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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Great Rockies Sports Show | Billings Winter Youth Basketball Skills Day | Billings Big Band Dance & Supper | Billings Art Auction | Billings Boys & Girls Club Antique Show & Sale | Billings

FEBRUARY

Artwalk | Billings RMC Invitational Honors Concert | Billings Roller Derby Dames | Billings Mate Show & Home Health Expo | Billings Full Moon Ride | Billings Local Producer Fair | Billings Vedding Fashion Affair | Billings RV & Boat Show | Billings Spunky Old Broad's Day at Mission Ridge | Billings Huff's Antiques Show | Billings

MARCH

Home Improvement Show | Billings COR Enterprises Gala | Billings Big Sky Quilt Retreat | Billings Rocky Mountain Arts & Crafts Festival | Billings NRA Rodeo Finals | Billings Boys & Girls Club Dinner Auction | Billings Antique Show & Sale | Billings St. Patrick's Day Parade & Celtic Fair | Billings Shamrock Run | Billings Bridal Fair | Billings Mask-Zoorade | Billings Yellowstone Empire Cutting Horse Event | Billings **Billings Best Consignment Sale** Craft Show & Bake Sale | Billings Spare Change for Real Change Purple 5K | Billings Al Bedoo Shrine Circus | Billings

APRIL

Circle of Friends Montana Shop Hop | Billings Party for the Planet | Billings Boys & Girls Club Antique Show & Sale | Billings Poker Ride | Billings MSU-Pow Wow | Billings Rimrock Opera's OperaFest | Billings Jenny Kramer 5K Fun Run | Billings Yellowstone Park Spring Ride | Billings Wet Ink Play Festival | Billings Habitat for Humanity BASHH | Billings Rocky Mountain College Easter Egg Hunt | Billings Bear Football Golf Outing | Billings Grizzly Peak Adventure Race | Billings HCMA MX Race | Billings Moonlight Walk & Campfire | Billings Easter Egg Hunt | Billings

MAY

Spring Scramble Race | Billings Artwalk Billings Montana Women's Run | Billings Derby Day Party | Billings MSU-Wine & Food Festival | Billings Geranium Fest | Billings Arabian & All Breed Open Horse Show | Billings Kick Off Artwalk | Billings Rocky Mountain College Commencement | Billings Montana Women's Run | Billings Pedal for Pancakes | Billings Senior Sports & Arts Festival | Billings MSU-Billings Wine & Food Festival Montana's Real Estate & RV Show | Billings Geranium Fest | Billings Pro Hill Climb | Billings Safety Fest MT | Billings Pepper's 4 Person Scramble | Billings Brew Fest | Billings Montana All Breed & Arabian Horse Show | Billings Arbor Day Celebration | Laurel

JUNE

Spring Motorcycle & ATV Sand Drag | Billings Festival of Cultures | Billings Heart & Sole Run | Billings Symphony in the Park | Billings Elk Basin Cross Country Motorcycle Race | Billings Spring Fest Arts & Crafts Festival | Billings Zoolebrate Food & Drink Festival | Billings Strawberry Festival | Billings Wake Up Your Life Wellness Festival | Billings Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club Dog Show | Billings YVKC Dog Show | Billings Marynell Heringer Women's Golf Tournament | Billings

JULY

Yellowstone Relay for Life | Billings Big Sky State Games | Billings Summerfair | Billings Montana Shakespeare in the Parks | Billings Clark Days | Billings 58th Mexican Fiesta | Billings Montana Brews & BBQs | Billings Big Sky Skate Games | Billings KidsFest | Billings Rockwell Western States Pro Hill Climb | Billings Zoofari | Billings District 6-C Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament Laurel American Legion Interntl. Baseball Tournament Laurel Reiter's Cup Motocross Series #1 | Billings

AUGUST

Artwalk | Billings PBR NILE Invitational Weekend | Billings Magic City Blues | Billings MontanaFair | Billings All Euro Car Show | Billings NAMI Bike Ride | Billings Dash for Dogs | Billings Quality of Life Run | Billings Roller Derby Dames | Billings The American Cancer Society | Billings

SEPTEMBER

The Maize at Grandpa's Farm | Billings Big Sky Polka Festival | Billings Golf for Wishes | Billings Ales for Trails | Billings Snow Equipment Rodeo | Billings Fall Home Improvement Show | Billings Montana Governor's Cup Marathon | Billings

OCTOBER

The Maize at Grandpa's Farm | Billings Artwalk | Billings Billings Gem & Mineral Show Boys & Girls Club Antique Show & Sale | Billings NILE Stock Show, Pro Rodeo & Western Expo | Billings High Plains Bookfest | Billings Trick or Treat Downtown | Billings Howl-O-Ween | Billings

