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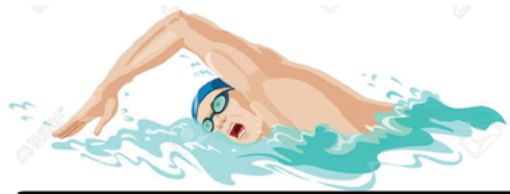
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Carter County



Fallon County



Custer County



Powder River County



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Citizen Of The Year Awards | Custer
Montana Coyote Calling Contest | Baker

February:

Cowtown Beef Breeder's Show | Miles City

March:

Irish Throwdown | Miles City
Annual ReFresh | Miles City

April:

SpringFest | Miles City
Walleye Unlimited Banquet | Miles City
B4 Bike Show & Silent Auction | Miles City
Annual Gem & Mineral Show | Miles City
Baker Jam Basketball Tournament

May:

Bucking Horse Sale | Miles City

June:

Big Hill Buffalo Shoot | Baker
Cowtown BBQ Cook Off | Miles City
Battle of the Little Bighorn Reenactment |
Crow Reservation
Show & Shine Baker Car Show
Bump N Run Races | Baker
Smalltown Showdown Co-Ed Softball
Tournament | Broadus

July:

4th of July Parade & Fireworks | Miles City
Annual Dino Shindig | Ekalaka
July 4th Bash & Fireworks Display | Ekalaka
4th of July Celebration | Broadus
Powder River County Fair | Broadus
Crazy Days | Miles City

August:

Days of '85 Fair, Rodeo & Parade | Ekalaka
Eastern MT Fair | Miles City
Fallon County Fair | Baker
Carter County Fair | Ekalaka
Miles City Ranch Rodeo
Crow Fair & Rodeo
Youth Rodeo | Ekalaka
Golf Scramble | Miles City

September:

Fallon Junior Rodeo
Lewistown Chokecherry Festival
Miles City Bluegrass Festival
MT Ram Sale | Miles City

October:

Cowboy Poetry | Alzada
Broadus Fall Fest

November:

Sagebrush Service Club Holiday Bazaar | Ekalaka

December:

Polar Plunge | Miles City
Christmas Stroll | Baker, Broadus
Christmasin the Park | Baker
Firefight Toy Dance & Auction | Miles City

**Events are subject to change.*

In the 19th century, the grasslands in North America were ruled by herds of American buffalo. These animals were massive, with length reaching 11ft and weight up to 2200 lbs. Despite the popular beliefs, the Native Americans never domesticated bison. It was the Europeans who came during the 20th century who tried to domesticate them although it was met with limited success. Part of the reason why it's very difficult to domesticate bison is the fact that they have very wild tempers and enormous strength. They can run up to 40 mph and jump up to 6 feet making them able to easily escape most fencing systems, including razor wire. Bison were heavily hunted in the 19th century; they were prized for their meat, fur and horns. They lost their natural habitat due to expansion of ranch and farms in North America. The arrival of non-indigenous hunters played a major part in the population decline as the US government sanctioned and actively endorsed buffalo hunting to remove the Native Americans main food source.

Bison are some of the most dangerous animals when they attack. Even those kept in US state parks, with a safe and confined environment, are still very aggressive and will not hesitate to attack people. Their large body is not representative of their speed and agility. Between 1980 and 1999, there were three times as many people injured by bison at Yellowstone National Park than by bears.



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Public Health.....	406-874-8700
Weed Management.....	406-874-3371

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Carter County History



Carter county was created by the Montana State Legislature on February 22, 1917, and was named in honor of United States Senator, Thomas Henry Carter. One of its earliest buildings was a courthouse built in 1920 that is still in use today. The main industry of the area is beef production with ranching and farming following. The population in 1920 was around 2,972 and today its population is around 1,160.

Towns:

Ekalaka (county seat) - pop. 332

Census-designated place:

Alzada - pop. 29

Unincorporated communities:

Boyes
Capitol
Hammond
Mill Iron
Ridge

Carter County Communities

Alzada

Alzada was first established in 1878 as Camp Devin by the 9th U.S. Infantry soldiers. Later it was named Stoneville after the local bartender Lou Stone. Stoneville didn't last very long because of confusion with another similarly named community. It was eventually named Alzada after the early settler Laura Alzada Shelden. In 1997 a B-1 bomber crashed near Alzada and the small town was briefly in the news. It is home to around 29 residents.

Ekalaka (County Seat)

Ekalaka is named after Ijkalaka, the wife of David H. Russell. She was born in 1858 and was the daughter of Eagle Man, an Oglala Sioux. Russell was the first white settler in the valley and the town formed on the edge of his ranch. In 1885 a man named Carter opened a saloon in the town and is credited for saying "Anyplace is a good place to open a saloon". The town soon became a trade center for cattle ranchers and sheepherders. The population today is around 332.

