

VISIT *Billings*

MONTANA'S TRAILHEAD

SCENIC
GUIDE

VisitBillings.com

EXPLORE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Only have a few hours in Billings? Make the most of the time you have by exploring what you absolutely cannot miss! Whether you have a few hours or a few days, there is something for everyone in Billings, Montana's Trailhead.

Learn more about each of these sites by going to VisitBillings.com.

DOWNTOWN BILLINGS



MUST-SEES

IN BILLINGS

- 1 **MOSS MANSION HISTORICAL HOUSE:** The story of one of Billings' most famous families and how Billings was built surrounded by the stunning architecture of the home. 914 Division Street, downtown Billings. 406-256-5100 or www.mossmansion.com. (\$10 adults; child, student and senior discounts)
- 2 **WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER:** The history of Billings and the region housed in one of our city's oldest buildings - the original Parmly Billings Library. 2822 Montana Ave., downtown Billings. 406-256-6809 or www.ywhc.org. (\$5 - adults; child, student, and senior discounts)
- 3 **YELLOWSTONE KELLY'S GRAVE & BOOTHILL CEMETERY:** History on Kelly Mountain overlooking the city. Find the grave site as you walk, bike or drive the scenic and historic Black Otter Trail and check out Boothill Cemetery just off Airport Road, both on the northeast side of Billings.

- 4 **SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE RIMROCK BLUFFS:** Take highway 3 from east to west and take in the forever views that make up Billings.
- 5 **YELLOWSTONE RIVER:** The longest free flowing river in the lower 48 states, and a beautiful place to enjoy. Take a leisurely walk or cast in a line - either way the river cannot be missed!
- 6 **YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MUSEUM:** Museum housed in an original homestead at Billings Logan Airport rich in history and authentic stories. 406-256-6811 or www.facebook.com/YellowstoneCountyMuseum or www.pyjrycm.org. (Free - Donations Requested)
- 7 **ZOOMONTANA:** Montana's only zoo showcasing unique plants and animals. Bears, wolves, tigers and more. 2100 S. Shiloh Road. 406-652-8100 or www.zoomontana.org. (Admission is \$7; child, senior and military discounts.)
- 8 **PICTOGRAPH CAVES:** Evidence of habitation dating back 4500 years! Three caves and a fantastic interpretive center open year round. I-90 to exit 452, then 6 miles south. 3401 Coburn Rd. 406-254-7342 or stateparks.mt.gov/pictograph-cave/. (\$6 per nonresident car)

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- 9 **CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK:** Visit Chief Plenty Coups' home and learn about the native culture, history, and way of life. I-90, exit 447 at Pryor. 406-252-1289 or stateparks.mt.gov/chief-plenty-coups/. (\$6 per nonresident car)
- 10 **POMPEYS PILLAR:** Clark's signature left during the Lewis & Clark expedition. East on I-94 (28 miles). 406-875-2400 or www.pompeypillar.org. (\$7/vehicle) **40 minutes from downtown Billings**
- 11 **LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT:** Where Custer fought the Cheyenne and Sioux. Take in history on the grounds where it took place. Near Crow Agency, on I-90, exit 510. 406-638-2621 or www.nps.gov/libi. (\$10/vehicle) **1 hour from downtown Billings**
- 12 **BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY:** This scenic pass, just west of Red Lodge, Montana is open Memorial Day through fall, weather permitting, and is the most beautiful gateway to Yellowstone Park (125 miles). For more information call 406-446-1718 or visit www.beartoothhighway.com. **1 hour 15 minutes from downtown Billings**

All fees subject to change. Contact attraction for specific information. Billings Chamber and Visit Billings are not responsible for fee changes.



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BILLINGS, MONTANA

▶ WHERE YA HEADIN'?

