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We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for choosing to visit our amazing mountain home! We are thrilled to have you here and excited to share all that makes Big Sky unique, welcoming and full of unforgettable experiences. Whether you're here to explore our stunning landscapes, immerse yourself in outdoor recreation or simply unwind, we hope you find every moment enjoyable and memorable.

As you explore Big Sky, we encourage you to take in all that surrounds you—from must-see attractions to hidden gems. To help you make the most of your visit, we've compiled this guide as a helpful companion for your journey. Thank you, again, for choosing to visit us. Tourism plays a vital role in our economy, bringing new businesses and jobs to create a thriving community where we live, work and play. We are honored to be a part of your adventure, and we hope this marks the beginning of many wonderful memories in Big Sky.

Brad Niva  
CEO, Visit Big Sky

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## BIG SKY COUNTRY

Nestled in a scenic canyon between Bozeman and West Yellowstone, Big Sky welcomes you with the majestic Lone Mountain rising dramatically above verdant alpine meadows. Come experience world class Rocky Mountain skiing and embrace the abundance of wildlife, outdoor adventures and beautiful natural landscapes under the wide open skies of Montana.

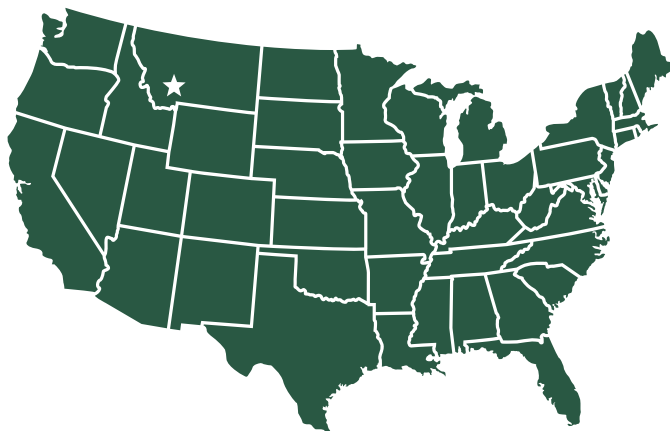
## POPULATION

In 2024, Big Sky's estimated population was 2,911 residents.



## ON THE MAP

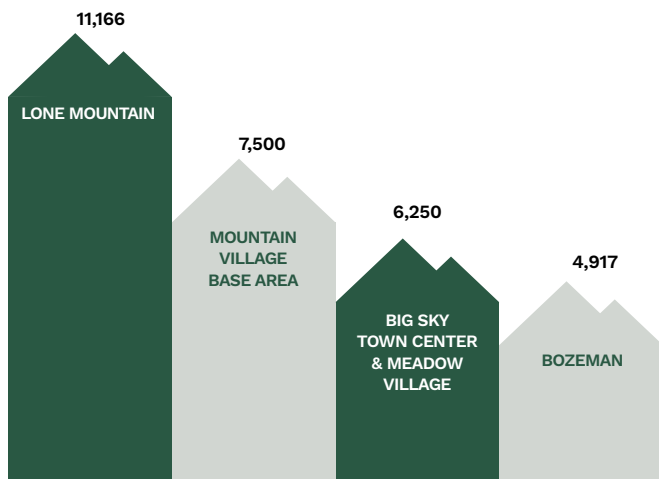
45°16'12"N 111°17'59"W  
Mountain Time Zone



## DID YOU KNOW?

Montana is the fourth largest state in the United States—behind Alaska, Texas and California—with 1.1 million residents. Only seven other states have a lower population. There are more cows here than people.

## ELEVATIONS (in feet)



## CLIMATE

	January		April		August		October	
Average Highs (°F)	31°		51°		79°		57°	
Average Lows (°F)	8°		23°		40°		25°	
Average Snowfall	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April		
	51"	66"	67"	62"	64"	62"		





## ECOLOGY

Big Sky is part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, one of the largest nearly intact temperate-zone ecosystems on Earth. It's notable for a diversity of wildlife, vegetation, lakes and the geothermal wonders of Yellowstone National Park. Below are some of the flora and fauna that call this ecosystem home.



## FLOWERS



Larkspur

Red Paintbrush

Elephant's Head

## MAMMALS



Bighorn Sheep

Bison

Black Bear



Elk

Moose

Mountain Goat

**DO YOUR  
SHARE**

LEAVE  
IT BE

BE  
WILDFIRE  
WISE

KEEP  
WILDLIFE  
WILD

STAY ON  
TRACK

GO WITH  
A PLAN

PACK  
IT OUT

## GALLATIN RIVER

The 120-mile-long Gallatin River originates in Yellowstone National Park and is celebrated for stretches of Blue Ribbon trout fishing, rowdy whitewater runs and scenic beauty. The river joins the Jefferson and Madison rivers in Three Forks, Montana, to form the Missouri River.

GALLATIN RIVER



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Learn how to keep Montana clean and safe for all to enjoy with Montana's 7 Principles of Leave No Trace. @leavenotrace @visitmontana



NORTH



TO BOZEMAN YELLOWSTONE  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BZN)

TO BOZEMAN (45 MILES)



SWAN CREEK  
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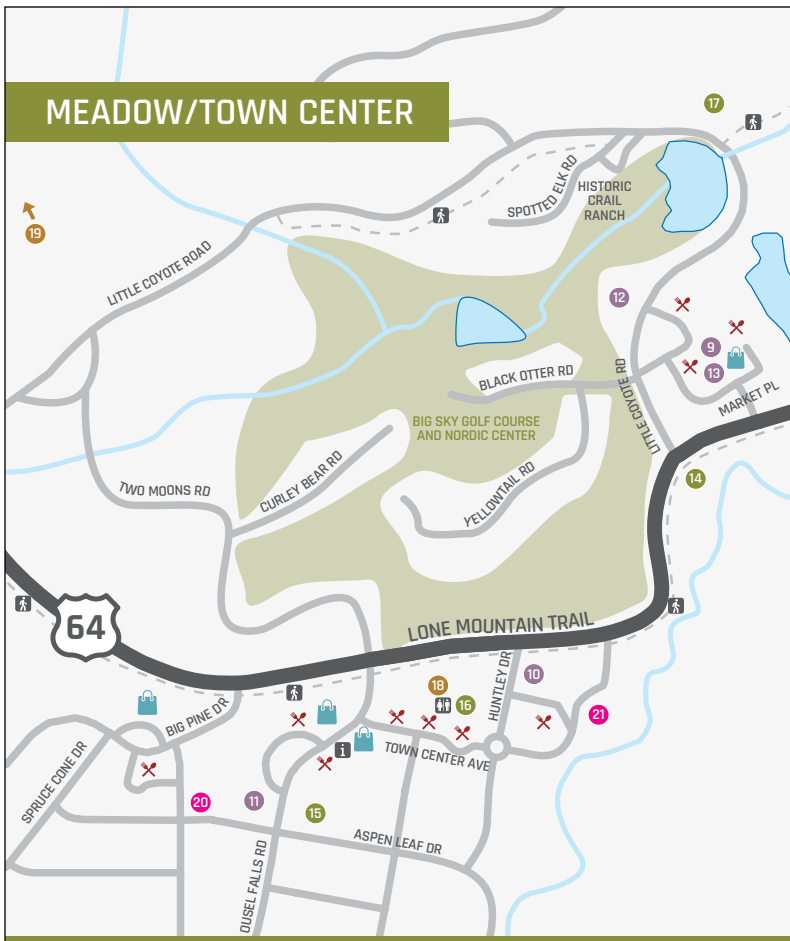
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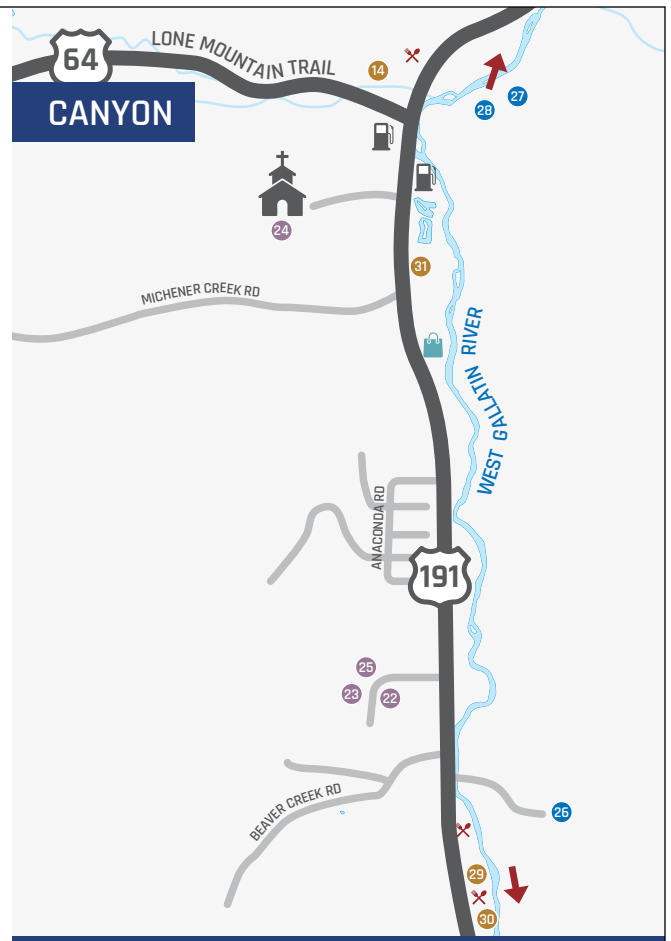


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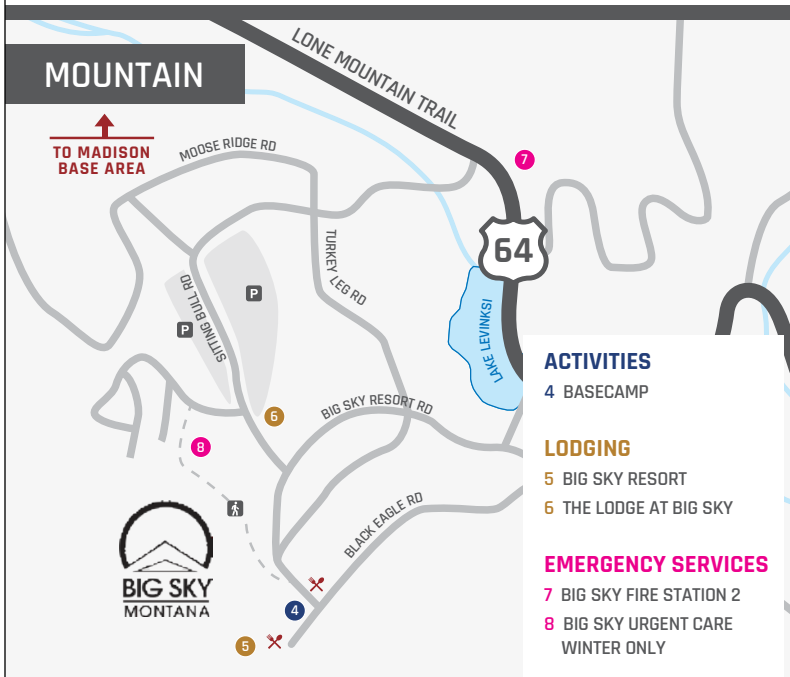
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## SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Big Sky is more than just a destination; it's an ecosystem that thrives on the delicate balance of visitor experience and environmental preservation. By following the principles below, you'll be more than just a sightseer—you'll be a steward, ensuring the beauty and wonders of Big Sky endure for years to come.



### SUPPORT LOCAL

Our small town thrives on the support of its locally owned businesses and restaurants. When shopping, be ecologically responsible and use a reusable bag. Fill it up with locally sourced goods to remind you of your vacation when back at home. Choosing to shop and eat out will give you an authentic experience while contributing directly to the livelihoods of residents.



### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Gain knowledge of the area you plan to visit. Before embarking on your journey, inform someone about your whereabouts. The weather can change suddenly and dramatically. Be prepared by monitoring weather conditions and bring proper gear and equipment for any circumstance. Be sure to align the skills and abilities of participants with the demands of the adventure.



### STICK TO TRAILS

Trails aren't just paths, they ensure the protection of delicate alpine areas. Staying on designated trails is more than a rule: It's an act of preservation. Erosion caused by shortcutting trails disrupts the fragile balance of ecosystems, resulting in a healing period of 10 to 30 years. Observe and respect trail signs and closures.



### KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

Keeping wildlife wild is integral to sustaining the natural ecosystem. Respect animals' space by maintaining a safe distance—100 yards for bears and 25 yards for other animals, such as bison, elk and moose. Don't feed them as it disrupts their natural behavior. Carry bear spray and be "bear aware." We share the outdoors with a variety of animals who make the forest their home. Remember: Wild animals are not pets.



### LEAVE NO TRACE

Ensure the protection of Big Sky's thriving, diverse ecosystem with the principles of "Leave No Trace." Pack it in. Pack it out. Pick up litter you might find along the trail. Use restrooms before you hit the trailhead. If nature calls, go at least 200 feet away from trails and water. Leave the natural environment undisturbed, keeping all plants, trees, rocks and artifacts where you found them.



### SHARE THE TRAIL

While enjoying the outdoors, be aware of others around you. Your actions impact other visitors' experiences. Excessive noise, uncontrolled pets and damaged surroundings detract from the natural beauty. Uphill users always have the right of way. If you are a biker, yield to hikers, runners and equestrians. Always yield to people using assistive devices. Before passing, politely announce your presence and pass with caution.



# FOOD IT FORWARD

When your visit to Big Sky comes to an end, consider donating your leftover provisions to the **Big Sky Community Food Bank**. We appreciate your help to "Food It Forward" on behalf of our neighbors.



## Last year, Big Sky Community Food Bank:



Distributed over  
**72,000**  
pounds of  
food to those  
in need



Provided over  
**3,500**  
emergency  
food boxes



Served over  
**1,900**  
customers  
total



Greeted  
**856**  
new  
customers



Recorded  
**537**  
volunteer  
hours by 104  
volunteers

### Big Sky SNO Waste Assessment data:



Wasted food (food that could have been eaten) made up over **23.3%** of the waste stream.



Big Sky's food waste by weight is **63%** higher than the national average.

## FOOD BANK DONATION GUIDELINES

### Unopened non-perishables:

Place in a donation bin



**Canned Goods:** unopened, up to two years after "best by" date



**Dry Goods:** unopened, up to two months after "best by" date



Scan code for donation bin locations.

### Unopened perishables:

Please bring to the food bank or the Country Market in the Meadow Village, or call for pickup

**Produce:** fresh produce, eggs, butter, cheese and deli meat within their sell-by date. Accepting milk and yogurt up to 5 days past MT sell-by date. Produce must have been kept temperature-appropriate at all times prior to donation.

**Frozen:** frozen fruits and veggies, frozen meals, meats and game if processed at a certified processor. Frozen items must have been kept frozen at all times prior to donation.



