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Summer 2022, has been filled with record-breaking temperatures baking almost the entire country, but cooler weather will be here soon enough. While we would all like to put it in the rear-view mirror, the country remains subject to the risk of COVID infections, with new variants being found regularly. The good news is that while the new variants are highly transmissible, they appear to be less severe in terms of hospitalizations and deaths. This trend, noticed in 2022, has allowed colleges and universities to resume more campus activities. It has also helped reduce the pressure and stress on healthcare operations. We all know that by its nature, Pandemics are unpredictable, and while we may yet see another wave of illness in the fall, I am hopeful that immunizations, acquired immunity and newly developed therapeutic treatments can all work together and help mitigate future outbreaks.

With more in-person meetings being possible, I and the Advocacy Chair took the opportunity to meet in Washington DC with members of organizations who have significant influence or interactions with NAHEFFA members and the institutions who rely on NAHEFFA members to provide cost effective financing. Collaborating with our consultant ML Strategies, we met with congressional staff from both the House and Senate committees that influence public finance, staff from members of Congress, the MSRB, and GFOA. Our meetings were very productive and enabled us to reinforce our ability to serve as a resource for them to call on for education and questions about the possible effects of proposed legislation.

As representative of all members, our meetings in Washington were designed to accomplish a number of purposes. First, we wanted to re-introduce the organization to congressional staff people and industry regulators. While we have all enhanced our remote communication skills, there is no substitute for meeting in person. This helps establish a connection between both parties and enhances future discussions, whether in person or virtually. During our Washington meetings we consistently heard from the people we met tell us that they were very pleased to meet in person. In many instances, we were the first or nearly the first in-person meetings the congressional staff have experienced since 2020.



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WASHINGTON UPDATE

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After months of stalled negotiations on a China competitiveness bill, the House and Senate scored a major legislative victory in July proving a scaled back version of the bill focused on support

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BOZEMAN Mt. 2022 Visitors Guide.....18 for the semiconductor industry while foregoing language on matters such as international trade. Senate Minority Leader McConnell (R-KY) had threatened to block action on the competitiveness bill if Democrats pressed forward on a budget reconciliation bill – i.e. a scaled back version of the Build Back Better Act that was previously tanked by Sens. Manchin (D-WV) and Sinema (D-AZ).

But, to pretty much everyone's surprise, just hours after the Senate vote on the China legislation, Sen. Manchin announced that he and Senate Majority Leader Schumer (D-NY) had,

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The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) today published a summary of comments received on its request for information (RFI) to solicit public input on environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices in the municipal securities market issued in December 2021. NAHEFFA filed comments in this proceeding. This may be the end of the MSRB project on the subject at least for a while.

# U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Carson v. Makin Reconfirms Availability of Municipal Bond Financing for Religious Organizations

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Historically, the ability of a governmental conduit issuer to issue bonds to facilitate a financing for a religious organization or a religiously affiliated school, university, senior housing facility or other nonprofit institution, raised concerns that such a

financing might run afoul of the required compliance with the Establishment of Religion Clause (the "Establishment Clause") of the First Amendment (the "First Amendment") of the United States Constitution, which generally prohibits the government from advancing religion or becoming entangled with religious activity. Certain financings also raised concerns about whether relevant state's laws, regulations and policies ("State Religious Aid Restrictions") were violated, some of which are more restrictive than the requirements of the Establishment Clause relating to governmental aid toward religious organizations. The concern was elevated when a borrower was "pervasively sectarian" - meaning an institution in which religion is so pervasive that a substantial portion of its functions are subsumed in the religious mission - given certain Supreme Court case law on this matter.

More recently, the United States Supreme Court (the "Court") has been finding that the disqualification of religious organizations from governmental aid programs (that was believed to be necessary to satisfy the Establishment Clause) violates the Free Exercise of Religion Clause (the "Free Exercise Clause") of the First Amendment, which generally protects against indirect coercion or penalties on the free exercise of religion. On June 21, 2022, the Court rendered its decision in Carson v. Makin ("Carson"): the latest case involving the tensions between the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause. This client alert expands on and updates our previous alerts, titled "U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue Confirms Availability of Municipal Bond Financing for Religious Organizations" ("Espinoza") and "Public Finance Implications of the Trinity Lutheran Case" ("Trinity Lutheran") published July 2020 and August 2017, respectively. Carson, together with Espinoza (involving a scholarship program) and Trinity Lutheran (involving playground resurfacing grants), reaffirm that the Free Exercise Clause prevents the application of State Religious Aid Restrictions to a generally available public benefit program based on an organization's religious status (and as Carson made clear, religious use), absent meeting strict scrutiny by advancing a compelling state interest and by narrow tailoring of such restrictions.

The facts of Carson are simple. Maine enacted a tuition assistance program for parents who live in school districts that neither operate a secondary school of their own nor contract with a particular school in another district. Under that program, parents designate the secondary school they would like their child to attend, and the school district transmits payments to that school to help defray the costs of tuition. Sectarian institutions were excluded from the program based on an opinion by the Maine attorney general that public funding of private religious schools violated the Establishment Clause. Petitioners sued the commissioner of the Maine Department of Education alleging that the "nonsectarian" requirement violated the Free Exercise Clause, the Establishment Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court held that if a State chooses to subsidize private education, it cannot disqualify some private schools solely because they are religious. Hence, Maine's "nonsectarian" requirement for otherwise generally available tuition assistance payments violated the Free Exercise Clause.



Additionally, Carson expands on Espinoza through the elimination of any distinction between religious use-based discrimination (how the money will be used) and religious status-based discrimination (recipient's affiliation with or control by a religious organization). The Court in Carson explained that Trinity Lutheran and Espinoza held that the Free Exercise Clause forbids discrimination based on religious status, but those decisions never suggested that use-based discrimination is any less offensive to the Free Exercise Clause. Because the schools being excluded from this program were inherently sectarian, the Court acknowledges that the education provided by these schools involved indoctrination of students in their faith. The Court concludes that the prohibition on status-based discrimination under the Free Exercise Clause is not a permission to engage in use-based discrimination.

The Court in Carson also confirmed its holding in Locke v. Davey ("Locke"), a case also discussed in Espinoza, which highlights a restriction on a governmental aid program that satisfied strict scrutiny. Locke involved a Washington scholarship fund to assist academically gifted students with postsecondary education expenses that could be used for theology degrees but excluded vocational religious degrees (the "essentially religious endeavor" of pursuing a degree that trains a minister to lead a congregation). The Court confirmed the holding in Locke that there was a "historic and substantial state interest" against using "taxpayer funds to support church leaders" and that the program was narrowly focused to exclude vocational religious degrees. The Court in Carson concluded that Locke cannot be read to generally authorize the State to exclude religious persons from the enjoyment of public benefits, for "it is clear that there is no 'historic and substantial' tradition against aiding [private religious] schools." The discussion in Carson may provide support for narrowly tailored exclusions in conduit financing programs such as prohibitions on bond financing vocational religious schools or facilities based on Locke.

In our view, Carson makes clear that a generally available conduit financing program cannot exclude religious borrowers no matter how pervasively sectarian and no matter how closely tied to church, synagogue or mosque.

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#### **Washington DC Update**

after months of intense negotiations, reached agreement on a downsized reconciliation package, now titled the Inflation Reduction Act, that focuses on closing tax loopholes to help address inflation, prescription drug pricing reforms, and energy security and climate change investments.

In rapid order, the Senate moved to take up the Inflation Reduction Act under Senate budget reconciliation rules requiring only a majority vote for passage instead of the usual 60 vote threshold to break a filibuster. After a rare weekend session, with four hours of opening debate and then 15 hours spent on a "vote-a-rama" for proposed amendments, the Senate approved the Inflation Reduction Act on Sunday, August 7 in a 51-50 vote with Vice President Harris casting the tie-breaking vote. In all, 28 amendments were offered with only two being approved.

Unfortunately, the Inflation Reduction Act does not include muni bond priorities like reinstatement of advance refunding and enhancing small borrower rules. It does, however, soften rules related to the interplay of carbon sequestration credits ("45Q credits") mixed with tax-exempt bonds. Currently, the code reduces the value of these credits by up to 50 percent when used in conjunction with tax-exempt bonds— potentially rendering the newly created qualified carbon dioxide capture facility bonds financially infeasible. The new provision would reduce this maximum haircut to 15 percent, possibly increasing the attractiveness of these new carbon capture bonds.

The bill also includes a new 15% corporate minimum tax. In the municipal bond community there is concern that the minimum tax will discourage corporate purchases of tax-exempt bonds.

The House of Representatives has already left Washington for the August recess, but Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) has announced she will call for Members to return to Washington this week with a vote on the Inflation Reduction Act likely Friday, August 12. The general expectation is that the House will not amend the Senate-passed bill so that once approved it can be sent to President Biden for signature into law.

We are also watching the mid-term elections, with an eye toward how they might impact public finance. Senators Wyden (D-OR) and Crapo (R-ID), chair and ranking member respectively of the Senate Finance Committee, are both up for reelection in November. Both are expected to win another term and to return to leadership of the committee in the next Congress – the only question is which party holds the majority. In the House of Representatives, Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA) is expected to win reelection, while Ranking Member Kevin Brady (R-TX) is not seeking reelection. Rep. Neal will continue to lead Democrats at the committee, although with the Democratic majority in potential peril, we don't know yet whether that will be as chairman or ranking member. The three leading candidates to lead Republicans at the committee next year are Reps. Vern Buchanan (R-FL), Jason Smith (R-MO), and Adrian Smith (R-NE). Although Rep. Buchanan is generally seen as the lead candidate given his seniority on the committee, the final decision won't be made until after the election when the Republican Steering Committee makes its choice to present to the House Republican

#### NAHEFFA BOZEMAN MONTANA

#### FALL 2022 AGENDA

\*\* Subject to changes \*\*

Tuesday, September 13

5:00 - 6:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting

Sky Deck

6:30 - 8:00 PM Welcome Reception

Sky Deck

Wednesday, September 14

00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast

8:00 - 9:00 AM The Economy

9:00 -10:00 AM Washington DC Update -Panel Discussion

10:00 - 10:30 AM BREAK

10:30 -11:30 PM The Importance of Legislative Advocacy - Federal State & Local

11:30 - 12:45 PM Lunch Speaker Presentation: Montana Archeological &

Paleontological History

12:45 - 1:00 PM Sponsor Recognition

2:00- 3:00 PM Workforce Housing

3:00 - 4:00 PM NAHEFFA Roundtable

Open Range Steakhouse

5:00- 6:00 PM Drinks and Networking

6:00 PM - Dinner - Open Range Steakhouse

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7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast

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# **SPOTLIGHT**

# NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NONPROFIT SECTOR IN BRIEF

#### NH NONPROFITS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE VITALITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES

A nonprofit is an organization that works to **serve a public purpose**, rather than to provide financial benefit to any particular individual, corporation, or entity.





They add value to our communities every day.

Nonprofits are orchestras, parks, museums and hospitals. They are schools, health centers, libraries and animal shelters.



#### **Washington DC Update**

conference. At the House Financial Services Committee, Reps. Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chair and ranking member respectively, are on track for reelection. Should the GOP win the majority in November, Rep. McHenry will rise to chair.

