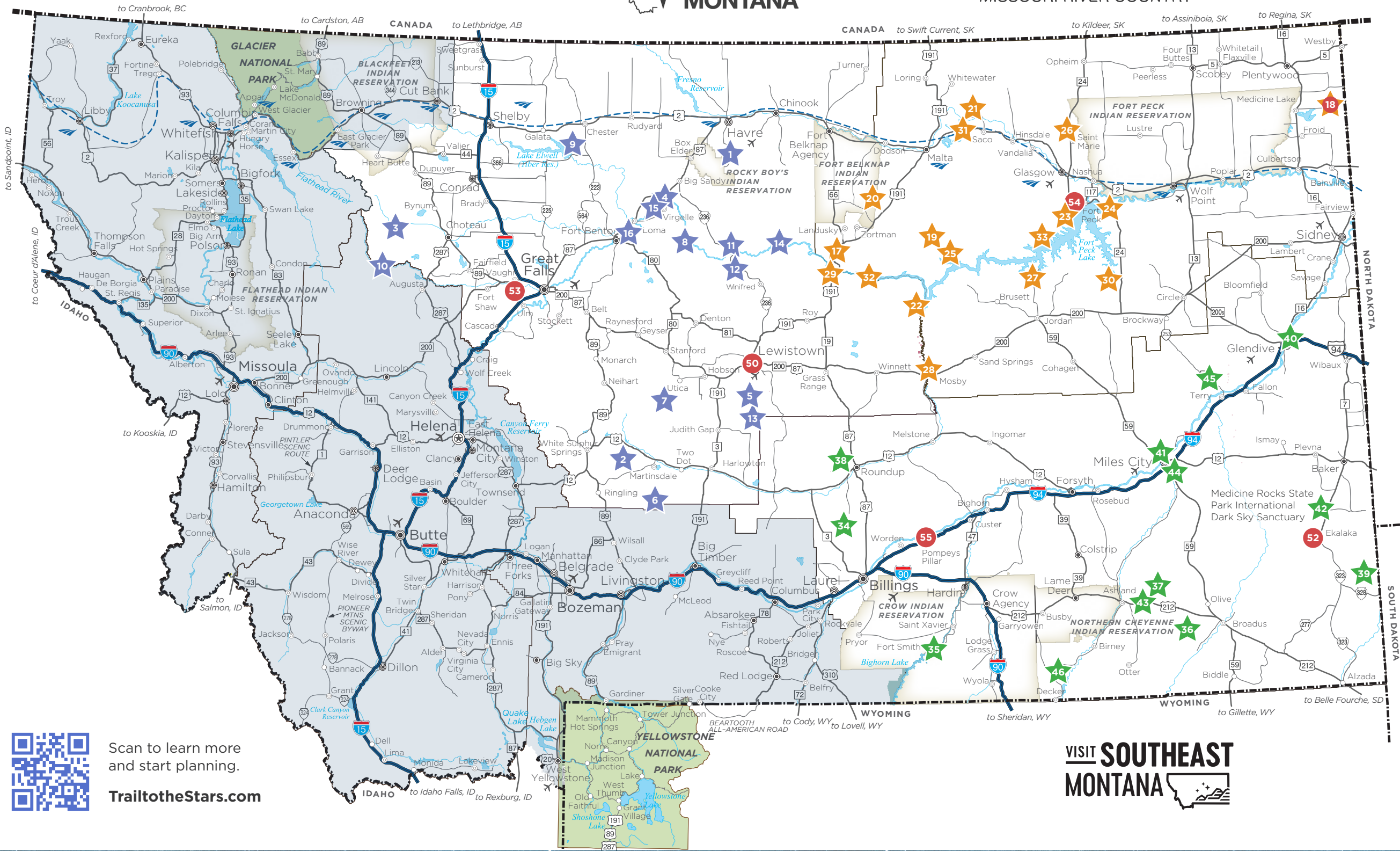




MONTANA'S TRAIL TO THE STARS

Welcome to Montana's Trail to the Stars, where you'll find loads of options for enjoying our magnificent dark skies, from just on the outskirts of a town to out in the middle of nowhere. We hope that you will find a location, or several, to kick back and look to the stars. Before you set out to enjoy our night skies, though, we urge you to pay attention to the special circumstances you may face when visiting our stargazing locations—and to always RECREATE RESPONSIBLY. Visit TrailtotheStars.com for more information and resources. We'll see you on the Trail!



