 p.m., Mon-Sun.

Missoula city parks boast facilities for virtually any sport or event. Parks are available for picnics, family reunions and other events.

CURRENTS AQUATICS CENTER

🏠 600 Cregg Lane 📞 406-721-PARK(7275)
 🌐 www.missoulaparks.org ☀️ Hours: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat; 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun
 Cost: \$3.75 for youth 11 and under; \$4.25 for students 12-17 and seniors 58 and over; \$6.00 for adults 18 and over; children under 2 years are free.

Currents Aquatics Center, an indoor facility, features two water slides, a children's water playground and lazy river, a leisure and lap pool, a sparkling spa and party room. Borrow a Dasani Blue Bike at Currents and tour the Riverfront Trail System. See ad on page 13.



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DOWNTOWN MISSOULA

🏠 Missoula Downtown Association, 218 East Main
 📞 406-543-4238 🌐 www.missouladowntown.com

The city's center for arts, culture, entertainment, shopping, and dining. Take in a live play, see an art exhibit, shop in the more than 100 specialty stores and boutiques, dine at one of nearly 100 restaurants, and enjoy Missoula's nightlife at one of more than 40 bars. See ad on page 34.

DRAGON HOLLOW

🏠 101 Carousel Drive in Caras Park, downtown Missoula 📞 406-549-8382
 🌐 www.carouselformissoula.com
 ☀️ Hours: 8 a.m. to dusk Mon- Fri; 9 a.m. to dusk Sat/Sun. 💰 Cost: Free!

Dragon Hollow, a community-built park next to the Carousel, is open daily, weather permitting.

GLACIAL LAKE MISSOULA

🏠 120 Hickory St. 📞 406-327-0405
 🌐 www.montanaturalist.org ☀️ Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues-Fri; 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sat.
 💰 Cost: \$1 for children 12 and under; \$2 for adults; free for children under 3; MNHC members are free

Nearly 15,000 years ago, this region was completely submerged under Glacial Lake Missoula. Today the Ice Age Floods Institute and its Glacial Lake Missoula Chapter are dedicated to telling the story of the cataclysmic floods that shaped our current geography. Learn more at www.iceagefloodsinstitute.org or visit us at the Montana Natural History Center.



SOUTHGATE MALL

HALLWAYS TO HISTORY

🏠 Southgate Mall, 2901 Brooks Street
 📞 406-721-5140 🌐 www.shopsouthgate.com
 ☀️ Hours: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mon-Sat; 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. 💰 Cost: Free!

Southgate Mall's exclusive photo exhibit, "Hallways to History – A Photographic Walk through Missoula's Past," is a photographic tour of Missoula's history. Each photo has a narrative describing its historical significance. Photos date back as far as 1883. The exhibit is on display daily in each of the major service hallways at Southgate Mall.

THE HUB

🏠 5055 Expressway 📞 406-541-4200
 🌐 www.thehubmissoula.com ☀️ Hours: Mon-Thurs 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., Sun 12 p.m. - 6p.m.

Challenge your family and friends to a race at The Hub's go-cart track or get serious about your laser tag skills in the 5,500-square-foot, multi-level arena.

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE MEDIA CENTER & FILM FESTIVAL

🏠 718 S. Higgins 📞 406-728-9380
 🌐 www.wildlifefilms.org

The International Wildlife Media Center and Film Festival promotes the understanding of wildlife, habitat, people, and nature through excellent film, television and other media. Two film festivals, an international film tour, film workshops, and a video lending library all help spread the message. IWFF/IWMC's home is the Roxy Theater, which can also be rented for private events.

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE SITE

🏠 Next to the Brennan's Wave Overlook, Caras Park, Downtown Missoula

Visit four large, colorful and detailed local historical interpretive signs located at Caras Park along the Clark Fork Riverfront Trail in Downtown Missoula to learn about early explorers' experiences in the area.

MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN

🏠 Rose Park, at the corner of Brooks St. and Mount Ave.

The State Veteran's Memorial Rose Garden is dedicated to veterans and casualties of America's 20th-century conflicts, as well as fallen police officers and firefighters. The garden borders the Blue Star Memorial Highway (Highway 93 South), a nationwide highway network that pays tribute to armed forces that have defended the U.S.

MISSOULA BUTTERFLY HOUSE AND INSECTARIUM

🏠 www.missoulabutterflyhouse.org
 ☎ 406-317-1211

Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium will be opening the first phase of its vision, the Missoula Insectarium, later in 2014. This facility will consist of interactive exhibits of live invertebrates and a classroom for school programs and events. Visit their website for the latest news and scheduled events.

MOBASH SKATEPARK

🏠 McCormick Park, 500 Cregg Lane
 ☎ 406-721-PARK 🌐 www.missoulaskatepark.org
 ☀ Hours: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Mon-Sun. 💰 Cost: Free!

Named one of the top five skate parks in the country by Thrasher magazine, MOBASH is a 15,000-square-foot park christened in 2006 by Tony Hawk and Bam Margera. Helmets required.

MONTANA NATURAL HISTORY CENTER

🏠 120 Hickory Street ☎ 406-327-0405
 🌐 www.montanaturalist.org ☀ Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues-Fri; 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sat.
 💰 Cost: \$1 for children 12 and under; \$2 for adults; free for children under 3; MNHC Members are free

The Montana Natural History Center promotes understanding, appreciation and stewardship of nature through special programs, including summer science camps, the Visiting Naturalist in the Schools, a natural history museum, Saturday Discovery Days, The Montana Naturalist Magazine and the Thursday Night Lecture series.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION & ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER

🏠 5705 Grant Creek Road (just off Reserve Street, north of Exit 101 on I-90) ☎ 406-523-4545
 🌐 www.rmef.org ☀ Hours vary 💰 Cost: Free!

The Elk Country Visitor Center features fun and interactive exhibits that explore the nature of elk country. Wildlife films are shown regularly. See ad on page 11.

SPECTRUM DISCOVERY AREA

🏠 218 E. Front Street ☎ 406-728-STEM (7836)
 🌐 www.spectrum.umt.edu ☀ Hours: Wed-Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. - p.m.
 💰 Cost: \$3.50 for anyone 4 and over. Children 3 and under are free.

Interactive exhibits and activities offer a unique, hands-on experience geared toward engaging kids in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Visit spectrUM's BrainLab - a one-of-kind neuroscience lab - and help researchers investigate the brain. Explore Large River Ecosystems through the lens of the Clark Fork River. Build robots, navigate a Flight Simulator and more at spectrUM Downtown!



SPLASH MONTANA

🏠 In Playfair Park, 3001 Bancroft Street
 ☎ 406-542-WAVE (9283)
 🌐 www.missoulaparks.org ☀ Hours vary.
 💰 Cost: \$3.75 for youth 11 and under; \$4.25 for students 12-17 and seniors 58 and over; \$6 for adults 18 and over; children under 2 years are free.

Bring the entire family to Splash Montana, an outdoor water park with three water slides, a lazy river and log walk, children's water playground and leisure pool. Enjoy on-deck lounge chairs and full-service cafe.

WALKING TOURS

🏠 Missoula Historic Preservation office, City Hall, 435 Ryman ☎ 406-552-6638
 🌐 www.historicmissoula.org 🏠 Missoula Downtown Association, 218 East Main Street
 ☎ 406-543-4238 🌐 www.missouladowntown.com

The Missoula Historic Preservation office recommends setting aside an hour for its self-guided Riverfront Walking Tour. Additionally, the Missoula Downtown Association and the Visitors Center at MSO Hub provides free, self-guided brochures for the Missoula Public Art Walking Tour and the Historic Missoula Downtown Walking Tour.



SIR PAUL MCCARTNEY ROCKS OUT TO OVER 25,000 FANS DURING HIS AUGUST 2014 CONCERT AT MISSOULA'S WASHINGTON-GRIZZLY STADIUM. MISSOULIAN/KURT WILSON

CELEBRATING MISSOULA'S *Arts & Entertainment*

You might think that in a place like Missoula, it would be hard for anything to compete with the great outdoors. Fortunately, the arts and entertainment venues around town put up a pretty good fight.

That's good, because Missoulians are demanding. On the one hand, we want the ease of small town living – familiar faces, little to no traffic congestion and friendly service. On the other hand, we require a vast and seemingly endless array of arts and entertainment events designed to not only whet our appetites but to satisfy as well. There's a symphony, theater, film festivals, author readings at independent bookstores, ballet, opera, college sports and roller derby. All of which means you have an incredible opportunity to explore, experience and enjoy a multitude of activities.

ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM:

FOR THE SPORTS FANATIC

TWO WORDS: GRIZ FOOTBALL. As in the University of Montana Grizzlies – although to be honest, the game is just part of the experience. Here's how to make a seamless entry into Griz Nation.

Begin by purchasing game tickets downtown at the MSO Hub. While there, stockpile Griz gear – shirts, hats, seat cushions and anything else done up in the school's maroon and silver colors.

Once dressed, head to Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Plan to arrive an hour or so before kickoff for pre-game tailgating. It's as much a part of the experience as the pigskin ball.

Griz fans have turned tailgating into something of an art form. Local businesses, civic groups and families set up shop with beer, burgers, brats and just about anything else that can be grilled, chilled and enjoyed. To call this a party is an



WASHINGTON GRIZZLY STADIUM. TAYLAR ROBBINS



understatement. Deals are made, friendships are formed, and businesses boom thanks to these pre-game festivities. Do like a local and stroll from site to site. It's a fun and festive scene and one you won't want to miss.

Can't get to the game? No worries. Paradise Falls was designed with the sports lover in mind. With a bar, restaurant, casino, and thirty televisions, it's a popular gathering spot for Griz fans. Be prepared: it's high-energy, high fun on game day.

Other sporting events include Lady Griz Basketball, Missoula Osprey Baseball (the Pioneer League affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks), Missoula Maulers Ice Hockey (Junior A), and the Hellgate Rollergirls (roller derby).

And now, two more words: Missoula Osprey. Missoula's minor league baseball team is so good they were the 2012 Pioneer League champions. Yes, we're awfully proud.

The Osprey play in Missoula at Ogren Park Allegiance Field, a new ballpark located along the Clark Fork River, and on the bike trails. Kids of all ages will love the team's zany mascot, Ollie the Osprey, and the park's festive atmosphere. Our games have all the pomp and circumstance of the majors: the national anthem, the seventh inning stretch, (over) zealous fans, hot dogs, peanuts and lots of rowdy music. You absolutely must attend an Osprey game while in Missoula.

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TAKE A WALK BACK IN TIME:

FOR THE **HISTORY BUFF**

YOU COULD EASILY DEDICATE A DAY OR more to visiting the many museums around town. To get your bearings and fully understand the when, where and how of Missoula's early days, begin at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. Built in 1877, the fort sits on 32 acres that feature 13 historic structures, many of which house exhibits. With more than 25,000 objects in its collection, the Historical Museum presents a window back in time as America focused on its westward expansion. Not to be missed is the museum's collection of more than 650 original World War II posters presented in the feature exhibit, United We Will Win: WWII Posters that Mobilized a Nation. Note: Younger kids will love the

museum's on-site steam locomotive.

Keeping on the historical path, head next to the Museum of Mountain Flying. This is a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with vintage aircraft, artifacts, memorabilia, historical documents, and more. If you've ever wondered about the early days of flying, particularly in the mountain west, this is your chance to dive in and learn all about it.



PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

{ TIP } STOP BY THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA TO SEE EXHIBITS INCLUDING GROWING THE GARDEN CITY: MISSOULA'S FIRST 150 YEARS

MISSOULA
HISTORY 101

1806

Captain Lewis of
Clark traveled through
the Missoula
Valley.



1860

Europeans settle
in the Missoula
Valley.

1864

Missoula
founded.



1865

Missoula County
created.

MISSOULA IN 1942
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

1893

University
of Montana
founded. Go Griz!

1916

Jeannette Rankin
becomes the first
woman in the
US Congress "I
may be the first
woman member
of Congress but I
won't be the last."

Photo courtesy of
Library of Congress



1995

A Carousel for
Missoula opens.

1972

Missoula
Farmers' Market
founded.



2003

Destination
Missoula
founded.

VIBRANT AND COLORFUL:

FOR THE ART LOVER

TRAVELING IS HECTIC. WE PACK OUR DAYS with one activity after another, all in the hopes of experiencing every possible nuance of our chosen destination. Which is exactly as it should be.

And yet, it's quite lovely to find a moment or two of solace. One of the wonderful things about looking at art is it often forces us to slow down, take a moment, and simply breathe. We highly recommend weaving a bit of gallery hopping into your visit to Missoula. You may be surprised at how diverse an art scene we offer.

If you are in town on the first Friday of any given month, plan to participate in First Friday Gallery Night from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Downtown shops, galleries, museums and boutiques welcome visitors with new art exhibits, small bites and refreshments. A few add live music to the festivities.

The best way to experience First Friday is by foot, covering as much ground as possible. And don't neglect the side streets crossing Higgins Avenue. You'll find plenty to ogle here as well, such as works by local artist Monte Dolack. A long-time Missoula resident, Dolack showcases his and wife Mary Beth Percival's paintings, limited edition prints, lithographs, fine art posters, and note cards at the Monte Dolack Gallery on Front Street. Their artistic take on Montana is utterly captivating – you'll be hard-pressed to leave empty handed.

Be sure to visit the Missoula Art Museum, which features contemporary works by Native American and regional artists as well as traveling exhibits. The space alone is worth the trip. A recent renovation marries the 100-year-old Carnegie Library building with a contemporary addition, creating a bright and airy space with lots of interesting angles and viewpoints. The museum does an amazing job keeping things fresh – 20 to 25 solo and group exhibitions rotate through six state-of-the-art galleries each year.

Not to be missed is the Montana Museum of Art & Culture located on the University of Montana campus. It's impressive permanent collection is complimented by numerous exhibits and events this year.

The Rocky Mountain School of Photography Gallery, located on Higgins Avenue, features works by RMSP former instructors and



EXPLORE *Like A Local*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

FIRST FRIDAYS

First Friday of the month,
5 p.m.-8 p.m., Downtown

PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

outstanding students. National juried exhibitions are occasionally displayed here as well. Former students exhibitions display a diversity of interests and subjects, ranging from nature photography to documentary.

If jewelry is more to your liking,

swing by Barney Jette Jewelry Design. A professional goldsmith, gemologist and designer, Jette creates pieces that are elegant yet contemporary. If you're in the market for a little slice of Montana to take home with you, consider one of his Yogo Sapphire rings.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
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TAKE NOTE: FOR THE MUSIC LOVER

MISSOULA'S MUSIC SCENE IS BROAD.

It runs the gamut from orchestral to bluegrass to country. On any given weekend, you're sure to find some sort of strumming, drumming or humming taking place, whether in a large, public forum or in a small, quiet setting. Without question, Missoula's music scene is thriving. Here's how to participate:

Talk about world rhythms. Every three years, Missoula hosts the International Choral Festival. If you're here July 2016, you're in luck. Choirs from around the world – Argentina, Congo, Estonia, Finland, Macedonia and Zimbabwe, to name but a few – will descend upon the city to present a musical and cultural experience quite unlike anything you have previously experienced.

The George & Jane Dennison University Theatre on the University of Montana campus boasts an impressive calendar of events including music, theater and more. During any given month, you may find selections ranging from rock to Celtic. The Missoula Symphony Orchestra and Chorale shows bring in an impressive roster of world-class guest artists. Concerts

are held on various Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons during the fall, winter and spring as well as an outdoor summer concert. Entering its 60th season, you'll hear well-loved classics and awe-inspiring words by modern legends come alive at the hands of passionate musicians.

The River City Roots Festival is one of the city's biggest events. Held annually in late summer, Roots Fest turns downtown into a veritable arts extravaganza. The two-day celebration features live music performances on west Main Street, a juried art show, entertainment for children and families, a standup paddleboard race and a 4-mile run through the heart of the city. If you're looking for a lively and engaging event that showcases the best of Missoula, Roots Fest is not to be missed. Oh, and admission is free.