What does all of this mean for public finance and muni bonds?

If the Republicans win congressional majorities in one or both houses in November, it could position the muni bond community for a very active lame duck session with congressional Democrats using their last days in the majority to advance their priorities. This is certainly a possibility in the House, where Chairman Neal is a long-time supporter of muni bonds.

A probable Republican majority in the House next year and next Congress also means that we need to reestablish and strengthen relationships, particularly with the House Republicans. We need to obtain their recognition that small borrower's liberalization is not a partisan issue and has always been supported by Republicans. We need to be flexible on advance refunding and find the sweet spot of how it can be brought back, at least to a limited extent, and receive Republican support.

To that end, our NAHEFFA president, Barry Fick of Minnesota, and our Advocacy Committee chair, Eric Gutshall of Pennsylvania, joined us in Washington the week of July 25 for a reception of muni

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#### **Washington DC Update**

interest groups with the MSRB and for several days of Hill meetings with their respective state delegations and key committee staff. We appreciate their leadership in taking out time to undertake these activities which are the true meat and potatoes of grassroots lobbying. Any other

authority staff or board members who would like to do the same thing should let us know and we will be glad to set things up, get you briefed up and join you at meetings, as you may request.

Sadly, just days after we met with her staff, Rep. Walorski (R-IN), co-chair of the Congressional Municipal Finance Caucus, was killed in a tragic automobile accident along with two of her staff members. The congresswoman was a strong voice for municipal bonds on Capitol Hill and will be remembered and greatly missed by the municipal bond community.

On the regulatory front, the major focus relevant to tax-exempt bonds has been the SEC and MSRB interest in disclosure of various aspects of environmental, social, and governance issues or ESG. MSRB asked for comments on ESG issues and was met mostly with criticism of it seeking to act beyond its authority. Indeed, based on very harsh criticism from a number of red state treasurers and attorneys general, we can expect special scrutiny of MSRB in the next Congress if the House or the Congress as a whole flips parties.

The SEC has not made a municipal bond proposal so far but all eyes are on the highly publicized and broad proposal to require many publicly held corporations to disclose climate impacts and considerations. The already somewhat questionable legal viability of this proposal was made even more fraught by a recent Supreme Court decision in the EPA arena stating that courts should not defer to agency interpretations of their own jurisdiction on major questions unless the Congress and the legislation are clear on such authority. This opinion may well apply to the SEC proposal, which already faced many critical comments, and, in a Republican Congress, potential congressional restrictions.

Looking at the longer run, however, it is clear that although ESG is to some extent repackaging of disclosures already being made by hospitals, colleges and governments, these considerations have become a significant part of the municipal bond and nonprofit landscape. No matter what federal action will be taken there is sufficient interest in the marketplace that we can expect continued attention to expanded disclosure of ESG factors as well as financings of so-called Green or ESG bonds.

So, you can see there will be a whole lot to talk about and plan for in Bozeman.

Chuck and Neal



# The uniqueness of the nonprofit sector lies in its mission to serve the common good

As mission-driven corporations governed by community leaders, nonprofits have the flexibility and entrepreneurial capacity to swiftly respond to changes in our community and economic landscape.

Nonprofits also offer a cost-effective way to deliver services. They can execute programs effectively because they are able to:

- Employ unique strategies
- Leverage volunteer power
- Mobilize grassroots relationships

As a result of this unique position, government increasingly partners with the nonprofit sector, contracting with them to deliver a vast range of services, and for-profit businesses partner with nonprofits to support needed services through sponsorships, grants and donations.

Working together, all three sectors build the kinds of communities where NH residents thrive.

SECTOR	EMPLOYERS	EMPLOYEES	ECONOMIC IMPACT	% OF GDP
GOVERNMENT	543	94,800	\$8.5 billion (Contributed to GDP)	10.4%
NONPROFIT	2,590	83,453	\$11 billion (Revenue)	13.5%
FOR-PROFIT	46,275	392,456	\$62 billion (Contributed to GDP)	76.1%

SOURCES: US Bureau of Economic Analysis/ US Labor Department — Bureau of Labor Statistics.



# NH nonprofits are a powerful economic force

Businesses invest in communities where there are strong nonprofits. New Hampshire's businesses and its workforce thrive when there are quality local childcare options, higher education, diverse housing stock, as well as recreational and cultural opportunities.

billion 15%

Revenue generated by nonprofits yearly

Percent of NH's workforce employed by a nonprofit

\$4.6 billion

Wages paid by the nonprofit sector every year

SOURCES: US Bureau of Economic Analysis/ US Labor Department — Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# Nonprofits foster civic engagement

Nonprofits bring people together to shape and improve the quality of life in their communities. Volunteers share their time and expertise — doing everything from stuffing envelopes, to being the voice at the end of the hotline to participating in strategic sessions.

329,600

Granite Staters volunteer each year

Hours volunteered in NH in one year

\$960 million

Value provided by volunteers in NH

### New Hampshire's diverse nonprofit sector

NH is home to 6,547 charitable 501(c)(3) organizations. This number reflects the depth and breadth of the work being accomplished, the uniqueness of our cities and towns, and the diverse variety of missions. They range from local grassroots organizations powered by volunteers to statewide institutions.



437 Budgets over \$1 million

Large, complex organizations with hundreds of employees



1346 Budgets between \$50,000 and \$1 million

Small to medium-sized organizations that may or may not have paid staff



4764 Budgets less than \$50,000

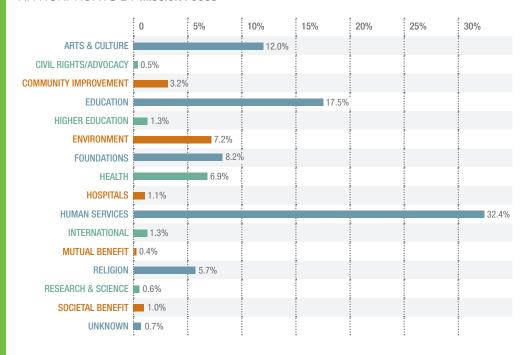
Small organizations often volunteer-led



71%

of nonprofits have revenue under \$50,000 and generally have no full-time paid staff

#### NH NONPROFITS BY MISSION FOCUS

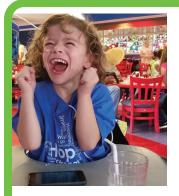


39%

of nonprofits work in the areas of health & human services

#### TOTAL OF NH NONPROFITS BY COUNTY

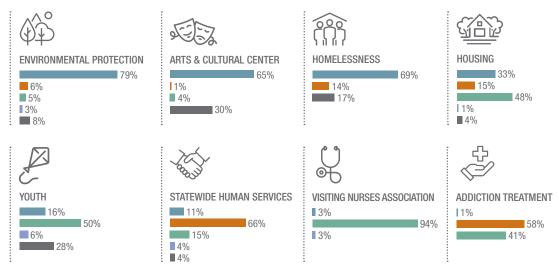
HILLSBOROUGH	ROCKINGHAM	MERRIMACK	GRAFTON	STRAFFORD	CHESHIRE	CARROLL		SULLIVAN	COOS
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1,912	1,600	1,487	938	599	591	500	433	278	253



# Achieving results with diverse funding models

Financing the work of a nonprofit requires a great deal of strategy. Nonprofits have diverse business models and rely on a wide mix of revenue sources including donations, state and federal government grants and contracts, program fees, investments, and other income.

The examples below represent actual NH organizations and the financial information reported on their Form 990.



SOURCE: Data taken from most recent form 990 filings.

- Direct Public Support = Contributions, gifts, grants (other than Government) and bequests received directly from the public.
- Government Grants = Contributions from federal, state or local governments that are considered to provide direct benefit to the public. These are separate from government contracts.
- Program Service Revenue = Income resulting from the services provided during the course of performing mission-related programs.
- Investment Income = Income from interest, dividends, net income/loss from the sale of assets or inventory.
- Other income = Income from rental income, membership dues, and other miscellaneous revenue.

#### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every NH community is a better place to live and work because of the work of nonprofits. But nonprofits can do so much more with the support of our partners — and that means you.

You can become a part of making your community stronger by:

- Serving on the board of a nonprofit
- Volunteering your time at a nonprofit
- Making a donation to a nonprofit
- Advocating on behalf of a nonprofit



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This report focuses on registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits located in New Hampshire. Public charities and foundations are classified as 501(c)(3) organizations by the IRS and are eligible to receive tax charitable deductions. These organizations comprise 76% of the tax-exempt organizations in New Hampshire. Other tax-exempt nonprofits (2,044) include business associations, social welfare groups, fraternal, veterans and service organizations.

Unless otherwise indicated, data was obtained from the IRS Business Master File from December 2018.

#### President's Message

Our second goal was to reinforce NAHEFFA's position on and perspective related to issues that matter to our borrowers. We emphasized the importance of bringing back tax-exempt advance refundings, enacting small borrower updates to increase market access and if tax-subsidy (i.e. Build America Bonds) are brought back, allowing conduit issuers to use them for our borrowers, thereby creating a level playing field. We acknowledge that the probability of enacting all of these items in the near term is limited, but we continue to impress the importance of these provisions for our borrowers.

Our third goal was to remind the people we met with that NAHEFFA can serve as a resource for them as they examine new legislative proposals, and as they receive questions about proposed or current rules and regulations. We noted that our members are in all areas of the country and serve a wide range of borrowers. We reminded them

that we can provide answers to their "what if" questions and have a large number of well-qualified people to assist them.

We plan to continue reaching out to members of congress, their staff, and committee staff to provide assistance to them, and advocacy efforts for the benefit of NAHEFFA members and borrowers. I also want to remind you that if NAHEFFA members, staff, or your Board members are going to be in Washington and wish to speak to members of your congressional delegation, you can arrange meetings directly or through ML Strategies. They are very helpful and have strong professional relationships with congressional staff to help facilitate arrangements for you.

We are close to the Fall 2022 Conference and look forward to seeing you in Bozeman, Montana from Tuesday, September 13 through mid-day Friday, September 16, 2022. I have been in contact with the Conference Planning Committee, and I am quite proud of the great line-up of speakers and topics that will be presented at the Fall 2022 Conference. There are new options specifically for Board members on their responsibilities and opportunities. We will also have robust presentations on the implications for our borrowers of recent US Supreme Court decisions. And yes, I will have a full update on the results of the Green Bond combined with a "regular" bond sale that was discussed at the Spring conference. The results are surprising, but significant for the future.

The Conference will be held at the downtown Bozeman Kimpton Armory Hotel. Beginning with a Welcome Reception on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 13. This is a great opportunity to connect with people you haven't seen in person recently, catch up on events and projects at other Authorities, and make a new acquaintance or two. The Conference sessions begin Wednesday, September 14 with a full agenda and continues through mid-day on Friday, September 16. The Conference Committee has put together a great agenda for the Conference and I encourage you to check the NAHEFFA website for the latest information about the event.