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Fallon County History



Fallon County was established in 1913 after the people successfully elected to split from Custer County. It got its name from Benjamin O'Fallon, Nephew of Captain William Clark. The area started to grow in 1908 when the Milwaukee Railroad came through. They chose to have the rails go this way because of the excellent dam site for the railroad water supply. In the beginning the means for development were agriculture but the discovery of natural gas and oil made the county grow even faster. Many businesses were being developed around town and the first jail was built March 17, 1916. The original jail is still there but is now the main building for the O'Fallon Historical Museums. Fallon County covers 1,623 square miles and is home to approximately 2,890 residents.

Communities:

Baker (county seat) - pop. 1,741

Plevna - pop. 162

Willard - pop. NA

Fallon County Communities



Baker (County Seat)

Baker was founded in 1908 and built by the people for the railroad and homesteaders looking for a better living. It is the county seat of Fallon County in the southeastern part of Montana. Baker is known for its natural gas wells that are abundant all around the city. The city is also noted for its soft water which has always easily passed purity test done by the state. In the winter, there are five wells that produce an average of 314,000 gallons daily, and in the summer its around 768,000 gallons daily. The city has approximately 1,741 residents.

Plevna

Plevna was established in 1909 and was named after the Bulgarian city, Pleven, due to the number of Bulgarian workers in the area. The town has no waterways and is just over a half square mile. A couple famous people born and raised here were Vedic Himsl (Chicago Cubs coach 1960-1964) and Paul Daniels (singer songwriter). Plevna with 162 residents makes up 6 percent of Fallon County's population.



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Custer County History



Custer County was established in 1877 and named after General George A. Custer. General Custer was a cavalry commander in the American Civil War and the American Indian Wars. Custer had a good reputation during the Civil War. He fought in one of the first major battles, the First Battle of Bull Run. When Custer was dispatched to fight in the American Indian Wars he didn't do as well. He and all his men were killed at the Battle of the Little Bighorn fighting against an alliance of Native American tribes. The battle is popularly known in American history as "Custer's Last Stand". He is mainly remembered for this battle and not his prior achievements. Custer County celebrates its rich western history. The main source of income still comes from cattle ranching and dryland farming. Custer County covers 3,793 square miles and is home to approximately 11,699 residents.

Cities:

Miles City (county seat)
- pop. 8,410

Towns:

Ismay -
pop. 19

Unincorporated communities:

Volborg
Kinsey

Custer County Communities



Ismay

Ismay is thought to be named after Isabelle and Mary Peck, George W. Pecks daughters. He was the general counsel for the railroad at that time. The government wanted the lands in this area to be settled and passed a homestead act in 1909. This would give anyone 320 acres if they agreed to farm it. People started flocking to the area looking for better quality of life. But the government had lied, spreading false brochures around with pictures of lush fields and saying the area had tropical weather, when it was actually more like a desert. Most people left leaving the area barren and abandoned again. Ismay is home to around 19 people currently.

Miles City (County Seat)

Miles City was incorporated in 1887 as the county seat of Custer County. It was named after the U.S. Army officer General Nelson Appleton Miles. Miles City like many of the surrounding cities owe their existence to the soldiers who staked claim there. But it was the settlers that were looking for new areas to better their lives that helped the city remain and grow. The city experienced rapid growth until the 1930s, but with the upriver town of Billings getting an oil refining center, banking center, and a medical service center first the city became less desirable. The city is 3.3 square miles and has approximately 8,410 residents.



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Powder River County History



Powder River County was established in 1909 and named after the Powder River. The Powder River got its name from the gun powder colored sand of the river banks. Shortly after the county was established, Broadus was chosen as the county seat in 1920. The county is mainly rural and agricultural land with limited oil and timber production, although there are substantial reserves of these resources. Powder River County covers 3,298 square miles and is home to approximately 1,743 residents.

Town:

Broadus (county seat) - pop. 468

Census-designated place:

Biddle - pop. 61

Unincorporated communities:

Belle Creek
Coalwood
Epsie
Moorhead

Olive
Otter
Powderville
Sonnette

Powder River County Communities



Biddle

Biddle started growing in the 1900's and its first post office was established in 1916. It is near the Little Powder River but has no water in its borders. The area gets around 14.5 inches of rain per year and 39 inches of snow. Biddle has 17.27 square miles of land and approximately 61 residents.

Broadus (County Seat)

Broadus was named after the Broadus family, they were early settlers in the area. Its first post office was established in 1900 and also called Broadus. The area is known for its amazing wild life, making it great for photography, hiking, and hunting. Native Americans have called this land home for a long time and as a result it is common to find arrowheads and artifacts scattered around, with a possibility of finding skeletal remains from dinosaurs. Broadus is home to approximately 468 residents.

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Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.



