

MONTANA HIGHWAY MAP

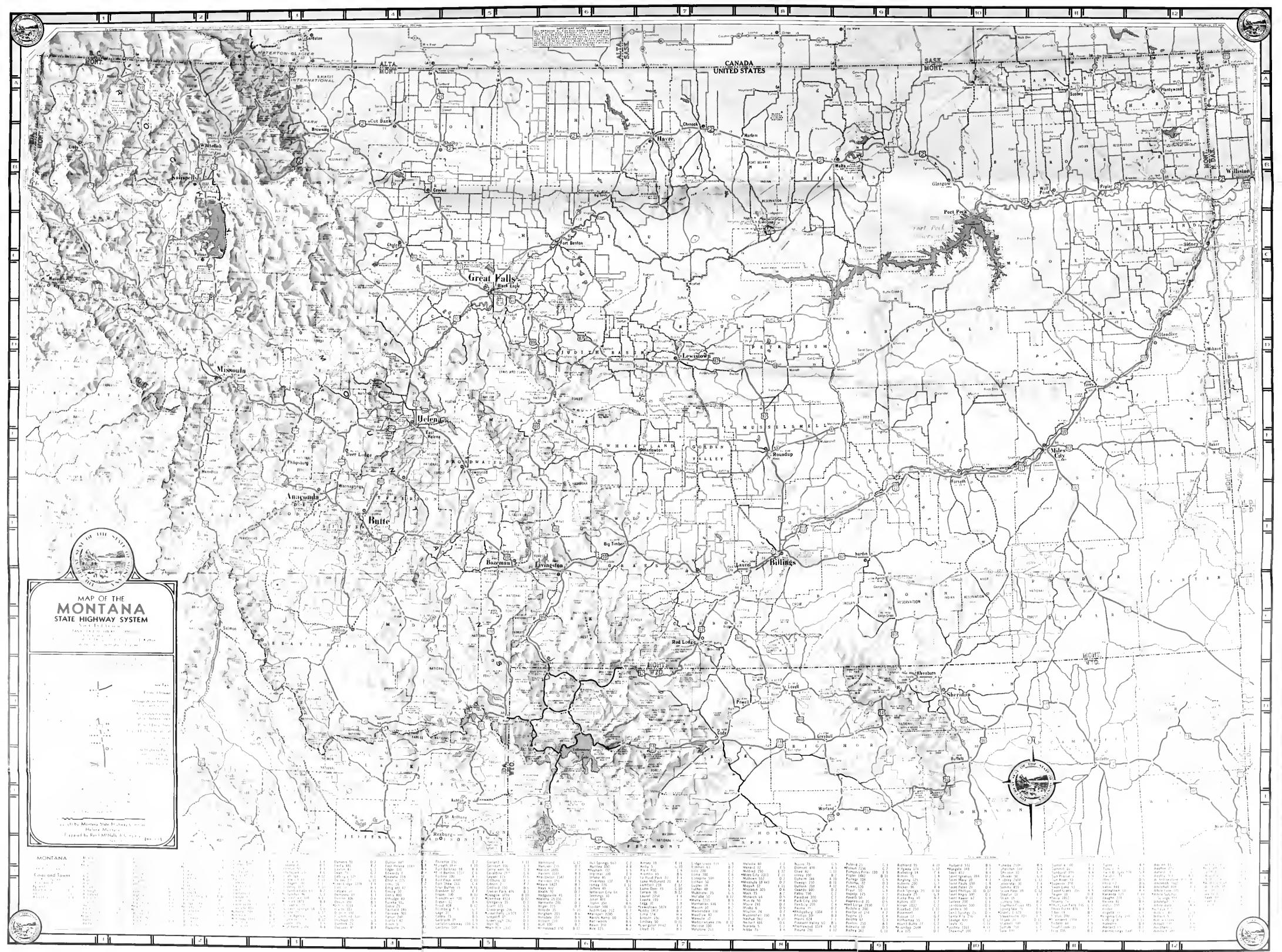
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Welcome to the Land of the Shining Mountains

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 unfailing.

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 hasty and thoughtless critics sometimes inspired by unusual circumstances which individuals may encounter. If 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.