#### NAHEFFA FALL 2022 Conference Agenda, continued ...

9:00 -10:00 AM Market Update

10:00 - 11:00 AM The Importance of Regulatory Advocacy,

Demystifying the Regulatory Process

11:00 - 1:00 PM LUNCH - Bozeman Bucks (Downtown Dollars)

1:00 -2:00 PM ESG discussion

2:00 - 3:00 PM Follow-up on Charleston Presentation re: ESG / Green Bonds with Barry Fick

3:00 - 4:00 PM David Sanchez, Director of the Office of Municipal Securities,

**US Securities and Exchange Commission** 

6:30 PM Pub Crawl

#### Friday, September 16

7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast

8:00 - 9:00 AM The Role of Authority Boards of

Directors and Individual Board& Bond Best Practices for Board and Selected staff

9:00 - 10:00 AM U.S. Supreme Court Decision

Carson v. Makin

10:00 -12:00 PM Speed Dating on HOT TOPICS

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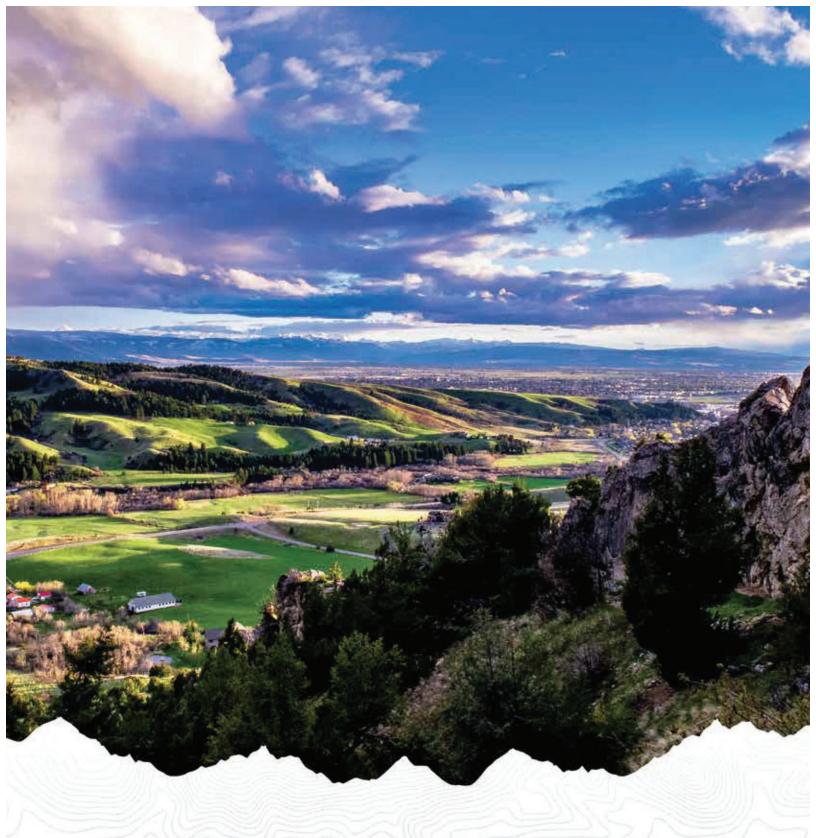












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# THE HISTORY OF BOZEMAN

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Bozeman lies at the southern end of Montana's Gallatin Valley, an agriculturally rich area still considered one of the most fertile in North America. For years prior to white settlement, various Indian tribes including the Bannack, Blackfeet, Crow, Bitterroot Salish, Pend Oreille, Kootenai, Nez Perce and Shoshone, hunted here and in the adjoining Yellowstone Valley. Game was plentiful and because the valley was used by so many tribes, the Blackfeet called it "Many Come Together Country."

The headwaters of the Missouri River, located on the northern end of the valley, were visited in 1805 by Lewis and Clark during their trek to the Pacific. The explorers named one of the three tributaries the Gallatin River in honor of Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin. A year later, during the expedition's return trip, William Clark and a portion of the "Corps of Discovery" were guided through the valley to the Yellowstone River by a young Shoshone girl named Sacagawea.

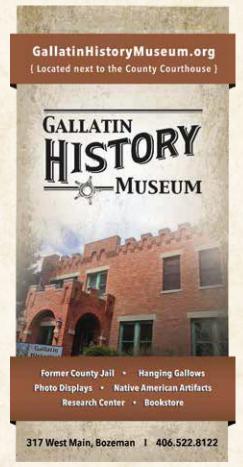
Fur traders and mountain men passed through the area after Lewis and Clark. One of them, John Colter, was nearly killed by Blackfeet on several different occasions. Another, Jim Bridger, eventually guided a wagon train of settlers into the valley in 1864, and the mountain range immediately northwest of Bozeman is named in his honor.

The discovery of gold in the early 1860's brought thousands of miners into the territory. One of them, John Bozeman of Georgia, decided to lead immigrants to the gold fields via a series of old Indian trails through the Big Horn Basin. It soon became known as the Bozeman Trail, and while Bozeman guided a wagon train to the Gallatin Valley his friends Daniel Rouse and William Beall laid out a town site. After Bozeman and his train arrived in late July 1864, those passengers who decided to forego the mines and establish farms and ranches instead named the new community in his honor.

Bozeman soon became the county seat of Gallatin County, and in 1867, following John Bozeman's death - purportedly at the hands of Blackfeet Indians – the government established Fort Ellis several miles to the east. The fort was an important economic ingredient in the early growth of Bozeman, and the soldiers also lead expeditions to Yellowstone Park and built telegraph lines to connect Bozeman to the outside world.

Following the Indian Wars of the 1870's, the Northern Pacific Railroad reached Bozeman and the Gallatin Valley in 1883. Ten years later, the Montana legislature established the Montana College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in Bozeman, a land grant college that today is Montana State University.

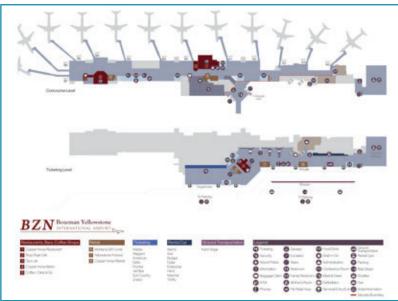
Today, Gallatin County covers more than 2,500 square miles, an area larger than the states of Rhode Island and Delaware. Because nearly half of the land is publicly owned under the auspices of the U.S. Forest Service, State of Montana, Bureau of Land Management or the National Park Service, residents have ample recreational opportunities right on their doorstep.



# Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN) is Montana's busiest airport and serves as a year-round gateway to Yellowstone National Park. BZN also serves the recreation areas of Big Sky Resort and Bridger Bowl as well as the business centers of Bozeman, Belgrade, Big Sky and Livingston and higher education at Montana State University and the Gallatin College. BZN handles more passengers than any other Montana airport and is served by eight airline brands with coast to coast non-stop service including Atlanta\*, Boston\*, Charlotte\*, Chicago, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, Fo rt Lauderdale\*, Houston\*, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Newark\*, New York JFK\*, New York LaGuardia\*, Nashville, Philadelphia\*, Phoenix-Mesa, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Seattle/Tacoma. Over 1,000 people are employed by the 37 entities with offices at the airport. \*Denotes seasonal service





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# MUSEUMS

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600 W. Kagy Blvd. | 406-994-2551 | museumoftherockies.org

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#### Fossil & Mineral Museum Gallery in Downtown Bozeman

Since 1989, Earth's Treasures has been delighting customers with a treasure trove of natural wonders. Montana fossils, never replicas, are displayed for viewing and purchase, without an admission fee. Come and enjoy seeing ancient life forever captured in amber or stone: Fish, Dino Poop, eggs, leaves, pine cones, etc. Cool stuff for the serious collector, as well as small children: Crystals, Minerals, Framed Leaves, Rock Tumblers, Metal Detectors, Gold Pans, Books, Butterfly Wing Jewelry (harvested after natural death), Yogo Sapphires & More. Don't miss the Bug Wall and enjoy the treasures of the earth that many will never see.

www.EarthsTreasuresMT.com 25 N. Willson, Bozeman, MT 406-586-3451

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WWW.ACRMUSEUM.ORG

#### Bozeman Art Museum

The Bozeman Art Museum has rotating exhibits throughout the year, along with a large teaching program for all ages, as well as lectures and workshops. Our mission is to inspire and foster creativity and a love for art through our programming.

2612 W. Main Street, Suite B Bozeman, MT 59718 406-551-2032 bozemanartmuseum.org



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#### **MUSEUMS CONTINUED...**

#### Gallatin History Museum

Step back in time and learn about Gallatin County's rich heritage. The Gallatin History Museum is located in the original county jail built in 1911. In addition to jail cells and a hanging gallows, the museum maintains displays illustrating the unique histories of a variety of people who have called Southwest Montana home. Permanent exhibits include Gallatin Agricultural Heritage Room, a model of old Fort Ellis, the infamous Big Horn Gun, music room an Olde Time Theater. Visitors can step inside an authentic 1870's log cabin or browse the bookstore full of unique titles from area authors and

historians. The research center has a photo archive of over 20,000 images. The museum is within easy walking distance of downtown Bozeman's many

restaurants, art galleries and shops.

#### The Montana Science Center

Montana Science Center is an interactive science and technology center for families and visitors of all ages! Explore several hands-on exhibits, hightech makerspace STEAMlab, weekly family programming, and community outreach events. Open Monday through Saturday, 9:00am - 6pm (Closed Wednesdays) at **2744 W. Main St.** \$9 for visitors 2 and up.

Visit our website at **montanasciencecenter.org** for a full list of activities and exhibits.



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# **Shopping Centers**

Bridger Peaks Town Center

> N. 19<sup>th</sup> & Oak Bozeman, MT 59715

**Gallatin Valley Mall** 

2825 W. Main St Bozeman, MT 59718 **The Bozeman Gateway** 

867 S. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave Bozeman, MT 59718 **Ferguson Farms** 

Located at Huffine Ln and Resort Dr Bozeman, MT 59718

Gallatin Valley Mall has been southwest Montana's premier shopping destination for the past 40 years. This year, Whole Foods Market will join Macy's, Barnes & Noble, Regal Cinemas, JoAnn Fabrics and Petco and the other 60+ retailers and restaurants at Gallatin Valley Mall. GVM strives to give you the shopping experience you can't get anywhere else with its wide selection of retailers and brands, plenty of parking, and unique events all in one convenient location.

In the coming years GVM will undergo a transformational redevelopment of the property into a more diverse mix of space to a "Main Street" retail experience via public gathering spaces and a broad mix of retail tenants that cater to daily needs as well as fashion and entertainment.



#### **Antique Market and More**

Antique Market and More is conveniently located near Bozeman, on the way to Big Sky and Yellowstone National Park. It features the collections of over 60 hardworking quality antique dealers making the Antique Market and More one of the largest and best malls in Montana.

From repurposed vintage to Victorian and primitive furniture; a huge selection of vinyl records to Montana western and rustic décor; fine estate jewelry to quality collectibles, the museum quality assortment is mind boggling and always evolving! The treasure you seek is here for you to discover.

The Antique Market and More features easy parking and a clean well-lit artfully displayed shopping experience; close to hotels, camping and relaxing hot springs. **Open all year round.** 

#### Hours:

10am - 5pm — Monday thru Saturday

11am - 5pm —Sunday

406-586-0985 www.antiquemarketandmore.com antiquemarket2016@outlook.com 8332 Huffine Lane, Bozeman MT

Please visit www.bozemanchamber.com for more information

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# DINING GUIDE

Bozeman offers a wide array of wonderful cuisine raging from a Montana cattleman's cut to gourmet pizza. The following list includes restaurant/lounges and delist hat are Chamber members.