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## BIG SKY FOR KIDS

### SUMMER:

#### Big Sky Community Park

Explore 44 acres of fun. This park features a playground, a skateboard park, a pump track, soccer and baseball fields. Meander along the creek on a walking path and enjoy lunch at the picnic pavilion.

#### Lake Levinski Marina at Big Sky Resort

Montana Whitewater offers two-hour and full-day canoe, tube, raft, kayak and paddleboard rentals from June through September (weather permitting). Paddle as you enjoy views of Lone Mountain.

#### Big Sky Adventure Mountain

Grab the family and head to Big Sky's Mountain Village Plaza for a day of active fun! Mini golf, a bungee trampoline, a rock climbing wall, a giant swing, gemstone mining and a marble run await.

#### Gallatin River Guides

Calling young anglers ages 4-10. Learn how to cast a fly rod on a one- or two-hour private pond fly-fishing experience.

#### 320 Ranch

Bring your littlest buckaroos to the ranch for a day of wranglin'! All interested wranglers ages 4-7 are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays from mid-June to October for an obstacle course, roping, horse care and a guided horseback ride.

### WINTER:

#### Marty Pavelich Ice Rink

Lace up those skates and embrace the magic of winter. Located in Town Center, the rink offers daily open-skate sessions and rentals. Be sure to check the rink schedule before heading out!

#### Enchanted Forest

Embark on an evening chairlift ride to a magical and immersive lightshow experience atop Andesite Mountain. Lining

a .6-mile path through the trees, the glow of 10,000 lights creates a luminous winter wonderland.

#### Dog Sledding

Feel the power of a husky team as you mush through Big Sky's snowy wilderness. Half-day adventures with expert hands-on instruction will inspire dog-lovers of all ages.

#### Skiing and Snowboarding

Little rippers can explore the slopes with the Big Sky Adventure Map. As they discover new terrain, they'll advance their skills while meeting characters and acquiring stickers along the way.

### YEAR-ROUND:

#### Story Book Trail

Let the little ones run and play on this 1-mile forested loop. A children's story unfolds as you enjoy glimpses of a wetland meadow and the Gallatin River.





INFO

# BIG SKY THROUGH THE YEARS



## Pre 1600s

Ancient peoples use the Gallatin area for big-game hunting and camps. Shoshone, Bannock, Nez Perce, Crow and other tribes spend their summers in and around Big Sky.

## 1803

Most of Montana is purchased from France in the Louisiana Purchase.

## 1805-1806

Merriwether Lewis and William Clark explore and map the northwestern United States, guided by Sacagawea, a young woman of the Shoshone tribe.



## 1872

Congress creates Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park.

## 1875-1876

Helena is named the capital of the Montana Territory. General George Custer is defeated at the Battle of Little Big Horn.

## 1889

Montana becomes the 41st state in the union.



## 1902

Homesteader Augustus Franklin Crail settles in the meadow area of the Gallatin Basin on land that is now part of Big Sky Resort. Two of the Crail family cabins—built more than 120 years ago—still stand on the property.

## 1950

Elaine and Jack Hume, along with Florence and Tom Boa, purchase Crail Ranch and operate it as a working and dude ranch until the early 1960s when it is sold to cattleman, Sam Smeding.



## 1960s

National television newscaster Chet Huntley acquires Crail Ranch from Smeding, intending the land to become part of Big Sky Resort.

## 1972

The Big Sky Owners Association forms, acting as a makeshift government for the community.

## 1973

Big Sky Resort opens on Lone Mountain with a single gondola and three chairlifts.



## 1976

Everett Kircher purchases Big Sky Resort, adding it to the expanding Boyne Resorts collection which inspires recognition and growth.



## 1986

Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is founded.

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## 1995

Lone Peak Tram is built, providing 300° of extreme skiing off Lone Mountain.

FIRST TRAM AT BIG SKY RESORT



## 1998

Groundbreaking ceremony is held for the \$50 million, 10-story Summit Hotel, the largest development in Big Sky at the time. The Summit Hotel opens in 2000.



## 2003

Moonlight Basin ski area opens on the north side of Lone Mountain.



## 2013

Big Sky Resort adds the former Moonlight Basin ski area and Spanish Peaks terrain, increasing the resort's skiable acres to 5,850 with 4,350 feet of vertical drop.

## 2014

Lift-accessed mountain biking is expanded at Big Sky Resort, adding new trails off Explorer and Swift Current lifts.



## 2023

The new Lone Peak Tram debuts at Big Sky Resort. Two 75-passenger tram cars drop riders atop the 11,166-foot summit of Lone Mountain where views of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming—and Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks—are visible on clear days.

## 2024

The world's longest 8-seater lift, the Madison 8 chairlift is added, boasting heated seats, Big Sky Blue Bubbles, additional safety features and a faster ride time.

## Winter 2025/2026

The new Explorer Gondola will replace the Explorer chairlift and offer a seamless connection from the bottom of the Lone Peak Tram to the summit, with a mid-station terminal featuring a brand-new loading area.







# CANYON ADVENTURES

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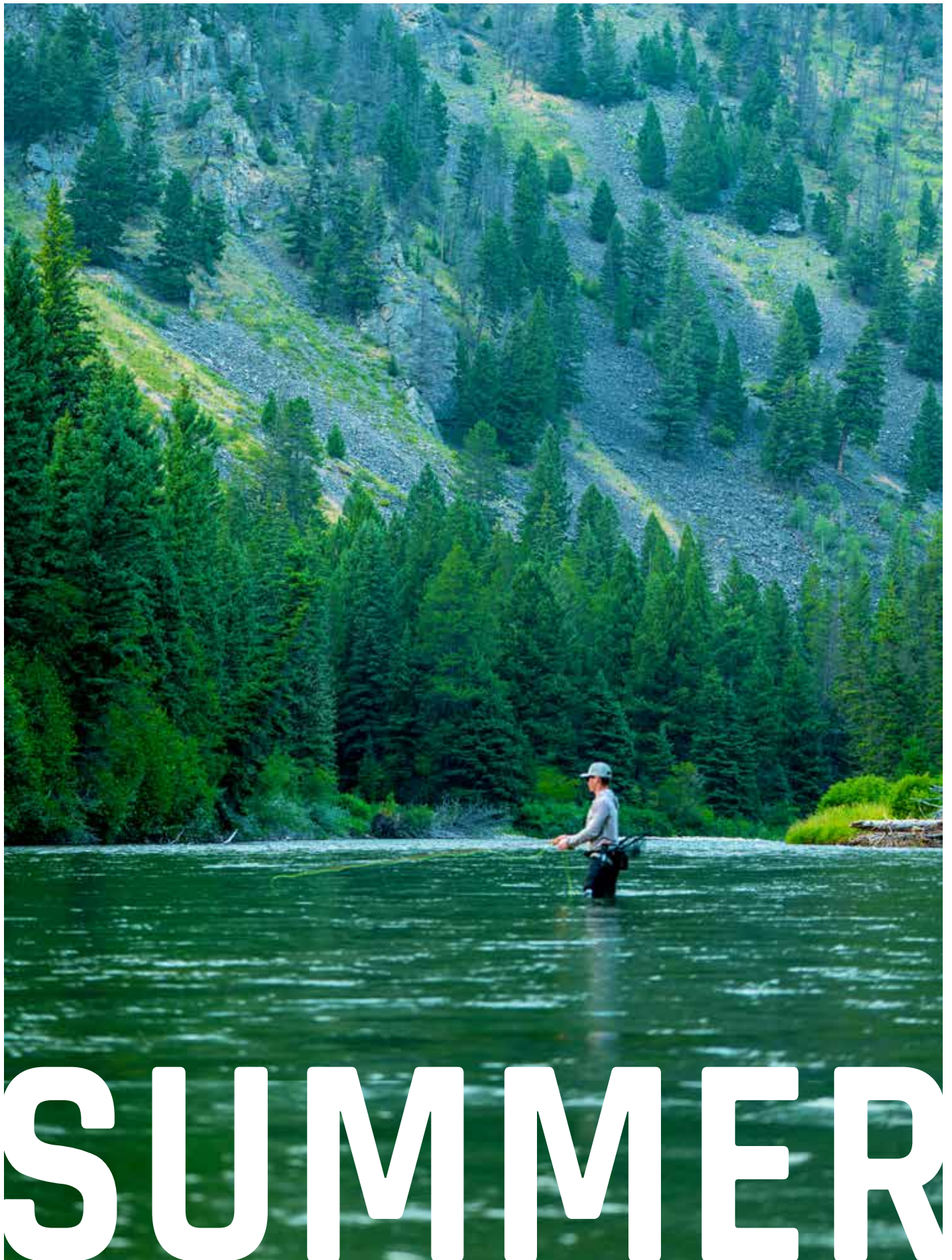


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# SUMMER



**BE BEAR AWARE**

## TIPS AND TRICKS

Always carry bear spray. It is a safe, effective and easy method to deter a charging bear. Be alert, make noise and don't hike alone. Bears are more active at dawn, dusk and at night. Stay on maintained trails and be bear aware!

## HIKING

Big Sky offers wilderness as far as the eye can see and hiking trails to match any wanderer's style. From gentle to rugged terrain, numerous trails originate in Big Sky and the Gallatin Canyon, promising an escape to the peace and quiet of nature. Hiking in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem offers abundant wildlife, lush meadows, dramatic alpine environments and often unexpected weather (be prepared with extra layers). Whether you're looking for a quick out-and-back with incredible views or are ready for an all-day challenge, you'll find it here.

**TRIP TIP:** Popular trailheads get busy. Plan for an early hike. If the parking lot is full, return at a later time.

### ● OUSEL FALLS PARK TRAIL

1.6 miles out & back / 242' elevation

An easy trail to access waterfall views, some sections require hiking along ravines.

### ● SOUTH FORK LOOP - STORYBOOK TRAIL

1-mile loop / 167' elevation

A quick outing in the forest on a maintained path along the South Fork of the Gallatin River.

### ● ALBINO LAKE TRAIL

5.7 miles out & back / 457' elevation

A gentle hike with beautiful meadows, glimpses of wildlife and the reward of Albino Lake.

### ■ UPLANDS AND HUMMOCKS

5-mile loop / 800' elevation

Three loops of moderate uphill by aspen groves leading to expansive views. Enjoy sunshine on Uplands and shaded forest canopy on Hummocks.

### ■ REFLECTOR

4.1 miles out & back with loop / 866' elevation

A gradual uphill with good pushes through aspen and conifer trees, along with breathtaking views.

### ◆ STORM CASTLE PEAK

5.2 miles out & back / 1,860' elevation

A challenging ascent with incredible mountain views from the top. Hiking poles are recommended.

### ◆ BEEHIVE BASIN

7 miles out & back / 1,625' elevation

A beautiful hike through meadows of wildflowers leading up to an alpine basin with jagged mountain peaks and a reflective glacial lake.

### ◆ LAVA LAKE

6 miles out & back / 1,600' elevation

A densely forested trail up until the final climb to Lava Lake—a great place to eat lunch and take in the view of the Spanish Peaks.



EASY



INTERMEDIATE



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BEAR SPRAY RENTALS

SCAN FOR



MORE INFO!

DEMONSTRATION ON PROPER  
USE OF BEAR SPRAY

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LOCATIONS

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# RAFTING

The Gallatin River—with its source in nearby Yellowstone National Park—is a rafter's paradise. The water levels are highest during the spring runoff and lower as the summer progresses. **Montana Whitewater** provides an array of river tours with experienced guides.

## Classic Half Day Raft Trip

*Class I-III Rapids | Less Challenging | Age 6+*

## Classic Half Day Raft Trip

*Class II-IV Rapids | More Challenging | Age 6+*

## Full Day Raft Trip

*Class I-IV Rapids | Age 8+*

## Half or Full Day

*Private Boat Option*

## Exclusive Beartrap Canyon Raft Trip

*10 Mile Trip | Exclusive Permit Full Day Trip | Age 8+*

### WATER LEVELS

Depending on water levels, rafting can start as early as mid-May and typically ends by mid-August.



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**CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.**

**Clean** your gear and watercraft. Remove mud, water, and vegetation after every trip. Use a brush and water, there is no need for chemicals.

**Drain** water from your boat and equipment at your access point. Pull the drain plug. Use a sponge for items that can't be drained.

**Dry** your equipment thoroughly. The longer you allow waders and other equipment to dry out between trips, the better.



**The health of the Gallatin depends on you.**

Learn more at [fwp.mt.gov/ais](http://fwp.mt.gov/ais)







## SUMMER



### CASTING FOR KIDS

Inspire your little angler!  
Discover local tours for families  
with kids ages 4 to 10. Guides  
offer a safe, action-packed  
experience for children.

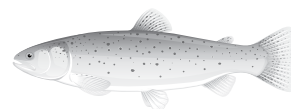
## FLY FISHING

- Whether you're a seasoned angler or new to the sport, there are plenty of fly-fishing opportunities in and around Big Sky. Choose from a range of trip options tailored to your preference, including guided half- and full-day wading and walking tours on the Gallatin River. See [visitbigsky.com](https://visitbigsky.com).
- Be sure to acquire your Montana State fishing license prior to your adventure on any river in Montana. A separate fishing permit is needed if you are fishing in Yellowstone National Park. See [fwp.mt.gov](https://fwp.mt.gov) and [recreation.gov](https://recreation.gov).
- Outfitters will provide you with all the gear you need, including a rod and reel, quality boots and waders, and, of course, a selection of flies to ensure you match the hatch.
- Protect Montana waters from aquatic invasive species by following the "clean, drain, dry" protocol: Thoroughly clean your watercraft and gear. Drain all water from boats and equipment. Dry all gear and equipment thoroughly before moving to another body of water. Thank you for helping protect Montana's native species!