If you like to have a cocktail and a chair with your music, try downtown's Top Hat. Get there early as the dance floor picks up quickly. Bars and restaurants throughout Missoula feature live and local talent often. For a list of who's playing tonight, see the event calendar at www.destinationmissoula.org.



RIVER CITY ROOTS FESTIVAL
MISSOULA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION/ATHENA PHOTOGRAPHY

{ LISTEN }

Like A Local

WILMA THEATRE

Missoula's Wilma Theatre is the hippest historic music venue for miles, mixing a historic ambiance with just about any genre of music on any given night. From Macklemore to Nickel Creek, the Wilma is a must stop for both local and big time music acts. Take in a concert from the balcony for a particularly stunning view of any show.



BIG SKY BREWING

Beer and music has long been considered a perfect combination.

The folks at Big Sky Brewing ensure the combo can be enjoyed in the perfect Missoula setting at its outdoor amphitheater. The brewery – which often gives proceeds of concert beers sales to local charities – has hosted everyone from Michael Franti to The Decemberists during its annual summer concert series.



TOP HAT LOUNGE

A longtime watering hole



turned Missoula concert mecca, the Top Hat Lounge is a good place to find good music. With state of the art sound and stage equipment, patrons can find food, drinks and even a dance floor to help them enjoy a myriad of shows. It's a downtown hot spot where many local bands, including Missoula favorites The Lil Smokies, often play.

ADAMS CENTER

From Miranda Lambert to

Phillip Phillips, the Adams Center at the University of Montana has played host to some of the biggest musical acts in the country. It's a perfect place to enjoy big names with thousands of your closest friends.



ALWAYS A **STANDING OVATION:**

FOR THE THEATRICAL

LIVE THEATER ABOUNDS IN MISSOULA at Missoula Community Theatre, Missoula Children's Theatre and the Montana Repertory Theatre. Missoula Community Theatre and Missoula Children's Theatre offer a full season of musicals, dramas and comedies from October through May each year. Montana Rep runs October through March. The Stensrud Playhouse, located in the historic 1890s Stensrud Building, offers a combination of improv, murder mystery and comedy performances.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN **BALLET THEATRE**

Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre and Destination Missoula have created a unique partnership to promote Missoula tourism internationally. The Missoula-based professional dance school and company will tour Europe and China in 2014.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN BALLET THEATRE PHOTO



PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

The Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre will be the international face of Missoula for the next two years, thanks to a unique partnership between the world-renowned ballet company and Destination Missoula.

The two organizations are combining performing arts and tourism on a global level. As RMBT's ballerinas make their way around the world, their performances will focus on inspiring audiences with information about what makes the beautiful city of Missoula and surrounding five valleys a distinctive, not-to-be-missed travel destination.

RMBT often performs across Europe and Asia. This year, the company was invited to perform on opening night of Festspiele, Salzburg's world-famous music festival in Austria, and in October will be touring the Guangxi Province in China.

"This is a unique opportunity for Missoula to touch and inform an important international market that we would not ordinarily have the funding to reach," said Destination Missoula director Barbara Neilan. "Now is the perfect time to showcase Missoula as the home of the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre through this exceptional partnership."

The entire collaboration is grounded in the understanding that art is the universal language.

"We are proud to be the 'face' of Missoula around the globe," said RMBT's Artistic Director and Choreographer Charlene Campbell Carey.

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Bringing the World a Little Closer, through Music. The sound of music will fill the air in July 13-16, 2016 when the 10th International Choral Festival convenes in Missoula. For over two decades world-class choirs from all five continents have gathered to share a week of superb music and cultural exchange with each other and with local audiences. Since 1987, hundreds of community volunteers and host families have joined together to make the triennial festival a beloved Missoula tradition. For more information visit www.choralfestival.org or call 721-7985.



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🏠 200 North Adams Street ☎️ 406-728-1911
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For the past 40 years, the Missoula Children's Theatre and Missoula Community Theatre have provided Missoula with outstanding family entertainment. The Missoula Community Theatre season runs October through May each year.

MISSOULA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORALE

🏠 320 East Main Street (Office) ☎️ 406-721-3194
 🌐 www.missoulasympphony.org 🌞 Concert locations, dates and ticket pricing vary.

The Missoula Symphony Orchestra and Chorale feature 200 of the area's finest musicians. The concert season includes five pairs of Masterworks Concerts, three Youth and Family Concerts, and "Symphony in the Park", one of Missoula's most popular summer events, as well as numerous smaller concerts and educational outreach activities. This year marks its 60th anniversary.

MONTANA REPERTORY THEATRE

🏠 PARTV, University of Montana (Office)
 ☎️ 406-243-4581 🌐 www.montanarep.org
 🌞 Show times and rates vary.

Established in 1967, the Montana Repertory Theatre is one of the oldest and most respected professional touring companies in the United States. The Montana Rep Missoula! season runs October-March with performances at The Masquer Theatre.



MONTANA STRING ORCHESTRA OF THE ROCKIES

☎️ 406-493-2990 🌐 www.sor.mt
 🌞 Concert dates and ticket pricing vary

The Montana String Orchestra of the Rockies (SOR) is a unique, 15-member gem of an orchestra that performs without a conductor and features many internationally acclaimed guest artists. All SOR members are successful teachers and professional musicians.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BALLET THEATRE

🏠 2704 Brooks Street ☎️ 406-549-5155
 🌐 www.rmbt.org 🌞 Show dates and times vary

Since 1998, the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre (RMBT) has performed locally, regionally, and internationally. The RMBT offers classes for ages three through adult.

ROXY THEATER

🏠 718 S Higgins Ave ☎️ 406-728-9380
 🌐 theroxytheatre.org

Recently renovated, the fun and funky Roxy Theater is Missoula's non-profit community cinema. The Roxy hosts regular weekly screenings of award-winning new and classic films, live music, community events and the annual International Wildlife Film Festival, the oldest and longest running wildlife media event in the world.

WILMA THEATRE

🏠 131 South Higgins ☎️ 406-728-2521
 🌐 www.thewilma.com

Built in 1921, the Wilma Theatre is Missoula's entertainment hub. The theater features nightly movies, two world-famous film festivals, and a wide variety of concerts and other performances year-round.

MUSEUMS

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM MISSOULA

🏠 225 West Front Street ☎️ 406-541-PLAY (7529)
 🌐 www.childrensmuseummissoula.org 🌞 Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues-Sat, Noon - 5 p.m. Sun. Closed Sundays in July and August
 💰 Cost: \$4.25 per person, Free for those under age 1.

The Children's Museum Missoula provides fun, interactive, and educational exhibits and programs that promote learning through play for children of all ages.



HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA

🏠 3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804
 ☎️ 406-728-3476 🌐 www.fortmissoulamuseum.org
 🌞 Labor Day Weekend - Memorial Day Weekend
 Tuesday - Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Closed Monday Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend. Monday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 💰 Cost: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, & \$1 for students; members & children under 6 admitted free.

Established to preserve, collect, and interpret the rich history of Missoula, Fort Missoula, and the forest industry, the Historical Museum features 13 buildings arranged on 32 beautiful acres. See ad on page 11.



MISSOULA ART MUSEUM

🏠 335 North Pattee ☎️ 406-728-0447
 🌐 www.missoulaartmuseum.org
 🌞 Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues-Sat, Noon - 5 p.m. Sun
 💰 Cost: Free!

The Missoula Art Museum (MAM), an AAM accredited contemporary art museum, has been a flagship institution in culturally savvy Missoula since 1975. MAM offers a spectacular attraction in the heart of the historic downtown: a fully accessible, free public museum that boasts 26 contemporary art exhibitions per year in six exhibition spaces, a library, education center, and an inviting bookstore. In addition to engaging exhibitions, MAM hosts films, musical and dance performances, readings, tours, artist talks, art classes for all ages, and much more.



MONTANA'S MUSEUM OF ART & CULTURE

MONTANA MUSEUM OF ART AND CULTURE

🏠 Meloy and Paxson Galleries, Performing Arts Radio Television Center Center, UM Campus 📞 406-243-2019
 🌐 www.umt.edu/montanamuseum 🕒 Hours vary.

Celebrating the 120th anniversary of its Permanent Collection in 2015, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture holds the largest and oldest art collection in the state, with a Permanent Collection of over 11,000 pieces. MMAC's rotating exhibits and programs highlight historic and contemporary art from its holdings, as well as invitational and traveling exhibitions. International in scope, the Collection is a unique treasure that delights Montana citizens and visitors alike. The museum's Meloy and Paxson galleries feature 8-10 not-be-missed exhibitions for all ages. See ad on page 17.



MUSEUM OF MOUNTAIN FLYING

MUSEUM OF MOUNTAIN FLYING

🏠 Located at the East end of the Missoula International Airport 📞 406-721-3644
 🌐 www.museummountainflying.org
 🕒 Hours vary.

The Museum of Mountain Flying preserves the history of Johnson flying service and aviation in the northern Rocky Mountain West.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY

🏠 Fort Missoula, buildings T-310 and T-316
 📞 406-549-5346 🌐 www.fortmissoula.org
 🕒 Hours vary. 💰 Cost: Free!

The Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History promotes the commemoration and study of the U.S. armed services from the frontier period to the present. It's headquartered in Buildings T-310 and T-316 at Fort Missoula. Memorabilia and donations accepted.

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GRIZZLY ATHLETICS

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The University of Montana offers 15 intercollegiate athletic programs for student-athletes. The Montana Grizzlies have been extraordinarily successful in football and women's basketball. You can find the Grizzlies in action in a variety of sports from August through mid-May. There are also a variety of club teams to watch.



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MISSOULA MAULERS

🏠 Glacier Ice Rink, 1101 South Avenue West
 📞 406-830-3264 🌐 www.missoulamaulers.com

The Missoula Maulers Junior A Hockey Team have called Missoula home since 2007. The Maulers' season runs from September through February with home games played at the Glacier Ice Rink.

MISSOULA OSPREY

🏠 Ogren Park at Allegiance Field, 700 Cregg Lane 📞 406-543-3300
 🌐 www.missoulaosprey.com Purchase tickets at MSO Hub, 140 N Higgins Ave.; by calling 406-543-3300 or at www.missoulaosprey.com

The Missoula Osprey Professional Baseball Club is the Pioneer League affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Osprey play a 76-game schedule (38 home) from mid-June through early September.



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HELLGATE ROLLERGIRLS

🏠 Locations vary. 🌐 hellgaterollergirls.com
 💰 Cost: \$12, Free for kids 10 & under

Roller derby fever hit Missoula in 2009 and has been rolling strong ever since. The Hellgate Rollergirls battle it out in league bouts from February to November.

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THE WESTERN MONTANA FAIR AND
RODEO ARE HELD THE SECOND
WEEK IN AUGUST EACH YEAR.
PHOTO BY TAYLAR ROBBINS

Missoula's events calendar is chock full, leaving tough decisions for visitors. Spend a day on the slopes or at the historic Wilma Theatre watching award-winning documentary films? Go rafting or hit the markets? Here are a few of Missoula's top events to plan a visit around.

Film buffs will want to catch February's Big Sky Documentary Film Festival. Screening 125 non-fiction films over nine days in February, BSDFF organizers put on the largest movie event in Montana. Less than two months later, the International Wildlife Film Festival - the world's longest running wildlife film festival at 36 years and counting - will delight, educate and motivate viewers.

Montana ranks no. 2 in the nation for

craft breweries per capita, and Missoulians love to throw brew-themed parties. Beer enthusiasts pack the Garden City Brewfest in May, and revelers pour in for the Maverick Brewfest in September. The riverside Caras Park location overflows with live music and tasty northwest-brewed beers on both occasions.

Runners from all over Montana, the country and world will converge at the starting line for the acclaimed Missoula Marathon, but visitors need not have 26.2 miles worth of endurance to participate in this much-anticipated July weekend. Activities also include both three and five mile beer runs, a 5K, a kids' marathon and a half marathon.

In August, party at the River City Roots

Festival, a free two-day extravaganza of almost non-stop live musical performances in downtown Missoula. Acts have included Railroad Earth, The Gourds and Robert Earl Keen.

Love literature? During a two-day, three-night flurry of free readings, panels, signings and workshops, October's Festival of the Book gives attendees the chance to hear from over 70 renowned authors like Ivan Doig and David Quammen.

Line up on Higgins Avenue in November to take in the nighttime Festival of the Dead parade, an artsy and skeleton-themed tribute to the deceased that culminates in a music and dance-filled celebration at Caras Park.

“TOP TEN FARMERS’ MARKETS IN THE WEST: #8, MISSOULA, MONTANA.”

SUNSET MAGAZINE, JULY 2012

RECURRING EVENTS

DOWNTOWN TONIGHT

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursdays in June, July and August
Caras Park, Downtown
www.missouladowntown.com.

Free family event. Enjoy live music, food vendors, a beer garden and children's activities.

FIRST FRIDAY GALLERY NIGHT

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
on the First Friday of the month
Downtown Missoula
www.firstfridaysmissoula.blogspot.com

Browse downtown galleries, museums and businesses to see the latest creations of local artists and new exhibits.

KIDS KLUB

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
One Tuesday per month (varies)
Sears Court, Southgate Mall,
2901 Brooks Street

Free crafts and activities for children.

MISSOULA OUTDOOR CINEMA

Sunset
Saturdays in July through early September
Headstart School, corner of Worden & Phillips Aves., Northside
www.missoulaoutdoorcinema.org

Family-friendly movies shown under the stars on a huge movie screen.

OUT TO LUNCH

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesdays in June, July and August
Caras Park, Downtown
www.missouladowntown.com

Montana's longest running festival features live music and over 20 food vendors.

SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

8 p.m.
Wednesdays, late June through mid-August
Bonner Park, corner of Ronald & Hastings Streets, University District
www.missoulacityband.org

The Missoula City Band plays free weekly summer concerts at a local park.

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MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

Big Sky Documentary Film Festival	February
Western Montana Travel Expo	March
International Wildlife Film Festival	April
MaggotFest	May
Garden City BrewFest	May
Garden City River Rod Run	June
Independence Day Celebration at Fort Missoula	July
International Choral Festival (every 3 years, next festival: July 13-16 2016)	July
Missoula Marathon	July
Celtic Festival Missoula	July
Tour of Montana	July
KidsFest	August
Western Montana Fair	August
River City Roots Festival	August
Missoula Symphony in the Park	August
GermanFest	September
Hempfest	September
Maverick BrewFest	September
Montana Festival of the Book	October
Montana CINE International Film Festival	October
Festival of the Dead	November
Parade of Lights	December
First Night Missoula	December

MARKETS

CLARK FORK MARKET

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturdays, mid-May to mid-October
Under the Higgins Street Bridge, east of Caras Park
www.clarkforkmarket.com

This outdoor farmers' market boasts locally-produced meat, dairy products, fruits, veggies, flowers, baked goods, live music, coffee and vendors who dish up breakfast and lunch.

MISSOULA FARMERS MARKET

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, mid-May to mid-Oct.
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, July - early September
Circle Square, at the north end of Higgins Street, Downtown
www.missoulafarmersmarket.com

Nearly 100 local vendors are on hand to sell their produce, plants, flowers, breads and coffee.

MISSOULA SATURDAY MARKET

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturdays, mid-May to mid-Oct.
East Pine Street, Downtown
www.missoulasaturdaymarket.org

Dozens of craftspeople showcase their photography, jewelry, clothing, soap, glass art, and various other hand-made items.

ORCHARD HOMES FARMERS MARKET

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays, late June to mid-October
2537 S. 3rd Street West
(Orchard Homes Country Life Club)
www.localharvest.org

Small farmers' market providing vegetables, fruits, baked goods, farm-fresh eggs, jewelry, jams and jellies and a variety of other crafts.