\*\*As of 2009, all public indoor areas are smoke free.\*\*

\$ = UP TO \$10 PER PERSON \$\$ = \$10 TO \$25 PER PERSON \$\$\$ = \$25 TO \$50 PER PERSON



14 N. Church Ave 406.404.1800

-Burgers, salads, appetizers

#### Arby's - \$

3240 Technology Blvd West 406.586.0332

-Fast Food, Market Fresh

#### BAY BAR & GRILLE - \$\$

2825 W. Main St, Ste. 5K 406.587.0484

-Steak, chicken, seafood, burgers, salad; 20 beers on tap, bar

#### Best Western Plus GranTree Inn - \$ - \$\$

1325 N. 7th Ave 406.587.5261

- American Restaurant & Bar

#### BIANKINI'S - \$

2051 W. Oak St. 406.587.2405

-Gourmet soups, salads, sandwiches Offer to-go

# BLACKSMITH ITALIAN - \$\$

290 W. Kagy Blvd., Ste.C 406.577.2585

-Gourmet Italian

#### BOZEMAN TACO TIME

- \$

2012 W. Main St. 406.587.1084

- Mexican fast food

# Bozeman Taproom - \$-\$\$

321 E. Mendenhall St. 406.577.2337

-75+ beers on tap, sausages, street tacos, sandwiches

# Branch Restaurant & Bar - \$-\$\$

315 Yellowstone Ave West Yellowstone, MT 406.646.7365

-Salad, Appetizers, Quail, Bison, Fish

# Bridger Brewing Company - \$-\$\$

1609 S. 11th Ave 406.587.2124

- Salads, Appetizers, Pizza, Beer

#### Buck's T-4 Lodge

46625 Gallatin Rd Big Sky, MT 406-995-4111 -wild game, hand cut steaks

# CHICO HOT SPRINGS - \$\$-\$\$\$

163 Chico Rd., Pray, MT 406.333.4933

- Appetizers, fish, chicken, lamb, ribeye, saloon

#### CLARK'S FORK - \$

1262 Stoneridge Dr. 406.522.0550

- Pastry's, sandwiches, wraps

MORE DINING OPTIONS NEXT PAGES

# Breweries | Vistilleries | Hard Cider



#### Bozeman Brewing Company

504 N. Broadway Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 Phone: 406.585.9142 bozemanbrewing.com

#### Bridger Brewing Company

1609 S. 11th Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 Phone: 406.587.2124 bridgerbrewing.com

#### MAP Brewing Company 510 Manley Rd.

510 Manley Rd. Bozeman, MT 59715 Phone: 406. 587.4070 mapbrewing.com

#### Mountains Walking Brewery & Pub

422 North Plum Ave Bozeman, MT 59715 406-219-3480 mountainswalking.com

#### **Outlaw Brewing**

2876 N. 27th Ave Bozeman, MT 59718 Phone: 406.577.2403 outlaw-brewing.com

#### Union Hall Brewery

121 W. Main St., Ste. B Bozeman, MT 59715 406-219-2533 unionhallbrewery.com

# Vistilleries

#### **Bozeman Spirits Distillery**

121 W. Main St., Ste. A Bozeman, MT 59715 Phone: 406-577-2155 bozemanspirits.com

#### **Dry Hills Distillery**

106 Village Center Lane Bozeman, MT 59718 Phone: 406.624.6713 dryhilllsdistillery.com

# Hard Cider

#### **Lockhorn Hard Cider**

21 South Wallace Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 Phone: 406.580.9098 lockhornhardcider.com

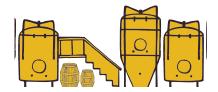
# CRAFT BEER

#### Wildrye Distilling

111 E. Oak St., Ste.1E Bozeman, MT 59715 Phone: 406.577.2288 wildryedistilling.com

#### Willie's Distillery, Inc.

312 E. Main St. Ennis, MT 59729 Phone: 406.682.4117 williesdistillery.com



# Local Brews, Spirits, & Ciders Found HEKE!



#### Copper Whiskey Bar & Grill - \$-\$\$

101 E. Main St, Ste. 2 406.404.1700

-Steak, fish, chicken, burgers, appetizers, soup & salad, bar

#### DICKEY'S BARBEQUE PIT BOZEMAN - \$-\$\$

1040 S. Fowler Ave., Ste. 107 406.404.1333

-Authentic Texas Style BBQ

#### Faber's Bakery & Deli

33 S. Wilson Ave. 406.577.2123

- sandwiches, soups, salads, fresh bread, pastries & pies

#### FARMACY - \$

83 Rowland Road 406 599-4115

- plant-based grain and salad bowls, coffee, drinks and grab-and-go food items

#### Feast Raw Bar & Bistro - \$\$

270 W. Kagy Blvd., Ste. C 406.577.2377

-Sustainable seafood & Montana meats

#### Feed Café \$-\$\$

1530 W. Main St., Unit B 406.219.2630

-breakfast, soup, salad, sandwiches

# Fiesta Mexicana - Belgrade -\$ - \$\$

6269 Jackrabbit Lane 406.388.8887

-Mexican Food

#### Fiesta Mexicana -Bozeman -\$ - \$\$

712 Wheat Drive 406.585.1414

-Mexican Food

#### FIELDING'S - \$\$

24 W. Mendenhall St. 406.551.7700

- Regional cuisine

#### FIREHOUSE SUBS - \$

867 S. 29th Ave., Ste. 104 406.551.1144

-Gourmet deli sandwiches, and salads

# Five Guys Burgers & Fries -\$

2855 N. 19th Ave 406.586.9395 -Handcrafted burgers & fries

# FOXTROT ALL DAY EATERY - \$-\$\$

730 Boardwalk Ave., Ste. 11 406.551.7438

- Breakfast, burritos, coffee, sandwiches

#### Freshies Café - \$

290 W. Kagy Blvd. Ave., Ste. A

406 577-2216

- Sandwiches, Salads, espresso, goodies

# Gallatin River Lodge - \$\$

9105 Thorpe Rd. 406.388.0148

- Appetizers, grass fed beef, fish, soup and salads

# Gallatin Valley Mall - \$

2825 W. Main St. 406.586.4565

- Food court

#### Haufbrau House - \$

22 S. 8th Ave. 406.587.4931

- Burgers, savory sandwiches, appetizers

#### KOUNTRY KORNER CAFÉ/GALLATIN VALLEY CATERING

81820 Gallatin Rd.

406.586.2281

- Home-style cookin'

# Land of Magic Steakhouse \$\$-\$\$\$

11060 Front St. Logan - Exit #283 406.284.3794

-Certified Angus beef, steaks, seafood

#### Lot **G C**AFÉ - \$-\$\$

109 E. Oak St., #1J 406.600.4070

-sandwiches, grain bowls, soups

# MAP Brewing Company - \$

510 Manley Rd. 406.587.4070

-Burgers, sandwiches, tacos, appetizers

# MacKenzie River Pizza - \$ - \$\$

232 E. Main St. 406.587.0055

-Gourmet pizza, sandwiches, salads, soups & pasta

# McDonald's Restaurant - \$

1503 W. Main St. 406.587.2506

-Fast food burgers, sandwiches

# McDonald's Restaurant - \$

822 Wheat Dr. 406.586.6756

-Fast food burgers, sandwiches

# Mavens Market - \$ - \$\$

720 W. Main St. 406.624.6797

-Cheese, Charcuterie, Gelato, Café & Chocolate Headquarters

# MONTANA'S RIB & CHOP HOUSE - \$\$

2159 Burke St. 406.548.9050

- American, Steaks, Ribs, Seafood, Brunch, Small Plates, Local Craft Beer

# Mountains Walking Brewery & Pub - \$ - \$\$

422 North Plum Ave. 406.219.3480

- Pizza, salads, tacos, wings, local craft beer

# Montana Ale Works - \$\$- \$\$\$

611 E. Main St. 406.587.7700

-Creative Pub/Dining, steak, seafood, burgers, pasta, salads

#### Naked Noodle - \$

27 S. Willson Ave 406.585.4501

-Specialty pastas and salads

# Noodles & Company - \$

1459 N. 19th Ave. Ste. B 406.586.2511

- Pasta, sandwiches, salads

#### OLD CHICAGO - \$-\$\$

1940 N. 19th Ave 406.587.9404

-Full-service restaurant, bar & gaming parlor, serving soup & salads, sandwiches, pizza