### Game fish to catch



Rainbow Trout



Brown Trout



Cutthroat Trout



## GOLF

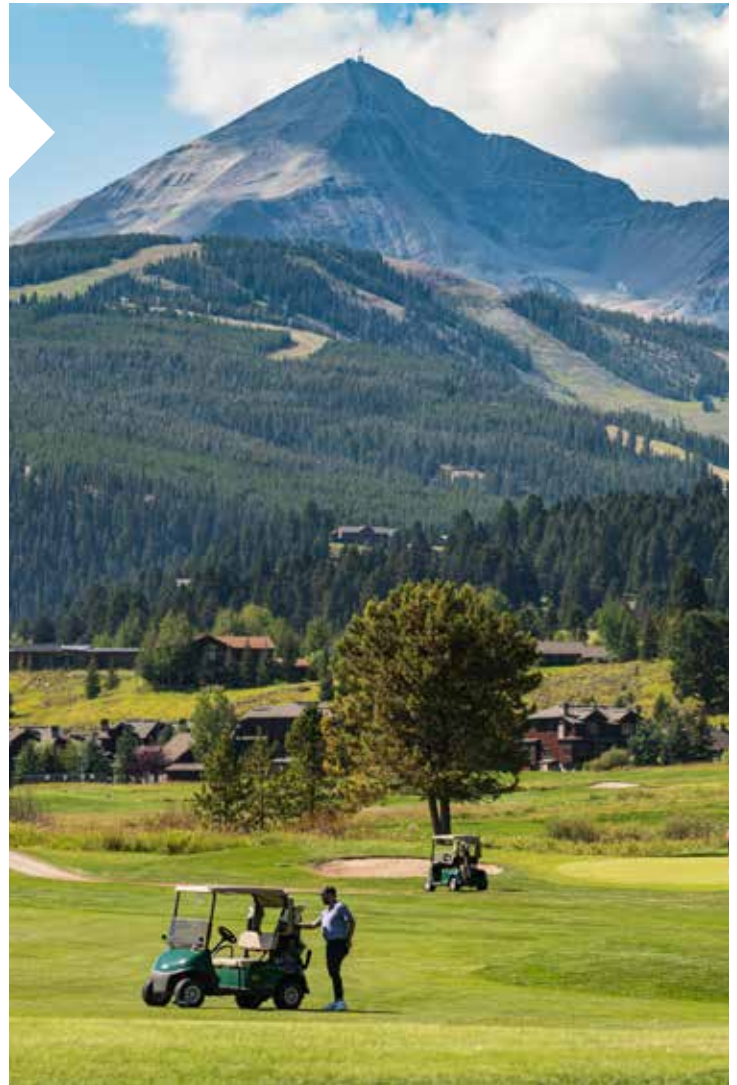
- Tee off at the 18-hole award-winning **Big Sky Golf Course** designed by Arnold Palmer. Surrounded by the Gallatin Range, this public course is open mid-May to late September, weather dependent.
- At an elevation of 6,500 feet above sea level, the links-style course provides ample opportunities for players to revel in the Rocky Mountain landscape while navigating each hole.
- New to golf? Sign up for a lesson or register for a weekly clinic to hone your skills before stepping onto the green.

## HORSEBACK RIDING

Celebrate the spirit of the Wild West by embarking on a horseback riding adventure through the rugged terrain of Big Sky country, an experience that's hard to beat. Luckily, there are plenty of options available for all ages and abilities, with an array of experienced local outfitters ready to get you out on the trails. Reserve a one-hour to half-day ride through high mountain meadows or along the Gallatin Canyon. Full-day trail rides are also available, plus exciting options such as horseback fly fishing, big game hunting trips and overnight pack trips. Get started with one of the outfitters listed below. Horseback-riding requirements vary by company, with an age minimum of 7 years old and an approximate weight limit of 215 lbs.

### HORSEBACK OUTFITTERS

320 Guest Ranch	Jake's Horses
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### WANT TO BE A WRANGLER?

Take your little buckaroo (ages 4-7) to 320 Guest Ranch for kid-friendly horse activities, including learning to rope, feeding the horses and the opportunity to saddle up on horseback for a photo to remember your Montana vacation.





SUMMER



## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Immerse yourself in the region's beautiful scenery by exploring Big Sky country on two wheels. Renting a bike has never been more convenient, with rental shops located at the Mountain and Meadow villages. See [visitbigsky.com](https://visitbigsky.com) to tap into local expertise and find the perfect ride for your skill and style of adventure.

### LIFT-ACCESS BIKING

Explore more than 50 miles of lift-serviced mountain bike trails at **Big Sky Resort**. The resort offers flow and technical trails for all levels of riders. Hop on the Ramcharger 8 and Swift Current 6 chairlifts to access the resort's diverse trail system.

Those new to the sport can hire a downhill coach—contact the **Different Spokes** bike shop for more information on coaches and rentals. Have your own bike and helmet? Grab a bike haul pass and hop on the lift. Lifts spin from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find information about specialized programs at [bigskyresort.com](https://bigskyresort.com).

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## ■ HUMMOCKS

3-mile loop | 226' climb

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## ■ TANNER'S WAY

1.7 miles out | 716' climb

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## ■ MOUNTAIN TO MEADOW

4 miles out | 550' climb

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## ■ ● MUD CREEK

3-mile loop | 480' climb

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## ■ ● UPLANDS

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## ◆ NORTH FORK LOOP

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## ◆ ◆ FIRST YELLOW MULE

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### FOUR-WHEEL FUN

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NORTH FORK



HUMMOCKS







## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

As you gaze up at the rugged mountain peaks surrounding Big Sky, are you inspired to see the view from the top? Read on to discover all the ways you can soak in the grandeur while enjoying an elevated thrill.

**TRIP TIP: Weather is variable and can postpone any activity. Keep dates flexible to ensure you can enjoy an experience on a rescheduled date if necessary.**

### ZIPLINING

Book an exhilarating guided zipline adventure in the canyon between Bozeman and Big Sky at **Montana Whitewater** to soar high above the Gallatin River. The **Zipline Adventure Park** in West Yellowstone features a jungle gym above ground. Children ages 6 to 12 are welcome on the main Adventure Zipline Course, however, they must be accompanied by a caregiver 16 years or older. The Junior Ranger Course is also available for children ages 4 to 7, accompanied by a sibling over 10 or an adult. **Big Sky Resort** offers both Nature and Adventure ziplining packages. The Nature Zipline tour includes a 10-minute walk up to two lines, 30 to 50 feet in the air. The Adventure Zipline tour is for thrill-seekers ready to venture far above the treeline. From the

top of the zipline, you will glide 150 feet above the forest and enjoy views of Lone Mountain and the Spanish Peaks.

### ROCK CLIMBING

Another way to take Big Sky to new heights is by climbing to the best view. Gallatin Canyon offers a large concentration of rock climbing on gneiss stone (metamorphosed granite). Routes include everything from 50' approachable climbs to 400' overhanging expert routes. Hire a rock climbing guide from **Montana Alpine Guides** and book the Half-Day Guided Climbing Adventure course to learn basic knots and efficient climbing techniques. If the outdoor climbing course isn't what you're ready for, grab a pass at the **BASE Community Center** and try out the rock wall.

### HOT AIR BALLOONS

Perhaps the best way to see all of Big Sky is from the sky. **Endeavour Ballooning** takes you high above town to view the spectacular landscape. Trips begin at sunrise when the winds are calmest. Watch the gentle early light cast a golden hue over the landscape as it paints the sky with vibrant colors above verdant valleys and majestic mountain peaks. Although weather can sometimes postpone take-off, it's well worth the wait. When you land, toast with champagne and celebrate your journey.



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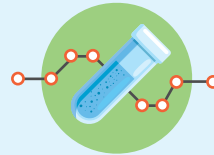
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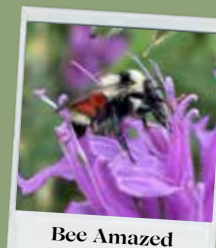
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## SUMMER



## 5 DAYS OF SUMMER

### DAY 1:

**Morning** Ease into your summer adventure with a leisurely morning in town. Grab a coffee at one of the local coffee shops and wander through Town Center to get familiar with your surroundings.

**Afternoon** Pick up a trail map and embark on a short hike to immerse yourself in the beautiful Rocky Mountain landscape of the Gallatin area.

### DAY 2:

**Morning** Kick off the day with an adrenaline-pumping whitewater rafting excursion, navigating rapids and experiencing the rush of the river. See [page 22](#).

**Afternoon** Rent a side-by-side vehicle for a thrilling ride up Buck's Ridge to revel in the scenic views. See [page 27](#).

**Evening** If it's Wednesday, explore the vibrant Farmers Market in Town Center where you'll find an array of locally grown produce, handmade crafts, artisanal goods and delicious food offerings from local vendors. See [page 72](#).

### DAY 3:

**Morning** Discover myriad activities at Big Sky Resort in the morning—whether mountain biking, hiking, enjoying a scenic lift ride or a zipline adventure. See [page 28](#).

**Evening** Thursdays in Big Sky bring Music in the Mountains in Len Hill Park. Unwind with a delicious pizza while enjoying the sounds of live performances amidst the town's upbeat atmosphere. See [page 84](#).

### DAY 4:

**All Day** Dedicate the entire day to exploring the wonders of Yellowstone National Park, delving into its natural beauty, geothermal features and wildlife sightings. Hire a guide to maximize your time in the park. See [page 49](#).

### DAY 5:

**Morning** Start the day with a serene hot air balloon ride and marvel at the beautiful Gallatin Range from above. See [page 28](#).

**Afternoon** Engage in the art of fly fishing, embracing the tranquility of the waterways and the thrill of reeling in your catch. See [page 24](#).

**Evening** Wind down your adventurous week with a relaxing evening, enjoying a quiet dinner at one of Big Sky's locally owned eateries as you reflect on the fun-filled memories you've made here. See [page 656](#)







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## WELCOME TO THE WILD WEST

Summer days bring rodeos to Big Sky country. With an exhilarating display of skill, courage and tradition, rodeos offer a glimpse into the heart of Western culture. From bull riding to barrel racing, steer wrestling to team roping, these action-packed events showcase the talents of cowboys and cowgirls as they compete in a variety of traditional horsemanship challenges. Check listed websites for additional information and plan your summer trip so you can be part of the region's rodeo traditions. Giddyup!

### Wild West Yellowstone Rodeo

[westyellowstonerodeo.com](http://westyellowstonerodeo.com)  
June through August

### Big Sky Community Rodeo

[bigskypbr.com](http://bigskypbr.com)  
Mid-July

### Big Sky PBR

[bigskypbr.com](http://bigskypbr.com)  
Late July

### Lone Mountain Ranch Rodeo

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# WINTER



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WINTER



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## SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Step into mountain perfection at **Big Sky Resort** where endless terrain awaits for every winter pursuit. Big Sky isn't just a destination, it's an elevation of your winter experience. Explore, learn and carve memories into your heart at the apex of this quintessential mountain town. In Big Sky, adventure comes in all sizes.

### HEADLAMP NIGHT SKIING

Imagine gliding down pristine, freshly groomed slopes under a starlit Montana sky, guided by the powerful beam of a headlamp. Big Sky Resort offers an extraordinary Headlamp Night Skiing experience that transforms your typical ski adventure into an exhilarating nocturnal journey. With an expert guide leading the way, enjoy Andesite Mountain's illuminated terrain along with heated seats and weatherproof bubbles on the Ramcharger 8 chairlift.

### LONE PEAK TRAM

Embark on a breathtaking alpine exploration on the state-of-the-art Lone Peak Tram where you will be whisked to the summit of Lone Mountain at an impressive 11,166 feet. Take a scenic ride up and back to soak in the panoramic vistas from the Titanic Deck. Or, ski down from the summit for an epic

ride. Your lift ticket includes unlimited access to the Lone Peak Tram during the 2025-26 winter season. Note: Access to the Lone Peak Tram is not included with the IKON or Mountain Collective passes, but single ride tickets can be purchased.

### SNO-GO BIKING

Experience the invigorating blend of biking and skiing mechanics on Sno-Go Bikes, allowing you to effortlessly glide across snowy terrain. This innovative mode of transportation provides a fresh and exciting way to explore the mountain, making it perfect for adventurers of all skill levels. Local instructors will lead you through the basics of riding a Sno-Go bike, combining the familiar joy of biking with the thrill of sliding on snow.

### FIRST TRACKS

Big Sky Resort offers an exclusive Early Access opportunity that will transform your mountain morning. The Ramcharger 8 First Tracks program lets you carve pristine slopes before the mountain opens to the public. Enjoy a peaceful hour of untouched mountain terrain on freshly groomed or powder trails from 8:00-9:00 a.m., December through April. Pro Tip: Add Early Access to your full-day lift ticket or season pass by pre-loading your Sky Card. Plan ahead as quantities are limited each day.



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### RESORT APP

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## LESSONS & EXPERIENCES

Take your visit to the next level with lessons for the whole family. Big Sky Resort's Mountain Sports School offers little skiers and snowboarders the chance to join group lessons or book private lessons for small groups of one to five people. The ski school also provides daily lessons and camps for kids ages 3 and older. Note: Daycare is offered through Lone Peak Playhouse for children starting at 6 months old.

For little hotshots looking to go higher, book a Tram Guide to help them confidently navigate the advanced upper mountain trails along with coveted early mountain access. Find the most up-to-date information on lessons and guiding options at [bigskyresort.com](http://bigskyresort.com).

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WINTER

## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

With miles of expertly groomed Nordic trails through open meadows and forests, winter in Big Sky is full of possibilities for cross-country enthusiasts. Gear up with local outfitters, connect with knowledgeable instructors, and head out for an unforgettable adventure on the public BSCO trails or Lone Mountain Ranch's private terrain.

### LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

Voted the best Nordic ski destination in North America by *Cross Country Skier Magazine*, the historic **Lone Mountain Ranch** offers the chance to explore more than 50 miles of groomed trails accessible to all levels. Gear rentals, trail guides, day passes and season tickets are all available on-site. Kids ages 12 or younger and seniors 70 years or older ski free. If you plan on skiing for more than one day, pick up a multi-day ticket and hop on the Lone Mountain Trail network from anywhere in town. Tickets are also available at **Big Sky Resort Nordic Center** where rentals, lessons and clinics for all levels are available. See [lonemountainranch.com](http://lonemountainranch.com).



### DID YOU KNOW

Many Meadow and Town Center trails are dedicated to cross-country skiing. Snowshoeing or walking is not allowed.





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## WINTER



## WINTER ACTIVITIES

Skiing is just the beginning of winter fun in Big Sky. Glide across an ice rink or snowy bike trail, dash through winter woods by horse-drawn sleigh or dogsled, and cast a line amidst a winter wonderland. Adventures await!

### ICE SKATING

Located in Town Center, the outdoor **Marty Pavelich Ice Rink** is the perfect place to create timeless and treasured memories. Grab rentals from nearby **East Slope Outdoors** and enjoy open skating, curling and hockey. See the rink schedule and list of events at [bsco.org](http://bsco.org).

### SLEIGH RIDES

Snuggle up for an enchanting winter evening as you ride through snowy backcountry to a full prime rib dinner or hearty appetizers in a rustic cabin, complete with a crackling fire. **320 Guest Ranch**, **Lone Mountain Ranch** and **Cache Creek Outfitters** offer horse-drawn sleigh rides through Big Sky's beautiful wintry landscape. These unforgettable experiences are available from mid-December through mid-March, conditions permitting.

### SNOWMOBILING

Cruise through open meadows, spectacular alpine scenery and powder fields in Big Sky on a guided or GPS-led tour. Link up with outfitters, including **Canyon Adventures** and **Summit**

**Motor Sports ATR**, to gear up with full-body suits, boots, gloves and helmets. Note: Driver's licenses are required to drive a snowmobile—young riders can double up with a licensed driver as an alternative option.