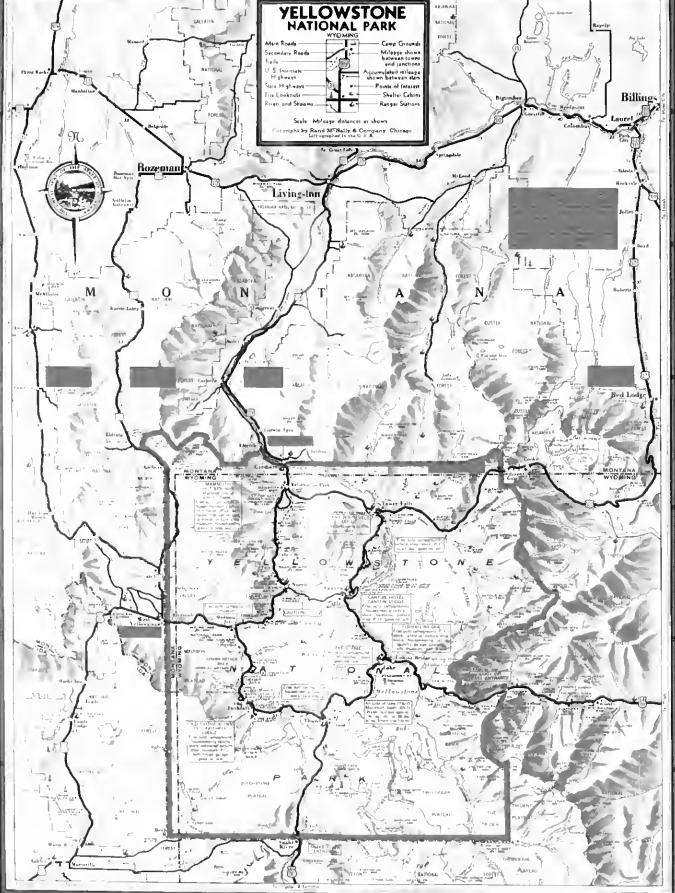
Our motoring regulations are reasonable and designed for your own safety. We ask you to co-operate by observing them so that no unfortunate incident may occur to mar the pleasure of your trip.

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



MONTANA The Alluring and Soul-Satisfying

On the note that "Travel Strengthens America," Montana, the Treasure State, has her song of invitation to the tourist to be playing. See you again Friday, May 1, 1942. In these trying times more people are living on a sort of forced draught program, 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 have the old saw about "all work and no play," and it becomes the duty of every American who is immersed in the activities of the national defense plan 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 the tourist to tourist 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 few, if many times over repay the traveler. We have the most famous mountains in the world to have "true big 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 to be easily and quickly reached by highway or automobile and that will furnish in every mile a thrill that will never be forgotten.

So, in time of national tension Montana expects every tourist to consider a trip to our Northwest in the 1942 season. Our people are friendly and here you will find a welcome that will warm the coddlers of the heart every time the events of the tour are recalled.

Cordially yours,

Governor.

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 KFPA 1940 Z Nat. NBC Red and Blue

Butte KGIR 1370 Z Nat. NBC Red and Blue

Billings KGHL 1430 Z Nat. NBC Red and Blue

Great Falls KRBK 1310 Columbia

Missoula KGVO 1290 Columbia

Miles City KJRF 1340

Kalispell KGZ 1460

Wolf Point KGCK 1480

INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND TRIBES

Blackfeet—Piegan and Blackfeet.

Crow—Salish, Koosai, Pend d'Oreilles, Kalispell.

Fox Indians—Gros Ventre and Assiniboin.

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

Fr. Muzzell, So. of Havre

Fr. Belknap, So. of Hartline

Fr. Benton, So. of Fort Benton

Fr. Crowskin, So. of Crowskin

Fr. Gibbons, So. of Sidney

Fr. Logan, N. W. of White Sulphur Springs

Fr. Magruder, W. of Grass Range

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 fine saddle and pack trips as well as camping trips 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:

Anacanda—Pinter 145,000 acres, northeast of Anacanda

Bearmouth 230,000 acres, south of Columbus

Bob Marshall 995,000 acres, reach from Choteau, Kalispell or Missoula

Salway-Bitterroot 1,870,000 acres, south of Missoula

Absaroka 64,000 acres, south of Livingston

Big Hole 90,000 acres, south of Big Hole

Mission Mountains 73,500 acres, near Ronan

Spanish Peaks 50,000 acres, south of Bozeman

Montana contains about 30,000 square miles of National Forest and 1,990 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

Sportsman's License 5.00

Non-Resident Personal Fishing License 10.00

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 1,920 Lakes and 40 Rivers. It has 30 Mountains over 10,000 ft. high. The highest is Granite Peak, 12,850 ft.