{ EAT } Like A Local MARKET FAVORITES

LIFELINE FARM CHEESE CURDS

Found at the Clark Fork Market, these locally made and organic cheesy gems come in various flavors. They are the perfect snack while perusing the markets on Saturday.



DIXON MELONS

The best melons in Montana are grown on a small family farm just north of Missoula. The melon truck starts popping up at the Missoula Farmers Market in late summer and can stay through early fall.



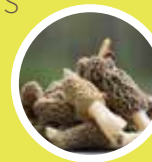
HUCKLEBERRIES

Enjoy Montana's famous berries without the hike. Numerous family stands sell fresh huckleberries from early July through August and often later into September.



MOREL MUSHROOMS

One of the most prized and delicious mushrooms can be found regularly at Missoula's markets during peak season from mid-May to mid-June and on many local restaurant menus.



LOCAL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
OCTOBER 2013		
3	Lady Griz Volleyball vs North Dakota	West Auxiliary Gym
3	Missoula Maulers Hockey vs Butte Cobras	Glacier Ice Rink
4	All Women's Diva Day 5K	Community Medical Center
4	Lady Griz Volleyball vs Northern Colorado	West Auxiliary Gym
4	Seeley Lake Challenge Summer Biathlon	Seeley Lake, MT
4-5	Missoula Symphony Orchestra <i>Music, Love & Other Drugs</i>	Dennison Theatre
4-5	Tamarack Festival & Brewfest	Seeley Lake, MT
3	Pray for Snow Party at Caras Park	Downtown Missoula
4,11,18	Clark Fork Market	Downtown Missoula
4,11,18,25	Missoula Farmers Market	Downtown Missoula
7-11,14-18	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Montana Theatre
9-11	Humanities Montana Festival of the Book	Downtown Missoula
10	Lady Griz Soccer vs Idaho	Dornblaser Field
10,11,12	Missoula Maulers Hockey vs Lake Tahoe Blue	Glacier Ice Rink
11	Ladies Night at Southgate Mall	Southgate Mall
11-12	AAI's Tour of the Arts	Seeley Lake, MT
12	Seeley Lake ROCKS Gear Swap	Seeley Lake, MT
13	Matsiyahu	Wilma Theatre
16-Jan 10	Vanessa German: Bitter Root	Montana Museum of Art & Culture
16-Jan 10	Amanda Browder: End of the Infinite	Montana Museum of Art & Culture
16-19	Fall Fashion Event	Southgate Mall
17-20	Last Best Film Festival	Caras Park
18	Griz Football vs UC Davis	Washington-Griz Stadium
19	Pumpkin Run 5K and 400 Meters	Osprey Stadium
19	5th Annual Tweed Ride - 5K Bike and Ride Fundraiser	Free Cycles Community Bicycle Shop
24	Lady Griz Volleyball vs Portland State	West Auxiliary Gym
24	Griz Soccer vs North Dakota	Dornblaser Field
25	Lady Griz Volleyball vs Sacramento State	West Auxiliary Gym
25	Treasure State Shred Festival	Caras Park
25-26	6th Annual Pianissimo	UM Music Recital Hall
26	Griz Soccer vs Northern Colorado	Dornblaser Field
26	Missoula Symphony Orchestra <i>Chorale Center Stage</i>	Dennison Theatre
30	Lady Griz Volleyball vs Eastern Washington	West Auxiliary Gym
31	Halloween 4 Hospice Carnival	Southgate Mall
31-Nov 2	<i>Jekyll & Hyde The Musical</i>	Missoula Community Theatre
NOVEMBER 2014		
1	Griz Football vs Sacramento State	Washington-Griz Stadium
1	Lady Griz Volleyball vs Idaho	West Auxiliary Gym
4-8	<i>Dance Up Close</i>	Masquer Theatre
4	Freeman	Top Hat Lounge
4	Lady Griz Basketball vs Great Falls	UM Dahlberg Arena
5-9	<i>Jekyll & Hyde The Musical</i>	Missoula Community Theatre
6	Greensky Bluegrass	Top Hat Lounge
7	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
7-8	Missoula Maulers Hockey vs Seattle Totems	Glacier Ice Rink
7	Lady Griz Basketball vs Minot State	UM Dahlberg Arena
8	Die Local Ball	TBA
8-9	Missoula Symphony Orchestra <i>Red, White & True</i>	Dennison Theatre
11	Joan Baez	Dennison Theatre
13	Missoula Maulers Hockey vs Whitefish Wolverines	Glacier Ice Rink
13	Lady Griz Volleyball vs Idaho State	West Auxiliary Gym
15	String Orchestra of the Rockies <i>SOR Concert Favorites</i>	UM Music Recital Hall
15	Lady Griz Volleyball vs Montana State	West Auxiliary Gym
17	Lady Griz Basketball vs Montana-Western	UM Dahlberg Arena
18	An Evening with David Sedaris	Dennison Theatre
19	7th Annual Pianissimo Concert	Dennison Theatre
20	Moscow Ballet's <i>Great Russian Nutcracker</i>	Dennison Theatre
21	Santa's Arrival	Southgate Mall
21-Dec 24	Santa Photos & Ronald McDonald House Gingerbread House Display	Southgate Mall
22	Griz Football vs Montana State	Washington-Griz Stadium
25,29-30	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Montana Theatre
27	Turkey Day 8K & 3K Family Fun Run	McCormick Park
27	Free Rides at A Carousel for Missoula	A Carousel for Missoula

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
DECEMBER 2014		
2-6	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Montana Theatre
4-6	Holiday Art Fair	University Center
4	Lady Griz Basketball vs Wyoming	UM Dahlberg Arena
5	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
5	Festival of Trees	The Florence - Governor's Room
5	Missoula Maulers vs Butte Cobras	Glacier Ice Rink
6	Tuba Christmas	Southgate Mall
6	12 Annual Parade of Lights	Downtown Missoula
6-7	Missoula Symphony Orchestra, <i>Holiday Pops</i>	Dennison Theatre
7,14,21	Pet Photos with Santa	Southgate Mall
7	Lady Griz Basketball vs Carroll	UM Dahlberg Arena
12-14, 17-21	<i>Winter Wonderettes</i>	Missoula Community Theatre
12,13,14	Missoula Maulers vs Idaho Steelheads	Glacier Ice Rink
12	Christmas Stroll in Phillipsburg	Phillipsburg, MT
13-15	Garden City Ballet: <i>The Nutcracker</i>	Montana Theatre
14	The MADE Fair	UM Adams Center
15-Jan 1	Home for the Holidays, 15 days of Live Music at the Airport	Missoula International Airport
19	Santa's Breakfast	A Carousel for Missoula
19-20	34th Lady Griz Classic	UM Dahlberg Arena
25	Free Rides at A Carousel for Missoula	A Carousel for Missoula
31	New Year's Eve Prediction Run	Peak Health & Wellness Center
31	First Night Parade	Southgate Mall
31	First Night Missoula	Downtown, UM & Southgate Mall
31	New Year's Eve Prediction Run	Peak Health & Wellness Center
31	Free Rides at A Carousel for Missoula, 2-11 p.m.	A Carousel for Missoula

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
JANUARY 2015		
2	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
2	Missoula Maulers vs Butte Cobras	Glacier Ice Rink
3,10,17, 24,31	Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers' Rest	Travelers' Rest Visitor Center, Lolo, MT
8	Lady Griz vs Weber State	UM Dahlberg Arena
9	Missoula Maulers vs Whitefish Wolverines	Glacier Ice Rink
10-12	Seeley Lake Pond Hockey Tournament	Seeley Lake, MT
10	Lady Griz vs Idaho State	UM Dahlberg Arena
15	Missoula Maulers vs Whitefish Wolverines	Glacier Ice Rink
16-25	Winterfest: A Celebration of Winter	Seeley Lake, MT
17	Seeley Lake Challenge Biathlon	Seeley Lake, MT
17-18	Driftriders Snowmobile Weekend	Seeley Lake, MT
17	Lady Griz Basketball vs Montana State	UM Dahlberg Arena
22-May 23	Celebrating 120 Years of the MMAC Permanent Collection	Montana Museum of Art & Culture
23-25	Clue: The Musical	Missoula Community Theatre
24	Chamber Health Fair	Southgate Mall
24	OSCR Cross Country Ski Race	Seeley Lake, MT
24-25	Pike on Ice	Seeley Lake, MT
24,29-31	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Montana Theatre
28-Feb 1	<i>Clue: The Musical</i>	Missoula Community Theatre
29	Lady Griz Basketball vs Portland State	UM Dahlberg Arena
30	Missoula Symphony Orchestra <i>Annual Family Concert</i>	Dennison Theatre
31	Lady Griz vs Sacramento State	UM Dahlberg Arena
31	Missoula Maulers vs Butte Cobras	Glacier Ice Rink

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
FEBRUARY 2015		
5,7	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Montana Theatre
6, 7, 8	Missoula Maulers vs Southern Oregon Spartans	Glacier Ice Rink
6	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
6-16	Big Sky Documentary Film Festival	Various Locations, Missoula
7	Bridal Show	Southgate Mall
7,14,21,28	Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers' Rest	Travelers' Rest Visitor Center, Lolo, MT
12	Lady Griz Basketball vs North Dakota	UM Dahlberg Arena
13	Winter BrewFest	Caras Park
13, 14	Missoula Maulers vs Seattle Totems	Glacier Ice Rink
14	Lady Griz Basketball vs Northern Colorado	UM Dahlberg Arena
22	String Orchestra of the Rockies <i>Death & the Maiden</i>	UM Music Recital Hall
26	Lady Griz Basketball vs Idaho	UM Dahlberg Arena
27	Missoula Maulers vs Whitefish Wolverines	Glacier Ice Rink
28	Lady Griz Basketball vs Eastern Washington	UM Dahlberg Arena
28	Cheetah Herder's Snow Joke	Seeley Lake, MT
28-Mar 1	Missoula Symphony Orchestra <i>Keys to the Heart</i>	Dennison Theatre
MARCH 2015		
6	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
7	Western Montana Travel Expo	Southgate Mall
7	Missoula Womens Fair	UC Ballroom at UM
7,14,21,28	Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers' Rest	Travelers' Rest Visitor Center, Lolo MT
14-15	Chamberlin Rail Jam	Caras Park
14	Kids Fair	Southgate Mall
17-21,24-28	<i>Pippin</i>	Montana Theatre
20-22, 25-29	<i>The Rainmaker</i>	Missoula Community Theatre
APRIL 2015		
3	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
4	Lolo Easter Egg Hunt	Travelers Rest State Park
4	Community Non Profit Day	Southgate Mall
11-12	Car Club Expo	Southgate Mall
15	Orvis Down the Hatch Festival	Caras Park
18-25	International Wildlife Film Festival	Roxy Theatre
22-25	Dance in Concert	Montana Theatre
25-26	Missoula Symphony Orchestra <i>Earth, Wind, and Fire</i>	Dennison Theatre
25	Forestry Day	Fort Missoula
25	MUD Earth Day Celebration	Caras Park
26-May 2	Missoula Craft Beer Week	Various locations in Missoula
28-May 2	<i>Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter</i>	Montana Theatre
MAY 2015		
1	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
1-3,6-10, 13-17	<i>Shrek The Musical</i>	Missoula Community Theatre
2, 5-9	<i>Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter</i>	Montana Theatre
2	23rd Annual Garden City BrewFest	Caras Park
9,16,23,30	Saturday Morning Markets	Downtown Missoula
9	The Light Show	Hilton Garden Inn
9-10	MaggotFest	Fort Missoula Fields
10	String Ochestra of the Rockies <i>Barroco 30th Anniversary</i>	UM Music Recital Hall
10	Seeley Lake Job Fair	Seeley Lake, MT
16	UM Graduation	University of Montana
23	Kids Day, ride free at A Carousel for Missoula	A Carousel for Missoula
JUNE 2015		
3,10,17,24	Out to Lunch Summer Series	Caras Park
4,11,18,25	Orchard Home Farmers Market	2537 S. 3rd Street West
5	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
6,13,20,27	Saturday Morning Markets	Downtown Missoula
10,17,24	Missoula City Band Summer Concert Series	Bonner Park
18	Carousel's 20th Annunersary Celebration Dinner	The Ranch Club
19	Last Best Solstice	Caras Park
20-21	Corps of Discovery Campout	Travelers' Rest State Park, Lolo MT
26-27	Garden City River Rod Run	Caras Park

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
27-28	209th Lewis & Clark Anniversary Return to Travelers' Rest	Travelers' Rest State Park, Lolo MT
28	Missoula MADE Fair	Caras Park
JULY 2015		
1,8,15, 22,29	Missoula City Band Summer Concert Series	Bonner Park
1,8,15, 22,29	Out to Lunch Summer Series	Caras Park
2,9,16, 23,30	Orchard Homes Farmers Market	2537 S. 3rd Street West
2,9,16, 23,30	Downtown ToNight Summer Series	Caras Park
3	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
4	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	Southgate Mall
4	4th of July Parade & Fireworks	Seeley Lake
4	Fourth at the Fort	Fort Missoula
4,11,18,25	Saturday Morning Markets	Downtown Missoula
7,14,21,28	Tuesday Night Farmers Market	Circle Square in Missoula
10	Missoula 5k	Downtown Missoula
11	Missoula Kids Marathon	Boone & Crockett Club
11	Missoula Marathon Expo & Festival	Caras Park
11	Expedition Days	Travlrs Rest State Park
12	Missoula Marathon, Half Marathon & Relay	Frenchtown to Downtown Missoula
24	Fairy Tale & Superhero Festival	A Carousel for Missoula
24-25	Celtic Festival	Caras Park
26-27	15th Annual Garden City River Rod Run	Caras Park
AUGUST 2015		
1,8,15, 22,29	Saturday Morning Markets	Downtown Missoula
4,11,18,25	Tuesday Night Farmers Market	Circle Square
5,12,19,26	Out to Lunch Summer Series	Caras Park
5,12	Missoula City Band Summer Concert Series	Bonner Park
6,13,20,27	Downtown ToNight Summer Series	Caras Park
6,14,21,28	Orchard Homes Farmers Market	2537 S. 3rd Street West
7	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
9	Symphony in the Park	Caras Park
11-16	Western Montana Fair	Western Montana Fairgrounds
15	Pet Fest	UM Adams Center
29-30	River City Roots Festival	Downtown Missoula
30	River City Roots 4 Mile Run/Walk	Downtown Missoula
SEPTEMBER 2015		
3,10,17,24	Orchard Homes Farmers Market	2537 S. 3rd Street West
4	First Friday Gallery Night	Downtown Missoula
5	Missoula Hempfest	Caras Park
5-7	Discover Travlrs' Rest	Travelers' Rest State Park, Lolo MT
5,12,19,26	Saturday Morning Markets	Downtown Missoula
6	German Fest	Caras Park
11-13	Ol' Wild West Fest	Historical Museum at Fort Missoula
12	Baby Fair	Caras Park



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**“AMERICA’S BEST RIVER TOWNS:
#3 MISSOULA, MONTANA”**

FODOR’S TRAVEL, AUGUST 2014



**BRENNANS WAVE IS PERFECT PLACE TO WATCH SURFERS,
KAYAKERS AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE - A BRAVE TUBER.**
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stay out and play

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

You're visiting an active city in the Northern Rockies that abuts a national forest, boasts numerous recreation areas, and seems to attract rivers like a fish to a fly. Getting outdoors in Missoula is easy. Deciding what to do may prove a bit more challenging. OUR SUGGESTION?

DO IT ALL. YOU'RE ON VACATION. YOU CAN REST WHEN YOU GET HOME.

WHERE TO GO

IF YOU'RE VISITING DURING THE WARMER MONTHS, DO like a local and head to the river to fish, float, tube, paddleboard, kayak, swim or surf. There are plenty of shops in town where you can rent or purchase the necessary gear and equipment. This also puts you in contact with "in-the-know" locals who will be more than happy to ply you with suggestions and tips on where to go and what to bring.