### FLY & ICE FISHING

The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem provides some of the best fly fishing in the world. You'll find serenity and solitude, with plenty of fishing action on tap. Opportunities include walk-and-wade trips on the Gallatin River or ice fishing on nearby lakes. **Gallatin River Guides** is your go-to for guided ice fishing experiences in the area. **Wild Trout Outfitters** and **East Slope Outdoors** also offer expert insight and winter fly-fishing tours.

### SNOWSHOEING

Accessible for all ages, snowshoeing in Big Sky offers a chance to take in the winter scenery at your own pace. Head to **Lone Mountain Ranch** for 18 miles of snowshoe-friendly trails, or hit the **BSCO** trail network. Rent snowshoes from **East Slope Outdoors** or **Gallatin**

**Alpine Sports**, grab a trail map and explore. If you prefer a guided trip, **Big Sky Resort Base Camp** offers guided private and group tours.

### DOG SLEDDING

Mush! The thrill of traveling through Montana's backcountry on a dog-powered sled awaits for husky lovers of any age. Half-day trips feature hands-on instruction for those eager to drive their own team. Check with outfitters **Spirit of the North** or **Yellowstone Dog Sled Adventures** for availability, as trips book months in advance.

### FAT TIRE BIKING

Cruise over Big Sky's snow-packed trails on bicycles equipped with extra-wide tires perfect for navigating winter's terrain. **Gallatin Alpine Sports** and **Big Sky Sports Rentals** offer expert equipment and trail advice. Venture into the nearby Gallatin National Forest for the exhilaration of winter cycling.





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## 5 WINTER DAYS

### DAY 1:

**Morning** Begin your adventure at Big Sky Resort by delving into 5,850 acres of skiable terrain. Hire a mountain guide to acquaint yourself with the diverse trails, and get insights into the mountain's best runs and hidden gems. *See page 34.*

**Evening** Unwind from the day's adventures by indulging in a cozy evening at a restaurant in the Big Sky Town Center. Share stories of your first day on the slopes while enjoying a delicious Montana-style meal. *See page 65.*

### DAY 2:

**Morning** Discover the excitement of dog sledding as skilled huskies guide you through the wintry landscape in Big Sky's backcountry. *See page 38.*

**Evening** Add an adventurous dimension to your mountain experience with headlamp night skiing at Big Sky Resort where you'll get equipped with a powerful headlamp to explore the groomed slopes of Andesite Mountain under the stars.

### DAY 3:

**Morning** Embrace the morning with more skiing, carving through Big Sky's vast, powdery trails.

**Evening** Embark on a magical journey via snowcat or sleigh to a specially curated dining experience amidst the moonlit, snow-covered mountains. *See page 66.*

### DAY 4:

**Morning** Venture beyond Big Sky for an action-packed day. Opt for a snowcoach or snowmobile tour in Yellowstone National Park for a glimpse of pristine winter beauty.



For those seeking a workout, a guided cross-country skiing excursion offers an intimate connection with the serene wilderness. *See page 45.*

**Evening** Relish a gourmet dinner delivered to your rental by catering company Gourmet Gals, allowing you to unwind and savor delectable cuisine in the comfort of your accommodation.

### DAY 5:

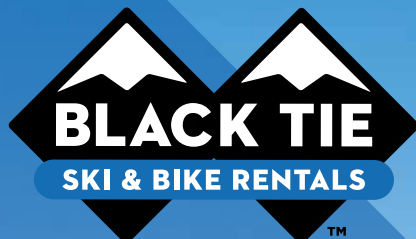
**Morning** Rent snowshoes and enjoy a quiet morning in a winter wonderland with or without a guide at Lone Mountain Ranch. *See page 36.*

**Evening** Enjoy an evening ride on the Ramcharger 8 lift to the summit of Andesite Mountain. Experience the immersive light display of the Enchanted Forest where more than 10,000 lights illuminate a .6-mile path through the woods.

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## WINTER



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Big Sky Nordic Center	406-995-5779	bigskyresort.com
Christy Sports	406-995-2939	christysports.com
East Slope Outdoors	406-995-4369	eastslopeoutdoors.com
Gallatin Alpine Sports	406-995-2313	gallatinalpinesports.com
Lone Mountain Ranch	406-995-4644	lonemountainranch.com

### DOG SLEDDING

Spirit of the North Sled Dog Adventures	406-995-3424	huskypower.com
Yellowstone Dog Sled Adventures	406-223-5134	yellowstonedogsledadventures.com

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### SNOWMOBILE

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# YELLOWSTONE





## NATURE'S MASTERPIECE

Just an hour's drive from Big Sky, Yellowstone National Park is a celebration of the pristine natural beauty of the American West. The world's first national park, Yellowstone was established in 1872 and draws millions of visitors each year with its beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife and fascinating geothermal areas, including geysers and hot springs. The closest entrance into the park from Big Sky is West Yellowstone. To protect and preserve its wonders, remember to stay on boardwalks and designated trails, and do not touch or throw objects into thermal features.

### A GEOLOGIC MARVEL

- » More than 10,000 hydrothermal features
- » More than 500 geysers—300 active
- » Roughly 290 waterfalls
- » Located on top of an active volcano

### NOTABLE GEOGRAPHY

- » Larger than Delaware and Rhode Island combined
- » 2,221,766 acres | 3,472 square miles
- » 96% in Wyoming, 3% in Montana, 1% in Idaho
- » 80% forests, 15% grasslands, 5% water
- » Highest Point: 11,358 feet, Lowest Point: 5,282 feet

### ROADS & TRAILS

- » 5 park entrances
- » 466 miles of roads
- » 15 miles of boardwalk
- » 92 trailheads
- » 1,000 miles of backcountry hiking trails

### YELLOWSTONE LAKE

- » 7,733 feet above sea level—the largest high-elevation lake in North America
- » 131.7 square miles of surface area
- » 141 miles of shoreline
- » Average depth 138', max depth 430'

## PLAN YOUR TRIP

An entrance pass is required to enter Yellowstone National Park, but vehicle reservations are not needed. Purchase a park entrance pass before arriving to save time, but passes are also available at entrance stations. See [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov). Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, national parks keep 80% of all fees collected to fund critical projects that improve services and protect resources. In Yellowstone, park pass fee revenues provide roughly \$8.8 million yearly for accessibility improvements, campgrounds, infrastructure, roads, native fish restoration, aquatic species mitigation and more.







### REMINDER

Animals in Yellowstone roam freely, so wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Wildlife is most active in the early mornings and evenings.

## WILDLIFE



### 285 species of birds:

Raptors, songbirds and shorebirds are among the birds you will see—150 species build nests and fledge their young in the park.



### 16 species of fish:

Native species include Arctic grayling, westslope cutthroat trout, Yellowstone cutthroat trout and mountain whitefish, among others.



### 67 species of mammals:

Yellowstone is home to the largest concentration of mammals in the Lower 48 states, notably bison, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, grizzly and black bears, mountain lions, wolverines and wolves.



### Protected species:

Yellowstone National Park is home to several species listed as threatened or endangered, including the grizzly bear, Canadian lynx and wolverine. Gray wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park in 1995.



## RESPECT WILDLIFE

Never approach wildlife. Animals are wild and unpredictable. Follow these distances and tips to keep yourself and wildlife safe.

1

Stay in your vehicle. Observe, take photos, then move on.

2

Never feed wildlife. Human food and garbage will kill wild animals.

3

Be "bear aware." Stay alert, make noise and carry bear spray.



50 YARDS



100 YARDS







## YELLOWSTONE UNVEILED

Exploring Yellowstone National Park can easily fill an entire day. Access the park via the Lower or Upper loops and get ready for an adventure you'll never forget!

### LOWER LOOP

The Lower Loop is home to some of the most famous landmarks. If you only have one day in the park, consider beginning with this loop. Be sure to check the Yellowstone National Park app to see the estimated time of Old Faithful's next eruption (it typically erupts every 90 minutes). Plan your arrival accordingly to witness the dramatic wonder. From Big Sky, you'll use the West Entrance to enter the park. Once you get to Madison Junction, turn right and stop at Fountain Paint Pots. View the Grand Prismatic from the Springs Overlook to get a feel for the size of the springs. Your next stop is the Old Faithful and the Upper Geyser Basin. Head south over the Continental Divide. Did you know that water flows to the Atlantic Ocean on one side of the

divide, and to the Pacific Ocean on the other? Watch water spill from the West Thumb Geyser Basin into Yellowstone Lake. Check out the lake's hydrothermal features and the Absaroka Mountain Range from its boardwalk. View acidic hydrothermal features at Mud Volcano, then drive through the Hayden Valley, a great place to view wildlife. Finally, take in the scenic views of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, a canyon formed by the erosion of the Yellowstone River.

### UPPER LOOP

This loop is known for its beautiful scenery, wildlife sightings and thermal features. At Madison Junction, turn left and head for your first stop at Norris Geyser Basin. There, you'll see Roaring Mountain, a mountain with steam vents that hiss today, but at one time roared. Near Yellowstone's main Gardiner entrance, explore the one-of-a-kind Mammoth Terraces. Next, head through the Lamar Valley, renowned for its abundant wolves and bears. Finally, stop at Tower Falls, a 132-foot waterfall framed by eroded volcanic pinnacles.

## WHAT TO BRING

- » Warm clothing and layers—weather changes throughout the day in the mountains
- » Comfortable, sturdy shoes
- » Sun protection—the sun is strong at high elevations
- » Binoculars
- » Bear spray
- » Water—stay hydrated in the dry mountain climate
- » Lunch and snacks—stop at one of the 52 picnic areas within the park and stay fueled while recreating

## TIPS FOR SELF-GUIDED TOURING

- » Gas up and grab lunch and snacks before entering the park.
- » Cell phone coverage is sparse, so be sure to have a map and know your route ahead of time.
- » Download GaperGuide—a touring app that helps prioritize the must-see places based on time and interest.
- » Download the National Parks app so you can see predicted times for geyser eruptions.

## PETS

Dogs are only allowed on leash in campgrounds and parking lots. They are not permitted on trails or boardwalks, in the backcountry or in thermal areas. These policies exist to protect pets from predators, thermal features and to prevent the exchange of diseases between domestic animals and wildlife.

**TRIP TIP:** Hire a tour guide at Yellowstone National Park to enhance your experience with expert insights and safety.



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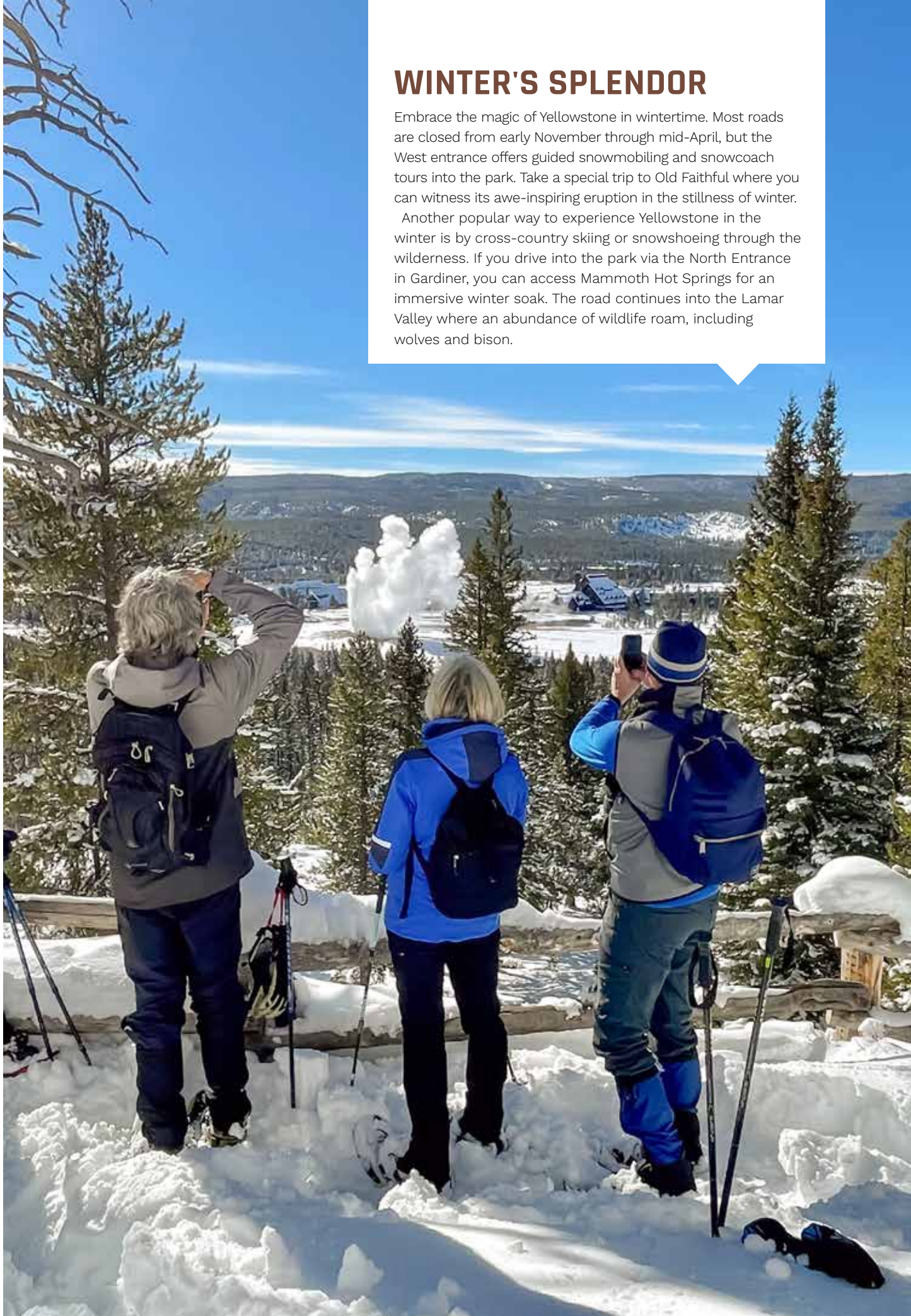




## WINTER'S SPLENDOR

Embrace the magic of Yellowstone in wintertime. Most roads are closed from early November through mid-April, but the West entrance offers guided snowmobiling and snowcoach tours into the park. Take a special trip to Old Faithful where you can witness its awe-inspiring eruption in the stillness of winter.

Another popular way to experience Yellowstone in the winter is by cross-country skiing or snowshoeing through the wilderness. If you drive into the park via the North Entrance in Gardiner, you can access Mammoth Hot Springs for an immersive winter soak. The road continues into the Lamar Valley where an abundance of wildlife roam, including wolves and bison.





# GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST CAMPING

Pitch your tent under star-studded skies at campgrounds near Yellowstone National Park. Surrounded by natural beauty, the park has numerous camping spots to choose from, each catering to various preferences.

