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# "Welcome to the Land of the Shining Mountains"

WE want your stay within our borders to be so pleasant that you will return many times. Our opportunities for recreation are unlimited, our scenery is magnificent, our topography is varied and the courtesy and hospitality of our people are unending.

Montana is the third largest state in the Union. It is larger than Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland combined, but thirty-fifth in the amount of revenue available for highway construction and maintenance. Our distances are great and our population sparse. It has been a problem to keep pace with the requirements of the motoring public. Ten years ago the mileage of paved highways in this state was negligible. Today we have approximately 5,000 miles of paved roads.

Of necessity our money has to be spread thin, each year the standard has been raised to meet the demands of modern traffic. Our highways are being straightened, widened, and heavy grades are being ironed out.

Due to climatic conditions our construction season coincides with our period of heaviest travel—the tourist season. We make every effort to arrange the handling of traffic through and around construction work so that

motorists will suffer the minimum inconvenience. Every man associated with this department is instructed to render every courtesy and assistance to our guests.

The foregoing is in no sense an apology for our highways. We are proud of the progress made during the past decade. It will, however, perhaps answer the hasty and thoughtless criticism sometimes inspired by unusual circumstances which individuals may encounter. You find stretches that need improvement you may be sure that we have them spotted too, and that they will be corrected just as soon as time and finances permit.

Our motoring regulations are reasonable and designed for your own safety. We ask you to co-operate by observing them so that no unfortunate incident may occur to mar the pleasure of your trip.

Historical Markers have been erected along the highways for your pleasure and information. We are always open to suggestions and are glad to give you information on any subject pertaining to Montana. Address your communications to the Montana Highway Department, Helena, Montana.

We wish you the best of luck.

MONTANA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Yellowstone National Park open to Motorists May 1st to October 15th

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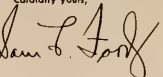
The Abiding and Soul-Satisfying

ON the note that "Travel Strengthens America," Montana, the Treasure State, lifts her long of invitation to the tourist who may be planning a "See America First" trip for 1942. In these trying times most people are living on a sort of forced drought economy, and it is known of all men that this cannot be maintained indefinitely without danger of failure of some part of the delicate human mechanism.

We know the old saw about "all work and no play," and it becomes the duty of every American who is immersed in the activities of this national defense program to take a little time out for rest and recreation and the consequent recuperation.

Reaching this point, we are proud to invite the attention of prospective tourists to the claims of Montana upon his active interest. Mother Nature was prodigal in lavishing her allure upon our good State. Here we have to offer a kaleidoscopic pattern that will many times over repay the traveler. We have the low lands and the high lands; we have the "bad lands" and the amazingly rich lands; we have the mighty rivers and the fascinating lakes; we have three of the main entrances to the Nation's Wonderland, Yellowstone National Park; we have all of magnificent Glacier National Park—and all of these are to be easily and comfortably reached by the Nation's Wonderful and that will furnish in every mile a thrill that will never be forgotten.

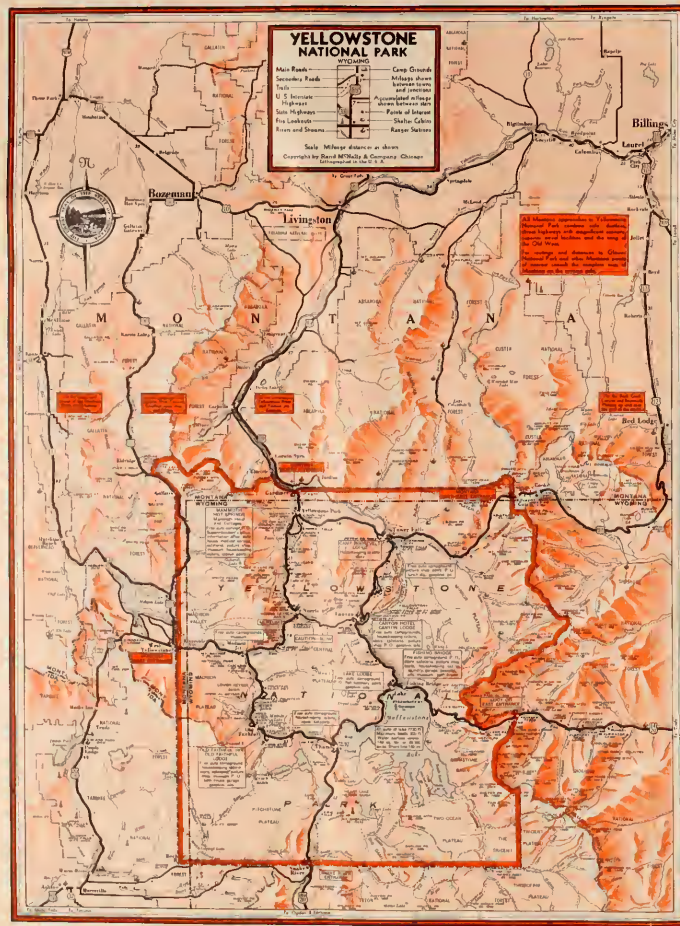
So, in this time of national stress Montana expects every tourist to consider a trip to our Northwest in the 1942 season. Our people are a friendly folk and here you will find a welcome that will warm the cockles of the heart every time the events of the world are read.