If standup paddle boarding or surfing sounds intriguing, visit Strongwater Paddle Sports or The Trailhead, both located downtown. Standup paddle boarding, or SUPing for short, is popular so reserve ahead of time, if possible.

WHERE TO GO

STANDUP PADDLE BOARDING & TUBING

IF YOU LIKE YOUR WATER CALM, VISIT FRENCHTOWN Pond State Park, just 15 minutes west of Missoula, or Flathead Lake, a 90-minute drive north.

The more adventurous may want to try paddle boarding on the river. While still relatively calm, the moving water adds another layer of excitement.

Two fun, local runs are the Clark Fork River and the Bitterroot River. For the first, put in at East Missoula at the Sha-Ron fishing access site and take out downtown Missoula, either at the bridge at Finn & Porter (you'll see the diners waving to you from the patio), river right, or float another 150 to 200 yards to Bess Reed Park, also river right, where you'll see a small trail climbing up the embankment. NOTE: if you continue past these takeout points, you'll float into downtown and through Brennan's Wave. Tubers should plan on getting soaked as they make their way through the whitewater. Inexperienced paddle boarders and rafters should take out before the wave.

To run the Bitterroot, put in at Maclay Flat and cruise all the way to the Kona Ranch Road Bridge. Take out river left, just before passing under the bridge. Both of these stretches are ideal for inflatable kayaks, rafts and inner tubes as well. You'll find tube, raft, and kayak rentals downtown at The Trail Head, 10,000 Waves Raft and Kayak Adventures and Lewis and Clark Trail Adventures.



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{ TIP } THE RIVERS EBB AND FLOW WITH HEAVY RAINS AND SPRING RUNOFF. LATER IN THE SUMMER MAY PROVE A BETTER CHOICE FOR NOVICE WATER ENTHUSIASTS.

WHERE TO GO

WHITEWATER RAFTING

WANT SOMETHING A BIT MORE HEART-pounding? Consider whitewater rafting. Here, we absolutely recommend going with an outfitter. In addition to being skilled in whitewater navigation and swift water rescue, outfitters take care of pretty much everything. And considering you're on vacation, isn't that how it should be? Shuttles, gear, meals, snacks and more will be provided, as well as some keen insight on the wildlife, flora and fauna you'll be passing by.

A favorite of locals, Alberton Gorge is just 45 miles west of Missoula on the Clark Fork River. This Class III whitewater run is high adventure, with five rollicking rapids. It wends its way through thick forests and cool rock formations and has plenty of sandy beaches perfect for lunch or just kicking back. Be on the lookout for bald eagles and osprey. Local outfitters offer both half- and full-day adventures on the Gorge.

If you're one of those "go big, or go home" kind of people, consider the Lochsa. The Lochsa River serves up a mix of Class II, III and IV rapids – we're talking 25 Class IV rapids! – with very little break or float in between. This is a full-day, adrenaline-pumping, heart-stopping adventure that is sheer bliss. The Lochsa whitewater season runs from late April to late June, with peak flows during the latter part of June. Yee-haw.

If you like the idea of rafting but could do without the rapids, not to worry. There are plenty of easy-living, floatable stretches on all three of our local rivers. Again, local guides will be more than happy to set you up on a full or half-day outing.



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WHERE TO GO

FLY-FISHING

LET'S FACE IT. IT WOULDN'T BE A TRIP TO Missoula without a fly-fishing adventure. We've all seen the movie "A River Runs Through It," right? Fly-fishing is absolutely special to this community. And while we can't serve up Brad Pitt as your personal guide, we can offer an impressive number of outfitters ready to show you the ropes. For these guides, fishing is a passion. It's an art. It's a way of life.

Without question, your time here will be enriched if you spend a few hours on the river casting and floating with these professionals. There's something almost Zen-like about this sport – you're fully present, yet simultaneously a million miles away from the worries of the world. If ever

there were a term for what a vacation should feel like, it just might be fly-fishing.

And with three rivers to choose from – the Blackfoot, Bitterroot, and the Clark Fork of the Columbia – as well as Rock Creek, famous for its blue ribbon fishing, you have an almost endless selection of stretches to explore. The angling is so good here, in fact, that Forbes Magazine recently named Missoula one of North America's top 10 trout fishing towns.

If lake fishing is more your speed, you'll find plenty of options here as well. Flathead Lake, Frenchtown Pond State Park, Georgetown Lake, Placid Lake State Park, Seeley Lake and Salmon Lake State Park all welcome you to fish their waters.

WHERE TO GO

KAYAKING

MISSOULA AND KAYAKING GO SO WELL together, we made waves to practice on in the heart of downtown. On the Clark Fork River just outside the Caras Park pavilion is Brennan's Wave, constructed in memory of Missoula kayaker, Brennan Guth. There are plans to complete a second wave just a few yards from Brennan's. On almost any evening, a passer-by can watch kayakers, surfers and paddle-boarders attempt to ride the wave and even performing tricks. Missoula has hosted the U.S. Freestyle Kayaking Championships, and multiple other kayaking competitions are held here each year.



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WHERE TO GO **CITY & MOUNTAIN BIKING**

IF YOU SPEND TIME DOWNTOWN, YOU'LL QUICKLY NOTICE THE large number of cyclists. On any given day, you may well see more bikes parked and locked up than cars. Missoula's bicycle system includes more than 20 miles of bike lanes and routes on major streets. Numerous other trails connect most of the major landmarks, such as Downtown, the University of Montana and major shopping areas. If you don't have your own bike, you can rent a bike from Currents Aquatic Center or the Missoula Public Library for free. Stop by Destination Missoula for a bike map.

RATTLESNAKE NATIONAL RECREATION AND WILDERNESS AREA

It's an easy five-mile bike ride from Downtown up the Rattlesnake to the main trailhead. Jump on the main service road for a gradual climb that's not too technical and a fun downhill when you turn around. If you're looking for more of a challenge, turn off onto any one of the single-track trails cutting off from the main trail. Sawmill Gulch is a popular option. The network of trails is winding and long – be sure to turn around on occasion to recall your surroundings. If you do get lost, just remember to head downhill. Also, this is bear country, so make noise and carry bear spray.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

Blue Mountain offers a variety of mountain biking terrain, from a large open field with rolling hills to a doable service road that climbs up, up, up, to more challenging single-track trails. Plan to share the trail, as Blue Mountain is popular with horseback riders and dog walkers.

PATTEE CANYON RECREATION AREA

Pattee Canyon has a variety of biking terrain and a variety of access points. The Sam Braxton Trail is a nice 3½ mile loop. Access it from the Sam Braxton Trailhead on the south side of Pattee Canyon Drive across from the picnic area.

Tour of Montana

Montana is a cyclists' dream with its rolling hills and wide open spaces. There's no better place to host the inaugural Tour of Montana and Montana Bicycle Festival than the bike-friendly city of Missoula. The event's mission is to promote cycling as a sport and part of the healthy lifestyle while providing a unique event indicative of the people and culture of Montana. Missoula will play host to the first ever Women's Cycling Association (WCA) branded event.

The 100-day countdown beginning April 14, 2015 will have 100 days of events featuring bicycling, culture and art leading up to main event held July 23 – 26, 2015. The Tour of Montana four-day event features men's and women's pro and amateur racing. The Montana Bicycle Festival will be held downtown and will boast national and local exhibitors, in addition to food, drinks, music and activities for all ages.



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WHERE TO GO

TO GET YOUR HEART RATE UP

READY TO GET MOVING? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE DUE CREDIT to each and every must-do trail in the Missoula Valley. There are simply too many choices, and that's a good thing. Here then are a few suggestions:

The irresistible Riverfront Trail begs to be walked, run, biked or skated. This flat, paved path borders the south side of the Clark Fork River, which means it's easily accessible from the University of Montana and Downtown Missoula. Burn calories from Orange Street to Washington Grizzly Stadium, a distance of about a mile and a half. At the far east end (by UM), the Riverfront Trail changes to gravel and becomes the Kim Williams Trail. Sandwiched between the Clark Fork and Mount Sentinel, the Kim Williams Trail continues on for two and a half more miles. Branch off on the uphill Hellgate Canyon Trail if you feel like conquering Sentinel's summit.

Hike the M. You must. You can't spend time in Missoula without noticing the huge white "M" set against Mount Sentinel. Beginning on the UM campus, it's a steep three-quarter of a mile climb to the "M" and an additional one mile to the top of the mountain. The views of the Missoula Valley, the Clark Fork River, and the distant mountains are spectacular. The trail to the "M" is made up of 11 switchbacks and boasts an elevation gain of 620 feet – something you can boast about once you're done.

From the top of Mount Sentinel, you can see Hellgate Canyon, Mount Jumbo, where you can note the water lines from Glacial Lake Missoula, and the Rattlesnake National Recreation and Wilderness Area. From there, you can take the Crazy Canyon Trail into Pattee Canyon, which links to the Kim Williams Trail.

Super popular with dogs and their two-legged counterparts, Blue Mountain Recreation Area is an easy two-mile drive southwest of Missoula. A nice mix of easy walking and steeper climbs, Blue Mountain boasts expansive meadows (keep an eye out for the most gorgeous blue butterflies) and great views of the Missoula Valley, including a self-guided nature trail. Be prepared for horses, mountain bikers and plenty of happy dogs.

Waterworks Hill is a favorite among locals. Located just off Greenough Drive, Waterworks is an easy, scenic in-town hike. The treeless stretch may seem barren on first glance, but on closer examination, you'll find some pretty remarkable plant life. Montana's state flower, the bitterroot, blooms in the spring. Be on the lookout for birds and foxes.



RUN WILD MISSOULA/KIM WISHCAMPER

WHERE TO GO

BIRDING

HOW ABOUT GETTING OUT and counting birds as part of a group effort on Christmas Day? Or participating in a local birdathon fundraiser? Maybe you'd rather take a leisurely stroll and see what flies on by. No matter how you go about it, Missoula and the surrounding area offer a bevy of fantastic bird-watching sites and opportunities. Some of the more popular spots from which to view birds include Kelly Island, Rattlesnake National Recreation Area, Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge, Greenough Park, Maclay Flat/Blue Mountain Road, Mount Jumbo, the Kim Williams Trail, Pattee Canyon, and along the Clark Fork River on U.S. Interstate 90 East. It's definitely worth a visit to the Five Valleys Audubon Society's website. Five Valleys offers a variety of birding activities including guided bird-watching outings and the above-mentioned Christmas Bird Count and Birdathon.

WHERE TO GO

GOLFING

GOLFERS LOVE MISSOULA. Summer days are long and sunny. Our far westerly position in the time zone and northern latitude means we don't see twilight until nearly 10 p.m. in June and most of July. Golf weather often arrives in March and lingers well into October, giving us (and you) a surprisingly long season. With eight courses – Canyon River, Highlands, King Ranch, Larchmont, Linda Vista, Missoula Country Club, The Ranch Club, and the University of Montana course, Missoula truly has something for every golfer.

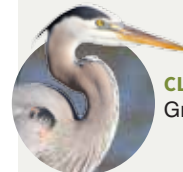
keep an eye out BIRD WATCHING



BLUE MOUNTAIN ROAD:
Great Horned Owl



CLARK FORK RIVER:
Wood Duck



CLARK FORK RIVER:
Great Blue Herons



KIM WILLIAMS TRAIL:
Osprey

WHERE TO GO

WHEN IT COOLS DOWN

DON'T WORRY ABOUT GOING stir-crazy in Missoula during the cooler months. There are plenty of activities to keep you busy in the great outdoors. And as any local will tell you, the secret to enjoying those cooler days is to play, play, play.

Many of the previously mentioned adventures carry through well into fall. With the right clothing layers – polypro, wool, windbreaker – mountain biking, hiking and golf are all quite enjoyable with a little chill in the air. When the snow flies, trade out your wheels for skis, and add snowshoes or cleats to your hiking shoes. Then get moving. Here's how:

WHERE TO GO

HUNTING

STICK AROUND LONG ENOUGH, and you'll hear locals talk about "bagging" an elk and filling the freezer for the long winter. Hunting is serious business in Missoula. Here, you'll find elk, deer, pheasants, ducks, geese and grouse. Both rifle and bow hunting are permitted.

Hunting is permitted on public and private lands, but different laws apply to each type of property. Be sure to know the rules before you head out. And be sure to have a license.

WHERE TO GO

SKIING, SNOWBOARDING & SNOWMOBILING

DID YOU KNOW MISSOULA HAS ITS VERY own ski area? Located just 20 minutes north of downtown, Snowbowl may surprise you with its steep and deep terrain comprised of 2,600 vertical feet and 950 acres. It's a throwback kind of place with no glitz or glam – but you're here to ski, so who cares? To get there, take the Reserve Street exit off I-90 and travel along Grant Creek Road. Turn left onto Snowbowl Road.

If you're looking for a family-friendly ski destination, check out Discovery Ski Area, or "Disco" to locals. It has a variety of terrain, with plenty of beginner and intermediate slopes, as well as some highly-technical runs on the backside. It's about a 90-minute drive from Missoula.

Another popular choice for families is Blacktail Mountain in Lakeside, just 120 miles north of Missoula. You'll find more than 1,000 acres to ski and runs for all abilities. Blacktail averages about 250 inches of annual snowfall, so the skiing is always good. And you'll be treated to some amazing views. On a clear day, Flathead Lake, Glacier National Park and the Mission, Whitefish and Cabinet Mountain ranges are all visible.

Lookout Pass sits on the Montana/Idaho border and sees some of the area's earliest snowfall, most of it light and fun to ski. It has 540 acres and 34 runs. Its two terrain parks have huge banks, mounds, launches, rails, and a 1,111-foot quarter pipe. Yep, it's fun.

Lost Trail Powder Mountain is well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions. It, too, straddles the Montana/Idaho border, though along the breathtaking Bitterroot Range of the Northern Rockies. Lost Trail is 90 miles south of Missoula.

Nordic skiers will find an impressive number of ski areas to choose from. Stay close to city limits at Pattee Canyon, (groomed on Fridays, ideal for both skate and traditional) or the Rattlesnake Wilderness Area (traditional and backcountry).

Other cross-country options include Lolo Pass, an easy 40-minute drive west of the city on U.S. Highway 12 (skate and traditional). There is a nominal fee to park, but the scenic vistas and seemingly endless trails make it worth it.

If you want to ski with your dog, Lubrecht Experimental Forest is your destination. There's about 28 miles of trails with a variety of terrain. Pack a lunch and plan to eat at the covered picnic area. It truly is lovely. Lubrecht is about a 30-minute drive from Missoula.

Another popular cross-country ski



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destination is the Seeley Swan Lake Trail System. Maintained by the Seeley Lake Nordic Ski Club, the 32 km trail system offers groomed trails of varying difficulty. It's a bit longer of a drive – about one hour from Missoula – but it's definitely worth the visit.

Cross-country ski rentals are available at The Trail Head and Open Road Bicycle

and Nordic. Hint: Call the night before to reserve, especially if the snow is flying. When you've run out of steam but still desire to get out into the backcountry, consider snowmobiling. But be warned: It's fast, fun and super addictive. Snowmobiling opportunities abound in the Lolo Pass, Seeley Lake, Lincoln, Ovando and Garnet areas.

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this. Mountains stand sentry and the river courses alongside you. Cottonwoods sway in the wind, their leaves erupting in a low chorus as you pass by. And then it hits you: You're participating in what *Runner's World* magazine cited as Best Overall Marathon in the country in 2010. And you smile and know without question you'll cross the finish line.

