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# Yellowstone Country MONTANA

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## MONTANA ROAD CONDITIONS

Know before you go. Check updated Montana road conditions by calling **511** or **1.800.226.ROAD (7623)**, or visiting [mdt.mt.gov/travinfo](http://mdt.mt.gov/travinfo).

## Montana Entrances to Yellowstone National Park

Providing three of the five entrances to Yellowstone National Park, Montana isn't just the first gateway into the park, it's the most inspiring.

### NORTH ENTRANCE: GARDINER, MONTANA

The only year-round entrance into the park for personal vehicles is through Gardiner and leads straight into the heart of Yellowstone.

### NORTHEAST ENTRANCE: COOKE CITY-SILVER GATE, MONTANA

Enter through Cooke City during the spring, summer or fall to traverse the winding Beartooth Highway.

### WEST ENTRANCE: WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA

From this picturesque, all-American small town, take a guided snowcoach or snowmobile tour of the park.



## IDAHO

## Enlarged Area



## WYOMING

### Map Symbols and Other Features

- Interstate
- U.S. Highway
- State Road
- Secondary Road
- Continental Divide
- Scenic Drive
- Dam
- Lewis and Clark's Trail
- Montana State Park
- Entrance to Yellowstone National Park
- Mountain Peak
- Waterfall
- Airport
- Ski Resort
- Hot Spring
- Photo Opportunity
- Camping
- Guest Ranch
- Motorized Boating
- Canoe
- Low-Impact, Family-Friendly Hiking Trail
- Ice Climbing
- Bison
- Moose
- Bear
- Elk
- Bighorn Sheep

### Community Activities

- Hiking
- Fishing
- Mountain Biking
- Horseback Riding
- Canoeing
- Whitewater Rafting
- Farmers Market
- Museum
- Golfing
- Bird Watching
- Rock Climbing
- Ice Climbing
- Zip Lining
- ATV
- Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding
- Nordic Skiing
- Dog Sledding
- Sleigh Rides
- Snowcoach Tours
- Snowmobiling

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Take the scenic route. Let our rivers wind their way in and our mountains grab hold. Be charmed by our towns. Get lost for a little while, in a place you'll (happily) never really return from. Boldly go in the direction of a life well lived. Your thirst for adventure—for the unknown and all that comes with it—will be more than quenched. Explore the unexpected. Because pictures are one thing. But well-told tales about undiscovered places are even better.

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# Yellowstone Country MONTANA

PARADISE VALLEY: ANDY AUSTIN

## BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY

Experience "the most beautiful drive in America," featuring spellbinding switchbacks through a wild and supremely gorgeous landscape with 20+ peaks towering over 12,000 feet. Take this route to Yellowstone National Park in the summer season, from Red Lodge to Cooke City. Along the way, pull over and explore alpine plateaus, glacial lakes, lushly forested valleys and cascading waterfalls.



**ROUTE:** Red Lodge to Cooke City  
**ROAD:** U.S. Highway 212  
**MILES:** 68 **TIME:** 3 hours

### 1 RED LODGE

Visit the **Carbon County Historical Museum** and explore the **Beartooth Gallery** at the **Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery** before hitting the highway. For outdoor fun, head to the **Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary** or hike the **Wild Bill Lake Loop** (easy/0.5 miles), **Silver Run Loop** (easy/5.3 miles), or **Basin Lakes Trail** No. 61 (moderate/5.1 miles) just outside of town.

### 2 STOP AND PLAY ALONG THE WAY

Hike the out-and-back **Lower Lake Fork Trail** in Absaroka—featuring multiple off-route adventures—and explore the **Beartooth Wilderness** in the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

### 3 VISTA POINTS

Pull out at **Rock Creek** and **Beartooth Pass** vista points for scenic views and fresh mountain air.

### 4 COOKE CITY-SILVER GATE

Explore the **Cooke City Mining Museum** or rent an **ATV** and head to the old mining trails in the mountains above town. Or, take to the trails by horseback or by foot; hike Hemingway's muse—**Crazy Creek**—or the **Clarks Fork Trail**. Inside the park, drive through the **Lamar Valley** for epic wildlife watching.



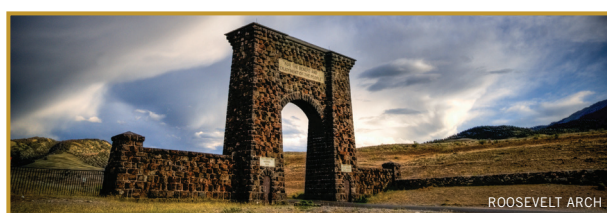
BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY: KURT MANSTER

## PARADISE VALLEY

Follow the Yellowstone River along the soaring peaks of the Absaroka Mountains to the east, with the picturesque Gallatin Range to the west. This aptly named panoramic river valley is the perfect place to get knee-deep in a sleepy stretch of river and cast a fly rod. Make it a loop tour or travel from Livingston to Gardiner for entrance into Yellowstone National Park.