SCENIC DRIVE POINTS

- 1 VISIT BILLINGS AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISITOR CENTER:** Welcome to Billings! This is a great place to start your journey; stop in and talk with a local volunteer for guidance, materials, and assistance. You'll also find interactive displays. Before you leave, be sure to snap a photo by the cattle drive monument!
VisitBillings.com • (406) 245-4111 • (406) 252-4016 • (800) 735-2635
 - 2 HISTORIC BILLINGS DEPOT:** Though there are no longer passenger trains chugging through Billings, this historic landmark was built in 1909 to service three major railroad companies. The waiting area and baggage rooms of the Depot are restored and preserved as a Historic Place. This is a self-guided tour location and subject to operating hours. (M-F 9-4, S 8:30-12:30) www.billingsdepot.org • (406) 656-7273
 - 3 PICTOGRAPH CAVE STATE PARK:** In the making for thousands of years! Explore three caves and see evidence of habitation from 3,000 years ago. Visit the Visitor Interpretive Center and explore ancient artifacts. This is an excellent place to get out and hike around or just peruse at your leisure. (\$6 per nonresident car) stateparks.mt.gov/pictograph-cave/ • (406) 254-7342
 - 4 METRAPARK & RODEO HALL OF FAME:** You've arrived at the largest event center in Montana. MetraPark is home to many diverse events year-round: concerts, rodeos, dog shows, car shows, trade shows, expos, and so much more! While here, check out the outdoor Montana Rodeo Hall of Fame! Up the stairs near the front doors.
www.metrapark.com • (406) 256-2400
 - 5 BOOTHILL CEMETERY:** A genuine Western legend and a place rich in history. Be sure to read stories of the Sacrifice Cliffs (seen to the south) and of "Muggins" Taylor, the scout who carried the news of Custer's Last Stand to the world, who is buried here.
 - 6 BLACK OTTER TRAIL:** An excellent view of the city. Bike, walk or drive approximately 3 miles around historic Kelly Mountain along the sandstone bluffs known as Rimrocks. Black Otter Trail was an original wagon trail and is steeped in Native folklore.
 - 7 YELLOWSTONE KELLY'S GRAVE:** Stop here as you near the end of Black Otter Trail. Known for hunting, trapping, and for hostile encounters with Sioux warriors, Yellowstone Kelly (1849-1928) was truly a man of the frontier. Kelly requested that he be laid to rest in Montana before he died.
 - 8 THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MUSEUM:** An original homestead built by Paul McCormick, Sr., an early Yellowstone River settler, the museum is housed at the Billings Logan Airport (yes - you do drive through the airport to get to it!). The 23,000 artifacts housed here tell the authentic story of Billings and Yellowstone County's History. (Free)
www.facebook.com/YellowstoneCountyMuseum • www.pyjrycm.org • (406) 256-6811
- Your next stop takes you west along Highway 3, which provides beautiful views. Pull over to the parking area/overlook and experience breathtaking views of Billings. On a clear day, five mountain ranges can be seen from here: the Bighorns, Pryors, Beartooths, Crazyes, and Snowies.
- 9 ZIMMERMAN TRAIL:** Built in 1890 by Frank Zimmerman to herd sheep for summer pasturing at the top of the Rims. This road now provides a stunning view of the city and an up close look at the Rimrocks.

2.1 MILES
Along Rimrock Road notice Billings' two universities with beautiful campuses and noteworthy architecture.

2.1 MILES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE: Billings' oldest college, Rocky was originally the Billings Polytechnic Institute.

1.9 MILES
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS: Originally known as Eastern Montana Normal School.

10 **MOSS MANSION:** On the National Register of Historic Places, experience turn of the century culture when you walk through the doors of the Preston B. Moss home. Listen to the story of one of Billings' most famous families while taking in the remarkable architecture. Designed by Henry Janeway Hardenbergh, famous designer of the original Waldorf Astoria, Plaza Hotels, and more. This is a great neighborhood to drive around and look at other historic homes, too!
(\$10 adults; child, student and senior discounts)
www.mossmansion.org • (406) 256-5100

11 **WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER:** An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the museum is housed in the historic Parmly Billings Memorial Library building, built in 1901. On the National Register of Historic Places and originally the city's library, but now it houses artifacts and history of Billings. (\$5 - adult)
www.ywhc.org • (406) 256-6809

12 **SKYPOINT:** Look up! You've reached the center of downtown Billings. Explore the shops, restaurants, galleries and more that downtown Billings has to offer! Look for events taking place here on many evenings & weekends.
www.downtownbillings.com • (406) 294-5060

13 **ALBERTA BAIR THEATER:** Opened as The Fox Theater in 1931, the building is registered as a Historic Building and is built on the spot where the Bair Family homesteaded. It's named for the daughter born in the home and who donated generously to the renovation: Alberta Bair. Now, the theater is the largest performing arts venue in the state holding over 150 diverse performances annually.
www.albertabairtheater.org • (406) 256-6052

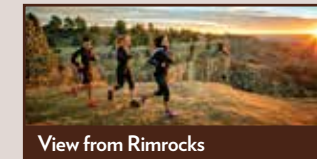
14 **YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM:** Formerly the Yellowstone County Jail (built in 1884), the Yellowstone Art Museum was in place by 1964. Expanding around the jail in order to preserve the history, the museum is nationally accredited and touts both modern and historic art exhibits. The museum collection includes the most comprehensive works by cowboy illustrator Will James. (\$6 - adults) www.artmuseum.org • (406) 256-6804

15 **DEHLER PARK:** Home of the Billings Mustangs Pioneer League baseball team (affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds)! The field doesn't have a bad seat in the house.
www.billingsmustangs.com

8.5 MILES
Continuing on toward Riverfront park you'll pass City Hall and the Purple Heart Memorial, commemorating Billings' war veterans. Located at North 27th and 2nd Avenue (east side), it's a lovely park and a perfect opportunity to stop and honor all veterans.

