

# MONTANA

Updates 2023



## Lodging News

### RECENTLY OPENED:

**The Wren** in downtown Missoula, a sister property to the beloved Lark in Bozeman, has a local feel with unique touches at a central location ideal for any kind of adventure. (Open December 2022)

**Clydesdale Outpost** is a boutique guest ranch experience with two-bedroom compact luxury timber cabins overlooking fields where friendly Clydesdales roam. Offering horseback rides, carriage rides, sleigh rides and VIP experience with horses. Whitefish area.

**Jim Bridger Explorer Cabins**, located in Gardiner just minutes from the North Entrance to Yellowstone. Each cabin offers a raised balcony, kitchenette, flat-screen TV and shared fire pit. A Delaware North property. (Open November 2022)

**AC Hotel Bozeman Downtown** has a tech-centric modern design, 143 rooms, rooftop bar and lounge, fitness center and restaurant. Located just off Main Street for easy access to everything downtown offers. By Marriott.

### COMING SOON:

Opening in winter 2024/25: **The One and Only Moonlight Basin** coming to Big Sky is the first O&O in the U.S. It will include a lodge with 73 rooms and suites, 19

detached villas within the resort, a separate ski lodge and a chenot spa.

**Under Canvas North Yellowstone – Paradise Valley** opens in summer 2023. Situated alongside the Yellowstone River with easy access to fishing, boat tours and on-site dining. Upscale canvas tents with en-suite bathrooms, wood stoves and pristine riverfront access. 45-minute drive to the North Entrance of Yellowstone. Montana's third Under Canvas property.

**Even Hotel**, adjacent to the Bozeman Airport in Belgrade, will open in late 2023. Attracting the wellness-minded traveler, it will have 120 rooms, a restaurant and an indoor pool. A brewery is planned for next door as well as various restaurants and a bowling facility.

### RANCH UPDATES:

[Circle Bar Guest Ranch](#) near Hobson offers a family dude ranch vacation on a historic ranch dating back to the 1800s. All-inclusive week-long stays.

[Hidden Hollow Hideaway Cattle & Guest Ranch](#) is a small family ranch near Helena with three guest cabins surrounded by pristine mountains, scenic valleys and abundant wildlife. All-inclusive week-long stays.



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# Recently Opened & Notable Lodging



**Montage Big Sky** is an ultra-luxury enclave with guest rooms and residences, slopeside access, golf, restaurants, pool, bowling alley and spa.

**The Forge Hotel** in Anaconda is a BW Signature Hotel with on-site restaurant, indoor pool, cocktail lounge and complimentary breakfast.

**Base Glamp** offers 12 eco-friendly geodesic domes in several sizes in a forest setting north of Whitefish. Outdoor grills, private bathrooms, private decks and hot tubs.

**Clark Farm Silos** sits on third-generation farmland outside Kalispell. These unique metal structures offer gorgeous views, a loft bedroom, kitchenettes, private bathrooms, patios and a fire pit. Book on Airbnb.

**AC Hotel Downtown Missoula** is

located in walkable downtown so guests can explore the lively city. European-inspired dining, lounge and rooftop bar. A Marriott property with a boutique vibe.

**Roam Beyond**, with two locations near Glacier National Park, offers private camping cabins in scenic locations. Private bathrooms and access to communal cooking, dining and lounge areas. A unique camping experience – but much more convenient. Columbia Falls and Whitefish.

**Sherman Lodge** is a small boutique lodge offering four bedrooms sharing common living/kitchen areas, plus a self-contained loft, in the heart of downtown Kalispell.

**The Andrus Hotel** in Dillon is a small historic boutique hotel with modern luxury. Twelve suites with fully equipped kitchens, rooftop garden terrace and

bike rentals.

**Wonderstone** in Columbia Falls is located just 12 miles west of Glacier National Park. This re-designed hotel offers a modern mountain design and spacious guest rooms – and no televisions.

**Kimpton Armory Hotel Bozeman** is a luxury boutique hotel in the center of vibrant historic downtown. A rooftop bar, two restaurants, rooftop pool, fitness center and loaner bikes make it easy to enjoy Bozeman like a local.

**The green o** is the adult-only sister property of The Resort at Paws Up and offers 12 secluded homes set in the forest, with access to the large number of activities offered at Paws Up.

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## 2023 Adventures

### TRAILS TO EXPLORE

**Glacier National Park** is a hiker's paradise, with over 700 miles of trails to explore. [www.Hike734.com](http://www.Hike734.com) has valuable information about trail distances, elevations and conditions and is the ultimate planning resource.

Kalispell's new **Parkline Trail** is a multi-use trail open to walkers, bikers and runners that winds through downtown and connects to the Great Northern Historical Trail. Enjoy historic buildings, artifacts and stunning mountain views along the trail built on a former railroad line.

