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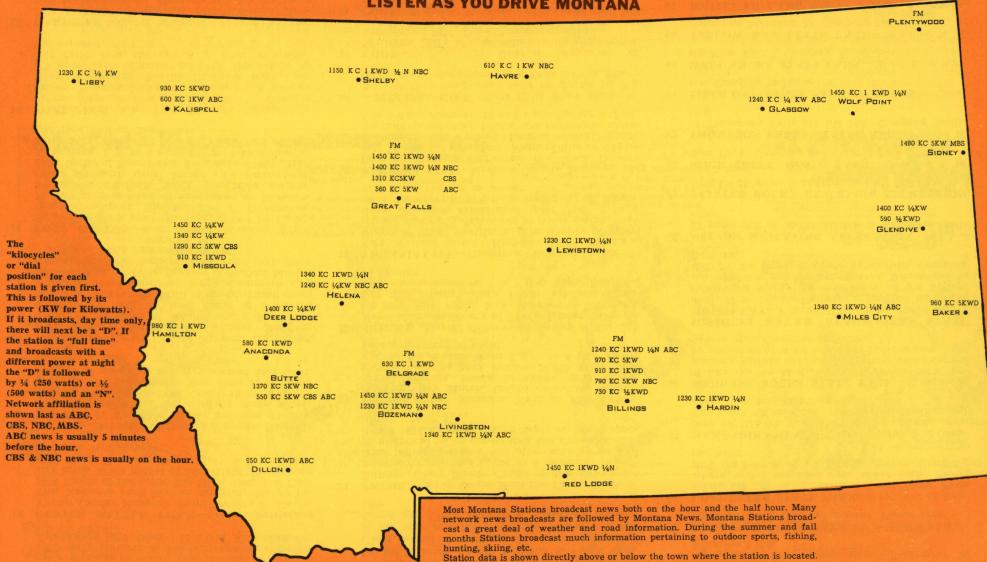
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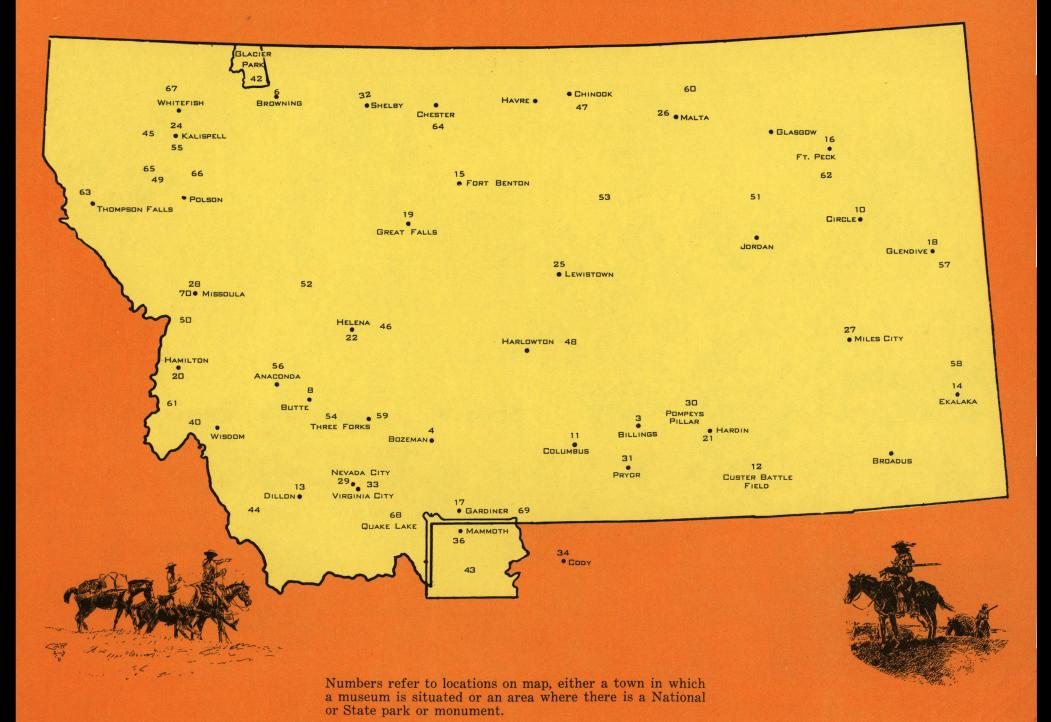
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## MUSEUMS