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CENTRAL MONTANA



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50. American Prairie National
Discovery Center

47.0653154, -109.4265162
302 W. Main Street | Lewistown, MT
406-585-4600 | Open year-round



1. Beaver Creek County Park

48.2946468, -109.6651342
Park office: 17863 Beaver Creek Rd | Havre, MT
406-395-4565, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round



2. Bonanza Creek Country
Guest Ranch

46.4734424, -110.5955012
523 Bonanza Creek Rd | Martinsdale, MT
800-476-6045 | June - November
(weather permitting)



3. Cave Mountain

47.8896233, -112.7264532
27 miles northwest of Chouteau
406-466-5341, 800-346-1876 | Summer



4. Coal Banks Landing

48.0322880, -110.2367259
5901 Virgelle Ferry Road N. | Loma, MT
406-378-2607 | April - November



5. Crystal Lake

46.8048068, -109.5109992
22 miles southeast of Moore
406-566-2292 | June - October



53. First Peoples Buffalo
Jump State Park

47.4797586, -111.5247494
342 Ulm-Vaughn Road | Ulm, MT
406-454-5840 | Open year-round



6. Forest Lake

46.2449929, -110.4369747
56 miles southeast of Sulphur Springs
406-791-7700 | Summer



7. Hay Canyon Campground

46.7988281, -110.2998993
28 miles southwest of Hobson
406-761-5036 | Memorial Day - Labor Day



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8. Hole in the Wall Campground

47.820047, -110.0646347
64 river-miles from Fort Benton
406-888-7800 | April - November



9. Island Area at Tiber Dam

48.3354608, -111.1301749
19 miles southwest of Chester
406-759-5077 | Open year-round



10. JJJ Wilderness Ranch

47.6265645, -112.7693451
91 Mortimer Road | Augusta, MT
406-562-3653 | Open year-round



11. Judith Landing

47.7413775, -109.6251345
40 miles southeast of Big Sandy
406-622-4000 | May 15 - October 15



12. Myers Family Huts

47.7277848, -109.6331570
Call for directions
406-585-4600 | Open year-round



13. Timber Creek Dispersed
Campground

46.7252772, -109.4858988
18 miles northeast of Judith Gap
406-632-4391, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round



14. Upper Missouri River Breaks

47.8100032, -110.6738276
Begins at Fort Benton
406-538-1900, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round



15. Virgelle Merc, B&B & Cabins

48.0147636, -110.2495973
7485 Virgelle Ferry Road | Virgelle, MT
406-378-3110, 800-426-2926 | Open year-round



16. Wood Bottom

47.9217931, -110.4962457
3 miles southeast of Loma
406-622-4000 | April - November



MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

17. Antelope Creek Campground

47.7413750, -108.7138030
72 miles northeast of Lewistown
406-585-4600 | Memorial Day weekend - first
weekend in October



18. Brush Lake State Park

48.6064265, -104.1004124
30 miles southeast of Plentywood
406-228-3700, 855-922-6768 | May - October



19. Buffalo Camp

47.7626918, -107.7724762
47 miles south of Malta
406-585-4600 | Open year-round



20. Camp Creek

47.9217457, -108.5132910
46 miles southwest of Malta
406-654-5100 | 800-653-1319 | April - November



21. Cole Ponds

48.5391574, -107.4660967
12 miles northwest of Saco
406-228-3706, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



22. Crooked Creek

47.4307509, -107.9307533
50 miles northeast of Winnett
800-653-1319 | Open year-round



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23. Duck Creek Recreation Area

47.9885530, -106.5245758
3 miles southwest of Fort Peck
406-526-3411, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