**Southeast Montana Burger Trail** is a foodie experience created from local favorites. Our small-town eateries offer unique craftsmanship and local humor. Try the "Big Ass Blue Cat Burger" in Huntley, the "If you wanna be my cowboy burger" in Ekalaka, or the finest Huckleberry burger found in Montana in

Billings. There's a downloadable map to help you find your way.

**Montana's Trail to the Stars** spans the eastern region of Montana and will ultimately include 40 locations, all ideal for stargazing. We have some of the darkest skies and brightest stars!

**Central Montana's Pie Trail** includes 20 locations to enjoy local fresh pies such as peanut butter cream, mudslide and huckleberry.

**Film Locations:** Montana's Western lifestyle, scenery and unique locations have long inspired TV and film creators. "A River Runs Through It," "The Horse Whisperer," "The Revenant" and now the wildly popular "Yellowstone" TV series have all been filmed here. Check out some of the [locations you can visit](#).

**Montana's Dino Trail** encompasses 14 locations that each offer a glimpse at historic dinosaur discoveries in Montana, plus some opportunities to dig

for dinosaur fossils. Follow the trail and learn why so many significant dinosaur discoveries have been made in Montana.

**The MonDak Motorcycle Loop** includes small towns, picturesque landscapes and wide-open roads made for motorcycle cruising. Locations in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota encourage your free-spirited adventure.

### GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Traveling the [Going to the Sun Road](#) is a must-do adventure. Whether on a [Red Bus Tour](#) or in your own car, you will discover glacier-carved valleys, glistening lakes, waterfalls and scenic trails that make Glacier unforgettable. Historic lodging within the Park is limited, and there are numerous lodging options within easy reach of the Park in nearby Kalispell, Whitefish and Columbia Falls.

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### **MONTANA'S DARK SKIES**

No matter where you are in Montana at night, you are pretty much guaranteed to see incredible night skies.

[Glacier National Park](#) was designated the world's first transboundary international dark sky park (along with Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada).

[Medicine Rocks State Park](#) is a certified International Dark Sky Sanctuary by International Dark Sky Association. Hiking, camping and photography.

[Montana Learning Center](#) offers summer public stargazing programs along the banks of Canyon Ferry Lake near Helena.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN EXPERIENCES**

[Sun Tours](#) offers Blackfeet-led tours of Glacier National Park's Going-to-the-Sun Road and the surrounding Blackfeet Reservation.

[Indian Battle Tours](#) (Rose Williamson) and [Apsaalooke Tours](#) offer informative Native-led tours of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument and other battlefields on the Crow Reservation.

[Ironshield Creative](#) offers indigenous storytelling and tribal cultural hike workshops focusing on indigenous songs, stories and dances, plant medicine, sacred sites and tribal preservation, ceremonial protocol and traditional knowledge. Locations on the Blackfeet Reservation or Glacier National Park.



### **UNIQUELY MONTANA ADVENTURES**

[Swan Mountain Llama Trekking](#) offers daily and overnight llama treks in Swan Valley, in the Flathead National Forest, and near Glacier in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

[Sage Lodge Llama Treks](#) offers llama day treks in Paradise Valley.

**E-biking near Glacier:** [Glacier Guides](#) offers rental and guided e-bike tours in Glacier National Park or the West Glacier area. [Glacier Outfitters](#) at West Glacier and [Sky-Echo](#) in Coram rent e-bikes for Glacier.

**Yellowstone Wood Boat Tours:** Luxury guided floats on custom wooden drift boats along the upper Yellowstone River near Livingston.

**Jetboat tours on the Yellowstone River** near Glendive with [Yellowstone River Adventures](#): Tours can focus on wildlife watching, agate or petrified wood hunting, historical learning or simply sightseeing.

[Billings Brew Trail](#) features 12 breweries, three distilleries and a cider house along the route. Portions are walkable downtown where you'll enjoy historic sites along the way.

[River City Brews Rafting Tours](#) in



Missoula will load your favorite local beer and take you on a scenic guided flat-water trip on the Blackfoot and Clark Fork Rivers.

Kayak on Flathead Lake with [Sea Me Paddle Tours](#): Take a kayak trip to Wild Horse Island to hike, paddle and spot

wildlife, or kayak to numerous scenic bays along the shore.

**Gates of the Mountains Boat Tour:** Two-hour narrated cruises through a wilderness area explored by the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Discover wildlife, history, pictographs and scenery while floating in steep limestone canyons along the Missouri River. Easily accessible from Helena.

### **YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**

Three of the Park's five entrances are located in Montana - the North, West and Northeast Entrances at [Gardiner](#), [West Yellowstone](#) and [Cooke City](#). Offering easy access to Yellowstone's wonders, these gateway communities have an array of activities all their own from horseback riding, rafting, hiking, fishing and Western cookouts to wildlife guides and winter activities.



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