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RUNNER'S WORLD, JANUARY 2010



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NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION:

For information about national forests, campgrounds, fire restrictions, trails and trail conditions, maps, state parks, and closures, contact the following:

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Missoula, MT 59807
☎ INFO: 406-329-3511
🌐 www.fs.usda.gov/r1

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🏠 Building 24-A, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59804
☎ 406-329-3750
🌐 www.fs.usda.gov/lolo

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MISSOULA OFFICE

🏠 3255 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, MT 59804
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🌐 www.blm.gov/mt/st/en.html

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MONTANA STATE PARKS:

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BOATING & FLOATING:

For more information on the Alberton Gorge, Blackfoot River, the Flathead Lake Marine Trail and Thompson Chain of Lakes contact Montana, Fish, Wildlife Parks.

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MISSOULA AREA TRAILS:

Check usage restrictions for all trails. Use varies according to season and area.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

Location: Two miles southwest of Missoula off Hwy 93

Activities: Biking, Hiking, Horseback Riding, ATVing, Dirt Biking, Off-Leash Dogs, Folf Course, Hunting, Backpacking, Snowmobiling, Sledding, Birding (at Maclay Flat).

MOUNT SENTINEL, HOME OF THE "M" TRAIL

Location: Next to the University of Montana

Activities: Hiking, Biking, Leashed Dogs.

MOUNT JUMBO, HOME OF THE "L" TRAIL

Location: Various trailheads in the Rattlesnake Neighborhood

Activities: Hiking, Biking, Birding, Leashed Dogs.

PATTEE CANYON RECREATION AREA

Location: Southeast of Missoula, four miles up Pattee Canyon Road

Activities: Biking, Hiking, Off-Leash Dogs, Folf Course, Cross-Country Skiing, Birding, Picnicking.

RATTLESNAKE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND WILDERNESS

Location: North of Missoula at the end of Rattlesnake Drive

Activities: Biking, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Birding, Off-Leash Dogs (see restrictions), Hunting, Fishing, Backpacking.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL AND KIM WILLIAMS TRAIL

Location: Along the Clark Fork River opposite downtown and continuing east

Activities: Walking, Biking, Birding, Leashed Dogs.

WATERWORKS HILL, NORTH HILLS TRAILS

Location: Various trailheads in the Rattlesnake Neighborhood

Activities: Hiking, Leashed Dogs.

BIKING INFORMATION: ADVENTURE CYCLING ASSOCIATION

www.adventurecycling.org

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www.missoulabike.org

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HUNTING:

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DOWNHILL SKIING/ SNOWBOARDING:

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IF SHOPPING IS HIGH ON YOUR LIST OF THINGS TO DO WHILE TRAVELING, YOU'RE IN LUCK.

Missoula boasts three distinct shopping areas, each with a variety of shops and goods. Here's hoping you packed an extra – not to mention empty – suitcase!

Downtown, you'll find delightful stores, boutiques and galleries offering clothing, gifts, jewelry and other

goodies. Southgate Mall has more than 100 specialty and name brand stores including the Dillard's, Sears, Herberger's, World Market, Gap, Eddie Bauer, Chico's, JCPenney, White House/Black Market, and Bath and Body Works. New this year is South Crossing Shopping Center on Brooks

Street featuring Cabela's, Petco, Boot Barn and soon Kohl's. And North Reserve Street is home to stores such as Target, Best Buy, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Ulta, Home Depot, Lowes, Barnes & Noble, Costco and Super Walmart. Even better, Montana has no sales tax so ... go ahead and splurge.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SHOPPING DOWNTOWN

A GREAT PLACE TO BEGIN YOUR SHOPPING adventure is on the Hip Strip, Missoula's entry into downtown. You'll find it just south of the Higgins Avenue Bridge.

You'll need fuel, so swing by Le Petit Outre on the corner of South 4th Street West and Myrtle Street. Grab a latte or cappuccino as well as a divine bakery treat. Note: The cranberry almond scone is to die for. Don't worry about calories – they don't count while on vacation.

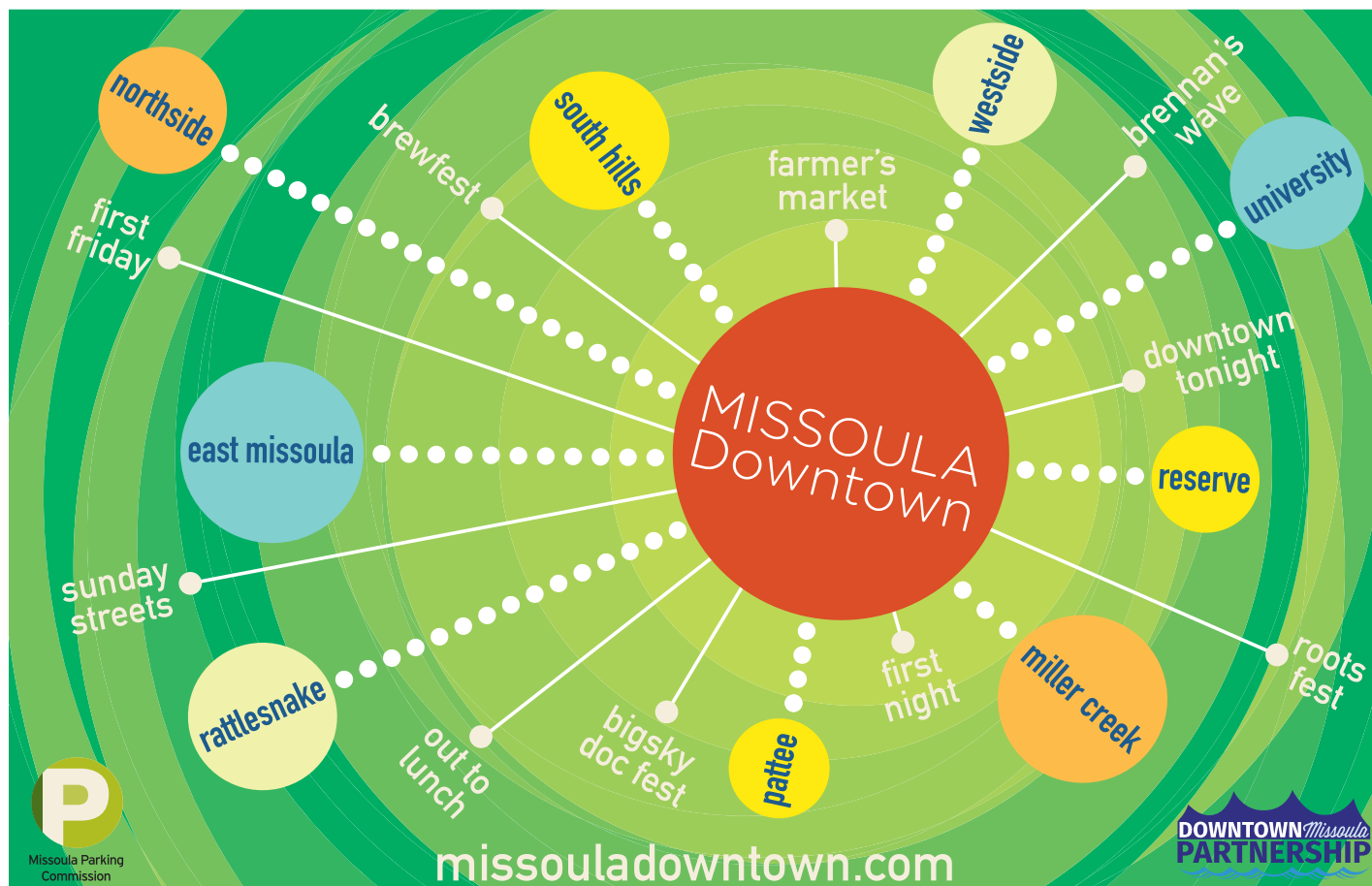
Once the caffeine kicks in, head east on Myrtle, taking a left onto Higgins. Here, you'll find a (hip) strip of restaurants and

shops. Take minute to scan Iza's menu – it's one of the restaurants you'll want to add to your to-do list. Because Iza sits near the corner of Myrtle and Higgins, it's a great spot to people watch...but we're guessing you'll be too preoccupied with your amazing bento box to notice much else.

Another must-stop shop on the Hip Strip is Betty's Divine with its hip, urban-cool, clothing. This block is also home to a second-hand clothing boutique, a fabric store with a truly impressive selection and a bead shop with glass, stone and other

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If you're feeling the need to recharge, you'll find several yoga studios on the north side of Higgins Avenue.







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SOUTHGATE MALL

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If you're into vintage and second-hand goods, head around the corner from Higgins onto 3rd Street where you'll find an eclectic mix of shops hawking everything from outdoor gear and costumes to clothing for kids and adults. Definitely make time to check out the books, postcards, notecards, blank journals, and magazines at Shakespeare & Co. The locally owned bookstore is a mainstay for readings and events, and it's worth it to peruse their schedule.

Once you've filled your quota for vintage, wander back toward Higgins, heading north across the bridge. Stay on the west side of Higgins, moving toward the Wilma Theatre.

Here and along the next few blocks you'll find local businesses that carry all sorts of fun and fabulous items, including greeting and note cards; women's jeans, chic tops and jewelry; and made-in-Montana goods such as huckleberry jams and chocolates. This side of Higgins is also home to eco-friendly clothing, accessories, kitchenware and skincare; fashion-forward trends for women; and high-end kitchen and home goods (that knife you're been searching for? You'll find it here).

Be sure to meander into Worden's Market at north end of Higgins. Beloved by locals, Worden's serves up sandwiches, soups and salads, perfect for a quick lunch. The shop also hosts

wine tastings on Thursday evenings – absolutely request the schedule.

Cross the street and begin the journey south, back toward the bridge. Plan to carve out a few extra minutes to stop, stare and perhaps buy at the 4 Ravens Gallery, a collaborative space featuring the works of local and regional artists (you've got that empty suitcase, right?).

Hide & Sole, whose impressive selection of footwear – think Keen, Dansko, Merrell – may prove a godsend to achy feet.

The east side of Higgins also boasts galleries, running shoes and running attire, sandwich shops and other restaurants. And just imagine, we didn't even mention the many side streets crossing Higgins. Yes, you must check those out as well.

And, just when you think you couldn't possibly take one more step, you spot Butterfly Herbs nestled along the east side

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of Higgins. Purveyor of teas, herbs and one of the largest selections of bulk coffee beans in the region, Butterfly Herbs is the perfect spot to unwind after a full day of shopping (or, to refuel in preparation for your visit to the Southgate Mall). Kick back, relax and enjoy the serene setting.

SOUTHGATE MALL

READY TO GO AGAIN? GREAT. SOUTHGATE Mall is your next destination. It has 100-plus stores, with a surprising number of unique, locally owned businesses. Be sure to check out Apricot Lane and Bohme for hip women's fashions, Montana Bootlegger for boots of all kinds and Caffè Dolce for an assortment of Italian treats like espresso, paninis and gelato. Take in their hand-painted Italian pottery showroom while you eat.

The mall also plays host to an impressive selection of events throughout the year with art shows, sidewalk

sales, health fairs and holiday-themed celebrations. In December, linger over the whimsical gingerbread house display. See fireworks on the Fourth of July. And, go trick-or-treating in October.

When it's time to eat, stroll into the Mustard Seed, located inside the mall. The restaurant's Asian-style meals are fresh, healthy and always yummy. Be bold and try something new. The Asian tacos with curry chicken is a cool marriage of Asian and south of the border cuisines.



RESERVE STREET

AS MENTIONED EARLIER, RESERVE STREET is home to big box stores and specialty retailers such as REI and Michaels. It's also another option when considering where to eat. One of the more popular dinner spots on North Reserve is Blue Canyon Kitchen & Tavern. You'll love its comfort-food-with-a-twist approach to mealtime: polenta-crusting calamari, elk medallions with a huckleberry demi-

glace, and pretzel-crusting trout. And, if eating local is high on your list of priorities, dig in. Blue Canyon gets its produce from local growers.

If it's lunch you're looking for while on Reserve Street, visit Kadena's. This hidden gem sits just off Reserve on Palmer Street and is the perfect spot to grab a sandwich, salad, pasta or rice dish. Service is quick, easy and friendly.

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Southgate Mall, Saturday Markets

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{ TIP } MISSOULA MADE FAIR

Check out the MADE Fair, an indie arts and craft market featuring over 150 local and regional artists held twice a year (summer & holiday).



TAYLAR ROBBINS

DOWNTOWN MISSOULA

🏠 The area north of the Higgins Street Bridge and the "Hip Strip," immediately south of the Higgins Street Bridge. Missoula Downtown Association, 218 E. Main St., Ste. C
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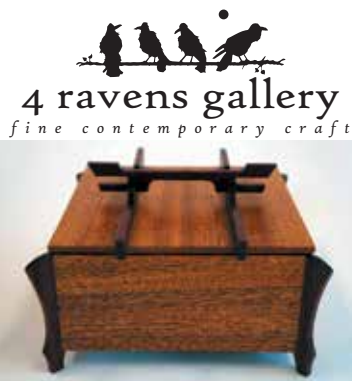