NOVEMBER

Holiday Parade | Billings Roller Derby Dames | Billings Artwalk | Billings Huff's Antique Show & Sale | Billings

DECEMBER

12 Nights of Zoo Lights | Billings Messiah Festival | Billings Artwalk | Billings Christmas Stroll | Billings Christmas to Remember | Laurel

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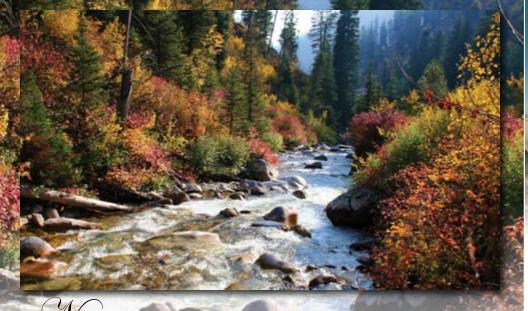
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HISTORY OF YELLOWSTONE



A word for the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone County was founded in 1883 with Billings selected as the county seat. The area was originally home to Native Americans until lands were opened for settlement. Railroad development provided the means for dramatic growth and between 1900 to 1910, its population soared from 6,212 to 22,944. Early industry was led by agriculture as many residents raised cattle, shipped wool and refined sugar from local sugar beet farms. The area has now grown to a popular recreational destination as many historical sites are available throughout the county that offer visitors a glimpse of its colorful past. Today Yellowstone County is home to approximately 144,797 residents.

CITIES:

BILLINGS (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 105,845 LAUREL - pop. 6,750

TOWNS: BROADVIEW - pop. 153

CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACES:

BALLATINE - pop. 346 CUSTER - pop. 145 HUNTLEY - pop. 411 LOCKWOOD - pop. 4,306 SHEPHERD - pop. 193 WORDEN - pop. 506 *Populations are approximate.

VELLOWSTONE COUNTY COMMUNITIES



BILLINGS (COUNTY SEAT)

Named in honor of railroad president, Frederick Billings, Billings was established in 1877 and incorporated in 1882. Access to water and ample natural resources attracted many settlers and the area developed dramatically and was selected as the county seat. Agriculture led industry as cattle shipping dominated its early economy. As an oil refinery was constructed in 1923, Bill-ings continued to develop. Billings is now the largest community in Montana and houses many national historic sites including the Moss Mansion constructed in 1903. Today Billings is home to approximately 105,845 residents.

BROADVIEW

As rail lines for the Great Northern Railway were constructed in 1908, Broadview was established as a rail stop. The community was named by W.X. Sudduth in honor of his ranch Fairview, but the name was changed to Broadview to avoid postal confusion with an already existing Fairview. In 1917 Broadview was incorporated and the area continued to grow until 1934 when most of the community was destroyed by fire. As the water supply continued to diminish during the 1930s, the population began to decline dramatically and in 1939 the community sold its water tower to nearby Lewiston for the price of \$340. Today Broadview is home to approximately 153 residents.

LAUREL

First known as Carlton, Laurel was established in 1886 as a railway village at the convergence of three rail lines. The area began to grow as an agricultural community with many residents raising sugar beets, wheat and cattle. Laurel was incorporated in 1908 and quickly became a shipping and transportation center. Oil refining added to its industry and tourism was born as the largest railroad roundhouse between Minneapolis and Seattle was built in 1909. The area now houses many historical properties that provide a colorful glimpse to its past. Today Laurel is home to approximately 6,750 residents.

PAMOUS BILLINGS CHARACTERS

The Pilot Who Hade History

Charles Lindbergh flew the Spirit of St. Louis, a custom-crafted plane based on the Ryan M-2, in a historic non-stop flight from Long Island, New York to Paris, France. Lindbergh was the first person ever to travel from New York to Paris in just one day: an amazing feat that earned him a Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest decoration awarded in the military.

Lindbergh's feat was inspired by a contest created by Raymond Orteig, a French hotel owner in New York City. Orteig offered \$25,000 to the first aviator to fly non-stop from New York to Paris. Several aviators died in their attempts to win the contest: it was Lindbergh's innovative plane design that led to his success. Upon his arrival in Paris, the World Air Sports Federation headquartered there certified his feat as a world record, and the previously unknown airmail carrier achieved international stardom overnight.

After his historic flight, Lindbergh befriended Harry Guggenheim, a multi-millionaire. Guggenheim funded a three-month nationwide tour for Lindbergh, who flew the Spirit of St. Louis to ninety-two U.S. cities where he gave speeches and appeared in extravagant parades. Lindbergh's tour made the air mail system explode overnight and convinced the public that commercial airline travel would be possible. His friendship with Guggenheim also led to important developments in missiles, satellites, and space travel: his sensational flight to Paris revolutionized the world.

