

Attractions



(photo courtesy Beartooth Plateau Outfitters)

ABSAROKEE

Located south of Columbus on Highway 78.

Absarokee features many recreational opportunities, including white-water rafting, horseback riding, fishing and camping. The community also has a swimming pool and park with tennis courts. The friendly people you'll meet will fill you in on the best places to wet your line, or if you like, leave the planning and outfitting to the guides and fly shops in the area. Though the town of **Absarokee** has never incorporated, it has continued to grow and flourish over the years with the guidance and assistance of a strong force of volunteers.

During the summer of 1910, the Sandstone School was built and in 1917 the Cobblestone High School was built with rocks

hauled from the Rosebud River by local residents. Both buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Absarokee hosts many of the spring and summer events held in Stillwater County. The Quick Draw & Art Auction, the Montana Barbecue Cook-Off and the Stillwater Art & Wine Festival are just a few.

Don't miss Absarokee Days, an annual event held the last weekend of July. A parade, barbecue and craft fair are only a few of the planned activities. The Cobblestone Preservation Committee sponsors the annual Farmer's Market, held Labor Day weekend on the school grounds. Spend some time viewing the many quilts on display during the annual Quilt Show. This event is a favorite of locals and visitors alike.

BEAR TOOTH PLATEAU OUTFITTERS

Located in Cooke City, MT.

Let us be your hosts and show you the Yellowstone Park Back Country, and the Absaroka -Bear-tooth Wilderness High Lake Area. We operate out of three pack stations located at: Cooke City, Roberts, and Wisdom, Montana. The Cooke City Pack Station is our headquarters for our summer and early fall season June 15 - September 20.

We specialize in "away from the crowd" horseback pack trips into the back country. Our pack trips offer secluded fishing in famous trout waters. Whether you go to the Absaroka - Beartooth Wilderness or into Yellowstone, the wildlife, beautiful wild flowers, waterfalls and towering granite peaks offer infinite photography and sightseeing opportunities.

Stop in our Orvis Fly Shop, located on Main St. in Cooke City for local information & fishing supplies. For more information, e-mail us at ronnie@beartoothoutfitters.com or you can visit us on our website at www.beartoothoutfitters.com

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BELGRADE

Located 9 miles northwest of Bozeman, and 1 mile from Gallatin Field Airport or Bozeman Airport, which is actually in Belgrade).

Make **Belgrade** your first stop under the Big Sky. We have lots of

things to see and do.

The Gallatin Valley boasts legendary trout fishing. Access to blue ribbon trout streams will keep the serious angler coming back for more. Several rivers and streams are just a short drive from **Belgrade**.

For the ski enthusiast, find out why the locals stay here. They have snow and lots of it! Bridger Bowl and Big Sky ski areas are just a short drive from **Belgrade**. They offer plenty of mountain for skiers of all ages and ability.

Yellowstone National Park, Americas' oldest national park is only 90 miles south of **Belgrade**. Experience the magic of this vast wilderness full of wildlife.

For snowmobile buffs, hundreds of miles of National Forest trails await you. Yellowstone National Park is open to snowmobiles from December to March.

Belgrade's Annual Fall Festival held on the third weekend in September, invites everyone to a whole day of festivities featuring a parade, open pit barbecue, arts and crafts, games, displays and more. In everyone's travels, visit **Belgrade**, the direct route to Big Sky and Yellowstone National Park.

BIG SKY

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is a growing resort community with something to offer everyone.

Each year, magnificent mountains and a 400+ inch snowfall provide endless winter outdoor activities ranging from alpine skiing and snowboarding at Big Sky Resort and Moonlight Basin to cross-country skiing at Lone Mountain Ranch, to snowmobiling, snowshoeing and more.

As winter winds down and summer begins, **Big Sky** explodes with an array of concerts, fairs, rodeos and performances. During the months of July and August, the Arts Council of Big Sky hosts a music festival complete with various musical genres represented... Everything from symphony to blue

grass to jazz can be heard coming from the pavilion located in **Big Sky's** meadow area.

During the summer, **Big Sky** is also known for having some of the finest fly-fishing in the region. Year after year, fly-fishermen arrive from all corners of the world to cast in our trout-laden rivers and streams. Kayaking and white-water rafting are popular summer activities as are horseback riding, ski lift rides, mountain biking, hiking and golfing on **Big Sky's** 18-hole Arnold Palmer designed golf course.

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BIG TIMBER

Located at the Junction of Int. 90 & Highway 191; 60 miles east of Bozeman, 80 miles west of Billings.

Perhaps more than anywhere else in the state, the area around **Big Timber** incorporates the varied beauty of Montana. It's located at the jct. of the beautiful Yellowstone and Boulder Rivers and nestled in a valley between the imposing Crazy Mountains to the northwest and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness to the south. To the northeast, the Great Plains of Montana begin.

Given the surroundings, it's easy to see why the opportunities for outdoor recreation are excellent year-round. Whether you're striking out on your own, hiring a guide or staying at one of the area's many guest ranches, you'll find superb fishing, hunting, hiking and cross-country skiing.

At the head of McLeod Street in **Big Timber** is the Boulder River, with great fishing and fantastic scenery along Highway 298 for 50 miles up into the Gallatin National Forest.

About 30 miles up scenic 298 is Natural Bridge and Falls, where the Boulder cascades over a 90 ft. falls and at low water, flows under a natural stone arch. The surrounding forest has campgrounds and over 300 miles of scenic trails that wind their way over and through mountains and valleys.

At the other end of McLeod Street, the wide Yellowstone offers more blue ribbon trout fishing and is also popular for family float trips. There are five public fishing access sites in Sweetgrass County (four on the Yellowstone, two on the Boulder) and some allow overnight camping.

Some attractions in the **Big Timber** area include the Yellowstone River Cutthroat Trout Hatchery and Greycliff Prairie Dog Town, a blacktailed prairie dog community protected by the Nature Conservancy and the Mon-

tana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (nine miles east via Interstate 90).

Learn more online at www.bigtimber.com

THE FORT

The Fort on the east end of Highway 10 in Big Timber nestled in the Yellowstone Valley (between Billings and Bozeman) is accessible from I-90 with two exits. **The Fort** is within walking distance of the Boulder and Yellowstone, two of Montana's finest blue ribbon trout fishing streams.

The Crazy Mountains to the north and the Absaroka and Bear-tooth ranges to the south, provide nature and outdoor enthusiasts with an abundance of family recreational opportunities.

The Fort provides travelers, shoppers and sporting enthusiasts with an array of products featuring Sinclair fuels, hunting and fishing licenses, guns, sporting accessories, groceries, fine wines and cold beer.

The Fort also houses a Montana State Liquor Agency, a fresh deli with espresso bar and one of Montana's finest gift shops.

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BILLINGS

Located at the Junction of Interstate 90, Hwy. 87 & Hwy. 3, approximately 2.5 hours NE of Yellowstone National Park.

Montana's largest city, **Billings**, Montana's Trailhead, can boast both the comforts of a big town and a location that makes it a gateway to the rugged high country to the west and the attractions in southeastern Montana. You may want to begin your visit with a stop at the **Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center** (Exit 450 off Interstate 90) for a map and information about the city and the surroundings.

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