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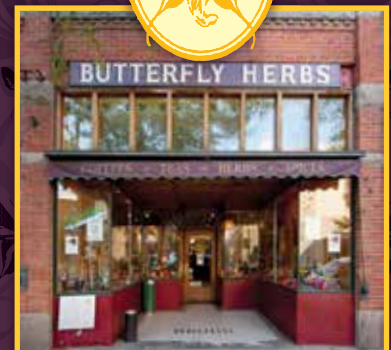
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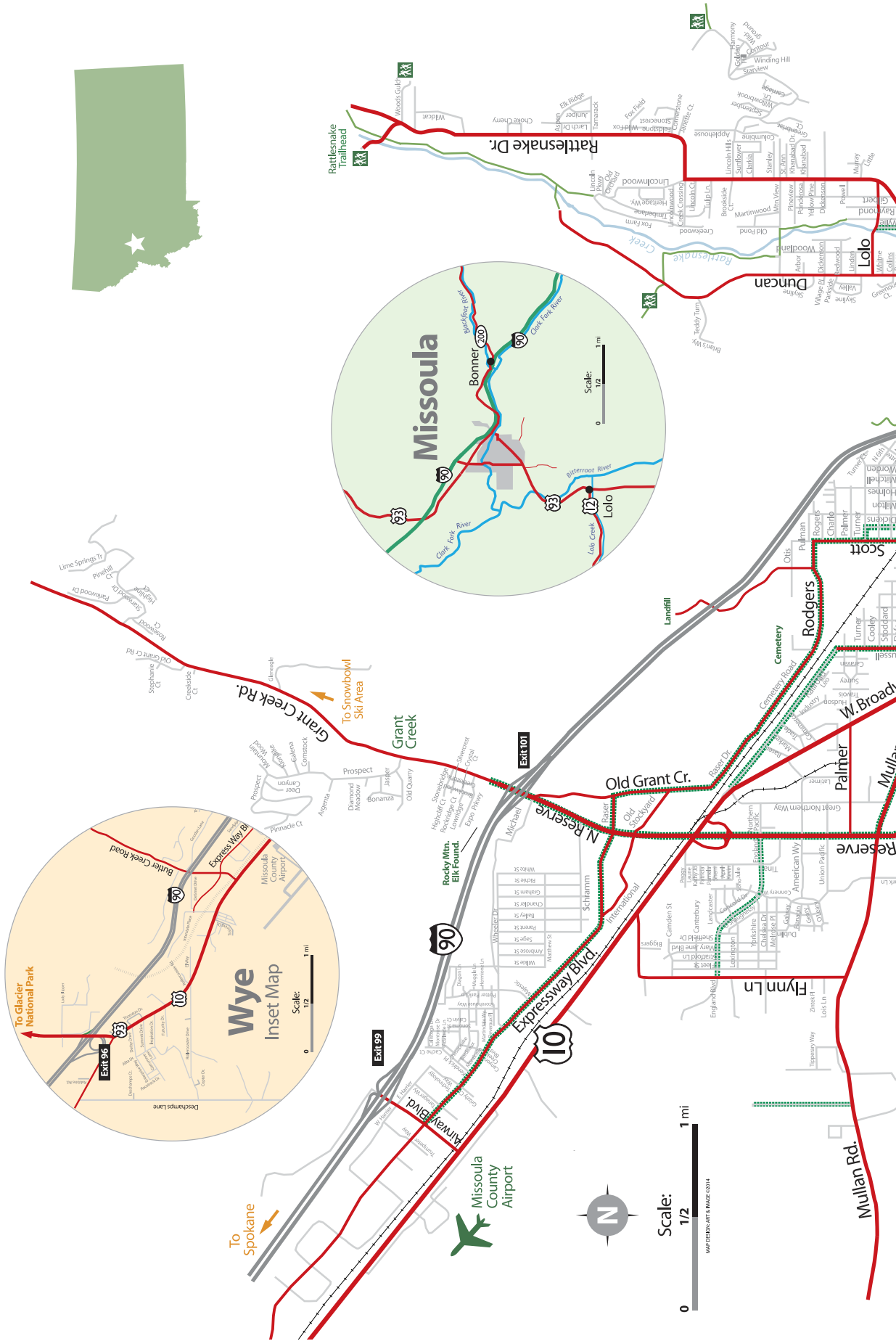
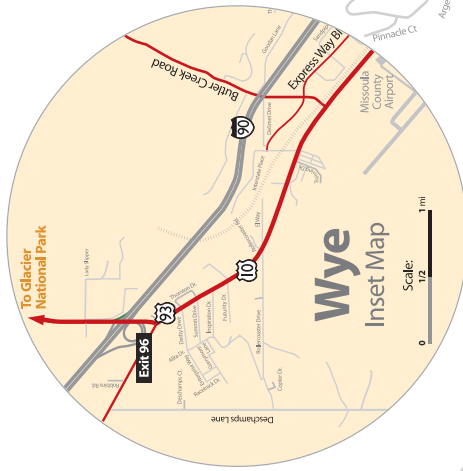
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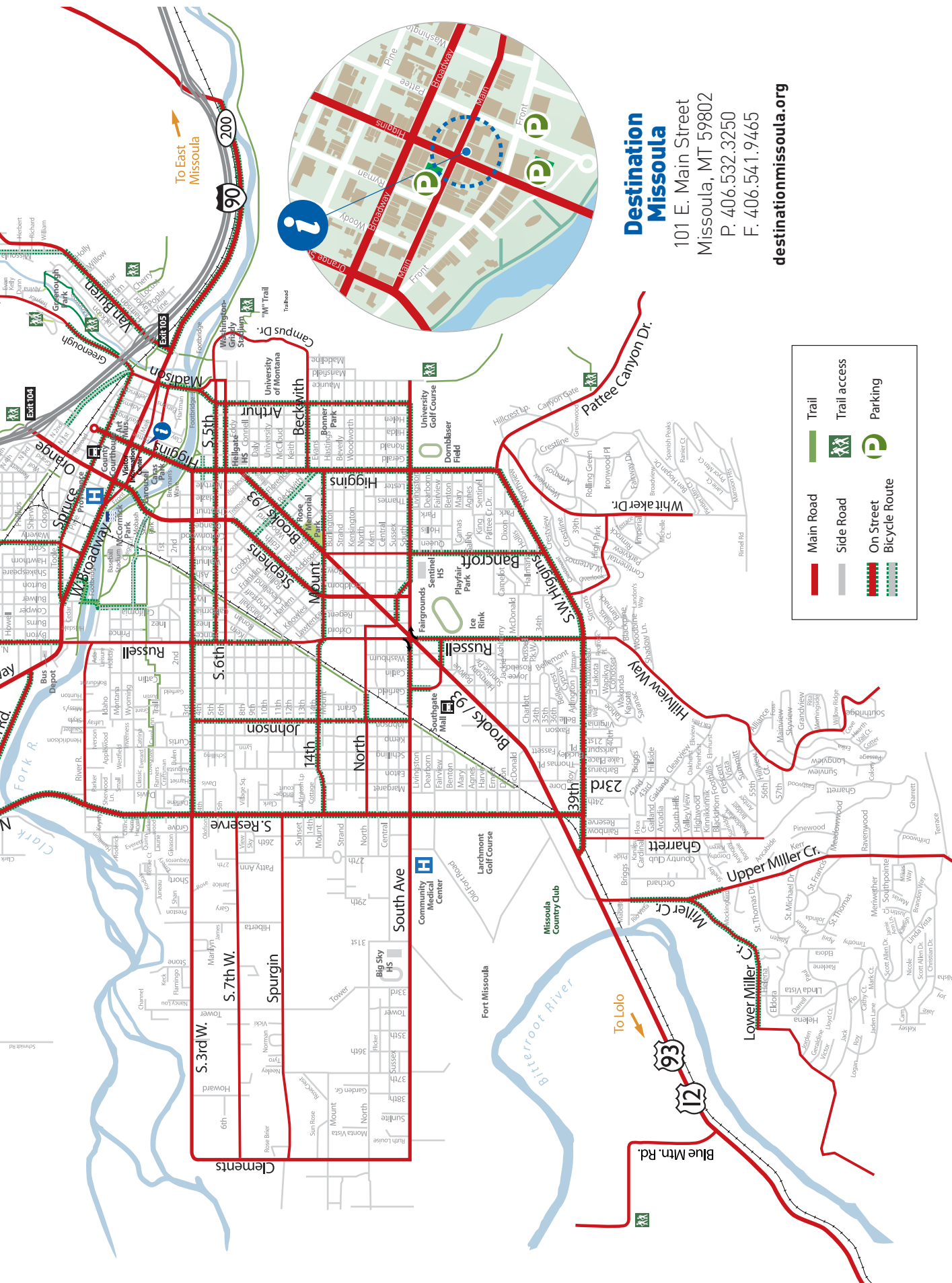
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The main campus spans 56 acres at the base of Mount Sentinel along the Clark Fork River and includes the park-like Oval at the center of campus, more than 60 architecturally unique buildings and a 25,200-seat football stadium. UM's 180-acre South Campus offers student housing, a golf course, soccer fields and an outdoor track facility. Missoula College occupies two sites in central and west Missoula.

Established in 1893, UM remains the state's leading liberal arts institution where students can choose from more than 90 fields of study that include the trades, liberal arts, graduate and postdoctoral study and professional training. UM is acclaimed for its high number of Rhodes, Udall and Fulbright Scholars. The nationally recognized creative writing program and journalism school count among their alumni a number of best-selling authors, as well as nine Pulitzer Prize winners.

UM is a major source of research, continuing education, economic development, fine arts and cultural entertainment, as well as a driving force in strengthening Montana's international ties and educational opportunities around the world. Faculty members and students alike engage in a wide range of research, creative activity and public service, with projects ranging from searching for exoplanets with NASA to unraveling mealybug symbiosis to improving the hospital discharge process for patients in rural areas.

At UM, learning is not confined to the Missoula campus. Educational opportunities stretch as far as the eye can see. With more than 3 million acres of nearby wilderness, UM offers a strong natural resource curriculum with opportunity for hands-on experience. UM operates the 30,000-acre Lubrecht Experimental Forest (managed by the College of Forestry and Conservation) and the oldest active biological station

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U OF M QUICK FACTS

in the country: the Flathead Lake Biological Station, a world renowned facility for ecological studies and freshwater research.

UM also provides countless cultural opportunities. Montana Museum of Art and Culture is home to one of the oldest and most prominent fine art collections in the Rocky Mountain Northwest. The School of Theatre and Dance offers several major productions each year, including contemporary, historical, musical and experimental plays, as well as dance concerts. The Montana Repertory Theatre is a professional national touring company based at UM. The Gallery of Visual Arts and the University Center Gallery showcase UM students and faculty, visiting artists and exhibitions. The Missoula community and UM students, faculty and staff take particular pride in their Grizzlies, and the Griz have repaid this support with prominent records in NCAA Division I athletics. Not only are intercollegiate sports popular, but three out of four students are involved in the dozens of intramural sports offered through Campus Recreation.

With excellent academic programs, active campus life, a beautiful environment and friendly atmosphere, the University of Montana offers an educational adventure unlike any other.

- ▶ During the 2013-14 academic year, UM students-athletes volunteered more than 2,190 hours of service to the local community.
- ▶ UM is part of the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership, a new national network that aims to increase the number of indigenous Americans obtaining advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- ▶ UM is home to the annual John Ruffato Business Plan Competition, where 15 teams from higher education institutions around the state pitch their business plans to a distinguished panel of judges as they compete for more than \$30,000 in prize money.
- ▶ In May 2014, UM received a \$45 million cooperative agreement award from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to help the Corps study and solve environmental and cultural resource problems across the nation. UM researchers will assist in implementing land and water ecological restoration, maintenance and training for optimal management of public resources.
- ▶ In 2013, UM Ph.D. candidate Michael LeMoine discovered a new species of fish, the cedar sculpin found in parts of the upper Columbia River Basin in Idaho and Montana.
- ▶ UM Dining received the 2014 Grand Prize for Sustainability from the National Association of College and University Food Services.
- ▶ The Princeton Review has named UM one of the nation's most environmentally responsible "green colleges" for five consecutive years.
- ▶ Beginning fall semester 2014, the UM School of Media Arts will offer an online bachelor's degree in integrated digital media. It is UM's first Bachelor of Arts degree that can be earned fully online.
- ▶ In March 2014, a team of University of Montana students won the 18th International Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl after competing against undergraduate students from 32 different universities.
- ▶ Students in UM's pre-med advising program have a medical school acceptance rate of 80 percent, compared to a national average of about 50 percent.
- ▶ Ten UM students and recent graduates earned Fulbright Scholarships in 2013.
- ▶ Every School of Business Administration graduate from the Class of 2013 scored at or higher than the 90th percentile on the nationally administered Business Major Field Test.
- ▶ UM leads the nation in producing Udall Scholars, which are selected on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment, health care or tribal public policy, as well as their leadership potential and academic achievement. A total of 37 UM students have served as Udall Scholars.



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GET OUT OF TOWN DAY TRIPS

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With its location at the confluence of three nearby rivers and easy access to the great outdoors, Missoula is a phenomenal launching point for playing under Montana's big blue sky. No matter which direction you head, there are treasures to be discovered around every corner. **WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET OUT THERE.**

TO THE NORTH

TRAVEL NORTH FROM Missoula on Highway 93 and you'll quickly be greeted by lush green valleys, most notably the Jocko Valley, Mission Valley and Flathead Valley. Each is home to distinctive communities that have their own sense of charm, points of interest, local shops and historical sites.

1 FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION

ENCOMPASSING MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION acres in northwest Montana, the Flathead Indian Reservation is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes which are comprised of the Bitterroot Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai. The reservation includes numerous area treasures like the National Bison Range, the southern portion of Flathead Lake, Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge, The People's Center and the St. Ignatius Mission. As you travel along Highway 93, pay special attention to the various placename signs, as they are written in English, Salish and Pend d'Oreille. To experience native traditions, make plans to attend the Annual Arlee 4th of July Celebration or Standing Arrow Pow Wow in Elmo. www.cskt.org

2 ST. IGNATIUS MISSION

WHEN TRAVELING NORTH FROM MISSOULA, you'll crest Ravalli Hill and be greeted by one of the loveliest views in Montana. Rising before you are the Mission Mountains, as you enter the Mission Valley. Established in 1854 by the Jesuit fathers, the St. Ignatius Mission has 58 hand-painted murals adorning its walls and ceilings painted by Brother Joseph Carignano—a self-taught artist who worked as the mission cook and handyman. The mission complex is also home to an original log cabin residence, chapel and museum. The mission still holds weekly Mass. **406-745-2768**

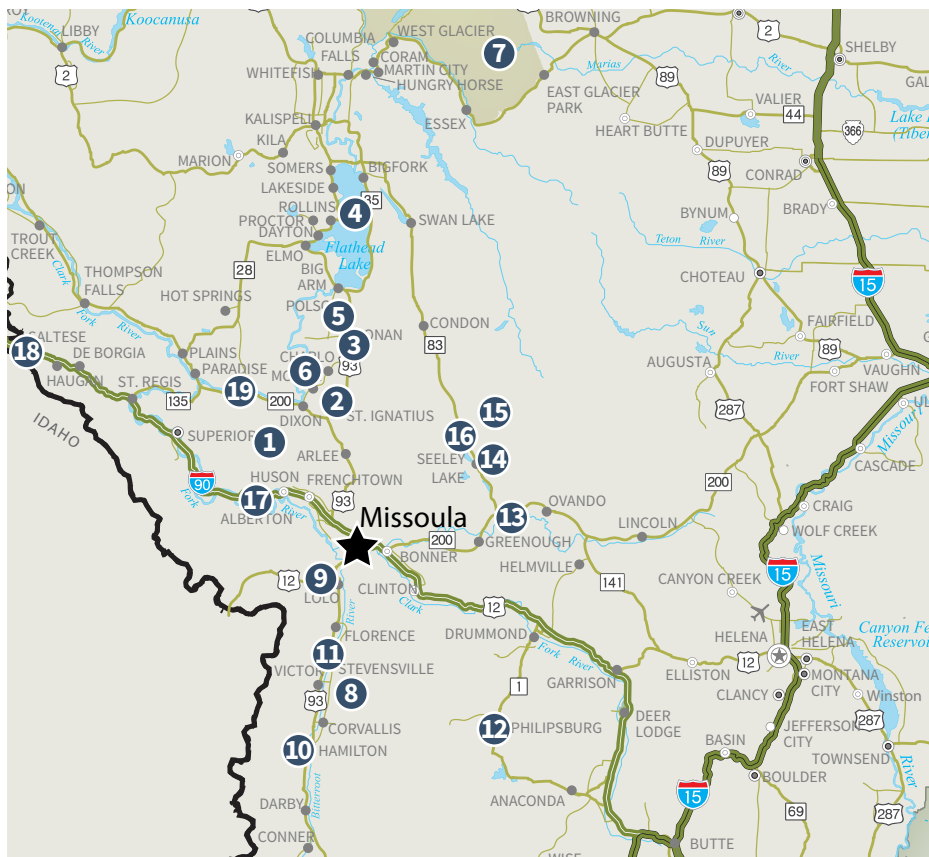


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NORTH Day Trip

Total Drive Time: 6 Hours

Missoula > National Bison Range, 47 miles > St. Ignatius Mission, 15 miles > Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana, 8 miles > People's Center, 15 miles > Flathead Lake, 6 miles > Glacier National Park, 67 miles > Missoula, 141 miles.



5 THE PEOPLE'S CENTER

TO EXPERIENCE THE INCREDIBLE HERITAGE and history of the Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai tribes, a visit to The People's Center in Pablo is a must-do. The center offers numerous educational courses and events throughout the year, including beading classes, an annual market and on-site museum.

www.peoplescenter.org



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3 NINEPIPES MUSEUM OF EARLY MONTANA

WHILE THE STUNNING SCENERY WILL LIKELY HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION, BE SURE TO keep your eyes open for this incredible museum (located just off of Highway 93 near Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge). The museum offers a taste of authentic Montana and is a true treasure trove of information with exhibits, artifacts and displays from early settlers, a life-size Indian village, beadwork, traditional Indian dress and weaponry. www.ninepipesmuseum.org

4 FLATHEAD LAKE

AS YOU CREST POLSON HILL (ABOUT AN HOUR'S DRIVE NORTH OF MISSOULA), YOU'LL BE met with a view that's sure to knock your socks off. Sweep your head to the west and you'll see the Salish Mountains. Turn to the right and you'll see the jagged peaks of the Mission Mountains. Look straight ahead and you'll see the largest natural freshwater lake in the West. Sitting at nearly 30 miles long and 15 miles wide, Flathead Lake is home to phenomenal recreation opportunities that include fishing, sailing or taking a dip in the water. The lake is also home to Wild Horse Island—a day-use state park where wild horses, bighorn sheep, coyotes, deer and a variety of birds make their home.

www.fcvb.org

{ TIP } While you can take a self-guided tour of the People's Center, we suggest you schedule a tour with a guide. It's well worth the additional fee.