Cardially yours,  
  
 Governor.

# Points of Interest

- Badlands, weird and alluring natural formations, near Glendive, Jordan and Terry.
- Bannock, "Ghost town," first capital of Montana.
- Bea's Paw Battlefield, Chief Joseph's surrender, Chinoak
- Big Hole Battlefield, retreat of Chief Joseph, Wisdom
- Big Horn Canyon, Spectacular Canyon, south of Hardin.
- Big Spring, gushing 61,000,000 gallons of water daily, forming the famous trout stream, Big Spring Creek, Lewistown.
- Boz Hill Cemetery, they died with their boots on, Billings
- Bozeman-West Yellowstone, through scenic Gallatin Canyon to Yellowstone National Park.
- Capital of Montana, paintings and collection, Helena.
- Cavity Range, Telling with its crystal caves, ice caves, Hell's Forty Acres, catacombs, Tirovante Mountain and extinct geyser cones, the strange story of the ages, near Lewistown
- Chain Of Lakes Drive, beautiful lakes and virgin timber, between Kalispell and Libby.
- Charley Russell Studio, relics and paintings, Great Falls.
- Copper and Zinc Electrolytic Refineries, Great Falls.
- Copper Mines, in "Richters Hill on Earth," the most unique mining center in the world, Butte.
- Cowboy Museum, relics of the old days, Great Falls.
- Custer Battlefield, Custer's last stand, Crow Agency.
- Falls of Missouri River, Four majestic falls, Great Falls.
- Flothead Lake, largest body of fresh water west of Great Lakes, between Polson and Kalispell.
- Fort Keogh, early day important Army Post, Miles City.
- Fort Peck Dam, largest earth-filled dam in the world; length of reservoir 180 miles, million acre game preserve, Glasgow.
- Gates of the Mountains, spectacular canyon, near Helena.
- Giant Spring, largest fresh water spring in the world. Year round temperature of 52 degrees, Great Falls.
- Glacier National Park, twisted and tumbled mountains, 80 glaciers, 250 lakes (Fish hatchery at Creston).
- Grasshopper Glacier, millions of grasshoppers imprisoned in ice, near Cooke City.
- Indian Caves, museum of archaeological discoveries, Billings
- Kootenai Falls, scenic falls and river gorge, Libby.
- Lewis and Clark Memorial, explorers camp site, Arnested.
- Livingston-Gardiner, all year water level route to Yellowstone National Park.
- Lumbering, large saw mill operations at Bonner, Columbia Falls, Hot Springs, Kalispell, Libby, Polson, Missoula and Sorens.
- Medicine Rocks, Indian ceremonial grounds, Ekalaka.
- Monzon Cave State Park, marvelous limestone cavern, guide service, near Whitehall.
- Museum of Plains Indians, Indian Art and Industry, Browning.
- National Bison Range, near Ravalli.
- Pompey's Pillar Rock, lone rock formation, Pompey's Pillar.
- Powder River Cattle Company, near Miles City, Terry and Broadus.
- Prehistoric Reptile Bones, on display at Glendive.
- Red Lodge-Cooke City, over famous Highroad to Yellowstone National Park.
- Robbers Roost, early day rendezvous of road agents, between Sheridan and Virginia City.
- Signal Butte, vantage point used by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians for smoke signals, Miles City.
- Smelters, located at Anaconda (world's biggest smoke stack), and East Helena.
- St. Ignace Mission, early day Catholic Church, beautiful mural paintings, St. Ignace.
- St. Mary's Mission, log church, first in Montana, Stevensville.
- Three Forks of Missouri River, Three Falls.
- Three Forks Ennis-West Yellowstone, through historic Madison Valley to Yellowstone National Park.
- Virginia City, second Capital of Montana, famous mining camp with museum of pioneer relics.
- Whitefish Lake Region, a very road sportland, offering golf, watersports, skiing, hunting and fishing for the giant Mackinac trout, Whitefish.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Montana ("Mountainous"), nickname—the Treasure State