## FIRE SAFETY

- » Respect fire danger signs, bans and permit requirements. Check local fire regulations before building a fire.
- » Do not leave a fire unattended, and ensure it is put out completely before leaving.
- » Be mindful of weather and wind patterns.
- » Follow all regulations when using fireworks.
- » Alert authorities if you see smoke in the area.
- » Keep your fire in the designated fire rings.

## BEAR SAFETY

- » Keep food away from bears by storing it in bear-safe containers or cans.
- » Pick up scraps after meals.
- » Do not store food in your car.
- » Place food at least 100 feet away from your campsite.
- » Prepare for bear encounters and follow guidelines.
- » Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

## LOCAL FIREWOOD

- » Do not bring firewood from home or other forests.
- » Buy firewood where you plan to burn it or gather on-site where permitted.
- » Firewood should be sourced from an area no farther than 50 miles away—within 10 miles is preferred.
- » Collect and burn wood responsibly to keep the forest healthy.

## BE PREPARED

- » Plan ahead as cell reception is limited in most of the Gallatin Canyon.
- » Pack trash in and out.
- » Always plan for bad weather, and be sure to pack extra clothes.
- » Collect and dispose of any food waste responsibly.
- » Leave the campsite better than you found it.

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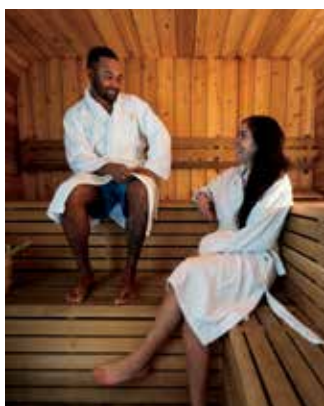




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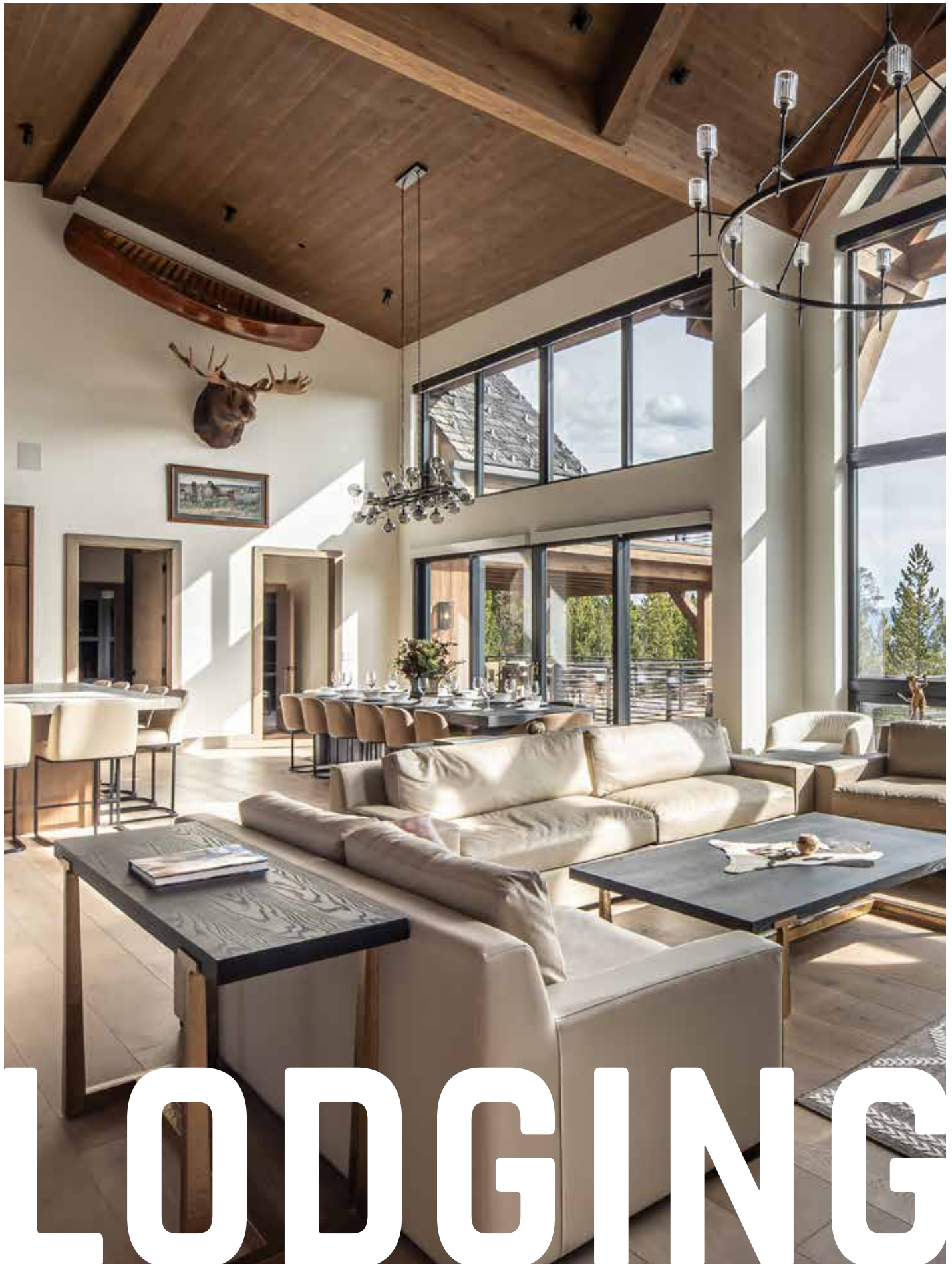


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# WHERE TO HANG YOUR (COWBOY) HAT

Luxury hotels, cozy cabins, guest ranches and more await for your Big Sky stay. No matter where you choose, you'll find views of the pristine mountain peaks and a friendly Montana spirit welcoming you to the Rockies. Peruse the following pages to discover your place in the sky.



MONTAGE BIG SKY

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LODGING





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## HOTELS

Kick up your heels with all the modern amenities of a Big Sky hotel. Find convenience and elevated style as you soak in all that the region has to offer. Nestled in the heart of the Gallatin Range, Big Sky's hotels boast stunning mountain views and the warmth of small town hospitality.

Located in the heart of Town Center, **The Wilson Hotel** puts you within close proximity to shops, restaurants and in-town trails. Unwind in the hot tub and outdoor pool after a day of mountain exploration. Or find your center at the new **Gravity Haus** where a list of amenities awaits to bring you closer to nature. Relax at **The Summit Hotel** and **Village Center Hotel** for elevated Montana style just steps away from the chairlifts and the summertime Adventure Mountain activities. The **Huntley Lodge** offers modern aesthetics, a variety of gathering spaces and down-to-earth appeal. With resort features, full kitchens and living areas, the **Shoshone Condominium Hotel** is perfect for those who want more space. **The Lodge at Big Sky**, within walking distance of the slopes, boasts spectacular mountain views and breakfast. On the south side of Lone Mountain, you'll find **Montage Big Sky**, a truly luxurious slopeside stay offering a range of on-site dining options and spa services. A little outside of town, the **Rainbow Ranch Lodge** is a charming choice in its location along the banks of the Gallatin River. Special events, including weddings and gourmet dining, shine at this lodge.



RAINBOW RANCH LODGE





## LODGING



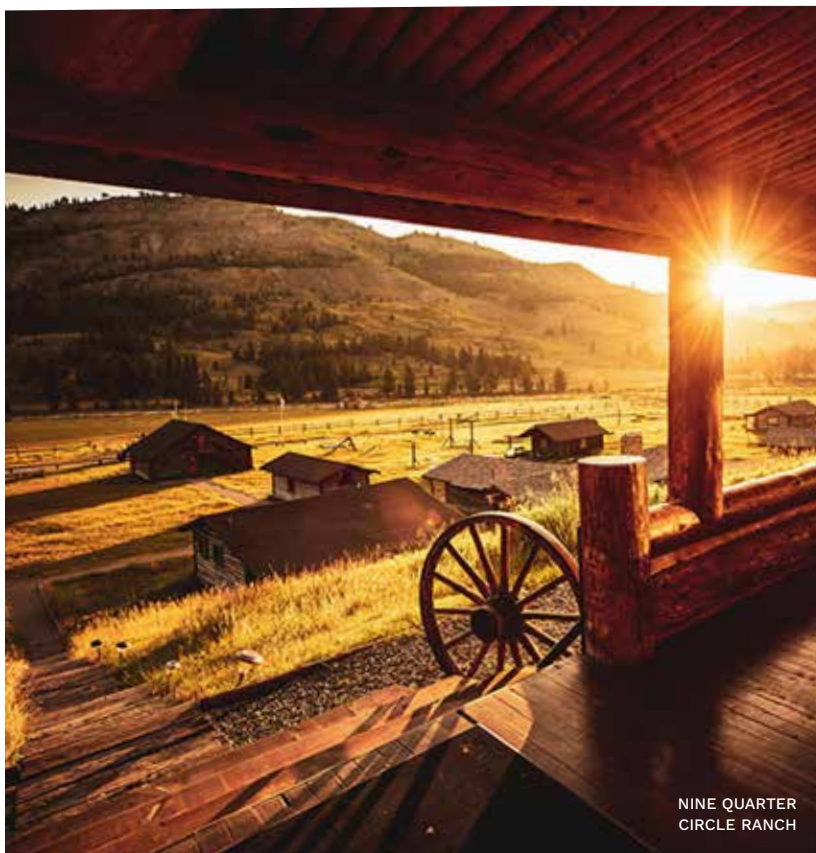
320 GUEST RANCH

### GUEST RANCHES

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For those who want a bit more remote ranch experience, three all-inclusive guest ranches less than an hour from town provide just that. Step into the past at **Nine Quarter Circle Ranch**, established in 1912 and operated by the same family for three generations. **Covered Wagon Ranch**, which opened in 1925, has maintained its original charm despite the passage of time.

**Elkhorn Ranch** joined the National Register of Historic Places in 2016, and has seen little change since its establishment in 1922. All three ranches are close to Yellowstone National Park, so they are surrounded by thousands of forested acres.



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## VACATION HOMES

Find your home away from home in the diverse array of rentals available around Big Sky. From couples seeking a romantic escape to large families or groups celebrating special occasions, the area offers homes to match every adventure. Many vacation rentals in the valley have the added bonus of direct mountain access. Explore [visitbigsky.com/lodging/vacation-rentals](https://visitbigsky.com/lodging/vacation-rentals) to discover your perfect mountain retreat.

## BOOK DIRECT

Support local businesses by booking direct. Choosing to book with local companies offers many advantages, including the benefit of onsite information, flexible customer service and quick resolutions to issues that arise. Changes or cancellations are easier to navigate, and travelers often earn loyalty points and exclusive perks when booking direct with the organization. Third-party services are known for having hidden fees that are avoided with the transparency of direct bookings. Most importantly, booking direct means your dollars are boosting the local Big Sky economy!



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## DINING



CAFE 191

## BIG FLAVOR

Much like the surrounding scenery, food and drink in Big Sky is inspiring. Enjoy barbecue along the river, fresh brews in the heart of town or a candlelit yurt dinner on Lone Mountain.

### START THE MORNING

A Big Sky breakfast fuels your day. From hearty plates to delicious grab-and-go options, local eateries dish up morning delights to match every palate and adventure.

For quick bites before hitting the slopes, jump into the **Hungry Moose Market & Deli** in both the Town Center and Mountain Village, and grab an expertly crafted breakfast burrito, fresh bagel sandwich, house-baked pastry and specialty coffee. **Blue Moon Bakery's** breakfasts shine, with the choice to dine in or on the go. Don't miss the Blue Moon Benny—a beloved treat.

Begin your morning at the family-owned **Cafe 191**, known for its deliciously hearty breakfasts using locally and ethically sourced foods. A leisurely breakfast at one of the region's distinguished lodges starts your day in style. **Horn and Cattle Saloon** at Lone Mountain Ranch captures the essence of Montana spirit in its farm-to-table menu and elevated woodsy atmosphere. Or gaze up at Lone Mountain as you indulge in breakfast done right at **Peaks Chophouse** in The Summit Hotel where you can savor a Montana Benedict and fresh fruit smoothies, among other delicious favorites.

Nestled in the scenic Gallatin Canyon just minutes south of Big Sky, **The Corral** blends the rustic charm of a Montana

landmark with classic steakhouse comfort. Showcasing traditional favorites, this historic gem is an ideal breakfast stop for travelers heading to Yellowstone National Park.

### MIDDAY EATS

Take a moment to soak in the Big Sky scene in the midst of your action-packed day. Whether coming in from the slopes for a breather, or dusting off from a mountain bike ride, local eateries make every second count.

Named by locals, **By Word of Mouth** is a casual spot to unwind with local beers on tap, fresh sandwiches and salads, along with a popular happy hour menu. With a commitment to crafting standout sandwiches and gourmet pizzas for the community, **Blue Moon Bakery** has been serving handmade food from scratch for more than three decades. The **Wrap Shack** creates custom and signature burritos, wraps and bowls that raise the bar, staying true to their motto, "Fast, Fresh & FAT—That's How We Roll." Arrive hungry and get ready to be nourished with colorful, healthy ingredients for your afternoon of high mountain fun. Dive into the hip scene at **Blindside Burger**. This laid-back burger spot serves up delicious smash burgers, crispy fries and inventive milkshakes that are as beautiful as they are tasty, and a solid lineup of beer and creative cocktails.

If you love great company, game day action and craft drinks, you'll feel right at home at **Pinky G's Pizzeria**. Rolling out signature hand-tossed pizzas and a friendly atmosphere, Pinky G's treats you like family.





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## DINING



BLINDSIDE BURGER

## APRÈS-SKI

From sophisticated lounges to laid-back local haunts, Big Sky has an après-ski spot for every mood. The heart of après activity beats at the Mountain Village Plaza where live DJs create an electric atmosphere every Friday through Sunday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Multiple venues await to suit any vibe, with music and festivities happening daily.

Just steps from the slopes, **Scissorbills Saloon** delivers après-ski done right. This local favorite combines a casual atmosphere with fantastic drinks, live music and what many consider the best nachos in the area. **Alpenglow Bar** at the Montage Big Sky sets the standard for luxury après-ski. Warm yourself by crackling fireplaces while sipping handcrafted cocktails and taking in alpine views amidst an atmosphere of refined mountain hospitality.

**Beehive Basin Brewery** welcomes skiers to an inviting taproom with a seven-barrel brewing system that keeps handcrafted beers flowing. **The Rocks Tasting Room** has earned a reputation for its impressive selection of Montana-made spirits and beers paired perfectly with a menu of flatbreads and pho. And **Tips Up** is the place for cold beer, live music and televised sports, along with games such as pool and shuffleboard. Head to **The Waypoint** for après-ski small bites in a chic ambiance. And visit the historic **Horn & Cattle Saloon** at Lone Mountain Ranch. Homesteaded in 1915, this 160-acre property provides the perfect setting to enjoy drinks, local tunes and the warmth of Montana spirit.