# Open Range - **\$\$** - **\$\$\$**

241 E. Main St.

406.404.1940

-Steak's, fish, appetizers, cocktails

#### PICKLE BARREL - \$

809 W. College St. 406.587.2411

-Deli sandwiches, salads

#### Pizza Hut - \$

2300 W. Main St. 406.587.9500

-Pizza, wings, salad

# QDOBA MEXICAN EATS - \$-\$\$

855 South 29th Ave., Ste. 2 406.522.4166

-Mexican

# RED SUGAR DIM SUM - \$

33. W. Main St.

406.551.2155
- Chinese style breakfast

#### RED TRACTOR PIZZA - \$

1007 W. Main St. 406.359.1999

- Wood-fired brick oven, gluten free pizza



# RICE FINE THAI CUISINE - DOWNTOWN \$-\$\$

140 E. Main St., Ste. D 406.404.1196

-Gourmet Thai

#### RICE FINE THAI CUISINE -STONERIDGE SQUARE \$ - \$\$

2051 W. Oak St. Ste. 2 406.404.1766 -Gourmet Thai

#### RIVERSIDE COUNTRY Club - \$\$

2500 Springhill Rd 406.587.5105 -Appetizers, fine dining, steak, seafood



#### ROCKING R BAR -**\$\$**

211 E. Main St. 406.587.9355 -Burgers, sandwiches, salads

#### Rosa's Pizza -BOZEMAN - \$ 123 W. Kagy

406.586.8808

- Pizza, sandwiches, salad

#### SACAJAWEA HOTEL - \$\$

5 N. Main St Three Forks, MT 406.285.6515

- Gourmet menu, steaks, seafood

#### Sage Lodge -**\$\$ - \$\$\$**

55 Sage Lodge Drive Pray, MT 855.400.0505 - Authentic Gourmet Cuisine, Soup & Salads, Seafood, Happy Hour

#### SIDEWINDERS AMERICAN GRILL- \$\$

780 Boardwalk Ave 406.587.8387

- American, burgers, sandwiches, appetizers

#### SKY SHED - \$ - \$\$

24 W. Mendenhall St. 406.551.7700

- Light and colorful farmto-table dishes

#### SPECTATORS SPORTS BAR & GRILL - \$

19 Tai Lane 406.587.2156 -Casual atmosphere, pizza, burgers, Mexican, sandwiches, appetizers

#### Soure House -\$ - \$\$

25 E. Mendenhall St., Ste. C 406.577.2773

- American Restaurant & Bar, crafted cocktails & wines

#### STACEY'S OLD FAITHFUL - \$\$

300 Mill St., Gallatin Gateway 406.763.4425 - ½ pound burgers and tasty sandwiches

#### Tanglewood - \$\$

730 Boardwalk Ave., Ste. 10 406.551.7437 - Starts, pizza, brunch,

happy hour

#### THE DAILY COFFEE BAR AND EATERY -**\$-\$\$**

1203 N Rouse Ave., #3A 406.585.8612

- Baked goods, breakfast, sandwiches

#### THE FARMER'S Daughters Cafe & EATERY - \$ - \$\$

510 N. 7th Ave 406.404.7999 - Healthy options,

breakfast, smoothies

#### Ted's Montana GRILL -\$\$

105 W. Main St. 406.587.6000 -Authentic American dining, steaks, burgers

THE MINT CAFÉ & BAR - \$ - \$\$

27 E. Main St, Belgrade 406.924.6017 -Bar, American, Steakhouse

MOBILE VENDORS CHEF'S TABLE FOOD Truck & Catering

- \$ - \$\$ 1164 Cobb Hill Rd. 406.579.5016 -BBQ and comfort food



#### TUNE UP - \$\$

406.551.7700 - salads, burger, meat and cheese board

#### **UNION HALL Brewery**

121 W. Main St., Ste. B 406.219.2533 -sandwiches, tacos

#### WENDY'S - \$

1805 Tschache Lane 406.551.2039 -Fast food burgers; sandwiches

#### WENDY'S - \$

1015 W. Main St. 406.587.8810 -Fast food burgers; sandwiches

#### Western Café -\$ -\$\$

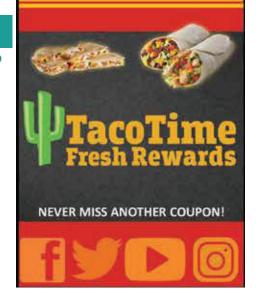
433 E. Main St. 406.587.0436 -Breakfast, burgers, soup,

#### WHEAT MONTANA FARMS & BAKERY-\$ - \$\$

10778 US HWY 287, Three Forks 406.285.3614 -Deli sandwiches, bakery



2012 W. Main St. Bozeman, MT 59718 (406) 587-1084



# HIKING

in the Gallatin Valley

Trail Legend: Easy to Moderate Moderate Moderate to Difficult

#### MYSTIC LAKE

Distance: 11 miles one way Climb: about 200 feet Directions: From Bozeman City limits, go East on I-90 for 4.5 miles to the Bear Canyon exit. Travel west for .5 miles to Bear Canyon Rd. Follow Bear Canyon Rd south for 3.5 miles to New World Gulch parking area. The trail begins on the west side of the road.

Located in Sourdough Canyon directly south

of Bozeman. The trail is an old logging road with

#### **BOZEMAN CREEK TRAIL**

gradual ascent that follows the creek.
Distance: 0.5 to 22 miles; 6.2 miles of more difficult trails.
Directions: Take S. Church Avenue (becomes Sourdough Road after crossing Kagy Blvd.) heading south, turn right on Nash Road and continue a short distance before turning left on Sourdough Canyon Road. Follow Sourdough Canyon Road until the

# EAST GALLATIN RIVER TRAIL & GLEN LAKE (BOZEMAN BEACH)

Distance: 1.2 total miles

end of the road.

Directions: From downtown Bozeman Main St. head North on N. Rouse Ave. Travel 1.4 miles to Griffin Dr. Turn left and drive .3 miles to Manley Rd. Turn right and continue .6 miles to the signed East Gallatin Recreation Area.

#### "M" TRAIL

There are two trails to the "M": One, to the right from the parking lot, has a steeper ascent but a shorter trail; the second, to the left, is more gradual climb, snaking through a fir and juniper forest before arriving at the 250' whitewashed rock "M". Distance: about 0.8 miles one way Climb: about 850 feet
Directions: From Main St. in downtown
Bozeman, head north on N. Rouse Ave. 4.2

miles to the signed trailhead on the left.

#### TRIPLE TREE TRAIL HILLTOP

Distance: about 2.25 miles one way

Climb: about 800 feet
Directions: Go south on Church, cross Kagy,
at which point S. Church becomes Sourdough. Continue south past Goldenstein Lane and old
water tower until you come to the Triple Tree Development. Go several hundred feet past the turnoff
until you reach a small parking lot on the left. Park
and follow the staked trails up the ridge.

#### MIDDLE COTTONWOOD CREEK

Follow the trail to the bowl between Saddle Peak and an unnamed peak.

Distance: ¼ miles one way

Directions: From I-90 and the 7th Ave overpass, drive 2 miles north on 7th Ave., which becomes W. Frontage Rd., to Springhill Rd. Turn right (north) and continue 34 miles to Toohey Rd. on the right.

Turn right and drive 1.7 miles to Walker Rd. Turn right again and continue 3.2 miles to trailhead.

#### SACAJAWEA PEAK (elev. 9,665 ft)

Distance: 2 miles one way Climb: about 2,070 feet

Directions: Take HWY 86 (Bridger Canyon Rd) for approx. 24 miles to Forest Rd #74. Turn west and continue for 7 miles to Fairy Lake Campground.

The trail begins at the campground.

#### **GOLDEN TROUT LAKES**

Beautiful mountain scenery before reaching the lakes.

Distance: 2.5 miles one way Climb: about 1,200 feet

Directions: Follow U.S. Highway 191 south of Bozeman for 38.6 miles to Portal Creek Road #984.

Turn east on Portal Creek Road and continue southeast for 6 miles to a logged over area.

#### LAVA LAKE

Distance: 3.75 miles one way Climb: about 800 feet

Directions: From Main St. in Bozeman, go west towards Four Corners (Main St becomes HWY 191). At Four Corners, turn left on HWY 191 (to Big Sky). Drive about 20 miles to Lava Lake parking area on

the right hand side.

#### PAINTED HILLS TRAIL

Distance: 1.25 miles one way

Directions: From Main St., at the east end of downtown Bozeman, drive south on Church Ave. 1.6 miles to Kagy Blvd. Turn left on Kagy Blvd. Access on Kagy Blvd, just past Highland Blvd.

#### DRINKING HORSE

Distance: 1.2 miles one way

Directions: Head north on Rouse (eventually becoming Bridger Canyon Drive) from downtown Bozeman. Turn right into the Fish Technology center and look for trailhead parking.

#### SYPES CANYON TRAIL

Follow a creek-fed canyon on the west side of the Bridger Mountains. The hike leads through a lush, shady forest and up the south canyon wall.

Distance: 2 miles one way

Directions: From I-90 and 7th Ave overpass, drive 2 miles north on 7th Ave, which becomes W. Frontage Rd., to Springhill Rd. Turn right on continue 3.2 miles to Churn Rd. Turn right and go 50 yards to the signed trailhead at the end of the road.

#### TRUMAN GULCH

The stream fed drainage sits between Saddle Peak and Ross Peak, just to the west of Bridger Bowl Ski Area on the Gallatin Valley side of the range.

Distance: 4 miles total

Directions: Heading north on Springhill Road, travel 8.5 miles to Springhill Community Road on the right. There will be a sign for Truman Gulch. Turn right and continue for 1.6 miles to Walker Road. The Springhill church is on the corner. Turn right and drive 1.1 miles to Forswell Road on the left. Continue 3 miles to the trailhead at the end of the road.

#### GARNET MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT

Distance: 4 miles one way Climb: about 200 feet

Directions: Follow US Highway 191 south of Bozeman for 25 miles to Squaw Creek. Follow Squaw Creek south for approximately 1.5 miles to the trailhead.

For more information on hiking in Montana visit www.gvlt.org

#### HIDDEN LAKES

Distance: 3 miles one way Climb: about 1,760 feet

Directions: Follow US Highway 191 south of Bozeman for 38.6 miles to Portal Creek Road. Turn east on Portal Creek Road and continue southeast for 3.3 miles to the Junction of Hidden Lake Road. The trailhead is 2.6 miles southwest on Hidden Lake Road.

#### PIONEER FALLS

Distance: 6 miles one way Climb: about 2,000 feet

Directions: Follow Main Street from Bozeman, W. Main/Huffine Lane becomes HWY 191. At Four Corners, turn left to stay 191 South. Turn right on Spanish Creek Rd, a gravel road on the right hand side. The road sneaks up on you after going around several corners. If you go past, there are several turn abounds along the road. Follow the gravel road for about 9 miles, passing through

Ted Turner's Flying D Ranch along the way.

#### SWAN CREEK

Distance: 5 miles one way Climb: about 1,800 feet

Directions: Drive West on Main St/Huffine Lane to Four Corners, Turn left onto HWY 191. Drive 24 miles South to Swan Creek Rd on the left. Drive 1.5 miles to trailhead.

#### Trail Safety and Etiquette

- Please Stay on the Trail
- Respect wildlife
- Don't cut switchbacks
- Pick up litter
- Do not drink directly from lakes or streams

#### RAT LAKE

Distance: 0.75 miles one way Climb: about 160 feet

Directions: From Four Corners, follow 191 south for 16.5 miles. Turn left on the bridge across the river. Once over the bridge, take the road to the right. Once over the bridge, take the road to the right. Follow the road for about 6 miles (a few minutes in, take the right fork (there's a sign for Rat Lake). The Rat Lake trailhead is unmarked, but you can see the trail go off to the right and there's a large area for parking. The road afterwards curves to the left and goes upward to a VERY rough road.

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#### HYALITE DRAINAGE

#### PALISADE FALLS

Towering cataract that drops more than 80 feet off a vertical rock at the Southern Base of Palisade Mountain.

Distance: .5 miles one way

Directions: From 19<sup>th</sup> Ave drive south 7 miles to Hyalite Canyon Rd. Turn left and continue past the Hyalite Reservoir and continue on the gravel road.

At the fork, take a left towards Palisade Falls.

#### **GROTTO FALLS**

Enjoy the forest and see a beautiful waterfall. Distance: 1.25 miles one way

Directions: From Bozeman drive south on 19th Street, 7 miles to Hyalite Canyon Road. Turn left on Hyalite Canyon Road & travel 12 miles to Forest Road 62. Take a right driving south for 1.9 miles to the end and the trailhead.

HYALITE PEAK (elev. 10,229 ft)

View 11 waterfalls up close, and that's not counting the smaller ones on the cliff's that rise up on the sides of this canyon.

Distance: 7.2 miles one way Climb: about 3,300 feet

Directions: From Main Street in Bozeman, take 19<sup>th</sup> Street south away from the city. Follow 19<sup>th</sup> Ave to Hyalite Canyon Road, take a left. Follow this road past Hyalite Reservoir and continue on the gravel road. At the road fork, take right towards Grotto Falls. Follow the road until the end, which is the trailhead parking area.

#### **MOUNT BLACKMORE (10,154 ft)**

Distance: 5 miles one way Climb: about 3,450 feet

Directions: From 19<sup>th</sup> Ave drive south for 7 miles to Hyalite Canyon Road #62. Turn left. Proceed south for 9.7 miles to the History Rock turnoff. The turnoff is on the west side of the road just 1 mile north of Hyalite Reservoir.