- 3 BILLINGS—General Custer Museum & Gallery of Western Art, 4934 Laurel Road, 1 mi. W. of Billings on U.S. 10. Directors Don & Stella A. Foote. General Custer items, Buffalo Bill mementos, Antique automobiles, bicycles, wagons, Indian artifacts. Dolls, toys, pioneer items, guns, Western Art. Established 1949. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily May through September.
- BILLINGS—Yellowstone Museum, Logan Field. Directors Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Cook. Steam Locomotive. Gay Ninties living room. Indian pioneer artifacts, pictures. Established 1953. Open 10:30 to noon 1 to 5 p.m. Tues. - Sat. 2 to 5 Sunday. Closed Mon. 12 months of year.
- BILLINGS-Yellowstone Art Center, N. 27th in (Old City Hall.) No data.
- BOZEMAN—Gallatin Pioneers Museum, Gallatin County Court House. Director Mr. Vern Sexton of Belgrade. Indian artifacts. Kinsey Gun & Coin collection. Minerals, rocks, dolls. Established 1937. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. week days all year.
- BOZEMAN—McGill Museum, Montana State College. Director Merrill G. Burlingame. Period rooms. Indian room, teepee, bead collection. Telephone collection. Agricultural equipment, mineral and gun collection. Scenic education display. Established 1958. Open 2 to 4 p.m. daily
- BROWNING—Museum of the Plains Indians, W. of town. Director Dr. Claude E. Schaeffer. Ethnological exhibits Plains Indian life & history. Archaeological exhibits & collections. Northern Plains Indian Crafts Shop. Blackfeet Indian crafts office. Blackfeet Agency records 1874-1910. Microfilm of Montana Indian superintendency records. Current art & other exhibitions. Established 1941. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily June 1 to Sept. 15. Out of season by appointment.
- BUTTE—Hilltop Gallery, Y.M.C.A. Building. Director Wm. T. Baltezar. Usually two art collections per month. Montana artists are featured. Art teachers present courses. Established 1961. Open 1 to 4 & 7 to 9 p.m. Mon. thru Friday. Not appen between exhibits. open between exhibits.
- BUTTE-Montana School of Mines Mineralogical Museum, Montana School of Mines Mineralogical Museum, Montana School of Mines. Director J. M. Chelini. Private collections: W. A. Clark, III, George Fowler, Charles H. Gallagher, Estes. Educational Index of Mineral Species & Varieties. Established 1900. Open 8 to 5 Mon. thru Fri. Sept. to June; 8 to 5 Mon. thru Sun. June to Sept.
- BUTTE-World Museum of Mining, Orphan Girl Mine West of Montana School of Mines. Director John M. Guilbert. This museum is in the making in 1965. An early west mining town is being built with exhibits showing all phases of mining, mine models, tools, & cultural exhibits Open 1 to 9 daily June thru August.