6 NATIONAL BISON RANGE

A SHORT 40 MINUTE DRIVE NORTH FROM Missoula will take you to one of the oldest wildlife refuges in the nation—the National Bison Range. The 18,500-acre range is home to about 350 — 500 head of bison, as well as black bear, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope and elk. The best part of the range (besides the impressive stack of antlers at the visitor center) is the opportunity to travel Red Sleep Mountain Drive, a one-way road that winds its way through the refuge.

www.fws.gov/bisonrange/nbr

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7 GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

WHILE IT'S A LITTLE FARTHER from Missoula than a typical day trip, Glacier National Park is well worth a visit. With more than one million acres, the beauty of the park varies from rolling foothills to glacial carved peaks and wildflower-filled meadows to stunning 400-foot waterfalls. One of the best ways to see the park is to travel the 50-mile-long Going-to-the-Sun Road as it crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. Or if you'd rather leave the driving to someone else, hop aboard the park's free shuttle service, take a red bus tour with Glacier Park, Inc. or learn about the park from the perspective of the Blackfoot Tribe with a Glacier Sun Tour. And if you're looking for an off-the-beaten-path adventure, make plans to visit the North Fork, Two Medicine and Many Glacier.

www.nps.gov/glac

EXPLORE SMALL TOWN MONTANA

LOCATED WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY to Glacier National Park are several charming communities that welcome visitors, inviting them to kick back and unwind after a day spent exploring the great outdoors. The towns of Columbia Falls, Bigfork, Whitefish and Kalispell greet travelers with comfy accommodations, plentiful dining options, recreational opportunities and a lively arts and culture scene. In Columbia Falls, plan to hike Columbia Mountain, cast a line on the Flathead River and unwind with a beer at the local brewery. Let Bigfork — a village located on the bay on Flathead Lake — charm you with its picturesque downtown as you stroll through its 50 shops, 16 art galleries and numerous restaurants. For a dose of local history, spend time exploring Kalispell. The largest city in the Flathead Valley, Kalispell is home to notable museums, locally owned shops and a brand new brewery. Venture to Whitefish — home to Whitefish Lake and Whitefish Mountain Resort — to experience mountain town charm, complete with a covered downtown boardwalk, lake recreation and ample Montana-minded shops.

TO THE SOUTH

8 THE BITTERROOT VALLEY

LOCATED DIRECTLY SOUTH OF MISSOULA IS AN expansive valley that's home to numerous charming communities, plentiful outdoor recreation and several historic highlights. Sitting at 90 miles long, the valley is the perfect destination for a day trip. For a slice of culture, make plans to visit Travelers' Rest State Park in Lolo, Fort Owen State Park in Stevensville and the Daly Mansion in Hamilton. To experience the outdoors, stroll along the banks of Lake Como or hike to Blodgett Canyon, where you'll be rewarded with a stunning view. And if you have a hankering for birding, head to the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge.

www.bitterrootvalleychamber.com



GLACIER COUNTRY TOURISM

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SOUTH Day Trip

Total Drive Time: 2 hours

Missoula > Travelers' Rest and Holt Heritage Museum, 10 miles > St. Mary's Mission, 19 miles > Daly Mansion Museum, 18 miles > Missoula, 48 miles

9 TRAVELERS' REST STATE PARK & HOLT HERITAGE MUSEUM

ANY VISIT TO THE BITTERROOT VALLEY should include a visit to Travelers' Rest State Park. Used as a campsite by Lewis & Clark on their journey to and from the Pacific Ocean, it's the only site with physical evidence of their journey. In the years before Lewis & Clark, this area was used by American Indian tribes as a gathering point and crossroads. Each winter, the park celebrates the age-old art of storytelling at their Winter Storytelling Series—featuring tribal elders and local historians. After strolling the grounds, take a gander over to the Holt Heritage Museum to view its incredible collection of expansive memorabilia that includes American Indian artwork, cowboy boots, western hats, carriages and more.

stateparks.mt.gov/travelers-rest

{ TIP } This spot is especially beautiful in early fall as the leaves begin changing.



TAYLAR ROBBINS

10 DALY MANSION MUSEUM

STROLL THROUGH A PIECE OF THE south with a visit to the Daly Mansion in Hamilton. Built by "Montana Copper King" Marcus Daly as his family's summer home, the mansion is a beautiful display of Georgian-Revival architecture. For a closer look at this part of Montana's history, take a guided tour of the mansion's 50+ rooms, including 25 bedrooms, seven fireplaces and impressive trophy room.

dalymansion.org

11 ST. MARY'S MISSION

LOCATED IN STEVENSVILLE (one of Montana's oldest pioneer communities) you'll find the historic St. Mary's Mission. The mission was founded by Father Pierre DeSmet in 1841 and was the first permanent white settlement in the state. Before exploring the grounds, be sure to watch the introductory video in the visitor center.

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EAST Day Trip

Total Drive Time: 4 hours

Missoula > Seeley Lake, 55 miles > Clearwater River Canoe Trail, 4 miles > Morrell Falls, 8 miles > Holland Lake, 36 miles > Missoula, 79 miles

12 PHILIPSBURG

LOCATED SOUTH AND EAST OF MISSOULA on Highway 1 is the restored 1800s mining community of Philipsburg. An easy jaunt from Missoula (just over an hour), this community has a variety of activity options including sapphire mining, fishing at nearby Georgetown Lake and perusing the local candy store and downtown shops.
philipsburgmt.com



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TO THE EAST

13 BLACKFOOT VALLEY

THIS IS THE STUFF DREAMS ARE MADE OF... fly-fishing dreams anyway. This historic valley is home to the Blackfoot River—made famous by A River Runs Through It—as well as rolling hills, family owned ranches, various river access points and cool sites that include Garnet Ghost Town and Lubrecht Experimental Forest.

14 MORRELL FALLS & HOLLAND LAKE FALLS

WATERS ARE ABUNDANT THROUGHOUT THE valley and make their way from high alpine lakes and an impressive winter snowpack to lower elevations. With abundant waters like these, you better believe there are a few stunning waterfalls to be found in the valley. From Seeley Lake, head for Morrell Falls. In the summer, you'll see powerful waters cascading down the rock face while in the winter the waters freeze into a dramatic ice sculpture. Travel a little farther north up the valley and you'll come to Holland Lake and the aptly named Holland Lake Falls. The trail will take you about a mile along the shore of the lake before ending at the falls. Upon arrival, be sure to turn around and look back over the lake for a stunning view of the jagged peaks of the Mission Mountains.

15 SEELEY-SWAN VALLEY

PERHAPS ONE OF THE LOVELIEST VALLEYS in all of Montana, the Seeley-Swan is cradled by the Swan Mountains to the east and the Mission Mountains to the west. The valley is a prime launching point for outdoor recreation year-round, with water activities, hiking and biking taking center stage in the summer months, while snowmobiling and cross-country skiing are king in the winter. The valley also offers various entry points into the famed Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and its 1.5+ million acres. "The Bob," as it's affectionately called by locals, runs 60 miles from the southern end of Glacier National Park to the Blackfoot Valley and has incredible fishing and hiking opportunities. Other not-to-be-missed attractions include Alpine Artisans' Tour of the Arts, Deer Country Quilt Shop, the giant bull at Clearwater Junction, Blackfoot Clearwater Game Range and Jim Girard Memorial Tamaracks Grove.
www.seeleylakechamber.com

16 CLEARWATER RIVER CANOE TRAIL

ONE OF THE MOST SCENIC AND SERENE experiences in the valley can be found by paddling a canoe or kayak along the Clearwater Canoe Trail. This winding 3.5-mile-long trail meanders its way through a dense willow marsh before emptying into the northern end of Seeley Lake.



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WEST Day Trip

Total Drive Time: 5 hours

Missoula > Alberton Gorge, 37 miles > Hiawatha Trail, 88 miles > Missoula, 115 miles

TO THE WEST

17 ALBERTON GORGE

KNOWN FOR ITS ROSE-COLORED CLIFFS and phenomenal whitewater, the Alberton Gorge is much-loved by thrill seekers and water enthusiasts. The Gorge is a great place to spend some time playing on the water. Plus, there are many local raft companies and guides to help ensure you navigate the waters safely.

18 HIAWATHA TRAIL

LOCATED ABOUT A 90-MINUTE DRIVE west of Missoula is the Hiawatha Trail. Following an old railway line, today the Hiawatha takes mountain bikers along 15 miles of trail in the Bitterroot Mountains of Montana and Idaho and through nine tunnels and across seven steel trestles. www.ridethehiawatha.com



When hitting the Hiawatha Trail, don't forget to bring a helmet, front and back lights.



HIAWATHA TRAIL PHOTO

19 CLARK FORK VALLEY: HIGHWAY 200

AS YOU TRAVEL NORTH FROM MISSOULA, TURN WEST ONTO HIGHWAY 200 AND YOU'LL be in the Clark Fork River Valley. The valley is home to a variety of small towns with storybook names like Plains, Paradise, Thompson Falls and Trout Creek. Take your time traveling through this region. Stop in at the local café in Paradise, meander through locally owned shops in Thompson Falls and dip your toes in Noxon Rapids Reservoir before making your way back to Missoula.

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Accommodations are like real estate...location, location, location! The hotels on North Reserve offer quick access to the airport, I-90 and HWY 93. Downtown hotels place visitors in the heart of Missoula and within walking distance of the University of Montana and the Clark Fork River. Broadway and Brooks Street properties boast convenient access to shopping and restaurants. A stay in a scenic outlying area like Seeley Lake, Flathead Lake, Whitefish Lake, Rock Creek or the Bitterroot Valley will refresh anyone looking to get away from it all.

Please use the following grid to help you determine which accommodations will make your Missoula stay unforgettable.

LODGING

	NUMBER OF ROOMS	PRICE RANGE	SUITES AVAILABLE	IN-ROOM MOVIES	POOL (INDOOR, OUTDOOR)	PETS	LAUNDRY	HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE	A/C	REFRIGERATOR/MICROWAVE	WIFI	FITNESS ROOM	BREAKFAST (FULL, CONTINENTAL)	RESTAURANT/RAW	MEETING ROOMS	TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE	OCCUPANCY	ON-SITE CATERING	AUDIO/INDIVIDUAL	SHUTTLE	AD. ON PAGE	
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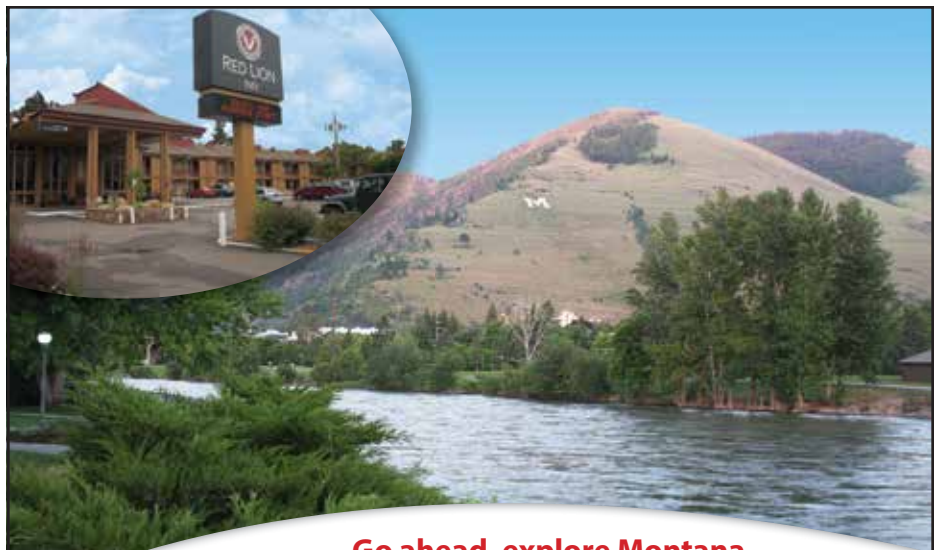


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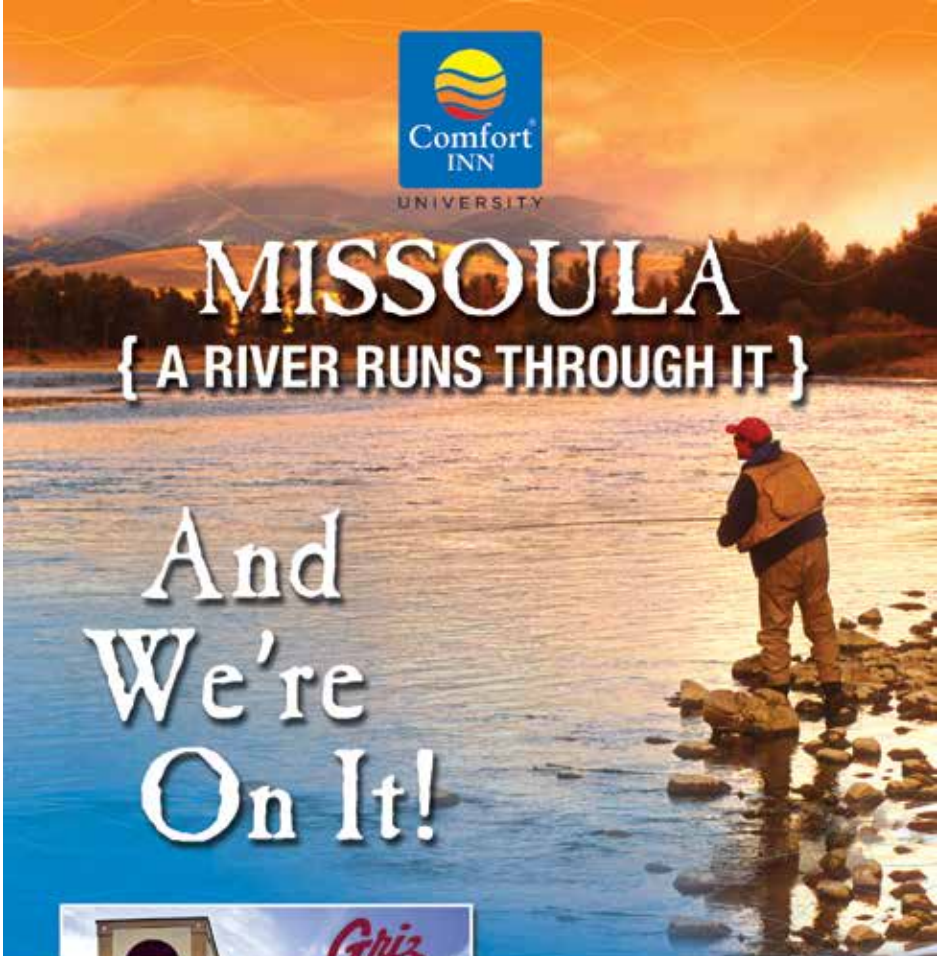
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Many of these businesses are set up for you to visit and tour. And you'll find many of their goods – and the above-mentioned trout, berries, melons, breads and more – sprinkled throughout the menus of many local eateries.

But more than just food and drink, eating well is an experience. Here's a sampling that wonderfully captures the pulse of the city. Consider:

You've just come off the river. Your group is famished, the kids are fidgety from a long day of boating, and your attire is more the Trailhead (a local mainstay for all manner of outdoor gear and goods) than Bergdorf Goodman. Problem? Hardly.

In Missoula, you'll be welcomed pretty much everywhere no matter your wardrobe. As for the kids, there are plenty of dining options perfect for feisty young ones. Tonight, head "up the Rattlesnake" to local favorite, Rattlesnake Gardens. Here, you'll find a delicious and delightful dining experience perfect for the entire group. While there is indoor seating, choose the outdoor setting. Picnic tables are scattered about a small yard with views of the foothills, and more than likely, a neighboring deer



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or two is milling about. The menu boasts daily specials (chicken marsala, calzones), soups and salads, and sandwiches and burgers. It's BYOB, but the store/restaurant sells bottles of wine and beer, making it easy to find the perfect pairing for your meal.