**ROUTE:** Livingston to Gardiner  
**ROAD:** U.S. Highway 89  
**MILES:** 54.3  
**TIME:** 58 minutes



ROOSEVELT ARCH

### 1 LIVINGSTON

Explore this arts mecca along the **Yellowstone River**, where fishing and floating opportunities abound. Pine Creek Lodge offers modern-rustic lodging and live, outdoor music during the warm season. Round out your stay with a truly western horseback riding experience.

### 2 MALLARD'S REST FISHING ACCESS SITE

13 miles from Livingston at mile marker 42, you'll find what might be the most scenic part of the drive and the ultimate in Montana views.

### 3 CHICO HOT SPRINGS + YELLOWSTONE HOT SPRINGS

Stop in Pray for a soak at **Chico Hot Springs**, a historic resort settled in the foothills of the Absarokas. Or, soak in the views 30 minutes south of Chico at **Yellowstone Hot Springs**, just 10 minutes north of the park.

### 4 GARDINER

This quaint, full-service town is a mere 5 miles from the park's impressive **Mammoth Hot Springs** terraces—stop along the way at the famed **Boiling River**. **Gardiner** will get you into Yellowstone via the iconic **Roosevelt Arch** in any season, offering the only wintertime personal-vehicle entrance. Gardiner also makes the perfect launching point for **whitewater rafting** and **wildlife watching tours**.

## GALLATIN CANYON

Make your way to Yellowstone National Park driving from Bozeman to West Yellowstone via the rugged and captivating Gallatin Canyon. Travel along the Gallatin River—the blue-ribbon trout waters of "A River Runs Through It" fame—past rugged rock formations and canyon walls, deep forests and valleys that go on forever. Roadside Attraction Alert: Bighorn sheep, along with the occasional bear, moose or deer.



**ROUTE:** Bozeman to Big Sky  
**ROAD:** U.S. Highway 191  
**MILES:** 44.1  
**TIME:** 58 minutes

### 1 BOZEMAN

Fly into **Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport**. Explore downtown Bozeman and America's dinosaur history at the **Museum of the Rockies**. En route from Bozeman to Big Sky, keep your eyes peeled for the **Storm Castle Peak** rock formation just past Spanish Creek.

### 2 BIG SKY

Hike **Ousel Falls**—short and scenic—and extend your Gallatin Canyon journey with a stay at **Lone Mountain Ranch** or **Big Sky Resort**, both offering world-class, year-round activities and a premier, western lodging experience.

### 3 MADISON VALLEY

Take a state Highway 287 West detour for boating and fishing at **Hebgen Lake**—a Madison River reservoir and premier spot for big rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout. **Quake Lake** marks another popular fishing location in the area.

### 4 WEST YELLOWSTONE

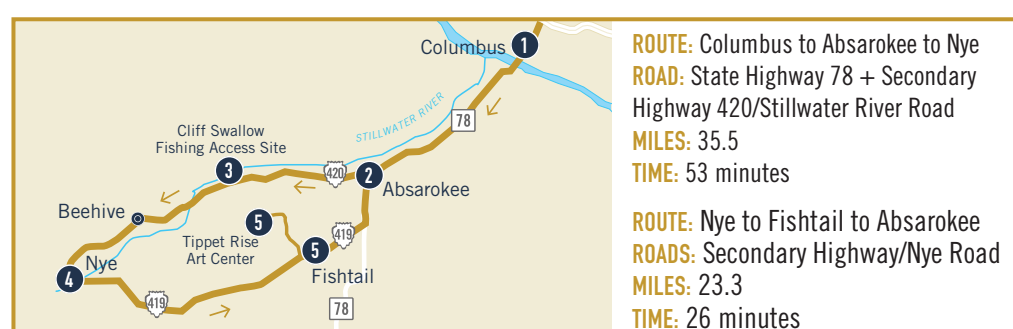
This idyllic mountain town serves as the west entrance to the park, and lodging and amenities here are stellar. Before heading into Yellowstone, don't miss the **Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center** and the **Zipline Adventure Park**.

### 5 INSIDE THE PARK

Embark on a long and scenic, point-to-point hike through Yellowstone via the **Bighorn Pass Trail** or the **Fawn Pass Trail**. Note that a short connector trail between the two can be used to make a **Bighorn/Fawn** loop hike.

## ABSAROOKE LOOP

Follow the wild Stillwater River from Columbus to Absarokee and then on to Nye. The first half of the loop travels through grasslands, a small burn area and a narrow canyon with jagged Beartooth Mountain peaks. This quiet road turns to gravel at the Nye Basin but stays open year-round. From Nye, head back north through Fishtail. Don't forget your fly rod.



**ROUTE:** Columbus to Absarokee to Nye  
**ROAD:** State Highway 78 + Secondary Highway 420/Stillwater River Road  
**MILES:** 35.5  
**TIME:** 53 minutes

**ROUTE:** Nye to Fishtail to Absarokee  
**ROADS:** Secondary Highway/Nye Road  
**MILES:** 23.3  
**TIME:** 26 minutes

### 1 COLUMBUS

This full-service town sits at the foothills of the Beartooths on the **Yellowstone River**, offering plenty of fishing opportunities plus backpacking and hiking. Visit the **Museum of the Beartooths** for a lesson in the history of the area.