Area, 146,997 square miles or 94,078,080 acres.

Population (1940), 559,456 Density, 3.8 per sq. mile.

**MONTANA RADIO STATIONS**

Helena	KFA 1540 Z Net, NBC Red and Blue
Butte	KGIR 1370 Z Net, NBC Red and Blue
Bozeman	KRBM 1450 Z Net, NBC Red and Blue
Billings	KGHL 790 NBC Red and Blue
Great Falls	KFBF 1310 Columbia
Missoula	KGOV 1290 Columbia
Miles City	KRJJ 1340
Kalispell	KGLZ 1460
Wolf Point	KGCK 1480

**INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND TRIBES**

Blackfeet—Pegons and Blackfeet.

Crow—Crow or Absarokee.

Flothead—Salish, Kootenai, Pend d'Oreille, Kalispell.

Fort Belknap—Gros Ventre and Assiniboine.

Fort Peck—Assiniboine and Yankton Sioux.

Rocky Boy—Cree.

Tongue River—Northern Cheyenne.

For information on Indians write to: Museum of Plains Indians, Browning, Montana.

**RUINS OF OLD FORTS AND TRADING POSTS**

Ft. Assiniboine, So. of Havre	Ft. Marshall, N. E. of Winnett
Ft. Belknap, So. of Hardin	Ft. Benton, So. of Fort Benton
Ft. Cannon, So. of Ronan	Ft. Owen, E. of Stevensville
Ft. Gilbert, N. of Sidney	Ft. Peck, site of Fort Peck Dam
Ft. Logan, N. W. of White Sulphur Springs	Ft. Shaw, W. of Great Falls
Ft. Maginnis, W. of Grass Range	Ft. C. F. Smith, So. of Hardin
	Ft. Union, So. of Bozaville

**National Forests—Primitive Areas in Montana.** Vast regions of undeveloped National Forest areas of outstanding scenic beauty, under the supervision of the U. S. Forest Service. They contain peaks, glaciers, lakes, streams, mountain meadows, an abundance of wild game and fish. Here are to be found trails for saddle and pack trips as well as camping spots for motorists.

There are eight of these areas in Montana (one extends into Northern Idaho), having a total of nearly three and one-half million acres.

The size and location of the areas are as follows:

Anaconda-Pintler	145,000 acres, southwest of Anaconda.
Bearfoot	230,000 acres, south of Columbus.
Bab Marshell	995,000 acres, reached from Cheyenne, Kalispell or Missoula.
Selway-Bitterroot	1,870,000 acres, south of Missoula.
Abnaskia	64,000 acres, south of Livingston.
Cabinet	90,000 acres, near Libby.
Mission Mountains	73,500 acres, near Ronan.
Spanish Peaks	50,000 acres, south of Bozeman.

Montana contains about 30,000 square miles of National Forests and 1,250 square miles of State Forests.

For information on forests write to: U. S. Forest Service, Missoula, Montana.

**FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES AND FEES**

Resident Bird and Fish License	\$ 2.00
Resident Big Game	1.00
Sportsmen License	5.00
Non-Resident Seasonal Fishing License	5.00
Non-Resident 10-Day Limited Fishing	2.50
Non-Resident Bird	10.00
Non-Resident Big Game	30.00

For information on Hunting and Fishing write to: Montana Fish and Game Commission, Helena, Montana.

**LAKES—RIVERS—MOUNTAINS**

The State has 1,000 Lakes and 40 Rivers. It has 30 Mountains over 10,000 ft. high. The highest is Granite Peak, 12,850 ft.