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Carter County Museum

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Cellar Casino

719 Main St.
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Powder River Historical Museum

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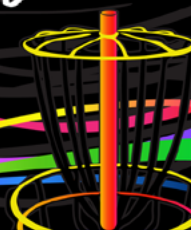
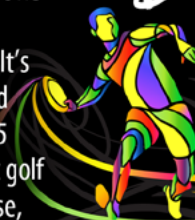
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Website: <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/seasons/>

HUNTING SEASONS 2024

Montana Antelope Seasons

900 series: Aug. 15 - Nov. 10
Archery: Sept. 7 - Oct. 11
General: Oct. 12 - Nov. 102

Montana Bighorn Sheep Seasons

Archery: Sept. 7 - Sept. 14
General: Sept. 15 - Dec. 1

Montana Black Bear Seasons

Spring: Apr. 15 - May 31 or June 15
Spring Hound Training: May 26 - June 15
Archery: Sept. 7 - Sept. 14
Fall: Sept. 15 - Dec. 1

Montana Deer & Elk Seasons

Archery: Sept. 7 - Oct. 20
Youth, deer only: Oct. 17 - Oct. 18
General: Oct. 26 - Dec. 1
Shoulder seasons: Aug. 15 - Feb. 15,
varying dates before and/or after the
archery and general seasons
Muzzleloader: Dec. 14 - 22
Backcountry - HD's 150, 280, 316
General: Sept. 15 - Dec. 1



Montana Bison Seasons

Nov. 15 - Feb. 15

Moose

Sept. 15 - Dec. 1

Mountain Goat

Sept. 15 - Dec. 1

Mountain Lion

Archery (without dogs): Sept. 3 - Oct. 16
Fall (without dogs): Oct. 26 - Dec. 1
Winter: Dec. 1 - April 14
Resident Hound Training Season: Dec.
2 - April 14

Upland Game Birds Seasons

Mountain Grouse: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1
Partridge: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1 (except for
portion of Carbon County, where it is
Sept. 1 - Jan. 10)
Ring-necked Pheasant: Oct. 12 - Jan. 1
Youth Hunt: Sept. 21 - Sept. 22
Sage Grouse: Sept. 1 - Sept. 30
Sharp-tailed Grouse: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1
Falconry: Sept. 1 - March 31

Turkey

Spring: April 15- May 31
Fall: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1

FURBEARER SEASONS

For general reference only. 2024

Trapping Districts 1, 2 & 3

Beaver: Nov. 1 - Apr. 15, 2024
Bobcat: Dec. 1 - Feb. 15, 2024*

Trapping Districts 4, 5, 6 & 7

Beaver: Sept. 1 - May 31, 2024
Bobcat: Dec. 1 - Mar. 1, 2024*

Portion of Trapping District 6

Swift Fox: Nov. 1 - Jan. 15, 2024*
Fisher, Marten: Where open: Dec. 1 - Feb.
15, 2024*
Mink, Muskrat, Otter: Nov. 1 - Apr. 15,
2024*

** May close earlier when the quota is reached.*

**At the time of publication not all 2025 season dates
were available.*

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OUTDOOR

Fun Facts

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- Fire usually moves faster uphill than downhill
- Wildfires can reach speeds of 14 miles per hour
- For every human there are around 200 million insects
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
- Oak trees produce acorns when they are around 50 years old
- Parks run by the National Park Service have around 3 million campers per year
- The record high in the U.S. was in Death Valley, CA at 134F and the record low was in Prospect Creek, AK at -79F



Let Wildlife be Wild

- ✧ Bringing a wild animal home will stress it out. The stress can cause health problems or even death. Most wild animals see people and domestic animals as a threat.
 - ✧ Wild animals can carry diseases and parasites that can affect humans and domestic animals.
 - ✧ The diet requirements of a wild animal are very hard to replicate in captivity. With out a complete diet wild animals run a high risk of having nutritional deficiencies that can lead to deformations or death. On the other hand for local birds providing supplemental food and water may be beneficial with correct practice.
 - ✧ Wild animals raised by humans don't learn their normal behaviors or survival skills and shouldn't be released into the wild.
 - ✧ If you come across a injured animal don't try and help it until contacting your local wildlife agency to see what they recommend.
 - ✧ It's illegal for an unauthorized citizen to raise wild animals in most states.
- A healthy animal in its natural environment has the best chance of survival.
 - A young wild animal by itself does not mean it's an orphan. It is common for adults to leave their young unattended while they forage or hunt.
 - Wild animals are not very safe as pets.
 - It is false that the human scent on a wild animal will make the parents reject it.



FISHING SEASONS & RECORDS

MONTANA FISHING SEASONS

Lakes & Reservoirs - Open all year
Rivers & Streams

• *Western District* - 3rd Sat in May through Nov. 30 unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.

• *Central District* - Open all year, unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.

• *Eastern District* - Open all year

*Scan the QR code

for more info.