Music is an integral part of Big Sky's après-ski culture. Live performances keep the beat throughout the season. Check the Live Music calendar at [visitbigsky.com](http://visitbigsky.com) to find the most up-to-date lineup.



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## DINING



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For a one-of-a-kind dining experience, take a ride into the backcountry where a warmly lit yurt tucked in the mountains awaits your arrival. The **Montana Dinner Yurt** combines the magic of being immersed in nature with the luxury of an expertly prepared three-course meal. Toast to a special occasion or make any moment worth celebrating.

Located on the original homestead of the 320 Ranch, **McGill's Restaurant and Saloon** is the place for a slice of history and delicious cuisine during winter and summer.

Indulge in authentic Texas barbecue on the banks of the Gallatin River. With the Spanish Peaks looming above, the scenery and cuisine of **The Riverhouse** make for an evening to remember.

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## ON THE MOUNTAIN

Whether you hit the slopes with an appetite or need time to work one up, these beloved spots will keep you coming back for more.

Look for the **Shedhorn Grill** yurt nestled under Shedhorn Chair, and indulge in slopeside burgers and brats fresh off an outdoor grill. Sitting at 9,032 feet with 360-degree views, the grill serves up micro-brews, hearty fare and a fireplace for warming up before getting back to the slopes. Sitting at an elevation of 8,800 atop Andesite Mountain, **Everett's 8800** welcomes you for a fine dining lunch or dinner with a log cabin ambiance and panoramic views. Look no further than **The Cabin Bar & Grill** for contemporary-meets-classic Rocky Mountain cuisine served in a welcoming atmosphere with mountain vistas from its sunny deck.

Ski down to **Yeti Dogs** for gourmet hot dogs and ice cream in a convenient location at the mountain's base. With Earth-conscious practices, this spot serves up dogs in locally made buns piled high with quality toppings. Or meander over to **Scissorbills Saloon** for a lively scene, locally crafted brews and hearty pub fare.

If you don't want to miss a moment of mountain adventure, **Uncle Dan's Cookies** is the place for grab-and-go paninis and standout cookies that have been satisfying visitors for 30 years. Cruise up the chairlift as you refuel with Uncle Dan's goodness.

Located at Montage Big Sky just off the slopes, **Backcast Bar & Grill** offers an elevated Montana experience. Indulge in bites and craft cocktails beneath the stunning Gallatin Range and toast to a day of adventure.



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## RAINBOW RANCH LODGE







## DINING



HUNGRY MOOSE MARKET & DELI ON THE MOUNTAIN



CAVE SPIRITS AND GIFTS

## PROVISIONS

For those renting a vacation home, Big Sky offers convenient access to groceries and spirits in Meadow Village, Town Center and Mountain Village. All grocery stores carry beer and wine, while Town Center houses two dedicated liquor stores.

A family-owned deli in Meadow Village, **Country Market of Big Sky** is a local favorite. Don't miss its early-bird free coffee on weekdays. **Hungry Moose Market & Deli on the Mountain** offers breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks inside The Exchange at Big Sky Resort. Enjoy hot meals from the deli, daily soups, all-day breakfast burritos and sandwiches, plus energy-boosting treats for ski day nourishment. Its flagship store, **Hungry Moose Market & Deli Town Center** is the place for specialty items, cakes, flowers and curbside pickup.

**Roxy's Market & Cafe** is a full-service grocery and deli specializing in natural foods in the heart of the Big Sky Town Center. Find fresh meat, seafood, produce, ready-made meals and a fair trade coffee bar. For liquor, beer, wine, gifts and souvenirs for the whole family, head to **The Cave Spirits and Gifts** where you can reserve specific wines or liquors in advance for your Big Sky visit. Find your Montana-made spirits and beer at locally owned and operated **The Rocks Tasting Room and Liquor Store**. At The Rocks, you can also grab delicious hearty fare made with consciously sourced non-GMO organic proteins and produce sourced from Montana farms.





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What if I didn't make reservations in advance?

While reservations are highly recommended at most dining establishments, many also offer bar seating on a first-come first-served basis. For spontaneous meals out, check out Big Sky's pizzerias, cafes and Thai or BBQ spots which operate on a walk-in basis.

### Important Reminder

There is no guarantee of immediate seating, even for walk-in establishments. Plan ahead as you may experience a wait, especially during peak hours.

### What if I have a large family or group?

Large groups (typically 6 or more guests) are strongly encouraged to make reservations well in advance during the winter and summer seasons.

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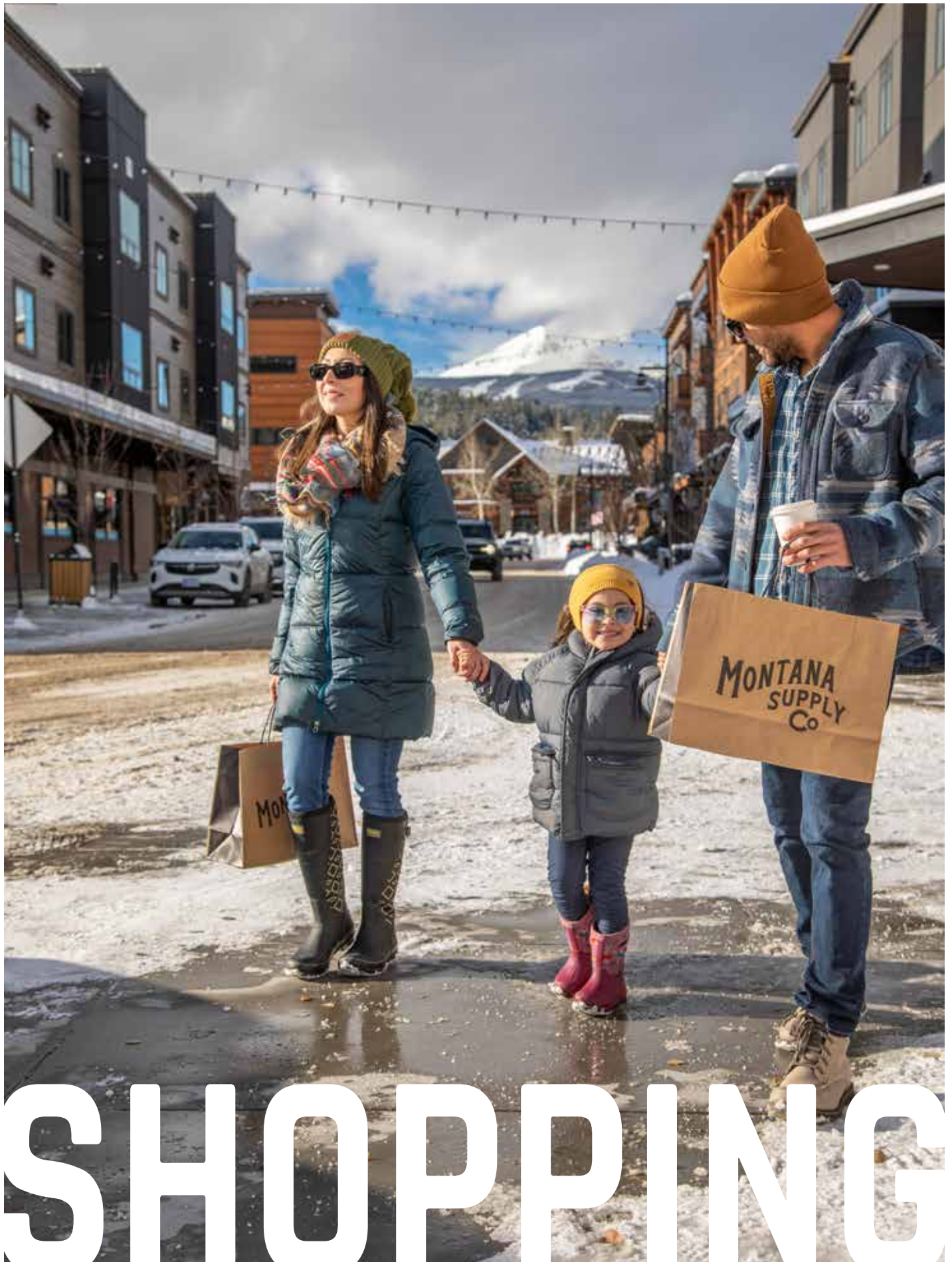


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## SHOP

## BEYOND THE SLOPES

Big Sky is home to a collection of shopping areas, each offering a distinctive experience for visitors. Mountain Village, Town Center, Meadow Village and Canyon are all within easy reach, and provide a blend of local culture, outdoor gear, art and more. Here's a closer look at each to help you find what you're looking for.

### MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Located at the base of Big Sky Resort, Mountain Village is a vibrant hub for outdoor enthusiasts. Find gear at **Big Sky Sports**, a flagship outdoor gear specialty shop offering the latest equipment, apparel and accessories. For snowboarders and mountain bikers, **Rider's Room** provides essential gear and services. Additionally, **Christy Sports** offers a range of apparel and equipment suitable for various mountain activities.

### TOWN CENTER

Serving as the community focal point, Town Center features a mix of shops, eateries and services. Don't miss the **Big Sky Farmers Market**, held every Wednesday from June to September, for fresh local produce, baked goods, handmade items and local spirit. **Montana Supply** is your go-to for authentic apparel and accessories, while **East Slope**

**Outdoors** caters to adventure gear needs. Soak in the spirit of the West at **Courtney Collins Fine Art** where contemporary and traditional Western artistry comes alive. Visitors can also explore boutiques such as **Rhinestone Cowgirl**, **Great Rocky Mountain Toy Company**, **New West KnifeWorks** and **Bluebird**. While shopping at Town Center, stop by **Visit Big Sky** to learn about upcoming events.

### MEADOW VILLAGE

Find more shops and services at Meadow Village. **Shelly Bermont Fine Jewelry** is a notable stop for handcrafted jewelry. Enjoy perusing **McNeal and Friends**, a boutique featuring a variety of clothing and accessories. The **Country Market** and locally owned **Ace Hardware** are convenient spots for grabbing essentials.

### CANYON

A hidden gem in Big Sky, the Canyon district has an array of rustic shops with an emphasis on outdoor exploration. **Consignment Cabin** specializes in local hiking gear, and **Jill Zeidler Ceramic Art** inspires with handspun pottery creations. **Wild Trout Outfitters** and **Gallatin River Guides** are your source for fly-fishing gear and expertly guided trips for the whole family.





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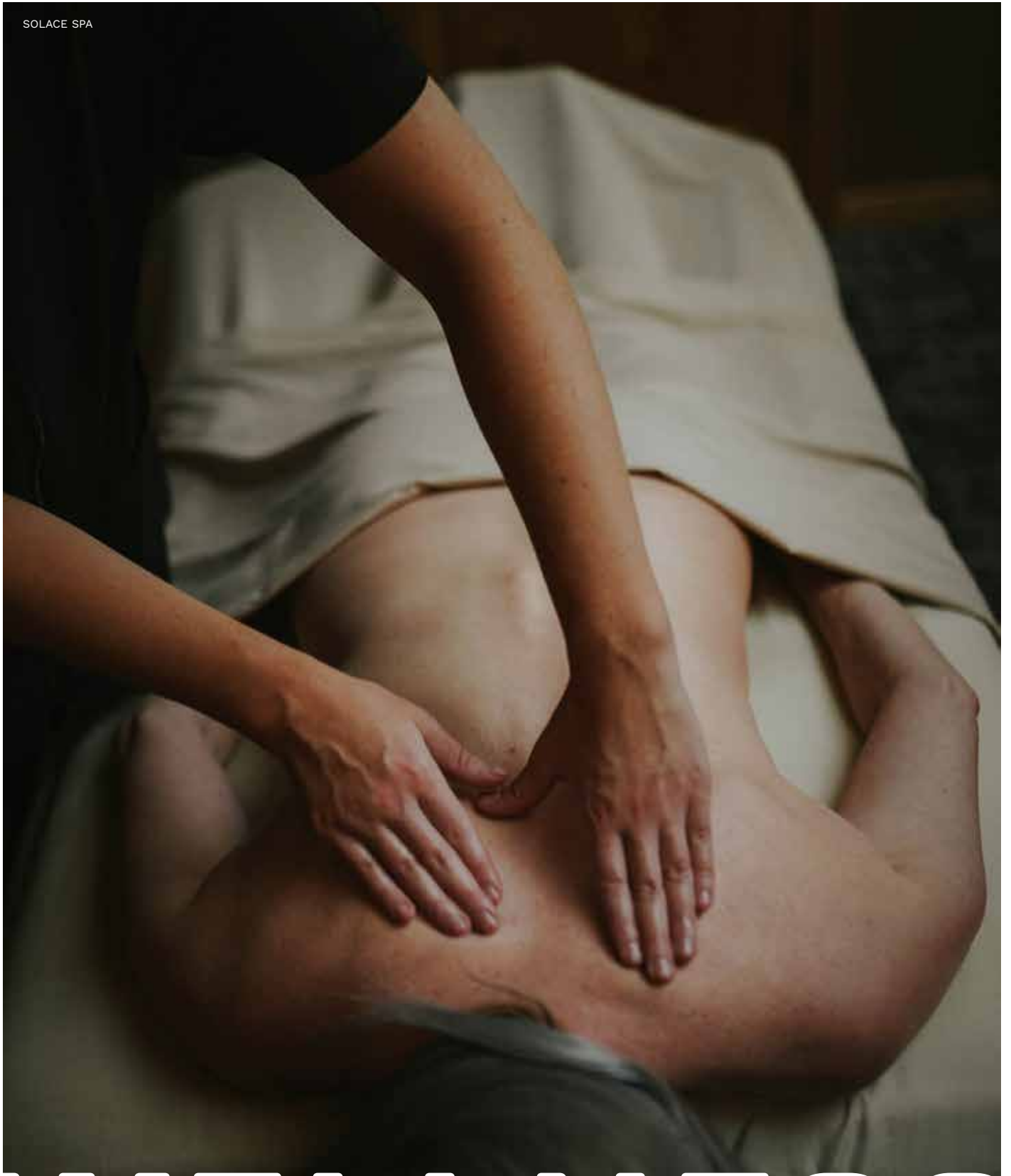