24. Flat Lake

48.0141147, -106.3638675
3 miles east of Fort Peck
406-526-3411, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



54. Fort Peck Interpretive Center

48.009858, -106.421385
157 Yellowstone Road | Fort Peck, MT
406-526-3493 | 406-526-3411



25. Fourchette Bay

47.6703023, -107.6645621
54 miles south of Malta
406-526-3411, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



26. Glasgow Base Pond

48.4487069, -106.5767982
20 miles north of Glasgow
406-228-3706, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



27. Hell Creek Recreational Area

47.6159654, -106.8880848
2456 Hell Creek Road | Jordan, MT
406-557-2362 | Open year-round



28. Hill Ranch Oasis Bed & Breakfast

46.9739045, -107.8217294
23 Hill Road | Mosby, MT
406-429-6801 | Open year-round



29. James Kipp Recreation Area

47.6229735, -108.6883924
28 miles northeast of Roy
406-538-1900 | April - November



30. Nelson Creek

47.5625022, -106.2238310
55 miles northeast of Jordan
406-526-3411, 800-653-1319 | May - November



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31. Nelson Reservoir

48.4918313, -107.5295737
19 miles northeast of Malta
406-759-5077, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



32. Slippery Ann Wildlife Viewing
Area

47.6185415, -108.5730832
Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge
406-464-5181, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



33. The Pines Recreation Area

47.8394813, -106.6415746
31 miles southwest of Fort Peck
406-526-3411, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



ACCESSIBILITY



BOAT LAUNCH



CABIN



RV



RV DUMP



VAULT TOILETS



CAMPING



ELECTRICITY



EVENTS/PROGRAMMING

Some amenities are
seasonal—be sure to
confirm availability
in advance.

SOUTHEAST MONTANA



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34. Acton Recreation Area

46.0444930, -108.6639092
28 miles north of Billings
406-896-50134, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round



35. Afterbay Campground / Bighorn
Canyon National Recreation Area

45.3152422, -107.9401537
285 Afterbay Campground Road | Fort Smith, MT
406-666-2333, 800-653-1319 | Open year-round



52. Carter County Museum

45.89117667, -104.5465006
3306 N. Main Street | Ekalaka, MT
406-775-6886 | Open year-round



36. Diamond Butte Lookout

45.2497093, -105.9329906
50 miles southwest of Broadus
800-346-1876 | September 15 - May 15 (reservations
required for tower lookout, check road conditions)



37. Holiday Spring Campground

45.6379, -105.9770479
16 miles north of Ashland
406-784-2344, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round
(depending on snow levels)



38. Horsethief Recreation Area

46.4765671, -108.6734115
8 miles northwest of Roundup
800-346-1876 | Open year-round (check road
conditions)



55. Huntley Museum of Agriculture

45.9262268, -108.2407937
770 Railroad Hwy | Huntley, MT
406-348-2533 | Open year-round



39. Lantis Spring Campground

45.6300351, -104.1770112
31 miles southeast of Ekalaka
406-587-6701, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round



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40. Makoshika State Park

47.0893807, -104.7067180
1301 Snyder St. | Glendive, MT
406-377-6256, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round



41. Matthews Recreation Area

46.5023731, -105.7312233
249 Tusler Road | Miles City, MT
406-377-6256, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round



42. Medicine Rocks State Park
International Dark Sky Sanctuary

46.0453435, -104.4573912
11 miles south of Baker
406-377-6256, 800-346-1876 | May 1 - November 15



43. Red Shale Campground

45.5676849, -106.1458008
6 miles east of Ashland
406-784-2344, 800-346-1876 | April 1 - December 1



44. Strawberry Hill Recreation Area

46.4147783, -105.6721499
6 miles east of Miles City
406-233-2800, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round



45. Terry Badlands Overlook

46.8306911, -105.3933376
7 miles northwest of Terry
406-233-2800, 800-346-1876 | Open year-round
(check road conditions)



46. Tongue River State Park

45.1005792, -106.7934058
290 Campers Point | Decker, MT
406-757-2298 | Open year-round



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