FISH	MONTANA NATIVE	LENGTH (inches)	WEIGHT	SITE	ANGLER	DATE
Arctic Grayling	■	20	3.63 lbs.	Washtub Lake	Glenn Owens	6/28/03
Bigmouth Buffalo	■	40.7	57.75 lbs.	Nelson Reservoir	Craig D. Grassel	6/4/94
Black Bullhead		14.37	2.60 lbs.	Smiley Slough	Birrell White	6/20/09
Black Crappie		16.7	3.13 lbs.	Tongue River Reservoir	Al Elser	1973
Bluegill		11	2.64 lbs.	Peterson's Stock Dam	Brent Fladmo	6/3/83
Blue Sucker	■	34.56	13.29	Marias River	Jason Karls	4/19/19
Brook Trout			9.06 lbs.	Lower Two Medicine Lake	John R. Cook	1940
Brown Trout		37	32.42	Marias River	Robbie Dockter	3/3/21
Bull Trout (Dolly Varden)	■	37	25.63 lbs.		James Hyer	1916
Burbot	■	39	17.08 lbs.	Missouri River Wolf Point	Jeff Eugene Iwen	4/18/89
Channel Catfish	■	38.75	35.18	Colstrip Surge Pond	John D. Smith	7/7/19
Chinook Salmon		38.125	32.05	Fort Peck Reservoir	Greg Haug	8/16/20
Cisco		18.2	2.08 lbs.	Missouri River	Troy Holstein	6/2/14
Creek Chub	■	11.0	.52 lbs.	Harbaugh Bass Pond	William Bibeau	5/12/13
Coho Salmon		25.5	4.88 lbs.	Fort Peck Reservoir Face of Dam	Irvn F. Stohl	5/29/73
Common Carp		38	40.2 lbs.	Nelson Reservoir	Jared S. Albus	5/24/98
Cutthroat Trout	■		16 lbs.	Red Eagle Lake	Wm. D. Sands	1955
Emerald Shiner		3.43	0.01 lbs.	Park Grove Bridge	Ike Braaten	6/9/06
Fathead Minnow	■	2.7	0.01 lbs.	Dollar Lake	Chris Gustine	5/30/14
Flathead Chub	■	11.2	0.59 lbs.	Thornton Pond	Douglas Jordan	4/29/01
Freshwater Drum	■	29.5	21.59 lbs.	Fort Peck - Ghost Coulee	Matt Washut	5/3/03
Golden Trout		23.5	5.43 lbs.	Cave Lake	Mike Malixi	7/16/00
Goldeye	■		3.18 lbs.	Nelson Reservoir	Don Nevriy	7/4/00
Green Sunfish		10.0	0.85 lbs.	Gartside Reservoir	Garin Hicks	5/27/23
Kokanee Salmon		26.8	7.85 lbs.	Hauser Lake	John Bomar	9/23/03
Lake Chub	■	3.9	.02 lbs.	Teton River	Joe Hagengruber	8/22/10
Lake Trout		42.5	42.69 lbs.	Flathead Lake	Ruth Barber	6/23/04
Lake Whitefish		27	10.46 lbs.	Flathead Lake	Swan McDonald V	8/26/06
Largemouth Bass		22.5	9.58	Lake Elmo	Brandon Wright	4/24/21
Largescale Sucker	■	23.1	6.16 lbs.	Woodland Pond	Kevin Fraley	6/27/08
Longnose Sucker	■	19.5	4.21	Holter Lake	Austin Wargo	5/17/21
Mottled Sculpin	■		0.05 lbs.	Belt Creek (North of Neilhart MT)	Brad Sullivan	7/30/01
Mountain Sucker	■	6.2	1.60 oz.	Beaver Creek Reservoir	Robert Garwood	4/23/01