Voice of the Sixties

Arlo Guthrie, folk singer and activist, grew up surrounded with great music. His parents, Woody Guthrie and Marjorie Guthrie, were a folk singer and a dancer, respectively, and were friends with musical geniuses like Pete Seeger, Ronnie Gilbert, and Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

In the 1960's, Guthrie frequented the cultural hotspots of the "Folk Boom" era and befriended Bob Dylan, Allen Ginsburg, Doc Watson, and other artists who shaped and developed his work. His song "Coming to Los Angeles" was a favorite at the 1969 Woodstock Festival, and his most famous track, "Alice's Restaurant," inspired thousands to become social activists.

Did You Know.?

AREA FUN FACTS

Billings is named after the first president of the Northern Pacific Railway, Frederick H. Billings. The railroad spurred the growth of the town, which was nicknamed "The Magic City" because it seemed to appear overnight.

Hesper is named after Hesperus, the personification of the Evening Star in Greek mythology associated with the West.

The towns of Ballantine, Huntley, Pompey's Pillar, and Worden, began as arid land filled with sagebrush and bison, but was irrigated to make the land farmable during the U.S. Department of Interior's Huntley Project, beginning in 1905.

Sugar beets and alfalfa were the two staple crops of Huntley Project farms. Today, sugar beets produce about a third of the world's sugar.

William Clark's carving on Pompey's Pillar (of his name, and the date he arrived there: July 25, 1806) is the only remaining physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition along their route. Clark wrote in his journal: "... At 4 PM arrived at a remarkable rock ... This rock I ascended and from its top at a most extensive view in every direction."

Mossmain was a planned city intended to compete with Billings as a "Future City" and "America's First Garden City." However, the Great Depression hurt the town's development significantly, and a railroad line established through the nearby town Laurel sealed the declining town's fate. Today, some of the ghost town remains of Mossmain can be seen off East Laurel interchange on I-90. Huntley houses a similar ghost town, and is home to the Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture.

H.M. "Muggins" Taylor, a Coulson Deputy Sheriff nicknamed for his favorite card game, brought the news of General George Custer's defeat at the Battle of Little Bighorn to Fort Ellis, the nearest town with a telegraph. His is the most famous grave in Billings' Boothill Cemetery, named "Boothill" because many of the people buried there died still wearing their boots.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Summer Energy Saving Techniques

Conduct an energy assessment to find out where you can save the most. This will allow you to see where the biggest problem areas are.

Windows

- Close curtains during the day to block sunlight and open them at night.
- Plant trees, shrubs, or vines to help shade your home.
- Apply solar window film to windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

• When you're home and awake, set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature.

• When you're out of the house, turn your thermostat up . You can save 1-3 percent per degree, for each degree the thermostat is set above 72 degrees, depending on the outside temperature.

• You can set a programmable thermostat to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Maintain Your Cooling Systems

Schedule service for your cooling system.

• Do regular maintenance to keep your cooling system operating efficiently.

Fans and Vents

- Keep inside air vents clear from furniture and other objects.
- Run energy efficient ceiling and whole-house fans to circulate the air.
- Use the bathroom vent to remove the heat and humidity after showering.

Appliances and Electronics

• Try not to use the oven on hot days. Cook on the stove top, microwave, or grill outside.

- Keep your fridge and freezer full. The refrigerator will run less often.
- Air dry dishes in the dish washer.
- Wash laundry with cold water and air dry.
- Unplug electronics when not in use.

Lighting

• Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span, plus they produce less heat than incandescent and CFL bulbs.

Winter Energy Saving Techniques

Windows

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- Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight in and close them at night.
- Tape a clear plastic sheet or film to the window frames.
- Install insulating drapes or shades on windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

• When you are home and awake, set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable temperature.

• When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down about 12 degrees for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating bills.

• You can set programmable thermostats to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Air Leaks and Insulation

• Seal the air leaks on the inside and outside walls of your home. These can be holes for pipes and wires, gaps around chimneys, or unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

• Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

• Check your attics insulation. Depending on what climate you live in there are different insulating products and thickness that work best for your area.

Maintain Your Heating Systems

- Schedule service for your heating system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your heating system operating efficiently.
- Furnace Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- Fireplace Clean the flue vent regularly and the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that your home is heated efficiently.

Lower Your Water Heating Costs

• On average 18% of the energy consumed in your home is from the water heater. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to a setting around (120°F). This will save energy and can help prevent burns.