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# WELLNESS





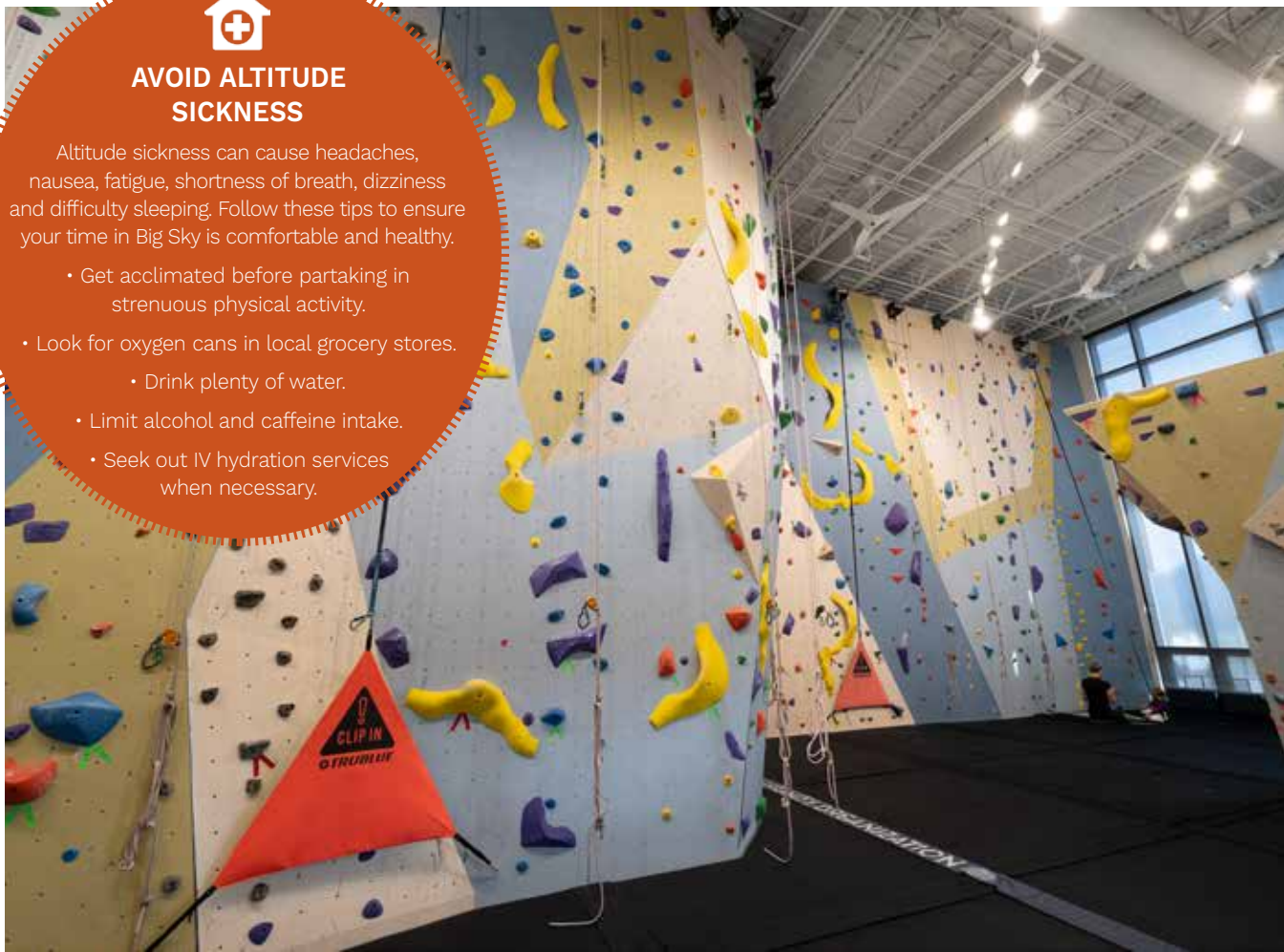
## WELLNESS



### AVOID ALTITUDE SICKNESS

Altitude sickness can cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, shortness of breath, dizziness and difficulty sleeping. Follow these tips to ensure your time in Big Sky is comfortable and healthy.

- Get acclimated before partaking in strenuous physical activity.
- Look for oxygen cans in local grocery stores.
  - Drink plenty of water.
- Limit alcohol and caffeine intake.
- Seek out IV hydration services when necessary.



## REJUVENATE IN THE ROCKIES

Inhale Big Sky's fresh mountain air and exhale into the laid-back Montana mindset. Enhance your outdoor adventures with the help of local experts who offer mental and physical wellness, including massage, yoga, fitness centers, salons and spas. Peruse these pages to create a restorative Rocky Mountain escape for your mind and body.

### SELF CARE

Seasoned locals will be the first to tell you the best way to stay in the game is to take time to care of your body, mind and spirit. Local experts such as **Reset Big Sky** and **Big Sky Natural Health** will help guide your wellness journey. Whether acclimating to the altitude or recovering after a high-energy activity, you'll find plenty of ways to unwind, stay centered and expedite recovery.

### FITNESS & YOGA

Stay on top of your workout and wellness routine. Big Sky gyms, yoga and bodywork studios make it easy to find a daily yoga class, group fitness or readily available workout equipment. Big Sky's Community and Recreation Center, BASE, offers indoor recreation

with pickleball, basketball, volleyball and more, along with a fitness facility, an indoor rock wall and fitness classes with day rates available.

### MASSAGE & SPA

Recovery and rejuvenation intersect at Big Sky spas where massage and body therapies provide the antidote for active days spent exploring the area. You'll find a selection of day spas offering massage, specialized altitude and hydration treatments, along with saunas, pools and hot tubs. Big Sky wellness professionals also offer acupuncture and other varied treatments. For serene experiences, local therapists offer in-home massages for rest and relaxation in the comforts of your accommodation.

### BE WELL BIG SKY

Be Well Big Sky is a local mental health and wellness resource connecting individuals to existing resources. This community wellness initiative is a collaboration between the Big Sky Behavioral Health Coalition and the Navigator Network. The grass-roots group of volunteers is focused on increasing access to care for the local Big Sky community by reducing barriers, providing outreach, education and resource navigation, and normalizing the experience of being human. At its heart, Be Well Big Sky is working to build an ecosystem where everyone can thrive. [bewellbigsky.org](http://bewellbigsky.org)

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# MONTANA MUSE

Arts and culture thrive in the Gallatin Canyon. Throughout the year, live music fills the air, from local bands to renowned musicians, attracting people from far and wide to dance the night away under the region's wide-open skies. With vibrant music and artisan festivals, diverse galleries, open air exhibits and a performing arts center, Big Sky is a mecca for the arts.

## CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

Founded in 1988, the Arts Council of Big Sky is the area's premier nonprofit organization, bringing artistic events, cultural outreach, public art and educational initiatives to the residents and visitors of Big Sky. Events include **Bravo! Big Sky Music Festival**—a two-day summer festival showcasing the best in classical and jazz music worldwide. The **Big Sky Artisan Festival** is a one-day celebration of local fine artisans and craftspeople held annually in July. **Big Sky as a Canvas** turns the community into a canvas for public art with 11 outdoor sculptures around Big Sky and more than \$1 million in art assets for the community. Public art installations, including sculptures, wrapped utility boxes and trash receptacles featuring local and regional artists, have been installed throughout streets, parks and trails. A Public Art Map is available at various locations around town.



### CATCH THE SHOW

Check the Visit Big Sky Events Calendar for upcoming local music, shows and happenings around town.



## WARREN MILLER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Located in Gallatin Canyon, the **Warren Miller Performing Arts Center** (WMPAC) first opened its doors in March 2013. The WMPAC encourages and promotes the performing arts in Big Sky. This intimate 280-seat venue showcases world-class acts from classical string quartets, theater, dance, comedians, storytellers and singer-songwriters, as well as local performers and inspiring community events. Performances are scheduled year-round, with an event calendar and tickets available online.



## MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

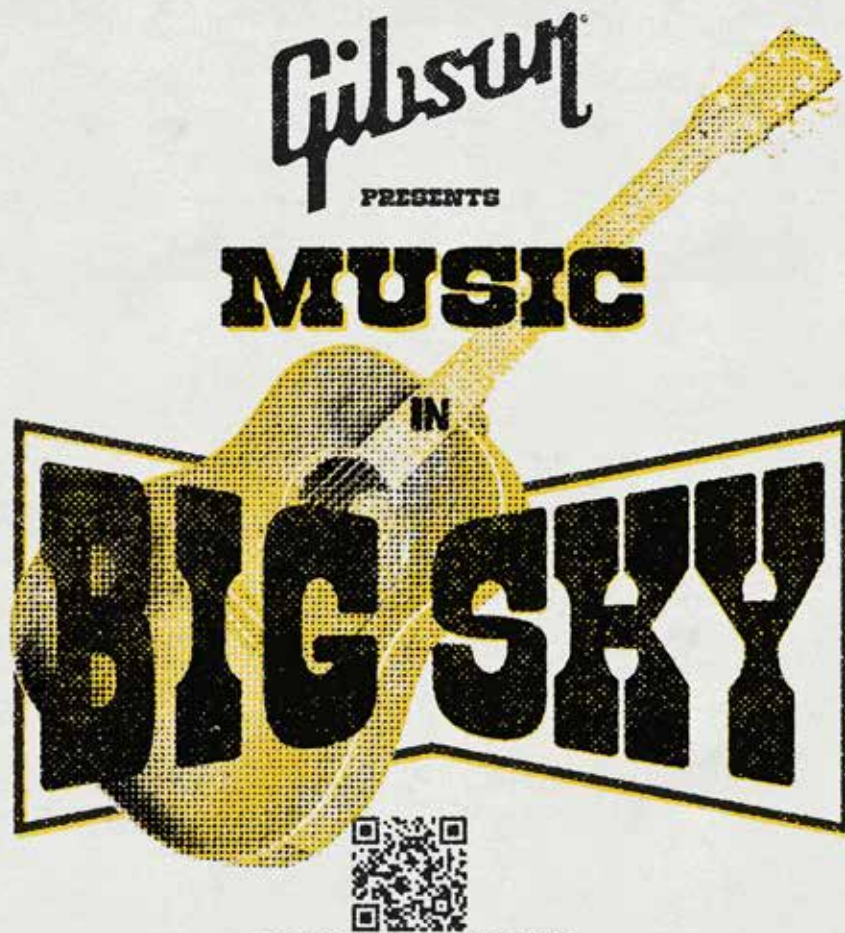
From June through September, Big Sky comes together on Thursday nights to enjoy live music at **Music in the Mountains**, a Big Sky Arts Council production. This free summer concert series takes place onstage at Len Hill Park in the Town Center, and features the best up-and-coming touring musicians in the country. At these family-friendly concerts, get ready to enjoy a variety of food and beverage vendors, or pack your own picnic from home. Held weekly at 7:00 p.m., Music in the Mountains also hosts a special July 4th concert.



## FARMERS MARKET

Head to Town Center on Wednesdays from June through September for the **Big Sky Farmers Market**. Find regional farmers offering fresh local produce, flowers, baked goods, honey and jams. Local artisans, young artists and entrepreneurs, community organizations and food vendors showcase local culture and cuisine. Take time to wander into nearby restaurants and shops while you explore the locally inspired flavors and crafts at this vibrant weekly gathering.





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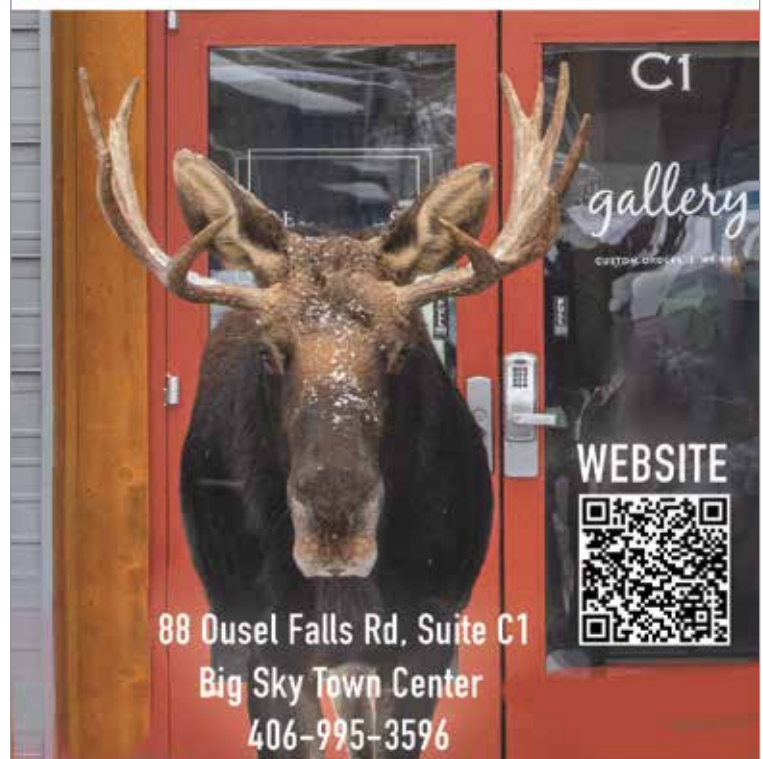
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## ART & CULTURE



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### WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

Witness the origins of Big Sky at **The Historic Crail Ranch** in Meadow Village. Get a glimpse into what life was like for the Crail family during the homestead era. Tour the original log structures and be transported in time to the days of the Wild West. Both buildings, including the small cabin and two-story ranch house, are on the National Register of Historic Places. Peruse the fascinating collection of historic documents, photographs and artifacts, and enjoy a guided educational tour. Note: Open weekends 12:00-3:00 p.m., July through August.



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# COURTNEY COLLINS

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## EVENTS

# JANUARY

**Big Sky Resort**  
*New Year's Eve celebrations and fireworks (beginning December 31)*

# FEBRUARY

**Backcountry Film Festival**

**Big Sky Skijoring**

**International Guitar Night**

**Marty Pavelich Invitational**

**Auction for the Arts**  
*Big Sky Arts Council*

# MARCH

**Yellowstone National Park**  
*Over-snow travel closes for the season*

# APRIL

**Yellowstone National Park**  
*Roads open mid-late April*

**Big Sky Resort**  
*Closes for the winter season*



# MAY

**Yellowstone National Park**  
*All entrances open for the season*

**Give Big Fest**

**Big Sky Golf Course**  
*Opens for the summer season*

**Harbor's Hero Run**

# JUNE

**Big Sky Resort**  
*Opens for the summer season*

**Paddling Film Festival**

**Savor Big Sky**  
*Food, Wine & Spirits Festival*

**Music in the Mountains**

**National Trails Day**

**Total Archery Challenge**

**Farmers Market**

# JULY

**Big Sky Wildflower Festival**

**Big Sky Artisan Festival**

**4th of July 5k**

**Big Sky PBR**

**Music in the Mountains**

**Farmers Market**

**Running of the Bulls Trail Race**

# AUGUST

**Big Sky Biggie**

**Montana Shakespeare in the Park**

**Music in the Mountains**

**Wildlands Music Festival**  
*Dave Matthews & Lukas Nelson*

**Farmers Market**

# SEPTEMBER

**Big Sky Resort**  
*Closes for the summer season*

**Music in the Mountains**

**The Rut**

**Farmers Market**

# OCTOBER

**Great Pumpkin Giveaway**

**Haunted Peaks**

**Halloween Weekend**

**Haunted Run**



# NOVEMBER

**Turkey Trot**

**Big Sky Resort**  
*Opens for the winter season*

**Yellowstone National Park**  
*Most roads close for the season*

# DECEMBER

**Christmas Stroll**

**Madrigal Dinner**

**Yellowstone National Park**  
*Roads open to over-snow travel*

# ONGOING SUMMER

**Farmers Market, Wednesdays**  
*Early June to late September*

**Music in the Mountains, Thursdays**  
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# ONGOING YEAR-ROUND

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### PEAK SEASON

Winter and summer are Big Sky's lively seasons, while fall and spring bring a peaceful energy. Go to [VisitBigSky.com](http://VisitBigSky.com) for a list of up-to-date events to help you plan your getaway.