FISH	MONTANA NATIVE	LENGTH (inches)	WEIGHT	SITE	ANGLER	DATE
Mountain Whitefish	■	23	5.11 lbs.	Hauser Reservoir	Walt Goodman	10/10/07
Northern Pikeminnow	■	27.125	7.88 lbs.	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Darrel Torgrimson	5/28/91
Northern Pike			37.5 lbs.	Tongue River Reservoir	Lance Moyer	1972
Paddlefish	■	77	142.5 lbs.	Missouri River Near Kipp Park	Larry Branstetter	5/20/73
Pallid Sturgeon	■		60 lbs.	Yellowstone River Near Sidney	Gene Sattler	5/13/79
Peamouth	■	16.125	1.52 lbs.	Clark Fork River	Mike Jensen	7/29/07
Pumpkinseed		9.5	0.96 lbs.	Upper Thompson Lake	Nathan Bache	7/30/06
Pygmy Whitefish	■	9.84	0.36 lbs.	Little Bitterroot Lake	Richard Geldrich	2/13/10
Rainbow Smelt		7.1	0.08	Fort Peck Reservoir	Nathan Cooper	2/18/20
Rainbow Trout		38.62	33.1 lbs.	Kootenai River David Thompson Brdg	Jack G. Housel, Jr.	8/11/97
Rainbow-Cutthroat Hybrid Trout		35.75	30.25 lbs.	Ashley Lake	Pat Kelley	5/16/82
Redside Shiner	■	6.5	0.10 lbs.	Lost Lake	Josh Ahles	8/21/01
River Carpsucker	■	24	6.95 lbs.	Fort Peck Reservoir	Brady Miller	8/15/08
Rock Bass		10.8	1.31 lbs.	Lower Crazy Head Springs Pond	Karson Campbell	4/26/14
Sauger	■	28.2	8.805 lbs.	Fort Peck Reservoir	Gene Moore	12/12/94
Saugeye			15.66 lbs.	Fort Peck Reservoir Squaw Creek	Myron Kibler	1/11/95
Shorthead Redhorse	■	20.25	4.68 lbs.	Marias River Near Loma	Ray Quigley	4/14/85
Shortnose Gar	■	35	7.41 lbs.	Fort Peck Dredge Cuts	Brandon Hansard	5/16/13
Shovelnose Sturgeon	■	39.75	14.125 lbs.	Missouri River	Chad Buck	5/21/10
Smallmouth Bass		22	7.84	Fort Peck Reservoir	Theron Thompson	10/3/20
Smallmouth Buffalo	■	38	38 lbs.	Nelson Reservoir	Brady Miller	4/28/07
Spottail Shiner		3.0	.02 lbs.	Tiber Reservoir	Joe Hagengruber	8/14/10
Stonecat	■	10	0.54 lbs.	Milk River	Dale Bjerga	6/16/96
Tiger Muskellunge		50	38.75 lbs.	Deadmans Basin Reservoir	Leo Cantin	9/2/12
Tiger Trout		20.6	4.04 lbs.	Bear Lake	Joe Sobczak	2/9/97
Utah Chub			1.81 lbs.	Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Eugene Bastian	2/5/92
Walleye		32.25	18.02	Holter Lake	Trevor Johnson	5/10/21
White Bass		17	2.80 lbs.	Missouri River South of Bainville	Vernon Pacovsky	10/13/07
White Crappie		18.5	3.68 lbs.	Tongue River	Gene Bassett	5/10/96
White Sturgeon	■	75	96 lbs.	Kootenai River	Herb Stout	1968
White Sucker	■	21.625	5.33 lbs.	Nelson Reservoir	Fred Perry	2/10/83
Yellow Bullhead	■	15.5	1.91	Tongue River Reservoir	Robert Legge	12/17/20
Yellow Perch		14.375	2.39 lbs.	Lower Stillwater Lake	Josh Emmert	2/19/06

GO GREEN



Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



EVERY
DAY
is
EARTH
DAY

Cut back on single-
use plastics,
conserve water,
drive less



Community/Home Gardens: Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

Composting: Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

Plant Trees: Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

Clean-Up Events: Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

Upcycle Crafts: Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors.

Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.



So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

DOG PARKS

Medicine Rocks State Park

1141 MT-7 | Ekalaka
(406) 377-6256
Leash Required

Pine Hills Park

S Haynes Ave. | Miles City
Small Off Leash Dog Park
• Free Entry • Fenced

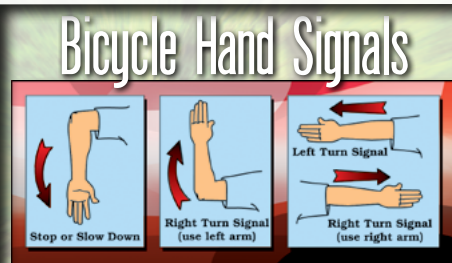
Pirogue Island State Park

MT-489 | Miles City
(406) 234-0919
Leash Required



Be Aware of your Surroundings

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

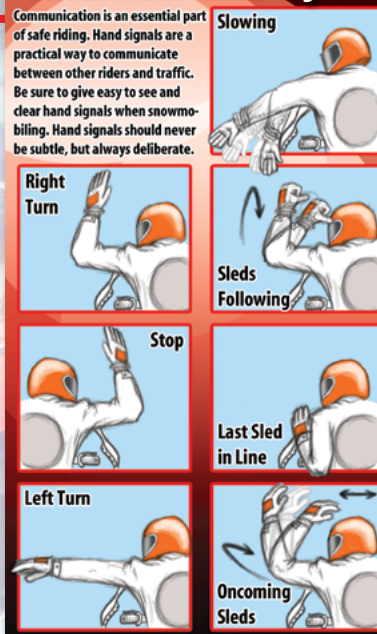
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol. • Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions. • Stay to the right on trails. • Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands. • Know the weather forecast. • Make sure headlights and taillights work properly. • Maintain safe distances between other riders. • Reduce your speed when riding at night. • Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users. • Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Snowmobile Hand Signals