Lighting

• Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span.

7ornado Safety

- KNOW WHERE YOU CAN TAKE SHELTER IN SECONDS.
- Have a place, everyone knows, to go to after THE STORM HAS PASSED.
- FLYING DEBRIS IS THE BIGGEST DANGER DURING A TORNADO. YOUR SHELTER SPACE SHOULD HAVE MATTRESSES OR THICK BLANKETS AROUND, TO PROTECT YOURSELVES.
- · DO NOT OPEN YOUR WINDOWS TO TRY & EQUALIZE THE PRESSURE." THIS ONLY MAKES IT EASIER FOR DEBRIS TO INJURE YOU. • ALSO, STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

- CONSTANT ROTATION OF THE CLOUDS BASE. · FLYING/ROTATING DEBRIS UNDER THE CLOUD.
- Tornados Don't Always have a visible funnel.
- · HEAVY RAIN OR HAIL FOLLOWED BY EITHER BY AN EERIE CALM IN THE STORM OR RAPID WIND CHANGES & SHIFTS.
- LISTEN FOR LOUD, CONTINUOUS RUMBLING WITH NO BREAKS IN IT LIKE THUNDER.

You can figure out how far away the LIGHTNING IS FROM YOU LIKE THIS ... COUNT THE SECONDS INBETWEEN THE FLASH OF LIGHTNING & THE CRACK OF THUNDER. DIVIDE THE NUMBER OF SECONDS BY 5 & YOU HAVE YOUR DISTANCE IN MILES.

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5 SECONDS 20 SECONDS 1.08 MILES 4.35 MILES

60 SECONDS 13.06 MILES







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COONEY STATE PARK

86 Lake Shore Rd. | Roberts | (406) 445-2326 Located on 309 acres near the Beartooth Mountains, Cooney State Park features a campground, fishing opportunities and a fish cleaning station, swimming beach, campground, recreational trails and picnic areas.

LAKE ELMO STATE PARK

2300 Lake Elmo | Billings | (406) 247-2955 Located on 183 acres, Lake Elmo State Park features fishing opportunities, swimming beach, dog park, horsehoe pits, volleyball court, playground equipment, recreational trails and picnic areas.

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P.O. Box 237 | Wisdom | (406) 689-3155 Located throughout Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, Nez Perce National Historic Park features archaeological sites, historical artifacts, recreational trails and picnic areas.

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3401 Coburn Rd. | Billings | (406) 254-7342 Located on 93 acres, Pictograph Cave State Park features over 100 cave paintings, visitor center with gift shop, recreational trails and picnic areas.

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YELLOWSTONE RIVER STATE PARK

P.O. Box 200701 | Helena | (406) 444-1200 Located on 200 acres, Yellowstone River State Park is currently undeveloped and features fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

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MONTANA HUNTING SEASONS

HUNTING SAFETY

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2016 Hunting Season Antelope:

900 Series: Aug. 15 - November 13 Archery: September 3 - October 7 General: October 8 - November 13

Beaver:

Western & Southwestern Districts 1, 2, & 3: November 1 - April 15, 2017 Central & Eastern Districts 4, 5, 6 & 7: September 1- May 31, 2017

Bighorn Sheep:

Archery: September 3 - September 14 General: September 15 - November 27

Bison: November 15 - February 15, 2017

Black Bear:

Spring: April 15 - Various (May 31-June 15) Archery: September 3 - September 14 Fall: September 15 - November 27

Bobcat:

Western & Southwestern Districts 1, 2, & 3: December 1 - February 15, 2017 Central & Eastern Districts 4, 5, 6 & 7: December 1 - March 1, 2017 (May close earlier if quota is reached)

Common Snipe:

Central Flyway Common Snipe: September 1 - December 16 Pacific Flyway Common Snipe: September

1 - December 16

Deer & Elk:

Archery: September 3 - October 16 Two-Day Youth Hunt (Deer Only): October 20-21 General: October 22 - November 27

Fisher: Districts 1&2: December 1 - February 15, 2017

Goose:

Goose Central Flyway: October 1 - End Date TBD Central Flyway Falconry: October 1 - End Date TBD Central Flyway Youth Weekend: September 24-25 Pacific Flyway Goose: October 1 - End Date TBD Pacific Flyway Falconry: October 1 - End Date TBD Pacific Flyway Youth Weekend: September 24-25

Mountain Grouse: September 1 - January 1, 2017

Sage Grouse: TBD

Sharp-Tailed Grouse: September 1-January 1, 2017

Marten:

Districts 1-5: December 1 – February 15, 2017

Moose: September 15 – November 27

Mourning Dove:

Central Flyway Mourning Dove: September 1 – October 30 Pacific Flyway Mourning Dove: September 1 – October 30

Mountain Goat: September 15 – November 27

Mountain Lion: Winter (with hounds): December 1, 2016 - April 14, 2017 Late Winter (with hounds): February 1, 2017-April 14, 2017 Hound Training Seasons (residents only): December 2, 2016 - April 14, 2017 Archery (without hounds): September 3 – October 16 Fall (without hounds): October 22 - November 27 **Otter, Mink & Muskrat** November 1 – April 15, 2017

Partridge: September 1 – January 1, 2017

Pheasant:

General: October 8 – January 1, 2017 Youth: September 24-25

Sandhill Crane:

Over the counter mid-continent: TBD Special Permits Rocky Mountain populations: TBD

Swan:

Central Flyway: Tundra Swan (permits only): October 1 - End Date TBD Pacific Flyway: Swan (Permits only): TBD

Swift Fox:

District 6: November 1-March 1, 2017

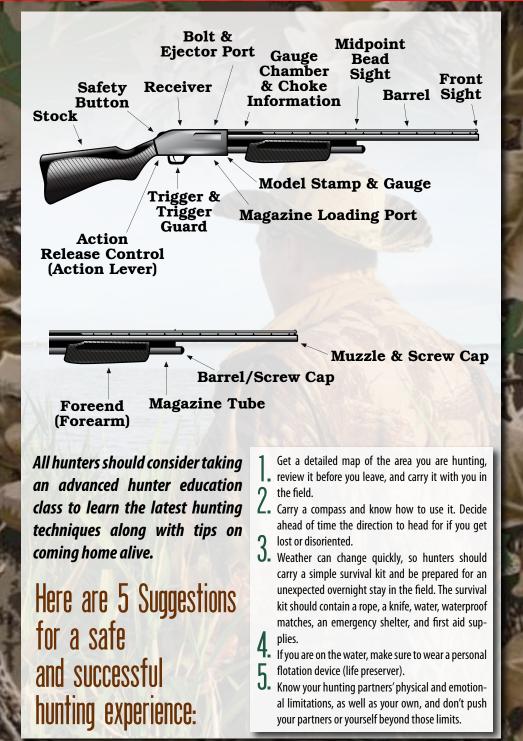
Turkey:

Spring: April 9 - May 15 Fall: September 1-January 1, 2017

Upland Game Bird: Mountain Grouse: September 1 – January 1, 2017

Sage Grouse: TBD

Sharp-Tailed Grouse: September 1.- January 1, 2017



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Recycle as much as you can. Even simple everyday things, such as plastic bottles and aluminum cans, can make a huge difference.

Switch your incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent ones. Save money and energy.

Bring your own reusable shopping bags with you to the supermarket or the mall.

Donate your unwanted clothing to a local charity. Eyeglasses, household items, electronics and even vehicles can be accepted.

Recycle your used ink and toner cartridges. Most office supply stores accept used cartridges.

Recycle your used batteries. This prevents poisonous mercury from seeping into our water supplies and soil. Switch to rechargeable ones.

Switch to unbleached toilet paper, paper towels and coffee filters. Avoiding bleached products can help preserve our water supply and soil.



Unplug any unused appliances. Your cellphone charger uses electricity, even when your phone isn't charging - especially if you are not going to be home.

Bring your own lunch. You'll avoid using non-recyclable styrofoam togo containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.

Start a compost bin in your yard. There are even ones that you can store under your kitchen sink.

Be crafty. Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project and repurpose old items. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or use empty yogurt containers to organize nuts an bolts.

Have a green-cleaning product party. Invite your friends over to make enough vinegar-based homemade cleaners to share.

Run your washer/dryer/dishwasher after 5pm. This is when less electricity is being used, especially in larger cities. In air-conditioned summer months this can help prevent blackouts.

ISHING SEASONS & RECORDS

	Rivers & Streams	Lakes & Reservoir	
Western District	Open third Saturday in May through November 30, unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.		
Central District	Open all year, unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.	Open all year	
Eastern District	Open all year		

 Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons unless otherwise specified in District Exceptions to Standard Regulations.