#### HEATHER LAKE

Distance: 6 miles one way Climb: about 2,100 feet

Directions: From 19<sup>th</sup> Ave drive South 7 miles to Hyalite Canyon Rd. Turn left and continue past the Hyalite Reservoir and continue on gravel road. At the road fork, take a left towards Palisade Falls. Follow the road until the end, which is the trailhead parking area.

For more information or for an area map visit the Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce Office at 2000 Commerce Way

# BIKING

# Bob Ward's Sports and Outdoors

3011 Max Ave. Bozeman, MT 59718 406-586-4381 bobwards.com

#### Free Heel & Wheel

33 Yellowstone Ave. West Yellowstone, MT 59758 406-646-7744

freeheelandwheel.com

#### Gear Wizard

108 Bridger Center Dr., Ste. C Bozeman, MT 59715 406-587-3737 thegearwizard.com

#### Owenhouse ACE Hardware

36 E. Main St. Bozeman, MT 59715 406-587-5401 owenhouse.com

#### Round House Ski & Sport Center

1422 W. Main St. Bozeman, MT 59715 406-587-1258

roundhouse-sports.com

#### **CYCLISTS**

Yield to slower traffic

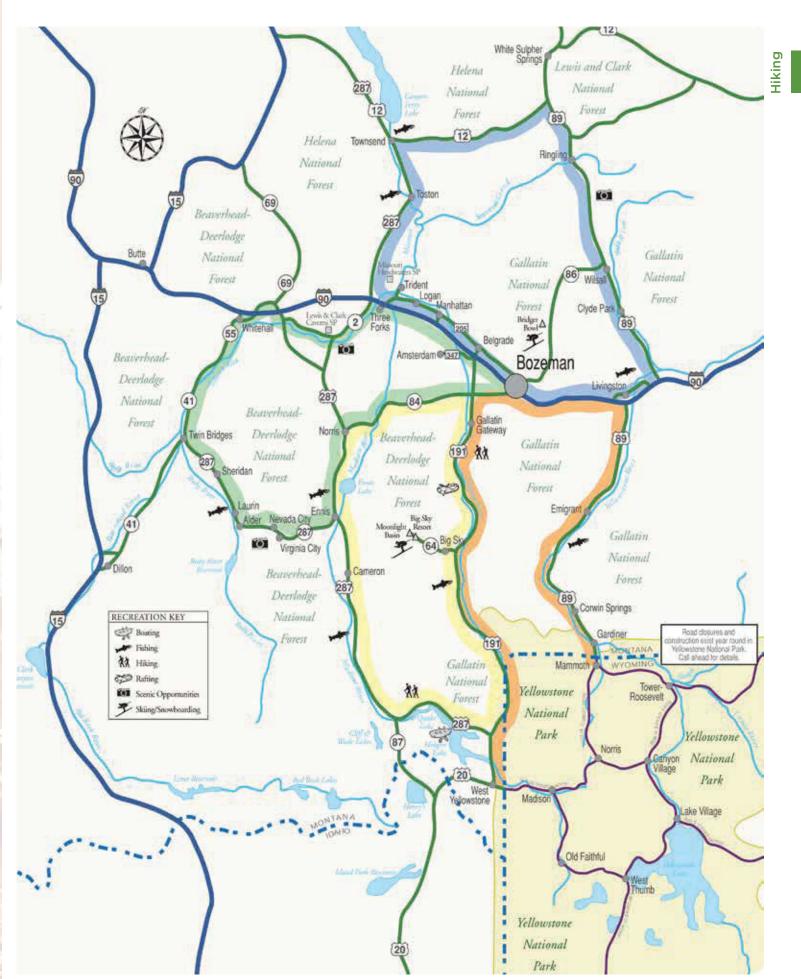
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Don't ride muddy trails



#### GARDINER

Gardiner is located at the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park which features the famous Roosevelt Arch as well as numerous restaurants and shops. Founded in 1880, Gardiner became a center of activity for visitors to the region, serving as the original and only year-round entrance to the park. This frontier town fed and sheltered miners and entertained the early soldiers who operated Yellowstone National Park. Elk regularly roam around town, while bighorn sheep come down from the mountains to graze within view.

Gardiner Chamber of Commerce 406-848-2969 gardinerchamber.com

#### GALLATIN GATEWAY

The agricultural and cattle shipping center was originally named Salesville for Zachariah Sales who settled there in 1865 and operated a saw mill for logs floated down the West Gallatin. Its name was changed in 1927, when it became home to the Milwaukee Railroad's 42,000 square-foot-Spanish style building, the Gallatin Gateway Inn, and the starting point for trips by bus through Yellowstone National Park.

#### GALLATIN CANYON & THE DIG SHY AREA

There's more to Big Sky than just "Skiing the Sky." Big Sky, just 48 scenic miles from Bozeman, offers a variety of attractions year-round in one of Montana's top recreation spots.

Big Sky and the Gallatin Canyon are surrounded by some of America's most pristine land. The Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area and the Yellowstone ecosystem help comprise more than 3 million acres of land set aside forever for protection and enjoyment. Several mountain peaks are in excess of 11,000 feet, including Big Sky's own Lone Peak at 11,166 feet. With this serving as a backdrop, visitors can look forward to a trip filled with the finest in outdoor activity and grandeur.

Dedicated and casual golfers alike are presented with a treat and a challenge when they enjoy a round at the Big Sky Golf Course, an 18-hole Arnold Palmer design that will accommodate all skill levels. For those who want to experience the wilderness up close and personal, area stables offer guided horseback trail rides lasting anywhere from one hour to a full day. Scenic gondola rides are also available high above the resort on majestic Lone Mountain. Bring a mountain bike (rentals are available) and ride down, or hike to the top and back down on one of the many trails back to the base area as you take in the breathtaking vistas and stunning wildflower displays. Walk quietly and you might be treated to some wildlife viewing, too. Five blue-ribbon trout streams grace the Canyon area, including the Gallatin River, where the movie "A River Runs Through It" was filmed. Try your hand at a self-guided trip, or take advantage of local outfitters who offer guided wading, float tubing, or boat fishing trips. The Gallatin River is also host to white water rafting and scenic floating opportunities.

Special events take place all summer long at Big Sky, highlighted by the Big Sky Arts Festival. Featuring classical symphony, jazz, bluegrass, country, folk, and pop concerts, the concerts are festive outdoor events and not to be missed.

Plan a ride down the Gallatin Canyon- it is never tiring and one of the most beautiful trips you will ever take.

Big Sky Chamber of Commerce 406-995-3000 800-943-4111 bigskychamber.com

#### HYALITE CANYON & RESERVOIR

The 34,000-acre Hyalite Drainage, part of the Gallatin National Forest, is a spectacular mountain valley that sits between the Gallatin Canyon and Paradise valley just south of Bozeman. This popular recreational area contains a large reservoir built in the 1940s, which today has a hold capacity of 8,000 acre feet. Its coves and caves, plus easily accessible pier, offer great trout fishing spots.

Hyalite Reservoir provides drinking water for the city of Bozeman and irrigates the Gallatin Valley. The Hyalite Drainage Recreational Area is surrounded by 10,000 foot mountain peaks, creeks, streams, lakes and numerous waterfalls. The hikes to Blackmore Lake, Palisade Falls, Emerald and Heather Lakes, and the trail to Hyalite Lake all lie in the Hyalite Canyon. This glaciated, carved valley is mesmerizing in its beauty and splendor, and a great getaway for all to enjoy.

#### HEBGEN LAKE

This reservoir of Northwestern Energy, with a capacity of 331,537 acre feet, supplies supplementary water in dry season to the hydro-electric plants on the Madison and Missouri. Construction of the dam began in 1908 and was completed in 1915. It's a beautiful lake to visit on your way to Yellowstone, do a little fishing, or water ski in the summer.

#### QUAKE LAKE

The Hebgen Lake area was rocked by an earthquake that measured 7.1 on the Richter scale August 17, 1959. The after-effect of the earthquake was the formation of a lake, appropriately named Quake Lake. Quake Lake was born when part of the mountainside slid into the Madison River, dropping the earth 19 feet and damming the water, tragically killing 28 people at a nearby campground.

The Earthquake Visitor's Center, staffed by Forest Service, is located on U.S. 287. Hiking trails and campgrounds are also in this area.

#### WEST YELLOWSTONE

This Montana town was first settled and became an "official" entrance to Yellowstone National Park in 1907, the year the Oregon Short Line branch was completed. In 1908, Samuel P. Eagle and Alex Stuart opened the famous Eagle's Store, a corner-stone of the town to this day. In 1910-11, the West Gallatin Wagon Road was built from Taylor's Fork to the point which it had reached in 1989. Today, West Yellowstone is an active tourist town sitting at the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Its newest attractions are the Grizzly Discovery Center and the National Geographic IMAX Theatre, giving visitors the educational opportunity to view grizzly bears and wolves closely.

West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce 406-646-7701 destinationyellowstone.com

#### Welcome to YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK



Yellowstone National Park, established in 1872 and located primarily in Wyoming, is America's first national park. Contained within its borders are more than 2 million acres of natural wonders, wilderness settings, and unique experiences that await park visitors. Yellowstone National Park sits on top of a dormant volcano and is home to more geysers and hot springs than any other place on earth.

Yellowstone National Park is home to many species of North American wildlife roaming in a wilderness virtually untouched by modern influence. Visitors are treated to the sights of bison, elk, moose, bear, bighorn sheep, deer, antelope and a myriad of smaller wildlife and birds all living free as nature intended. In their protected habitat, most animals are willing to be watched and photographed from a respectful distance. Be cautioned these are wild animals and should be treated and viewed as such.



Geyser Country Home to more than 10,000 hydrothermal features in the park Geyser Country consists of geysers, hot bubbling pools, colorful paint pots and the world famous, Old Faithful. Don't worry about a no-show; Old Faithful has rarely missed a "performance" in more than 120 years, shooting steaming water into the sky every 81 minutes. You can walk along the steamy Midway Geyser Basin boardwalk to Yellowstone's largest hot spring, Grand Prismatic Spring. This 370-foot-diameter, deep blue pool is ringed with yellow-and-orange colored bacteria, giving it a cool prism effect.

Lodging can be found at The Old Faithful Lodge Cabins, The Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Cabins and the National Historic Landmark, Old Faithful Inn. Geyser Country offers a variety of dining options, gift shops, and interpretive sightseeing tours that take you closer to the land that is a reminder of the earth's fiery beginnings. Nearby, Madison Campgrounds have sites for tents or recreational vehicles.



Canyon Country The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone is the most breath-taking sight inside Yellowstone National Park. Over 10,000 years in the making by the natural process called erosion and almost twice as high as the Niagara, these 20 miles of twisting canyon and sheer rock cliffs have been carved 1,200 feet deep and up to 4,000 feet wide. From several vantage points, you can view the Lower Falls plunging 308 feet steeply into clouds of mist, or the Upper Falls tumbling down 109 feet. You may also visit Hayden Valley, oneof the top spots for wildlife viewing in Canyon Country. Glaciers have shaped the ancient lakebed and deposited the soil that makes this a supreme wildlife habitat. In Canyon Country you will find dining, cabins, two lodges and campgrounds.