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

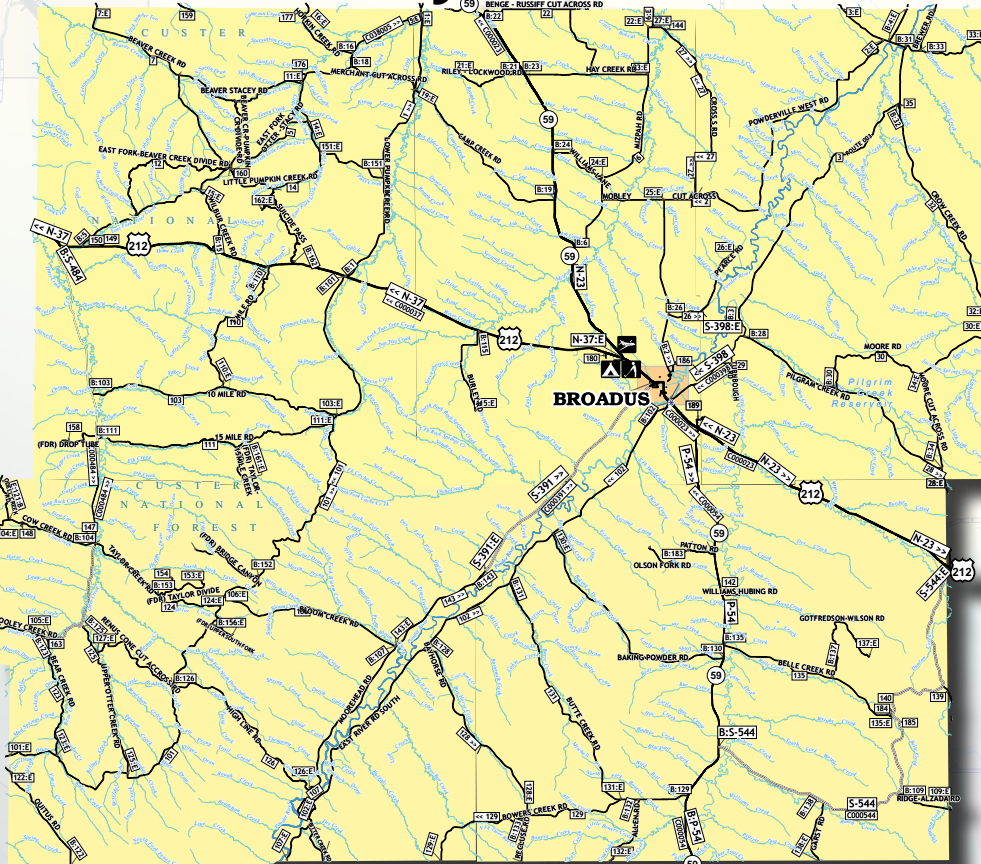
Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS

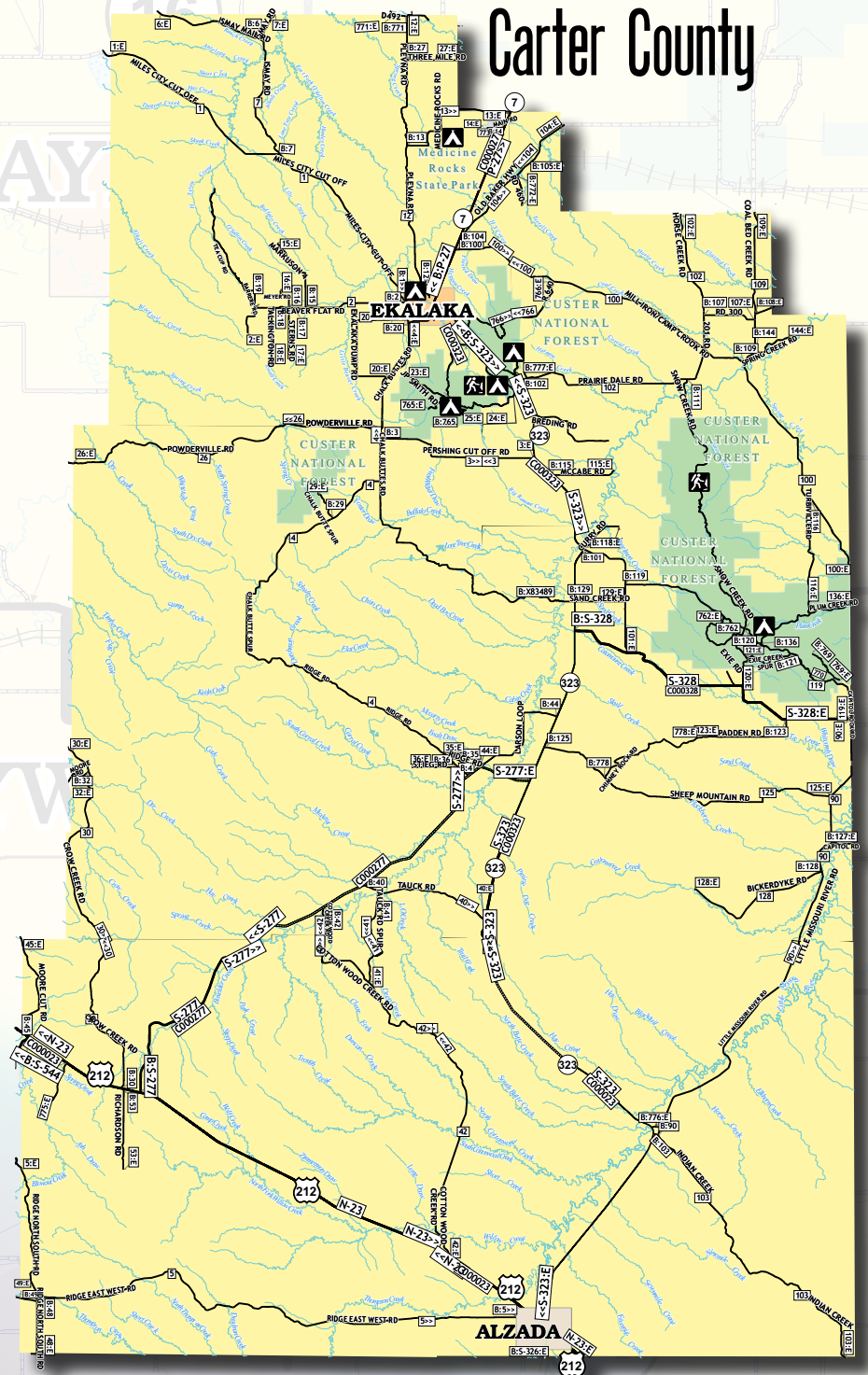
Hiking Safety Tips

Before heading out on a hike, make sure you are prepared. Determine the length of the hike you're going on and the type of terrain you are going to traverse. Make sure to wear suitable footwear depending on the weather and terrain. Pack an appropriate size backpack and proper gear for your hike. Let a friend or family member know when and where you are going and how long you plan on being gone.