If pizza is more your speed, order up at Bridge Pizza. Something of a landmark in downtown Missoula, "the Bridge" serves up pizza, salads and sandwiches in a casual setting – order at the counter, pour your own ice water – that resonates with college kids, families and pretty much anyone else looking for a quick meal that still satisfies. You can order a whole pie, or by the slice.

Maybe you're looking to live it up with your girlfriends or planning a romantic date night. Red Bird Wine Bar gets high marks for its urban-cool ambiance, impressive selection of wines and beers, and menu packed with delectable small plates and entrees (gourmet cheeses, cured meats, smoked

chicken empanadas, lemon-thyme grilled scallops). There's no pressure to "dress," but if you're just dying to pair your heels and skinny jeans with that adorable new top you purchased at one of Missoula's many boutiques, this is the place to do it. Located inside the historic Florence Hotel in downtown Missoula, the Red Bird is within walking distance of the Wilma Theatre, a classic venue for independent, foreign and documentary films, concerts and entertainment. Plan to take in a show before or after your meal.

Perhaps you'd like an up-close-and-personal look at all those activities taking place on the river before settling on which one to try. Stop by the deck at Finn & Porter. Located inside the Doubletree Hotel and alongside the Clark Fork River, Finn & Porter's deck is the perfect spot to grab a bite, enjoy a cocktail, and watch the many tubers, rafters, kayakers and fishermen heading downstream. You'll also have a picture perfect view of Mount Sentinel and the



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“M” hiking trail and the riverfront trails. Often, you’ll see people casting from the riverbank, just below the bridge.

When it’s time for breathtaking views, drive south on Higgins to The Keep, Missoula’s South Hills hideaway. The Keep offers an amazing meal paired with what might arguably be called the town’s best panoramic view of the Missoula Valley. This is a great spot to take in the setting sun and to play a round of golf. The restaurant is situated on a popular, par-3 golf course, so plan a round before dinner.

If you spent the day shopping and gallery hopping and want a little exercise before sitting down to dinner, consider a hike and a picnic. The Good Food Store, Missoula’s answer to the high-end health food store, packs a wide assortment of

cheeses, locally baked treats and breads, produce, and plenty of prepared side dishes and entrees – all of it yummy. As for your hike/picnic location, head up Pattee Canyon to the Pattee Canyon Picnic Area. The larger, group areas require a reservation, but the smaller, individual picnic tables are first come first served. Hiking trails run through the area and are open to mountain bikers, as well. If you want to add a little more “sport” to your workout, consider Frisbee golf, or folging. There’s a fun course here, walking distance from the picnic tables. Missoula’s Army Navy Adventure Source on Broadway has Frisbee golf discs for about \$10 each. For reservations and additional information on Pattee Canyon, call Missoula Ranger District at 406- 329-3814.

Maybe you simply want a kick back bar and restaurant with a great menu. Brooks & Browns Bar & Grill, located inside the Holiday Inn Parkside, fits the bill. It’s family friendly. There’s a music showcase on Fridays and trivia on Thursdays. Menu items include a bison burger, big sky fish tacos, and Blackfoot bacon cheeseburger meatloaf. Save room for dessert – it’s a specialty here.

Want more? Consider this: During the warmer months, you can try all sorts of local fare in a riverside setting simply by visiting Out to Lunch on Wednesdays (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.) and Downtown ToNight on



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Thursdays (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.). Both are held in the popular Caras Park and feature live entertainment and numerous food vendors.

On Saturday mornings May through October, downtown Missoula is bustling with activity. The Missoula Farmers Market (located at the very northern end of Higgins Avenue), the Clark Fork River Market (located under the Higgins Avenue Bridge), and Missoula People's Market (located between the two, on Pine Street) are bursting with food, goods and entertainment. For local produce, cheeses, flowers and all sorts of culinary delights, swing by the Farmers' and Clark Fork Markets. If you're in the "market" for artwork, jewelry, skincare products, blown glass, or clothing, the People's Market is your destination. We recommend strolling from one to the other. You never know what you may find along the way, and you'll work up an easy-to-satisfy appetite while doing so.

OTHER DINING OPTIONS TO TRY:

- **Catalyst** – they make a mean breakfast and have a bird's eye view of downtown Missoula from the loft.
- **Iza** – great happy hour specials and the closest to Japan you'll get in Missoula with its in-floor seating and bento boxes.
- **Mackenzie River** can entertain your family with their pasta and pizza specials; don't forget to try a Missoula microbrew on tap.
- **Press Box** – great place to catch a game or pre-party before you walk over the bridge to the stadium.
- **Uptown Diner** has a chocolate shake so thick you'll need multiple straws.
- For a nice evening, try **Caffè Dolce** restaurant with nightly specials and an extensive wine list.
- **Pionk** - an excursion into the world of fine wine, food, cocktails and atmosphere. Try a Salma Hayek cocktail on the rooftop patio.
- **Paradise Falls** is an NFL fan's dream with big screen TVs and an all you can eat brunch every Sunday.

Local Favorites

EAT LIKE A LOCAL and taste these favorites. You won't be disappointed!

{ SAVORY }

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTERS

Harvesting of these local delicacies begins on cattle ranches across Montana in early spring. Also called prairie oysters or calf fries, they're typically served sliced, breaded and fried. Aside from the annual Testicle Festival near Clinton (event not family friendly), you can order up a plate of this cowboy cuisine at the Rock Creek Lodge.

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🏠 1380 Wisconsin Ave. ☎️ 406-863-4040
 🌐 www.lodgeatwhitefishlake.com

🍴 Steak & Seafood \$ \$15-35

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 🌐 www.broadwayinnmissoula.com

🍴 Sports Bar \$ Price: \$7 - \$14

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CAFFÉ DOLCE

🏠 500 Brooks Street
 ☎️ 406-830-3055 ext3
 🌐 www.caffedolcemissoula.com

🍴 Italian \$ \$10-\$25

Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted but not required. Light breakfast, Sunday Brunch, lunch, dinner. Beer and Wine.

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 🌐 www.ciaomambo.com 🍴 Italian

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🏠 101 S. Higgins ☎️ 406-728-3657
 🌐 www.elcazadormissoula.com

🍴 Mexican \$ \$6-\$14

Credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. Lunch, dinner. Beer and wine. Banquet facility capacity 20.

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 🌐 www.finnandporter.com/missoula

🍴 Steak, Seafood \$ \$15-\$50

Credit cards accepted. Reservations are welcomed. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Cocktails, beer and wine. Banquet facility capacity 20.

Finn & Porter Restaurant and Deck featuring steak and seafood will entice you with a fabulous river view, savory menu and extraordinary service. See ad on page 2.

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\$ \$7-\$25.

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 🌐 www.izarestaurant.com 🍴 Asian \$ \$4-\$16.
 Credit cards accepted. Reservations.
 Lunch and dinner. Beer, wine and sake.
 Catering.

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 ☎ 406-273-2297 🌐 www.lolohotspings.com
 🍴 Casual \$ \$6-\$30
 Credit cards accepted. Reservations recommended. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Casino. Cocktails, beer and wine. Catering. Banquet facility capacity 35.

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 ☎ Downtown: 406-721-0077 &
 North: 406-721-0099
 🌐 www.mackenzieriverpizza.com
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The menu features an incredible array of delectable dishes, always flavorful and fresh, and served up in heaping portions. Gourmet pizzas, hearty sandwiches, signature soups, Montana-sized salads and pastas. Gluten-free crust available. See ad on page 66.

THE MONTANA CLUB

🏠 2620 Brooks ☎ 406-543-3200
 🏠 4561 N. Reserve ☎ 406-541-8141
 🌐 www.montanaclub.com 🍴 American, Steak House, Seafood \$ \$10-\$30
 Credit cards accepted. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Casino. Cocktails, beer and wine.

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 🌐 www.mustardseedweb.com
 🍴 Asian, Family Dining, Desserts
 \$ \$8.95-\$12.95
 Credit cards accepted. Lunch and dinner.
 Cocktails, beer and wine.

The Mustard Seed's Asian-style dishes are made to order with lean meats and fresh vegetables. Their signature sauces and dressing are prepared from scratch everyday. Sample award-winning desserts. Take-out and delivery available. Dim-Sum Happy Hour 4 – 6 p.m. Located at Southgate Mall. See ad on page 66.

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 ☎ 406-883-3636 🍴 Family Dining
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🏠 3621 Brooks St. ☎ 406-728-3228
 🌐 www.paradisefallsmissoula.com
 🍴 Sports Bar, American, Family Dining
 \$ \$5-\$16 Credit cards accepted. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Casino. Cocktails, beer and wine. Catering and banquet facility. Banquet facility capacity 5-80.

Paradise Falls is a restaurant, lounge and casino offering family-friendly menu options for breakfast, lunch and dinner. With 30 TVs, equipped with all the sports packages, and 20 video gaming machines, you'll never be short of entertainment. We are Missoula's Coolest Hot Spot! Across from Cabela's. See ad on page 63.

PEARL CAFÉ

🏠 231 E. Front St. ☎ 406-541-0231
 🌐 www.pearlcafe.us 🍴 Eclectic, Northwest,
 French \$20-\$37 \$ Credit cards accepted.
 Reservations accepted. Dinner only. Beer & wine.

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 🍴 French Inspired New American \$ \$10-\$35
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The Ranch at Rock Creek is proud to offer regionally-inspired cuisine featuring Montana beef, lamb, chicken and dairy products, as well as fresh organic produce. See ad on page 55.

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🏠 Historic Florence Building, 111 N. Higgins Ave., Ste. 1000 ☎ 406-549-2906
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 🍴 Gourmet, Eclectic, Desserts \$ \$19-\$34.
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🏠 2520 S. 3rd St. W (corner of 3rd & Reserve)
 ☎ 406-327-0900
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FEELING THIRSTY? Missoula has a booming craft beverage industry. Many of the taprooms are located downtown, while others are an easy drive. Sampling is great fun but doing it safely is imperative. If you are driving, be sure to designate your group's driver. Contact each location directly to learn when and if tours are available. Tap Room Tours offers brewery tours on charter buses. Not only do you get a behind-the-scenes tour of four breweries or distilleries but your guide will point out local landmarks along the way. Want some exercise in between beers? Try out Thirst Gear's group bike brewery tour through downtown Missoula.

BAYERN BREWING

🏠 1507 Montana St. ☎ 406-721-1482

🌐 www.bayernbrewery.com

Love a lager at Bayern where you'll find a wide selection of Bavarian masterbrews. Ad on page 71.

NOT TO BE MISSED ► Dragon's Breath Dark Hefeweizen. Easy on hops, it's a darker wheat beer with mild flavor (ask to see the beer's label – it's über cool).

BIG SKY BREWING COMPANY

🏠 5417 Trumpeter Way ☎ 406-549-2777

🌐 www.bigskybrew.com

We have a pretty simple philosophy here at Big Sky Brewing, every day we strive to produce balanced, world class beers, while having as much fun as possible doing it. Our company is full of people who share a core connections to what we feel is the "good life." Let's sit down, relax and have a beer! Welcome to Big Sky Country!

NOT TO BE MISSED ► Summer Honey. It's what to drink during the warmer months. Add a slice of lemon, and no one will ever suspect you're a tourist.

FLATHEAD LAKE BREWING COMPANY

🏠 424 N. Higgins Ave. ☎ 406-542-3847

🌐 www.flbcofmissoula.com

Work this one into your schedule for lunch (weekends only) or dinner, as well as for the beer.

NOT TO BE MISSED ► Centennial Pale Ale. Raise a glass to Glacier National Park's 100th anniversary with the special commemorative brew. It's made with Montana malts and has just a hint of citrus.

GREAT BURN BREWING

🏠 2230 McDonald Ave ☎ 406-317-1557

Great Burn Brewing is a locally owned, fun, family friendly brewery.

NOT TO BE MISSED ► Church Picnic Cream Ale. This lightly hopped beer has a satisfying nutty, creamy finish. It's great for all occasions, especially your church picnic, wherever or whatever your church may be.

DRAUGHT WORKS BREWERY

🏠 915 Toole Ave. ☎ 406-541-1592

🌐 www.draughtworksbrewery.com

A Westside taproom, Draught Works has a cool, industrial feel with a huge patio out front ideal for warm weather tasting.

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 🌐 www.kettlehouse.com

The KettleHouse Brewing Company has two locations and yes, you must visit both. The original, on Myrtle Street and the newer location on North 1st Street each have their own unique charm. Birthplace of the award-winning Cold Smoke Scotch Ale®. Cold Smoke is the must have brew of Missoula. The KettleHouse also has the honor of being the first Montana craft brew to be canned!

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MISSOULA WINERY

📍 5656 W Harrier ☎️ 406-830-3296
 🌐 www.missoulawinery.com

Stop by for petanque and a glass of the latest offering from a local winery and tasting room. On Harrier Drive (across from Big Sky Brewing), Missoula Winery's owner is Montanan by way of France and the wines have just the right amount of je ne sais quoi.

NOT TO BE MISSED ► MisSOULa Red. A blend that is as sweet and spicy as its namesake.

MONTGOMERY DISTILLERY

📍 129 W Front St ☎️ 406-926-1725
 🌐 www.montgomerydistillery.com

The only distillery in Missoula opened its doors to sippers and swillers in 2012. Offering signature cocktails made with the distillery's Quicksilver Vodka and Whyte Laydie Gin, Montgomery also makes its own syrups and limited edition spirits. Open 12- 8 p.m Monday through Saturday and 12-6pm on Sunday. See ad on this page.

NOT TO BE MISSED ► The Indian Summer cocktail. Made with vodka, strawberries, lime juice, jalapeno, agave and basil.

TAMARACK BREWING

📍 231 W. Front St. ☎️ 406-830-3113
 🌐 www.tamarackbrewing.com.

With a bar and restaurant downstairs and upstairs, and flat-screen televisions galore, Tamarack is a great place to catch a game, taste some brews, and chow down. Note: The beer sampler is impressive. On average, you're tasting anywhere from eight to ten beers.

NOT TO BE MISSED ► The Hat Trick Hop IPA. It's big, bold and bitter, exactly as an IPA should be.

TEN SPOON VINEYARD AND WINERY

📍 4175 Rattlesnake Drive ☎️ 406-549-8703
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NOT TO BE MISSED ► Range Rider Red. Made from Montana grown grapes, has smooth cherry and strawberry flavors. This summer-time red is great with pizza which Missoula has plenty of!

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TIME ZONE 	AVERAGE TEMPERATURES BY SEASON					
Montana is in the Mountain Standard Time Zone from Oct. - April and the Mountain Daylight Savings Zone from April - Oct.		High	Low	Mean	Precip.	Sunshine
	Winter (Dec.–Feb.):	32.8	17.7	25.3	2.98"	32.3%
	Spring (March–May):	57.4	32.9	45.2	4.00"	56.0%
	Summer (June–Aug.):	80.4	48.5	64.5	3.97"	72.7%
	Fall (Sept.–Nov.):	56.3	38.0	44.2	2.87"	52.0%

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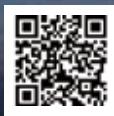


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MISSOULA BY CAR

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Individual income tax ranges from 1%-6.9% of taxable income. Montana's corporation tax is 6.75% of net income.

HOUSING

Missoula is divided into 18 different neighborhoods, from Grant Creek in the northwest (adjacent to the local ski resort) to Farviews/Pattee Canyon in the southeast (at the base of a popular recreation area)

From January 1 – July 31, 2013, the median price of a home in Missoula County was \$220,200. Average rent per month for a 1-bedroom apartment was approximately \$567.

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