- CIRCLE—Circle Museum, Memorial Recreation Bldg. on Main Str eet. Director, Mrs. H. R. Rein-emer & Mrs. Verna Carlson, Antiques. Dinosaur bones. Montana Agates. Indian artifacts, guns, buffalo heads, tools, early household items. Early newspapers, early pictures. Established 1953. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Wed. & Sat., July & Aug. By appointment thru directors.
- COLUMBUS—Stillwater County Historical Gallery, Civic Center. Director, Jim Anniu. 900 8x10 early pictures on walls. 1200 pictures in albums. 1800 early pictures & 840 biographical sketches. Established 1963. Open 1 to 5 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
- CUSTER BATTLE FIELD—Custer Battlefield Visitor Center Museum. Supt. Thomas K. Garry. This National Park Service museum depicts the 1876 Battle of the Little Big Horn. Indian & Cavalry arms. Scale model of battlefield. Established 1952. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. July & Aug. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. rest of year.
- DILLON-Beaverhead County Museum. Director Mrs. Elfreda Woodside. Indian artifacts. Pioneer mining & household items. Many early photographs. Established 1950. Open 10 to Noon, 1 to 5 & 7 to 9 p.m. except Sun. June 15 to Sept. 15th. 10 to noon & 1 to 5 p.m. except Sun. Sept. 15 to June 14 16 to June 14.
- EKALAKA—Carter County Museum, High Schl. Bldg. Director Marshall E. Lambert. Standing mount of skeletons of Anatosaurs, a duckbilled dinosaur 16' high, 35' long. Skull of 3 horned dinosaur Triceratops. Skull of the bonehead dinosaur Pachycephalosaurus. Much mammoth material. Indian artifacts. Pioneer collection. Marine fossils. Mineral collection. Established 1937. Open 1 to 4 p.m. daily except Mondays.
- FORT BENTON—Fort Benton Museum, Front St. in City Park near remnants of old Fort Benton trading post. Director Joel F. Overholser. Ft. Benton was head of navigation on Missouri. Steamboat diorama. Early freighting display. Ophir Massacre. Chief Joseph rifle surrendered after battle of Bear Paws. Established 1958. Open 10 to noon, 1:30 to 5 except Sun. 1 to 5 Sunday June, July, August. 1 to 5 daily last half of May and first half of September.
- 16 FORT PECK—Fort Peck Museum. Adjacent to visitor room at Power House No. 1. Director Eugene Kuszmaul (Reservoir Ranger). A paleontological museum. Fossils. Dinosaur bones, etc. 273 specimens. Established 1933. Open 9:30 to 5:30 daily June through Aug. Also on special
- 17 GARDINER—Nesbit Museum, Yankee Trading Post. Director Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Nesbit. Mon-tana Indian artifacts. Montana and African game
- heads. Historical antiques. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. June, July, Aug., Sept. GLENDIVE-Frontier Gateway Museum, 1 mi. east on US 10. Director Mrs. John M. Cross, sec., James L. Carter, pres. Chronological historical, prehistoric, Indian, Buffalo, Cattlemen, Home-stead, Railroad, Misc. Established 1963. Open 9 to noon 1 to 5 daily June, July, Aug. 1 to 5 daily