Powder River County



Carter County



Airport Locator



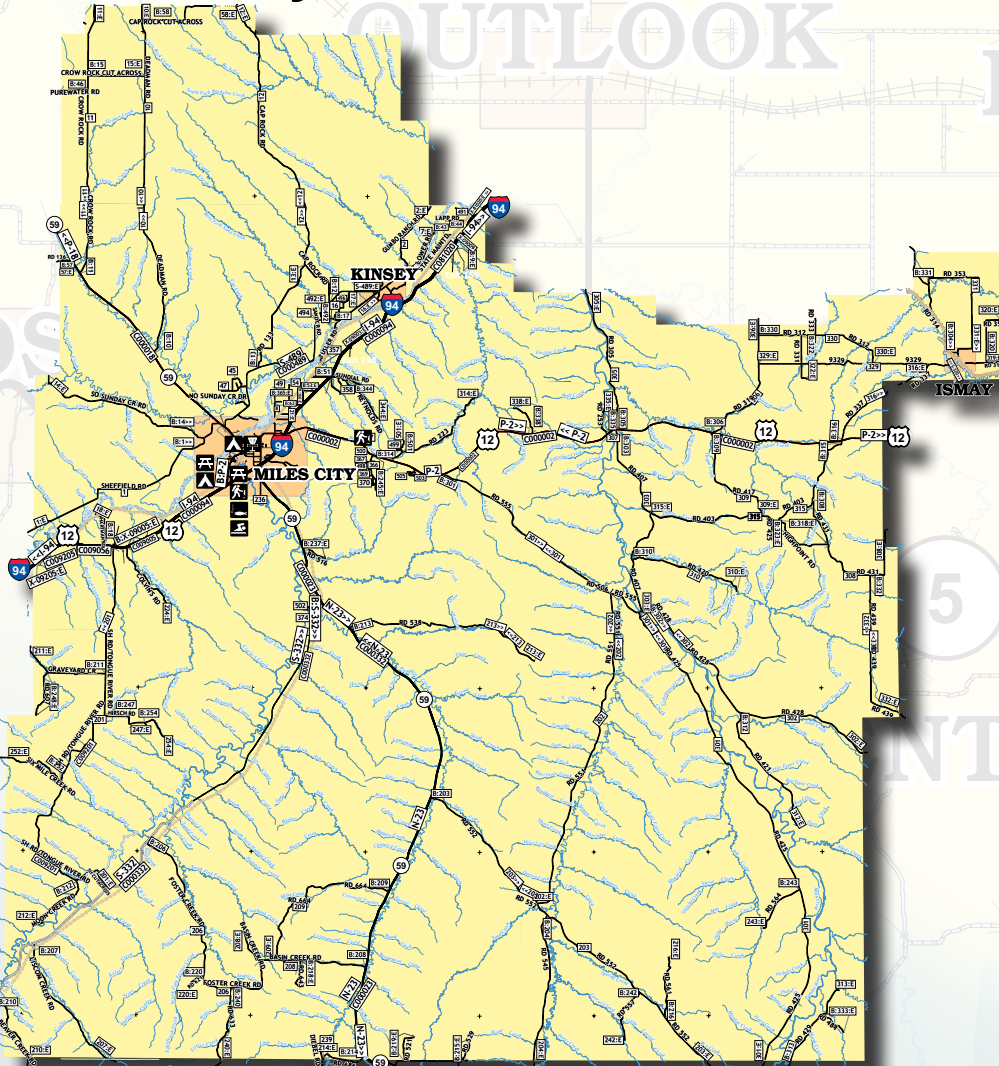
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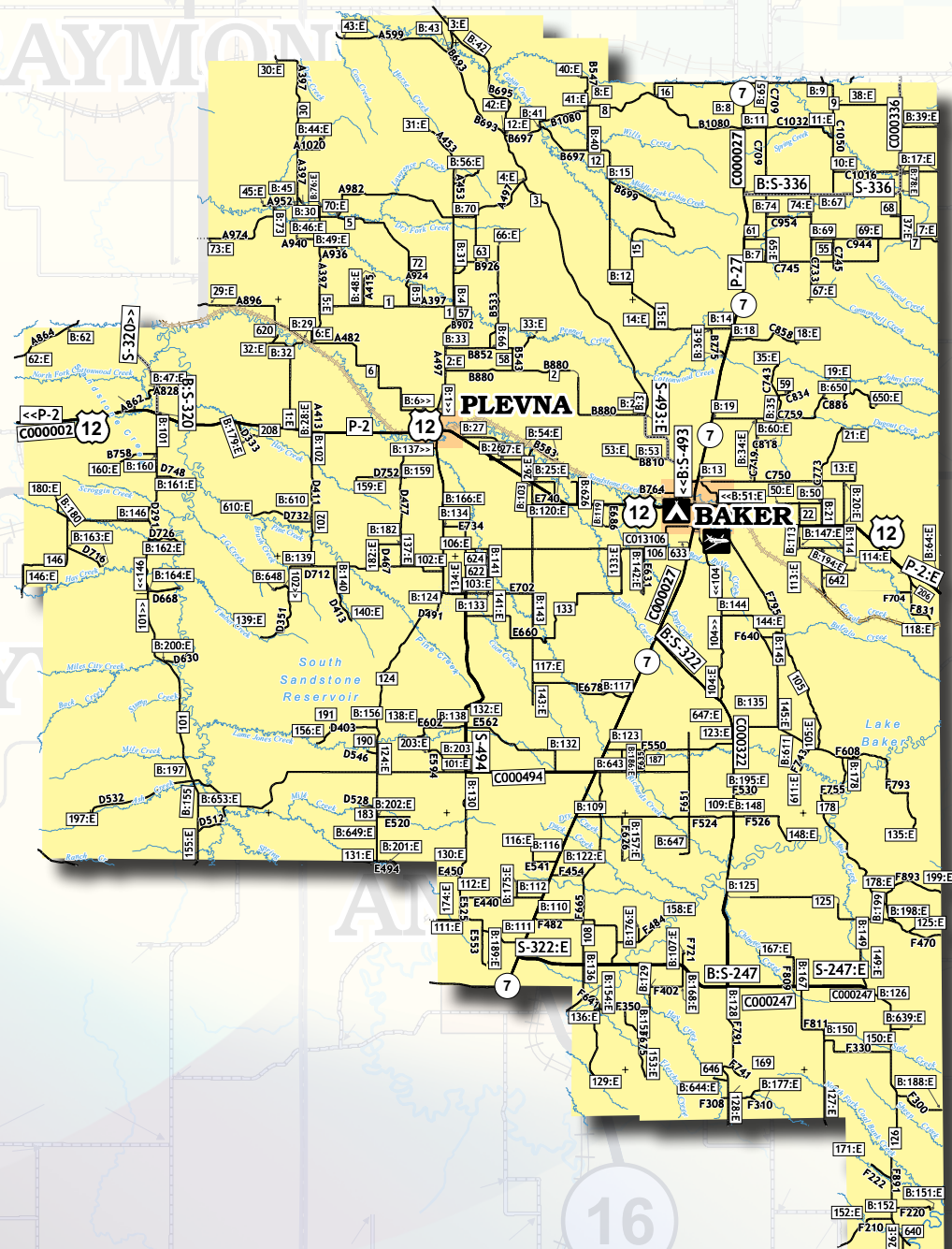
Golf Course

LOCAL AREA TRAILS

Custer County



Fallon County



Fishing Access



Picnic Area



Swimming Beach



Hiking Trail



Campground

Barbecue

BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



HONEY Glazed CHICKEN



Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

Enjoy your delicious
honey glazed chicken!

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN

Montana

Fun Facts:



1. Montana has a total Population of about 1,005,141 people
2. It's Nickname is the "Treasure State"
3. The State Capital is Helena
4. Bitterroot is the State Flower
5. The State Bird is the Western Meadowlark
6. The Grizzly Bear is the State Animal
7. The Blackspotted Cutthroat Trout is the State Fish
8. Sapphire and Agate are the State Gemstones
9. The State motto is "Oro Y Plata" or "Gold and Silver"



Shop.
Dine.
Play.
Stay.

LOCALLY
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...and support the community you live in!