Fishing regulations valid March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

FISH	MONTANA	LENGTH (inches)	WEIGHT	GIRTH (inches)	SITE	ANGLER	BAIT	DATE
Arctic Grayling	•	29	3.63 Rs.	11.7	Washtub Lake	Gienn Owens	Wet Fly	6/28/03
Bigmouth Buffelo		40.7	57.75 bs.	32.5	Nelson Reservoir	Craig D. Grassel	Bow & Arrow	614/54
Black Bullhead		14.37	2.60 Bs.	11.5	Smiley Skugh	Birrel White	Bait	6/20/09
Black Crappie	1	16.7	3.13 Bs.		Tongue River Reservoir	Al Elser		1973
Bluegill		11	2.54 Bs.	17	Paterson's Stock Dam	Brent Fladmo	Worm	6/3/83
Blue Sucker	1.0	32.56	11.50 BL	17.09	Mik Rher	Dean Armonister	Spinner	5/14/14
Brook Trout			9.06 Ba.		Lower Two Medicine Lake	John R. Cook		1940
Brown Trout		2	29 Bt.		Wade Lake	E.H. "Peck" Bacon		1966
Bull Trout (Dolly Varden)		37	25.63 Bs.	25		James Hyer	Trolling Line	1916
Burbot	•	39	17.08 bs.	16.25	Mesouri River Wolf Point	Jeff Eugene laren	Minnow	4/18/89
Channel Catfish	•	41.75	34.8 bs	25	Fort Peck Reservoir	Dan Davenport	Jg.	7/26/13
Chinook Salmon		38	31.13 bs.	26.5	Fort Peck Reservoir Face of Darn	Cari L. Niles	Diamond King Spoon	10/2/91
Cisco		18.2	2.06 lbs.		Mesouri River	Troy Holstein	Jg & Minnow	6/2/14
Creek Chub		11.0	.52 lbs		Harbaugh Bass Pond	William Dibeau	Worm	5/12/13
Coho Saleion		25.5	4.55 Rs.	-	Fort Peck Reservoir Face of Dam	Inven F. Stohi	Daredevil	5/29/73
Common Carp	1	38	40.2 Rs.	30.5	Nelson Reservoir	Jared S. Albus	Bow & Arrow	\$/24/98
Cutthroat Trout	•		16 Rs.		Red Eagle Lake	Wm. D. Sands		1955
Emerald Shiner		2.43	0.01 lbs.		Park Grove Bridge	like Braaten	Rapola	6/9/06
Fathead Minnow	•	2.7	0.01 Ba.	1	Dollar Lake	Chris Gustine	Bait	5/30/14
Flathead Chub		11.2	0.59 Rs.		Thornton Pond	Douglas Jordan	Worm	4/29/01
Freshwater Drum	•	29.5	21.59 bs.	28.5	Fort Peck - Ghost Coulee	Mat: Washut	Smelt	6/3/03
Golden Trout		23.5	5.43 Bs.	13	Cave Lake	Mike Malixi	Lure	7/96/00
Goldeye	•		2.18 Rs.		Nelson Reservoir	Don Nevrivy	Jig/Power Crawler	7/4/00
Green Sunfish		9.0	0.84 Rs.	9.87	Hickson's Pond	Bette Schwieding	Worm	5/25/09
Kokanee Salmon		26.8	7.85 lbs		Hauser Lake	John Bomar	39	\$/23/03
Lake Chub	1.1	3.9	.02 lbs.		Teton River	Joe Hagengruber	Worm	8/22/10
Lake Trout		42.5	42.69 Bs.	31.5	Flatheed Lake	Ruth Barber	Fiatish	6/23/04
Lake Whitelish		27	10.45 Bs.		Flathead Lake	Swan McDonald V	Jg	8/26/08
Largemouth Bass		22.5	5.80 Rs.		Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Darin Williama	Rubber Tube Bait	5/2/09
Largescale Sucker		23.1	6.16 Rs.	14.8	Woodland Pond	Kevin Fraley	Worm	6/27/08
Longnose Sucker	•		3.27 Bs.		Marias River Loma	Ray Quigley	Worm	5/6/68
Mottled Sculpin			0.05 Bs.		Beit Creek (North of Neihart MT)	Bred Sulliven	Worm	7/50/01