April, May, Sept., Oct.

GREAT FALLS—C. M. Russell Gallery, 1201-4th Ave. N. Director, Mrs. Robb Williams. Original paintings, Charles M. Russell. Nucleus for collection are many little pictures and poems Russell made for birthdays & Christmas for his friends the Triggs. Many other originals given and loaned. Established 1930. Open 2 to 4:30 Sept. to

June daily; 10 to 4 June to Sept. daily

- HAMILTON-Bitter Root Museum, Chamber of Commerce office. Branches of this museum are in Stevensville & Darby. Director, Mrs. Ed Bell. Salish & Nez Perce Indian material, Pioneer artifacts. Established 1955. In process of being moved.
- HARDIN—Weltner's Museum, 13 W. 8th. Director Fred & Emma Weltner. 470 guns dating back to 1500. Antique furniture, Indian artifacts, Agates, fossils, pioneer items. Established 1953. Open all hours June 1 to Sept. 1. Other months by appoint.
- HELENA—Pioneer Cabin, 212 N. Park, Last Chance Gulch. Director, Mrs. C. W. Page. Cabin built in 1863, restored & furnished in decor of 1860's. Established 1938. Open daily June, July, Aug.; other months by appointment via Helena C. of C.
- HELENA—Montana Historical Library, 6th & Roberts, across street from Capitol. Director, Mike Kennedy, Library, museum of past & present, Art Galleries including one devoted exclusively to Charles M. Russell. Montanas most complete museum. Established 1865. Open 8 to 8 daily Memorial Day thru Labor Day. 8 to 5 week days, 12 noon to 5 weekends & holidays other months.
- **KALISPELL**—Flathead Valley Historical Museum, Depot Park. Director, Dr. A. B. Braunberger, director. Russell paintings, Indian collection, guns, pioneer household, dress, ranching items. Established 1964. Open 10 to 3 Mon. thru Sat. 1 to 6 Sun. Memorial Day thru Labor Day.
- **LEWISTOWN**—Central Montana Museum, East Main Street. Director, A. Mikkelsen. Indian artifacts. Early photos, Geology & fossils of area, Historical dioramas. Established 1959. Open 9 a.m. to 5 Mon. thru Fri., 9 to noon Sat., 12 months. 7 to 9 p.m. a;sp June to Aug.
- MALTA-Malta Museum, Court House Public Library. Librarian in charge. Indian artifacts, guns, coins, weapons, Indian items. Establshed 1937. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- MILES CITY—Range Riders Museum. Director, Willis O'Connell. Antiques, artifacts, archaeological & geological specimens. Pioneer Memorial Hall features pictures & plaques of early residents of Eastern Montana. Established 1942. Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days in summer months. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. winter months.
- MISSOULA—Montana State University Museum. Director, Dr. R. T. Turner. Northwest ethnology, early Western Americana Stella Duncan Collection, New Guinea artifacts. Established 1896. Open 8 to 5 Mon. thru Fri. 1:30 to 4:30 Sunday. Closed in August Closed in August.
- NEVADA CITY—Restored Town. 1 mile west of Virginia City. Director, Mrs. John Malley, Box 481, Virginia City. Saddle shop from Ft. Benton. Don Byam home. Sun River jail. Cheap Cash store. Organ Museum. Fire house. Blacksmith shop. Hearse which took Charlie Russell to grave. Old buggies, cutters, drug store, post office, first Twin Bridges School. Railroad cars & engines. Established 1958. Open 8 to 8 daily May 15 to October 1.
- POMPEY'S PILLAR—28 mi. east of Billings on US 10. Director, Don C. & Stella A. Foote. Capt. Clark carved his name on this land mark and it is the only remaining physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Expected opening
- PRYOR—Plenty Coups Museum. 27 mi. South of Billings. Chief Plenty Coups of the Crows set aside a room of his house as a museum. It contains letters, pictures and other articles he had of historical value concerning the Crows. Established 1928. Open May thru Sept., no hours specified
- PRYOR—Pryor Museum. Next to Post Office. Director, Roy March. Indian collection, knives, drills, s crapers, beads, hammers, celts, arrow points, medicine bags, pestles, 20,000 items. Fossils, agates, weeds. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, by appointment at night.
- SHELBY—Marias Museum of History & Art. 229 Maple Ave., basement of Public Library. Director, Mrs. Jean Toole; Mrs. Marguerite Marmont. Old time country store, Indian artifacts. Open 1 to 5 Mon. thru Sat.; 7 to 9 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 12 months. 12 months.
- VIRGINIA CITY—Thompson-Hickman Memorial. East Wallace Street (Highway 287). Directors, Vigilante Club. Aratifacts, photographs of early mining and early-day towns in Alder Gulch, Vigilante material. Established 1920. Open 8 to 8 daily, summer; 10 to 6 daily spring & fall; weekends & by request in winter. VIRGINIA CITY-Madison County Museum. (J.
- Spencer Watkins Memorial) mid-town. Directors, Museum Association. Memorabilia of Madison County and western Montana mining, ranching and commerce; native ore collection. Open 8 to 6 daily summer; 10 to 6 daily Spring & Fall.
- **--VIRGINIA CITY**—Rank Drug Store Museum. An old time drug store will be found in the basement of the present day Rank's Drug Store.
- **CODY**—Buffalo Bill Museum. Memorials of "Buffalo" Bill Cody. Including his original home. Established 1927. Open Summer months.
- CODY—Whitney Museum of Western Art. Director, Dr. McCracken. Charles M. Russell and Frederick Remington art plus others. Established 1959. Open Summer months.
- MAMMOTH-Yellowstone Park Museum. Director, Aubry Haynes. Historical documents on Park and early West. A student treasure house. Publisher of many interesting books, pamphlets and papers on Yellowstone, Big Hole Battlefield, etc. Open 12 months, manned by National Park Serv-

## NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS

- BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD-West of Wisdom. The 3rd of 7 battles was fought here between a band of Nez Perce headed by Chiefs Joseph and White Bird. Gen. Gibbon with 198 men surprised the Indian camp and went in shooting and clubbing men, women and children. The Indians rallied and catching Gibbons men in a crossfire defeated them. A booklet "Chief Joseph's People and Their War," obtainable at the Battlefield is an interesting story of the 1300 mile flight of the
- CUSTER BATTLEFIELD—15 miles South of Hardin. Supt., Thomas K. Garry, June, 1876—Battle of the Little Big Horn. Established 1879. Open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. July and August; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. rest of year.
- -GLACIER NATIONAL PARK-60 glaciers, waterfalls, mountain scenery. Hotels, motels, restaurants. Established 1910. Open June 15th to September 10th.
- 43 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK—Supt. Mr. John McLaughlin. Largest and oldest of all national parks—geysers, lakes, waterfalls, bears, hotels, motels, restaurants. Established 1872. Open May 1 to October 31.

#### STATE PARKS AND MONUMENTS

- 44 BANNACK STATE MONUMENT—21 miles west of Dillon off US 91. First territorial capital of Montana. Now a ghost town, Bannack serves as a reminder of gold rush days of the 1860's.
- BITTERROOT LAKE STATE PARK-20 miles west of Kalispell and 5 miles north of Marion off US 2. Camping facilities.
- CANYON FERRY RECREATION AREA-20 mi. SE of Helena off US 12. Located on the shores of a lake formed by a Missouri River dam. Camping facilities.
- CHIEF JOSEPH BATTLEFIELD-16 miles S of Chinook off US 2. After a 6 day siege, Chief Joseph surrendered with these now famous words "from where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." more forever.
  - CHIEF PLENTY COUPS MEMORIAL—State Monument, 35 miles S of Billings. A memorial to Plenty Coups, Chief of the Crow Indians, who left this land in trust to be enjoyed by Indians and white men.
- DEADMAN'S BASIN RECREATION AREA—20 miles east of Harlowton off US 12.
- FLATHEAD LAKE STATE PARK—15 miles N of Polson on US 93. Camping facilities.
- FORT OWEN STATE MONUMENT—At Stevens-ville off US 93. Site of a pioneer fort and trading post established by Major Owen near Montana's first white settlement.
- 51 HELL CREEK STATE PARK—34 miles N of Jordan off Montana 18 on Fort Peck Reservoir. Camping facilities.
- HOOPER STATE PARK—At Lincoln on Montana 20. Beautiful forest setting west of the Rogers Pass. Camping facilities.
- JAMES KIPP STATE PARK-65 miles N of Lewistown on 19. Located on banks of the Missouri River. Camping facilities.
- LEWIS & CLARK CAVERN STATE PARK-15 miles east of Whitehall on US 10. Largest lime-stone cavern in the Northwest. Electrically lighted and is safe and comfortable to visit. Camping facilities. Open May 1-September 30 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- LONE PINE STATE PARK—3 miles SW of Kalispell off US 2. Unusual scenery. Picnic area.
- LOST CREEK STATE PARK—6 miles N of Anaconda off US 10A. Features Lost Creek Falls where water cascades over sheer rock. Flows thru the bottom of a 3,000 foot canyon. Camping
- MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK—3 miles S of Glendive off US 10. An outstanding badlands area. The word, "Makoshika" is Sioux for "hell cooled over." Camping facilities.

MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK-12 miles N

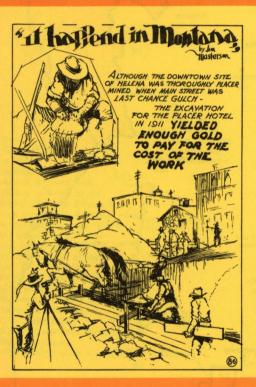
- of Ekalaka on Montana 7. Sandstone rock formations, spirals, columns, archways, caves carved by centuries of wind and rain. Indians once held dances here. Camping facilities.
- MISSOURI RIVER HEADWATERS STATE MONUMENT—3 miles E of Three Forks and 3 miles N on US 10. National registered historical monument marks the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin Rivers. Discovered in 1805 by the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Camping facilities
- NELSON RESERVOIR RECREATION AREA—23 miles NE of Malta off US 2. Camping facil-
- PAINTED ROCKS RESERVOIR RECREATION AREA—35 miles S of Hamilton off US 93.
- ROCK CREEK STATE PARK-35 miles S of Fort Peck. Camping facilities.
- THOMPSON FALLS STATE PARK-3 miles W of Thompson Falls off US 10A. Camping facili-
- TIBER DAM STATE PARK-18 miles S of Ches-
- ter. Camping facilities. WEST SHORE STATE PARK-20 mi S of Kalispell on US 93. Camping facilities.
- YELLOW BAY STATE PARK-20 miles N of Polson on Montana 35. Camping facilities.
- WHITEFISH LAKE STATE PARK-At Whitefish on US 93. Camping facilities.
- FOREST SERVICE POINT OF INTEREST—
  - QUAKE LAKE—Formed by recent earthquake. FOREST SERVICE POINT OF INTEREST-LOOK OUT POINT—Red Lodge Highway.
- FOREST SERVICE SMOKE JUMPERS HEAD-QUARTERS-Airport W of Missoula.

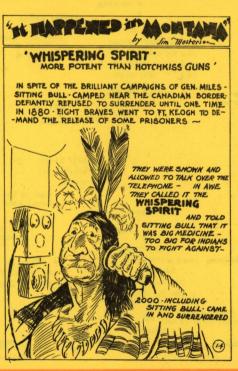
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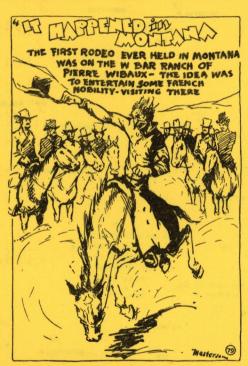
Because most of the planning and construction of the fine State Museum at Helena was done during his tenure as World War II Governor of Montana, this publication is dedicated to the late Sam C. Ford. A Kentuckian, whose family also ranched in western Kansas, Mr. Ford had a distinguished law and public career, in the Treasure State from 1906 until 1961. He held such important public offices as Assistant U. S. Attorney, Attorney General and Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court. Mr. Ford married the granddaughter of Preston H. Leslie, an early territorial Governor. His son-in-law, Ted James, is the present Lieutenant Governor of Montana.



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The Big Sky Country

Lakes, Dude Ranches,
Fine roads,
Things to see,
Things to do.
The whole family enjoys

Waterfalls, forests, cattle to punch, pictures to take, rodeos to thrill, camping to enjoy, scenery galore, Montana. So will you.