# VENTURE OUT FOR THE DAY

There is much to explore in the areas surrounding Big Sky. The region is filled with fun-filled day trips bound to satisfy kids, history buffs and outdoor adventurers alike. All within two hours from the heart of Big Sky, these towns offer an authentic glimpse into regional culture and heritage.



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### ENNIS

Located 82 miles from Big Sky, the small town of Ennis is known for its art and fly fishing. With activities for everyone, Ennis offers everything from art walks to wildflower hikes, rafting Bear Trap Canyon or heading out into the beautiful country on horseback. Learn about local history at the **Madison Valley History Museum** or visit the fish hatchery. Get a taste of the Wild West with a stop at **Willie's Distillery** for spirits made in custom-designed copper pots.

### VIRGINIA CITY

Journeying past Ennis, get transported in time to the 1860s in Virginia City. View historic, well-preserved buildings, ride the stagecoach, attend a live theater show or shop at one of the specialty

shops along the old boardwalk. Just over a mile away is the ghost town of Nevada City. Many of the historic buildings in the city are still intact, and the Nevada City **Living History Museum & Music Hall** holds events each weekend in the summer. The

**River of Gold** mining exhibit and gold-panning experience is a must-do, and is sure to be a family favorite. Jump on the **Alder Gulch Shortline Railroad** from the **Bovey Visitors Center** for a 20-minute ride between Virginia City and Nevada City.



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## WEST YELLOWSTONE

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## BOZEMAN

An hour north of Big Sky, Bozeman is home to Montana State University, and stands as a thriving hub bursting with things to do and places to explore. Start the day with coffee at a local roaster, such as **Rockford Coffee** or **Treeline Coffee Roasters**. Then head to the **Museum of the Rockies** to witness the largest collection of North American dinosaur fossils and exhibits, exploring the history of Bozeman and Native Americans. In addition to ever-changing exhibits, the **Taylor Planetarium** is a staple at the museum. The planetarium features a 4k digital projection of the night sky on a 40-foot dome. After experiencing the planets and stars, get to shopping in Bozeman's downtown district. Find treasures at locally owned stores, from bookshops to boutiques.



## QUAKE LAKE

In 1959, an earthquake in the Madison River Canyon, just 24 miles from West Yellowstone, created a dramatic landslide of about 80 million tons of rock, stopping the flow of the Madison River into the canyon's gorge. The landslide and resulting flood caused 28 deaths and nearly \$11 million in damage to the forests and highways in the area, as well as forming Quake Lake. The lake measures five miles long, one-third of a mile wide, and is 190 feet deep. Today, fishermen enjoy casting by boat or along the shores of the lake. The shoreline is accessible from Highway 287, and a boat launch is also available. Cutthroat and brown trout are stocked yearly. The **Earthquake Lake Visitor Center** is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Memorial Day through September 15th, seven days a week.

## LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS

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Please check the website for shoulder season hours.

## HOME IN THE SKY

If your leisure time in the region has inspired you to make the jump to live a Big Sky life, here is some information to help make the transition a smooth and exciting one. Life in the mountains has its gifts, and with a little knowledge and planning, you will be able to embrace all of the benefits of mountain living.

Since Big Sky is such a desirable resort community, the cost of living can be a bit higher here. Residents find creative ways to make it work, such as driving an hour through the canyon to Bozeman for life essentials, including access to large grocery stores, heavy car maintenance and specialty medical care. Living in Bozeman and commuting to Big Sky is a desirable option for many, due to the more affordable rent and amenities close by. A convenient bus connects the two communities and a carpool matching service (GoGallatin) is available for those looking for driving alternatives.

With the support of the engaged Big Sky community, challenges of living in the mountains are outweighed by the natural beauty and endless outdoor activities. If you're ready to call Big Sky home, you will be welcomed with open arms!

## EDUCATION

Ophir Elementary and Middle schools have provided education in Gallatin Canyon since 1906. In 2009, the school district was expanded with the opening of Lone Peak High School. The

school has a strong record of academic achievement, including an impressive university acceptance list. In 2020, the community of Big Sky voted for a new bond to upgrade and expand school facilities, which includes a new track and turf field, parking lot, STEM lab and gym.

## WEATHER

Big Sky summers are short and mild, with blue skies and temperatures typically in the 70s—but evening temperatures drop low, so prepare with extra layers. It's typical to experience all four seasons in just one day. Winters can be cold, many days below zero degrees, and a lot of snow falls from October through April. Big Sky's shortest day of the year is less than nine hours, and the longest is more than 15 hours, making the long days of summer ideal for full-day adventures.

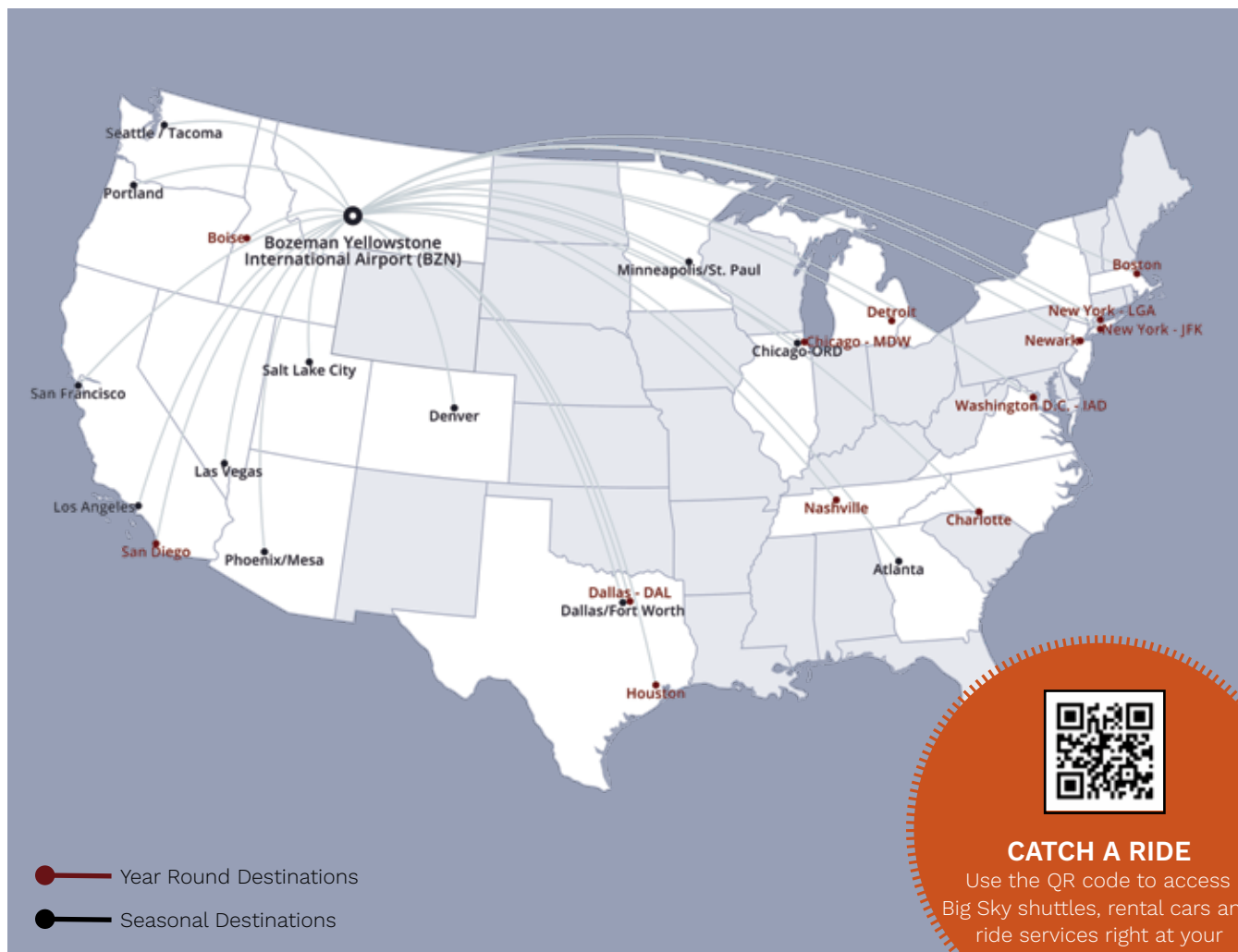
## HOUSING

Dedicated to creating affordable homes for residents, **Big Sky Community Housing Trust** has successfully housed 526 members of the Big Sky workforce since 2020. Using a three-pronged approach, the nonprofit offers access to affordable apartments, incentivizes homeowners to rent long term, and opens pathways to ownership through deed-restricted homes. To learn more about BSCHT and discover your home in the sky, visit [bigskyhousingtrust.org](https://bigskyhousingtrust.org).





## TRAVEL



### CATCH A RIDE

Use the QR code to access Big Sky shuttles, rental cars and ride services right at your fingertips.

## GETTING HERE

Make your trip to Big Sky country as much about the journey as the destination. Plan your trip with these helpful tips.

### ARRIVE BY AIR

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport is a one-hour drive from Big Sky Town Center. Enjoy nonstop service to Bozeman from more than 20 locations on Alaska Airlines, Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest, Sun Country and United Airlines. New flights are frequently being added. See [Bozemanairport.com](http://Bozemanairport.com).

### SHUTTLES

Arriving before or after part of your group? Schedule a shuttle to transport you to Big Sky. Shuttle services in the area include private, corporate, group and airport transportation. See the QR code above for ease of planning.

### GETTING AROUND BIG SKY

Big Sky is most easily navigated using a personal vehicle. While Skyline Bus does provide local Big Sky service between the Canyon, Meadow Village, Town Center and Mountain Village shopping areas, the schedule does vary. See [Skylinebus.com](http://Skylinebus.com).

**TRIP TIP:** Four-wheel drive is highly encouraged from October through May. Plan ahead with a winter-ready rental car or personal vehicle. Be sure to carry items in your vehicle to help you navigate winter driving-related tasks and emergencies.

### DRIVE TIME BY CAR:

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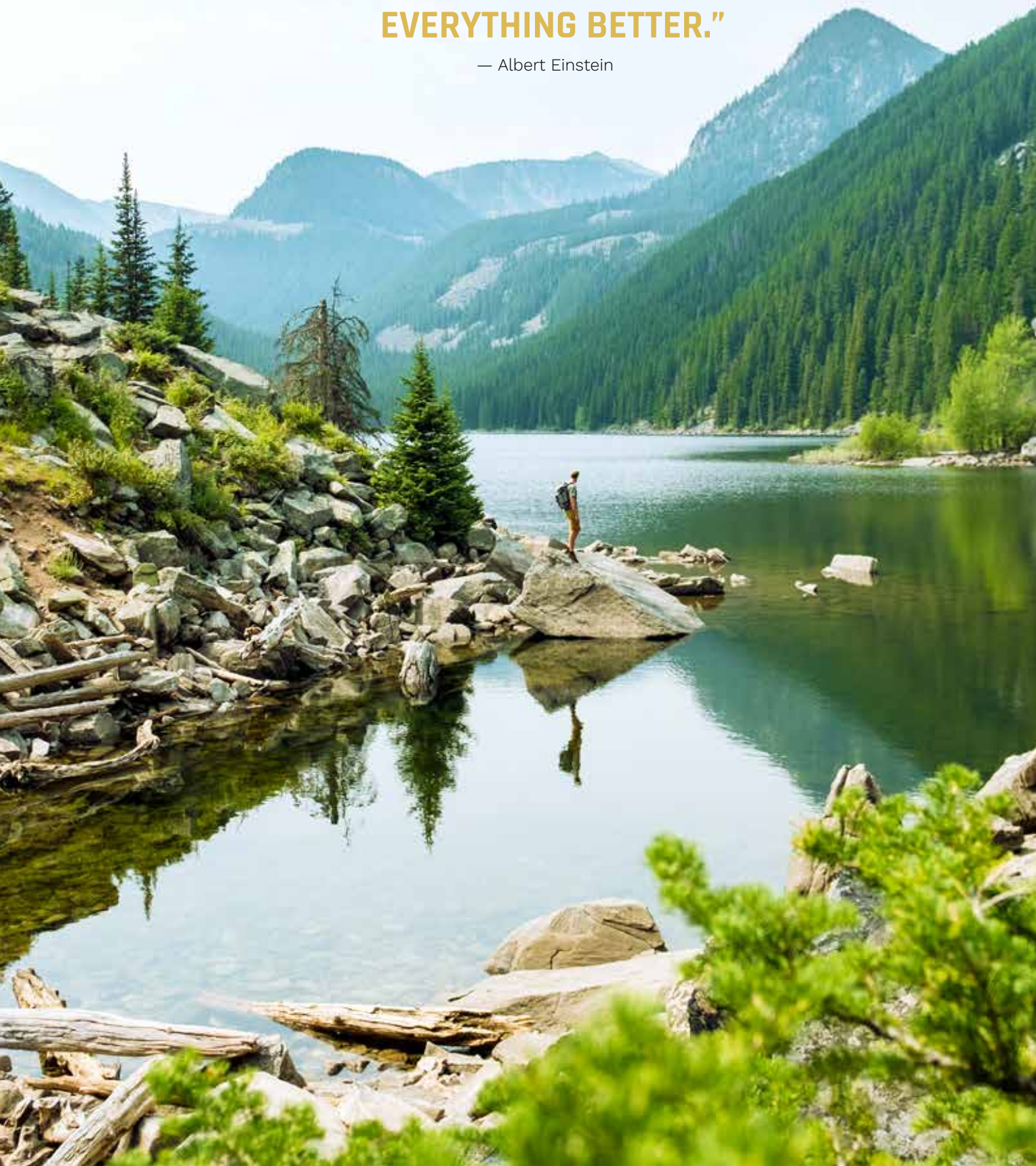


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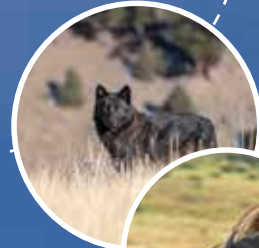
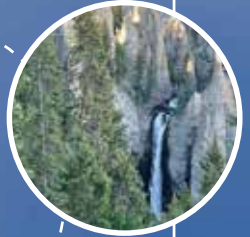
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