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Mottled Sculpin			0.05 856.		Bet Crock (North of Neihart MT)	Brad Sullivan	Worm	7/30/01
Mountain Sucker	•	6.2	1.60 oz.		Beaver Creek Reservoir	Robert Garwood	Worm	4/23/01
Mountain Whitefish		23	5.11 lbs.	12.5	Hauser Reservoir	Walt Goodman	Rapola	10/10/0
Northern Pikeminnow	•	27.125	7.58 bs.		Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Darrel Torgrimeon	Lune	5/28/91
Northern Pike			37.5 lbs.		Tongue River Reservoir	Lance Moyer		1972
Paddlefish		77	142.5 Ibs.	41.75	Mascuri River Near Kipp Park	Larry Branstetler	Shagged	5/20/73
Pallid Sturgeon			60 Rs.	27.5	Yellowstone River Near Sidney	Gene Sattler		5/13/71
Peamouth		16.125	1.52 lbs		Clark Fork River	Mike Jonsen	Artificial Fly	7/29/07
Pumpkinseed		9.5	0.96 lbs.		Upper Thompson Lake	Nathan Bache	Lure	7/30/06
Pygmy Whitefish		9.84	0.36 lbs.	6.3	Little Billierroot Leke	Richerd Geldrich	Maggot	2/13/10
Rainbow Trout		38.62	33.1 Ibs.	27	Kootenai River David Thompson Belg	Jack G. Housel, Jr.	Lure	8/11/07
Rainbow-Cutthroat Hybrid Trout		35.75	30.25 lbs.	27.5	Adhiey Lake	Pat Kelley	Bat	5/16/63
Redside Shiner		6.5	0.10 lbs.	3.75	Lost Lake	Josh Altes	Worm	8/21/01
River Carpsucker		24	6.95 Ibs.	16.5	Fort Peck Reservoir	Brady Miller	Bow & Arrow	8/15/08
Rock Bass		10.8	1.31 84.		Lower Crazy Head Springs Pond	Karson Campbel	Nightorasiler	4/26/14
Sauger		28.2	8.805 Rs.	15.1	Fort Peck Reservoir	Gene Moore	WhistienMinnow	12/12/9
Saugeye		1	15.56 Ibs.		Fort Peck Reservoir Siguare Creek	Myron Kibler	Minnow	1/11/98
Shorthead Redhorse		20.25	4.68 lbs.		Marias River Near Lona	Ray Quigley	Werm	4/14/85
Shortnose Gar		35	7.41 BS.		Fort Peck Dredge Cuts	Brandon Hansard	Bow and Arrow	5/16/13
Shovelnose Sturgeon		39.75	14.125 ibs.		Masouri River	Ched Buck	Nightonawler	5/21/10
Smellmouth Bass		22.5	6.7 bs.	16.5	Fort Peck Reservoir	Melvin McDanold	Gulp Minnow	8/30/13
Smallmouth Buffalo		38	38 Es.	29.25	Nelson Reservoir	Brady Miller	Bow & Arrow	4/28/07
Spottail Shiner		3.0	.02 lbs.		Tiber Reservoir	Joe Hagengruber	Worm	8/14/10
Stonecat	100	10	0.54 lbs.		Mik River	Dale Bjørga	Worm	6/16/96
Tiger Muskellunge		50	38.75 lbs.		Deadmans Basin Reservoir	Leo Cartin	Bait.	9/2/12
Tiger Trout		20.6	4.04 be.	12	Bear Lake	Joe Sobczak	Wooley Bugger	2/9/97
Utah Chub			1.81 lbs.		Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Eugene Bastian	Rat Fink/Maggots	2/5/92
Walleye		35	17.76 lbs.	22	Tiber Reservoir	Robert Hart	Minnow	11/180
White Bass		17	2.80 lbs.	12	Missouri River South of Bainville	Vernon Pacovsky	Minnow	10/13/0
White Crappie		18.5	3.68 lbs.	-	Tongue River	Gene Bassett	Worm	5/10/96
White Sturgeon		75	96 Ibs.		Kostenai River	Herb Stout		1968
White Sucker	. S.	21.625	5.33 bs.	12.75	Nelson Reservoir	Fred Perry	Spear	2/10/63
Yellow Bullhead		14.0	1.62	8.9	Ninepipes Reservoir	Frank Tepp	Lune	2/5/15
Yellow Perch		14.375	2.39 bs.	12,1875	Lower Stilwater Lake	Josh Emmert	Jig	2/19/06

BOATING SAFETY

Operating Watercraft

Follow these guidelines to help prevent and prepare for capsizing, swamping, or someone falling overboard.

• Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life-Jackets while the boat is moving. • Attach the ignition safety Lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket. • Don't allow anyone to sit on the gun wale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle. • Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board. • Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion. • In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale. • Turn boat at slow rates of speed. • Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern. • Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Who May Operate a Motorboat

(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

• FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS: - Those under age 12 may operate without restrictions.

• For engines over 25 horsepower through 75 horsepower:

- Those under age 12 must have someone 21 years of age or older on board within reach of the controls.

• For engines over 75 horsepower:

- NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE, EVEN WITH AN ADULT ON BOARD.

- OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BOAT OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD:

- Operators from 12 to 17 years of age may operate engines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

• For engines over 25 horsepower:

- Operators 12 to 17 years of age must have: A watercraft operator's permit, or someone age 21 years or older old on board within reach of the controls.



All Watercraft Must Have...

• AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE I, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DE-VICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.

• All devices must be in good condition and easily accessible.

• Children under age IO must wear a device when on board a boat that is underway unless:

IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.

• Along with the above at least one approved Type 4 must be on board boats 16 ft. or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and immediately available.

• A Coast Guard approved Type 5 device may be substituted for any other Coast Guard approved device if it meets the same requirements and is noted on the label.

• Anyone riding a jet ski or other Personal Water Craft must wear an approved -non inflating flotation device, as well as anyone being towed by a water craft.

Recreational Safet

Bicycle Hand Signals Left Turn Signal **Right Turn Signal Right Turn Signal** (use left arm) Stop or Slow Down (use right arm)



nowmobile Hand Signals

Slowing

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.





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ATV SAFETY

Read the owner's manua

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.



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BICYCLE SAFETY

Be Cautious of Other Bikers

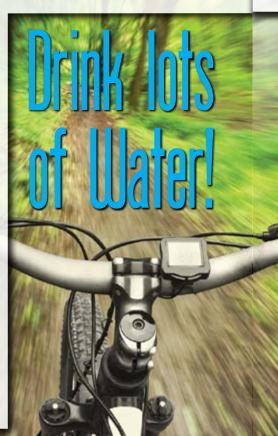
SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

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.

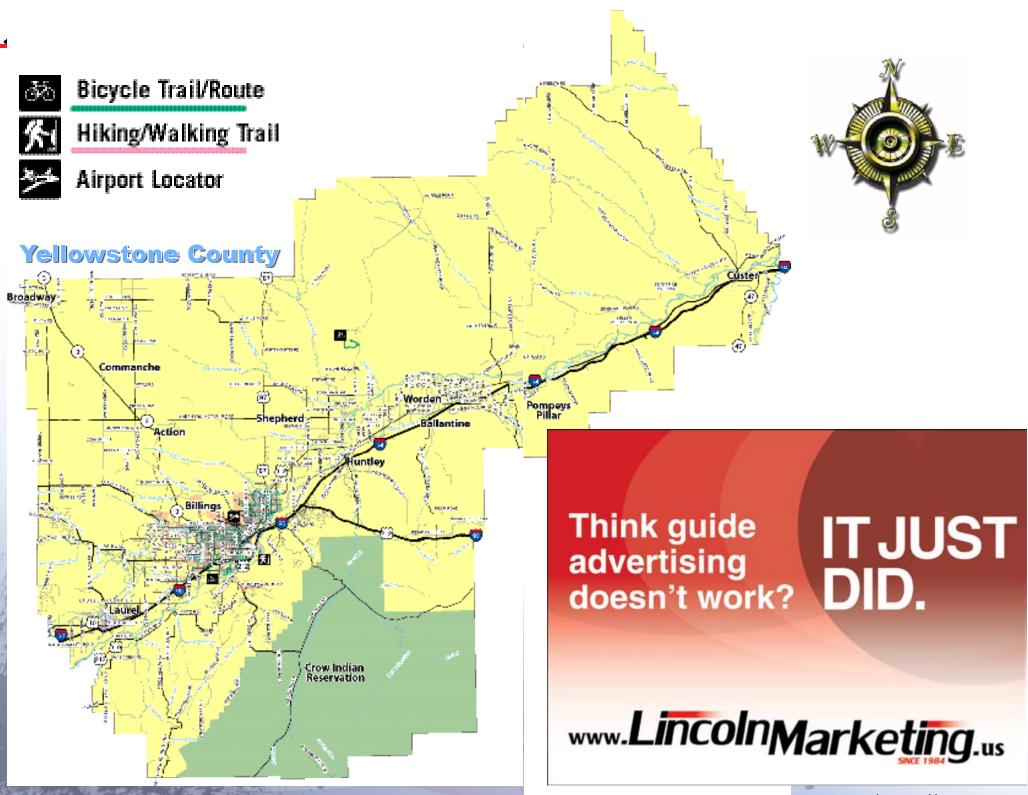
 Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head. • Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly. • Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure. • Always ride with both 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.



• 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.

Loun. Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.

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Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (with a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be suprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.





You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.

Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!





Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.

Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



SAFETY TIPS

PARENTS:

• Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.

- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS: FIRE SAFETY

• If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.

• If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.

• Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

• Never tell anyone that you are home alone.

• If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"

 Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about pois<mark>on and how it ca</mark>n look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult bef<mark>ore eating or drinking</mark> anything. Have them learn

the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

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your pets safe from household chemicals, too.

Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.

SAFETY TIPS

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sunscreen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911 DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock. DO NOT remove burnt clothing. Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement. If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR. Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible. Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver

(abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

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

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