Roosevelt Country

Named after the 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt, who once camped near the area, The Old West comes alive in Roosevelt Country. This is the land of rolling sagebrush, fir, pine, spruce covered hills, and streams full of trout. The Lamar Valley is perfect area to watch wildlife in their natural habitat roam.



While in Roosevelt Country stay in the rustic Roosevelt Lodge Cabins, built in the 1920's near Yellowstone's Tower Falls area. Awaken your "Old West" spirit and enjoy horseback trail rides, stagecoach adventures and the popular, Old West Dinner Cookout, where the steaks are tender, breathtaking scenery, and all are friendly.



Few of Yellowstone's hydrothermal features have the sheer grace and beauty of Mammoth Hot Springs. Mineral-laden hot waters from deep beneath the earth's crust find their way to the surface and build tiers of cascading, terraced stone. Begun thousands of years ago, the sculpturing of the terraces continues as thousands of gallons of water well up and deposit large amounts of travertine daily.

Mammoth Country is home of the only winter location in Yellowstone that is accessible by automobile. Located near the North Entrance, the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel offers comfortable accommodations and exquisite dining in a casual setting.



In winter, miles of Yellowstone back country offer groomed roads for snowmobilers and cross-country skiing on tracked trails. Continue your stay in Mammoth Country with snow coach tours, ice skating and wildlife tours.



In Lake Country, visit one of the world's largest alpine lakes, Yellowstone Lake. The lake sits within a large caldera that was born by fire and ice of volcanoes and then carved and filled by glaciers over centuries ago. Lake Country is the realm of native cutthroat trout that migrate into meadow streams to spawn, and you may also watch moose, bison and bear, which will wander the cold shores during the winter time in Yellowstone





Snow coaches are a cross between a bus and a snowmobile. These strange looking machines provide comfortable form of winter transportation into the park. Equipped with heaters, large windows and roof hatches, the snow coach has been transporting winter visitors into Yellowstone National Park for more than 25 years. Snow coaches are equipped with ski racks and room for other equipment. Those interested in cross country skiing or overnight stays may want to take advantage of Yellowstone



There are two entry locations for snow coaching in the park – West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs.

Motels and snow coach reservations must be made in advance. You may book individual seats or charter the entire coach for one day.





Both cross country skiers and snowmobilers will enjoy the 1,000 miles of trails available in Yellowstone National Park. The United States Nordic and Biathlon teams train in this beautiful area. The west entrance of the park is only minutes from West Yellowstone, a town where snowmobilers share the streets with motorists.





Located approximately 100 miles from Bozeman, is the town of Gardiner, and the North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Just a few miles into the park, visitors will enjoy Yellowstone National Park's most popular soaking area, Boiling River. The 6-foot-wide stream pours over travertine ledges into the swift-flowing Gardner River, where it mixes with cold river water. The water level in the Gardiner River determines the temperature of your soak. You may encounter a blast of hot water on your back, while at the same time your toes are shivering in the icy river water, but most bathers eventually find just the right spot for their thermal tastes. Geologists suspect that the Boiling River's 100-yard channel of 140-degree-F hot water is the underground flow from Mammoth Hot Springs, some 2 miles to the south.



Boiling River is the largest discharge of thermal water in Yellowstone, and at times will accommodate 150 people in the warm water. The attractiveness of this soak is no doubt attributable to its easy access from the North Entrance Road, the beautiful location, and excellent soaking opportunities.

#### Reservations for Yellowstone National Park

For lodging, campgrounds and activities, reservations should be made well in advance of your arrival.

#### Lodging Reservations

Yellowstone National Park Lodges Xanterra Parks and Resorts Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 307-344-7311

www.travelyellowstone.com

#### Dinner Reservations

307-344-7901 www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm



Surrounded by public lands, the Gallatin Valley offers abundant camping potential in the heart of some of the best scenery and recreation in America. Easy access and more modern conveniences make Bozeman Ranger District Campgrounds a popular destination where

campers have their pick of sites, ranging from open-air flatlands along river bottoms to well-shaded units tucked away at the base of spectacular mountain ranges. Come and explore this marvelous treasure and discover all that it has to offer.

#### Bozeman Ranger District Campgrounds

3710 Fallon, Ste C Bozeman, MT 59718 406-522-2520

For reservations: recreation.gov or 877-444-6777 subject to change \*charge for extra vehicle

#### Bozeman Trail Campground

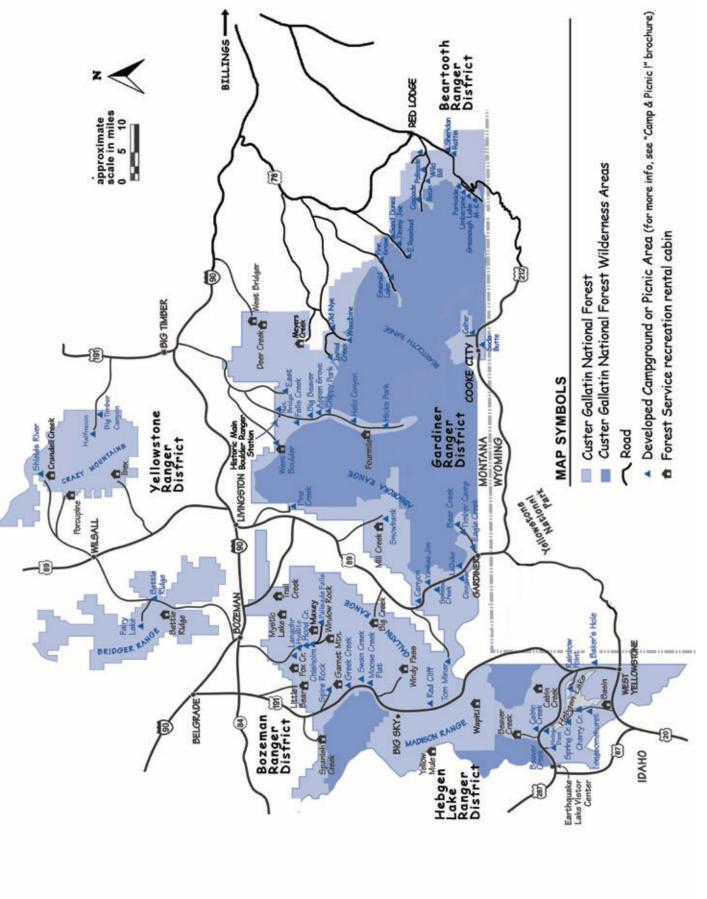
31842 E. Frontage Road Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 587-4797 bozemantrailcampground.com

#### Yellowstone Country Campgrounds

P.O. Box 1015 West Yellowstone, MT 59758 (877) 646-1012 yellowstonecountrycompgrounds.com



CAMPGROUND OR PICNIC AREA	LOCATION	ACCESS ROUTE	DATES FEES CHARGED	# OF SITES	FEE	ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES	WATER	FIREWOOD	ELECTRICITY	TRAILER/ RV SITES LARGEST PARKING SPUR	FEATURES	RESERVATIONS 877-444-6777	NOTES
BATTLE RIDGE	Bridger Mountain	22 mi N of Bozeman on MT 86	Mid May - Mid Sept	12	None	NONE	No	No	No	12'x30'	Scenic	No	There is a campground host on duty from late May through September. Host occupies one of the 13 sites. 12 sites available to the public.
HYALITE DAY USE AREA (Picnic Only)	Hyalite Canyon	16 ml S of Bozeman on Hyalite Canyon Rd	Mid May - Mid Sept	8	None	Toilet: 3 toilets total	Yes	No	No	Open Parking	Hyalite Reservoir, Fishing, Boating, Hiking	No	No overnight camping. Day Use Only: 6am to 10pm
CHISHOLM	Hyalite Canyon	18 mi S of Bozeman on Hyalite Carryon Rd #62	Mid May - Mid Sept	10	\$20	Toilet	Yes	Yes	No	14'x60' 28'x35'	Hyalite Reservoir, Fishing, Boating	Yes	
FAIRY LAKE	Bridger Mountain	22.5 mi N of Bozeman on MT 86; then W on Fairy Lake Rd #74	July - Mid Sept	9	None	Toilet	Yes	No	No	12'x32'	Scenic, Fishing, Boating, Hiking	No	Rough road. Not accessible to RV trailers or large motorhomes.
GREEK CREEK	Gallatin Canyon	31 mi S of Bozeman on US 191	Mid May - Mid Sept	16	\$20	Toilet 7 Sites	Yes	Yes	No	30'x60'	Gallatin River Fishing	Yes	
HOOD CREEK	Hyalite Canyon	17 mi S of Bozeman on Hyalite Canyon Rd	Mid May - Mid Sept	29	\$20	Toilet 2 Sites	Yes	Yes	No	16'x32'	Hyalite Reservoir, Fishing, Boating	Yes	
LANGOHR	Hyalite Canyon	11 mi S of Bozeman on Hyalite Canyon Rd	Mid May - Mid Sept	19	\$20	Fishing Toilet Trails 2 Sites	Yes	Yes	No	22'x60'	Fishing, Hiking	Yes	
MOOSE CREEK FLAT	Gallatin Canyon	32 mi S of Bozeman on US 191	Mid May - Mid Sept	13	\$20	Fishing Toilet 4 Sites	Yes	Yes	No	20'x60'	Gallatin River Fishing	Yes	
RED CLIFF	Gallatin Canyon	48 mi S of Bozeman on US 191	Mid May - Mid Sept	65	\$20	Tables Toilet	Yes	Yes	24 sites	18'x50'	Gallatin River Fishing, Hiking	Yes	
SPIRE ROCK	Gallatin Canyon	23 mi S of Bozeman on US 191, 2 mi E on Storm Castle Creek Rd	Mid May - Mid Sept	20	\$16	Toilet	No	Yes	No	25'x50'	Hiking, Fishing	Yes	
SWAN CREEK	Gallatin Canyon	30 mi S of Bozeman	Mid May - Mid Sept	13	\$20	Toilet 7 Sites	Yes	Yes	No	16'x45'	Gallatin River Fishing	Yes	



Please visit www.bozemanchamber.com for more information

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#### HORSEBACK RIDING

Seeing the West from the saddle is part of the classic. This activity is enjoyed by individuals of all ages. Several local outfitters offer a wide variety of horseback riding options in the Bozeman Area. Hourly, half-day, or full-day rides can be combined with other activities such as rafting, hunting, and photography.

Wrangler-lead expeditions include everything from leisurely rides through pine forests, sagebrush flats and hanging meadows to more rugged trips up back country switchbacks and over mountain streams. The unparalleled views of the Gallatin Valley wilderness, in addition to the wide variety of wildlife, are likely to make this a memorable family activity.