### 2 ABSAROOKE

A popular road-trip stop, adventures often begin in this scenic valley community—including horseback riding, rafting and fishing the **Stillwater River**, and hiking in the nearby **Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness**.



TIPPET RISE ART CENTER

### 3 CLIFF SWALLOW FISHING ACCESS SITE

Handicapped-access, bathroom facilities, fishing pier.

### 4 NYE

Hike the 6.5-mile out-and-back **Stillwater River Trail** through a gorge and up a river canyon to **Sioux Charley Lake**. Another popular, family-friendly option is the 1.4-mile out-and-back **Woodbine Falls** trail featuring a waterfall.

### 5 FISHTAIL + TIPPET RISE ART CENTER

Enjoy good food at the historic **Fishtail General Store** and creek fishing access at Rosebud Isle. Visit the unique **Tippet Rise Art Center** for films, musical performances and large-scale art installations.

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Yellowstone's fascinating geothermal features, like geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, mudpots, and travertine terraces, make it one of the country's most popular destinations. You might even call it the Great American Vacation. Experience the allure of bubbling earth, a ragged Grand Canyon, crashing waterfalls, famous rivers, the wildlife-laden Lamar Valley, and iconic timbered lodges.



### 1 MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS &

### 2 NORRIS GEYSER BASIN &

### 3 ARTIST PAINT POTTS &

### 4 MADISON AREA

### 5 LOWER GEYSER BASIN

### 6 MIDWAY GEYSER BASIN

### 7 UPPER GEYSER BASIN &

### 8 OLD FAITHFUL AREA &

### 9 WEST THUMB &

### 10 GRANT VILLAGE &

### 11 LAKE VILLAGE &

### 12 FISHING BRIDGE &

### 13 YELLOWSTONE LAKE

### 14 MUD VOLCANO &

### 15 SULPHUR CALDRON &

### 16 CANYON VILLAGE &

### 17 YELLOWSTONE FALLS &

### 18 GRAND CANYON OF THE YELLOWSTONE &

### 19 TOWER-ROOSEVELT AREA

### 20 LAMAR VALLEY

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## FALL FOR COLOR IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

Autumn in Yellowstone Country is pure gold. There's room to spread out, stretch your legs, cast a line, and breathe in the crisp mountain air. The brown trout are biting and the elk are bugling. Fall is the time to take a scenic drive, float a river lined with the vibrant hues of the season, fish a famous-blue-ribbon trout stream, explore a captivating small town, or hike a less-crowded park. It's the time to see Montana in full color.

## WINTER IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Yellowstone is open all year long, and winter is especially magical. In an epic contradiction, steaming geysers erupt from sparkling, pure white snow. From West Yellowstone, take a snowcoach or snowmobile tour into the park to view Steamboat Geyser—the world's largest—or overnight at the iconic Old Faithful Snow Lodge.



## WINTER IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY MONTANA



BIG SKY RESORT: JEFF ENGERBRETON

Hibernation is for the bears. You're a snow seeker and Montana's Yellowstone Country is an alpine mecca of diverse winter terrain, both wild and tamed. The region gets over 400 inches of the fluffy white stuff every season. So get out, feel the crunch of snow underfoot, breathe in the crisp winter air and leave your tracks on as many mountains as you can.

## SLOPES AND RESORTS

Home to three of Montana's four largest ski areas, Yellowstone Country owns some of the best skiing in North America. Big Sky Resort offers 5,800 acres of terrain with 4,350 feet of vertical drop and unbelievable views. Bridger Bowl is known for its light, dry powder and the steep chutes experts crave. Red Lodge Mountain provides the ultimate ski vacation—mixed terrain, spectacular vistas and inviting après decks.

## SNOWMOBILING

West Yellowstone is one of the "best of the best" snowmobiling destinations in North America. The season starts early and ends late, averaging 153 inches of dry, powdery snow each year. Cooke City is equally amazing, with late-season backcountry snowmobiling extending into June and sometimes even July.

## NORDIC SKIING

Nordic skiing + supervolcano = a volcanic winter wonderland with miles of untouched snow through national forests and state parks. Notable trails in Yellowstone Country: Lone Mountain Ranch in Big Sky, Crosscut Mountain Sports Center in Bozeman and Rendezvous Ski Trails in West Yellowstone.

## DOG SLEDDING

Mush your way through Montana trails to a hot springs soak or a backcountry yurt. Outfitters and lodges in Big Sky and West Yellowstone offer half-day, full-day or overnight guided excursions of this increasingly popular winter activity.

## SLEIGH RIDES

It's as enchanting as it sounds. Pure mountain magic. Experience the spirit of winter in Yellowstone Country with a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Glide across the snow toward a romantic dinner at Lone Mountain Ranch in Big Sky or make a new family memory exploring the winter wilderness.