Points of Interest

Badlands, weird and alluring natural formations, near Glendive, Jordan and Terry.

Bonac, "Ghost town," first capital of Montana.

Bear's Paw Battlefield, Chief Joseph's surrender, Chinook

Big Hole Battlefield, retreat of Chief Joseph, Wisdom

Big Horn Canyon, Spectacular Canyon, south of Hardin.

Big Spring, gushing 51,000,000 gallons of water daily forming the headwaters of the Big Spring Creek, Lewistown.

Boo Hill Cemetery, they died with their boots on, Billings

Bosman-West Yellowstone, through scenic Gallatin Canyon to Yellowstone National Park.

Capital of Montana, paintings and collection, Helena.

Cavity Range, Telling with crystal caves, ice caves, Hell's Forty Acres, catacombs, Travertine 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.

Chief Joseph, small, reliable and paintings, Great Falls.

Coal, strip mining on large scale, south of Forsyth.

Copper and Zinc Electrolytic Refineries, Great Falls.

Copper Mines, in "Riches Hill on Earth," the most unique mining center in the world. Butte.

Devil's Roast, 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. Ignatius Mission, early day Catholic Church, beautiful murals, paintings, St. Ignatius.

St. Mary's Mission, log church, first in Montana, Stevensville.

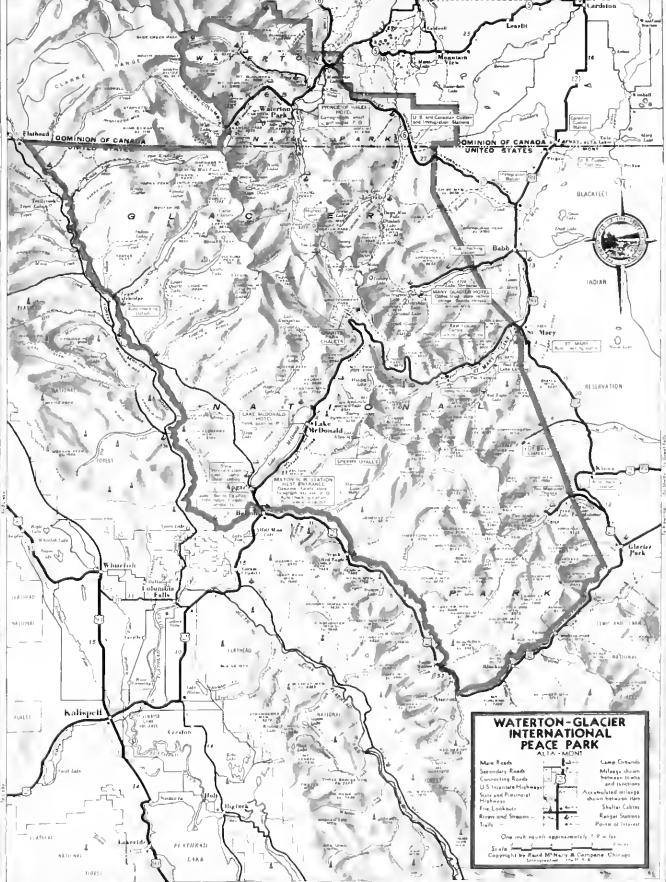
Three Forks of Missouri River, Three Forks.

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 year round sportland, offering golf, watersports, skiing, hunting and fishing for the giant mackinaw trout, Whitefish.

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



MONTANA MILEAGE TABLE

ALL ABOVE DISTANCES ARE COMPUTED BY WAY OF TRUNK LINES. SOME MAY BE MATERIALLY SHORTENED BY USE OF COUNTY ROADS.