#### 320 Ranch

205 Buffalo Horn Creek Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730 800-243-0320 **320ranch.com** 

#### **Broken Hart Ranch**

73800 Gallatin Rd. Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730 406-763-4279 **brokenhartranch.net** 

#### Jake's Horses-Outfitter

200 Beaver Creek Road Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730 406-995-4630 jakeshorses.com

#### **Lone Mountain Ranch**

750 Lone Mountain Ranch Rd. Big Sky, MT 59716 406-995-4644 **Jonemountainranch.com** 

#### Mountain Sky Guest Ranch

PO Box 1219 Emigrant, MT 59027 406-333-4911 **mtnsky.com** 

# Montana Whitewater Rafting and Zipline Co.

63960 Gallatin Rd Bozeman, MT 59730 406.763.4465 **montanawhitewater.com** 

#### **Sunrise Pack Station**

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#### Wild West Rafting

220 W. Park St. Gardiner, MT 59030 406-848-2252 wildwestrafting.com



# **ATVing**

Around Bozeman, off-highway vehicle (OHV, ATV, ORV) enthusiasts have many opportunities to enjoy riding in selected areas according to the rider's skill level. For those who enjoy riding in the open air, ATVs and Side-by-Sides are fantastic ways to get out and see the Montana backcountry. The geography around Bozeman varies from vast mountain ranges to grassy valleys and rolling hills. To learn more about ATV riding trails in a specific area, contact the local public land agency to obtain a map that shows legally designated routes.



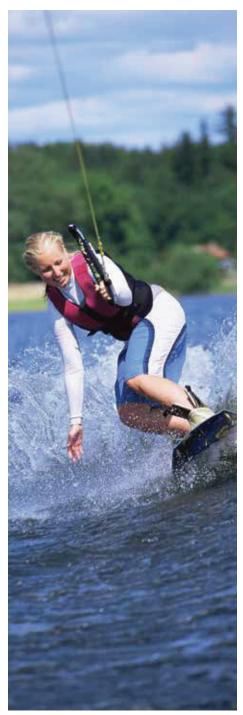
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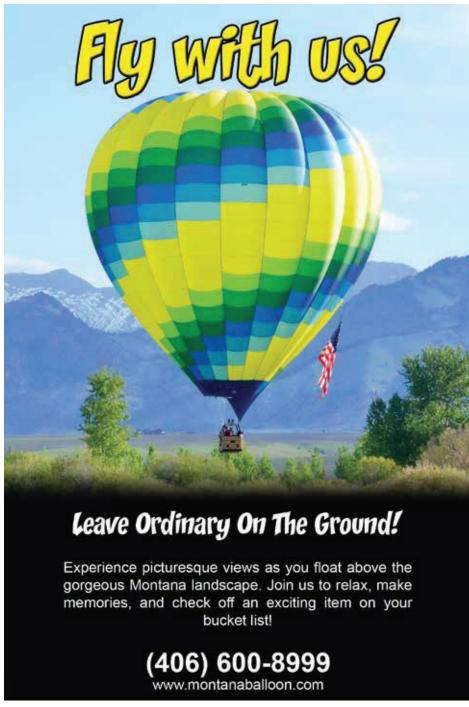


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#### **Boating and Jet Skiing**

Boating and Jet Ski enthusiasts in Bozeman are not far from fun! Ennis Lake (50 miles southwest of Bozeman) is formed by the Montana Power dam on the Madison River at the head of the Bear Trap Canyon. The lake is fairly shallow with an average depth of 8 feet, 20 feet at the deepest. This means the water is warm and just right for water sports, particularly in the morning before any afternoon winds. Canyon Ferry Lake (70 miles northwest of Bozeman) is very popular and receives the most use of any lake in Montana, due to its size and location. Canyon Ferry covers 35,181 surface acres and 76 shoreline miles. Harrison Lake (50 miles west of Bozeman), also called Willow Creek Reservoir, fills from water running down the eastern slopes of the Tobacco Roots and also offers scenic boating, waterskiing and jet skiing opportunities.





# River Rafting | Kayaking | SUP

The Yellowstone, Gallatin and Madison Rivers, once used by Indians, trappers, and early explorers as access to the mysterious Yellowstone wilderness, now provide excellent recreation for whitewater enthusiasts coming to the Bozeman Area.

Located less than a half hour drive southwest of Bozeman, the Gallatin River offers the most challenging rafting near Yellowstone National Park. The Gallatin is a small river that runs through a rocky canyon, providing incredible views of mountain meadows and towering cliffs. In June, when the water is high certain stretches of the river are class IV+. For people seeking a milder experience, there are many other areas of the Gallatin that offer fun but less challenging rapids. As the water level drops, the intensity of the rapids subsides, but even in August, there are challenging and exciting stretches of this amazingly scenic and magical river. Local outfitters offer half day and full day trips suitable for all levels. It's recommended that only experienced boaters plan for an unguided trip down the Gallatin.

The Yellowstone River runs out of the north entrance of Yellowstone National Park, and commercial rafting is available out of Gardiner, about 1.5 hour drive southeast of Bozeman. The Yellowstone is a big volume river with rolling waves for an exciting ride. The Yellowstone has many different flat water stretches suitable for canoeing, rafting and kayaking.

The Madison River, located west of Bozeman has a one day stretch of class 3-4 whitewater, through Bear trap Canyon. Because of its remote location, this float requires an advance shuttle. Below the Bear trap, flat water sections of the Madison are popular for tubing, canoeing and drift boats throughout the summer time!

# Don't miss an opportunity to explore all the amazing views & rivers!



#### **Big Boys Toys**

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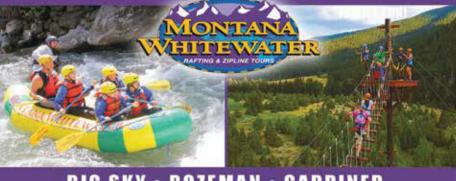
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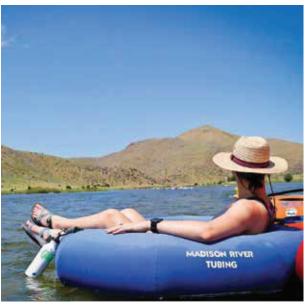
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# **Tubing**

By far the most enjoyed activity by the locals! Floating the Madison River is a treasured pastime and a "must do" when you visit the Bozeman Area. The most popular section of the Madison River Float is a relaxing and fun 6 ½ miles. The float parallels Hwy 84 through the Madison Canyon about 24 miles west of Bozeman. The fun begins at the Warm Springs put-in and end either after 6 ½ miles at the Blacks Ford take-out or, for a more adventurous trip, ends after 11 miles at the Greycliff camping and day-use area. If you wish to get a little more off the beaten path, try floating the Jefferson River in the Three Forks area.



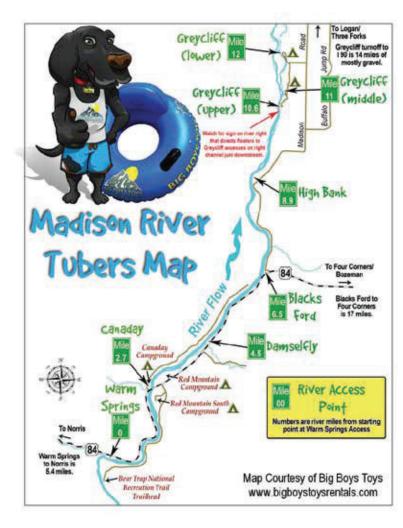


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# The Nation's Finest Trout Fishing

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**2-Day License** (consecutive days): \$25 **10-Day License** (consecutive days): \$56.00

Season License: \$86 Conservation License: \$10

(required to purchase fishing or hunting licenses) **Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Pass:** \$15

(required to fish each year in Montana)

#### FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION

Licenses can be obtained at the Fish, Wildlife and Parks office or at most fishing and sports stores. Non-residents should check with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for specific licensing requirements.

http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/license/applications.html#fishing

If you have lived in Montana six months or longer, you are considered a resident and may apply for a resident license with certain requirements.

#### LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

To fish in Montana, anglers need their conservation license, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Pass, and a fishing license. A conservation license is needed before you can buy any fishing or hunting licenses that Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) issues. Conservation license applicants are required to provide their social security number in addition to information usually requested. A valid driver's license or a valid Photo ID is required to purchase a license. A fishing license allows a person to fish for and possess any fish authorized by the state's fishing regulations. It is nontransferable and nonrefundable. The license enables one to fish from March 1 through the end of February of the following year.

#### FISH TECHNOLOGY CENTER

A tour of this center shows dedicated staff performing research of fish cultural techniques, fish diseases, fish-fed development and testing, broodstock diet testing, and fishery management. Technical assistance in these areas is provided to federal and state fisheries agencies and the private sector throughout the United States.

4050 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715 406-587-9265

#### **CATCH & RELEASE**

The practice of catch and release is one that has grown extremely popular among Montana trout fishermen and has proven to be one of our best means of ensuring the quality of our fisheries for years to come. Important steps to releasing fish without harm include using barbless hooks, keeping fish in the water while removing the fly, wetting hands before handling fish for a picture, and avoid battling fish to exhaustion. When handling fish, cradle the trout gently with the hands under the belly and avoid squeezing fish — they do not bite! If reviving a fish is necessary, hold the fish gently with its head into the current until it swims away on its own.

"From the pocket water of Gallatin Canyon to the long riffles of the Madison and the classic runs of the Yellowstone, it doesn't take long for an angler to realize that southwestern Montana is home to some of the nation's finest trout fishing. Centrally located, Bozeman offers prime access to each of these blue-ribbon streams, not to mention an endless array of smaller stream and stillwater options. Native cutthroats, wild rainbows and browns are abundant in most area waters and are ripe for the picking almost year-round. Be it winter or summer, opportunities are widespread — check with local shops for updated information on current conditions and guided trips."

— Dave McKee, Bozeman Daily Chronicle columnist

#### MONTANA TROUT FLIES

Early Season Selection (April 1 - June 1)

NYMPHS: Black Stone Fly (#2-#4) Bitch Creek (#2-#6) Prince Nymph (#10-#14)
DRIES: Blue Wing Olive (#12-#18) Midges (#18-#24) Adams (#14-#16)
STREAMERS: Wooly Buggers (#4-#8) Olive Matuka (#6-#8)
Muddler Minnows (#6-#8)

Mid-Season Selection (June 1-Aug. 1)

NYMPHS: Golden Stone Fly (#6-#8) Prince (#10-#14) Serendipity (#12-#14)
DRIES: Sofa Pillow (#2-#6) Hi-Viz Stone Fly (#2-#6) Birds Stone Fly (#2-#6)
STREAMERS: Wooly Buggers (#4-#8) Olive Matuka (#6-#8)
Muddler Minnows (#6-#10)

Summer Season (Aug. 1- Sept. 1)

NYMPHS: Brownstone (#6-#10) Prince (#10-#14) Serendipity (#12-#14)

DRIES: Royal Wulff (#12-#16) Elk Hair Caddis (#12-#16) Royal Trude (#12-#16)

Dave's Hopper (#8-#14)

STREAMERS: Wooly Buggers (#4-#8) Muddler Minnows (#6-#10)

Fall Selection (Sept. 1-Oct. 15)

NYMPHS: Yuk bugs (#4-#8) Red Belly Girdle Bugs (#4-#8) Oxnams Tri Fly (#4-#8)

DRIES: Orange Stimulator (#8-#12) Elk Hair Caddis (#12-#16) October Caddis (#12-#14)

STREAMERS: Blue Wing Buggers (#2-#6) Zonkers (#2-#6) Marabou Muddlers (#2-#6)

This is just a partial listing- check with a guide to see what's biting!

#### Fishing Guides and Outfitters

#### Fins & Feathers....ON THE FLY

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#### **Hooked Outfitting**

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#### **Montana Angling Company**

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