16 **RIVERFRONT PARK:** An excellent view of the Yellowstone River, the longest free flowing river in the U.S. Walk the trails and experience nature, right in the city! Home to Lake Josephine, named for the steamboat that long ago reached farthest up the Yellowstone River. www.billingsparks.org/park/riverfront

17 **Zoomontana:** At Montana's only zoo you'll find animals and plants that can survive Montana's temperate climate and are housed in natural habitats. The Sensory Garden is designed so that sight/hearing impaired visitors can enjoy the experience as well.
(\$7 - adults) www.zoomontana.org • (406) 652-8100



View from Rimrocks

SCENIC ROUTE SUGGESTIONS



Yellowstone River

IF YOU HAVE AN HOUR...

Take in stops 5, 6, and 7: Boothill Cemetery, Black Otter Trail, and Yellowstone Kelly's Grave. You'll experience legendary western history, beautiful scenery, and Billings Folklore all in 60 minutes!

IF YOU HAVE FOUR HOURS...

Split the route in half and take in what interests you! Stops 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 will provide you with history while stops 4, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 are more outdoorsy and modern. With either option, make your first stop point #1: the Visit Billings and Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. Volunteers will guide you and help you make the most of your time.

WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME IN MUSEUMS?

Make stops 8, 10, 11, and 14 your priority. These museums offer everything from contemporary art to regional history. Spend as much time as you'd like in any of them!

LOOKING FOR THE OUTDOORS?

Check out points 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16, and 17. The Pictograph Caves are a great place for a leisurely hike, and Skypoint is a great starting point to experience downtown Billings' great shopping, dining, galleries, and more. The other stops provide nice opportunities to walk outside and enjoy your surroundings.

ENJOY THE SCENERY IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS...

Drive to points 3, 6, and 9 for the epitome of Billings' scenery. View rolling plains, mountains, and the Rimrock bluffs that surround our city as you go. Bring your camera to capture the forever views!

LODGING

DOWNTOWN

Best Western Plus ClockTower Inn
(406) 259-5511 • (800) 628-9081

Big 5 Motel
(406) 245-6646 • (888) 544-9358

Bourbon Street Hotel
(406) 259-4551

Carlin Hotel
(406) 245-7515

Cherry Tree Inn
(406) 252-5603 • (800) 237-5882

Crowne Plaza Hotel Billings
(406) 252-7400 • (877) 2CROWNE

Dude Rancher Lodge
(406) 259-5561 • (800) 221-3302

Hilltop Inn by Riversage
(406) 245-5000 • (800) 878-9282

The Josephine Bed & Breakfast
(406) 248-5898 • (800) 552-5898

Lazy KT Motel
(406) 252-6606 • (877) 545-6606

Lewis and Clark Inn
(406) 252-4691

Northern Hotel
(406) 867-6767

Riversage Billings Inn
(406) 252-6800 • (800) 231-7782

Rodeway Inn
(406) 245-4128 • (800) 826-7530

Swift Building Lofts
(406) 859-2266

Vegas Motel
(406) 248-7761 • (888) 242-6023

Western Inn
(406) 245-6345 • (888) 231-9378

Westwood's Rimview Inn
(406) 248-2622 • (800) 551-1418

CENTRAL

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn and Suites
(406) 248-7701 • (800) 780-7234

Days Inn Billings
(406) 252-4007 • (888) 440-2021

Hampton Inn Billings
(406) 248-4949 • (800) HAMPTON

Ledgestone Hotel
(406) 259-9454

My Place Hotel - Billings
(406) 259-9970 • (855) 200-5685

Parkway Motel
(406) 245-3044

Picture Court Motel
(406) 252-8478

Sleep Inn
(406) 254-0013 • (800) 424-6423

Super 8 Billings
(406) 248-8842 • (888) 288-5081

WEST END

Big Horn Resort
(406) 839-9300 • (877) 995-8999

Billings Hotel and Convention Center
(406) 248-7151 • (800) 537-7286

C'Mon Inn
(406) 655-1100 • (800) 655-1170

Comfort Inn
(406) 652-5200

The Crossings Bed & Breakfast
(406) 672-6878

Econo Lodge
(406) 252-2700 • (800) 4CHOICE

Country Inn & Suites
(406) 245-9995 • (800) 596-2375

Extended Stay America - Billings West End
(406) 245-3980 • (800) EXTSTAY

Fairfield Inn & Suites Billings
(406) 652-5330

Hampton Inn and Suites Billings West I-90
(406) 656-7511 • (800) HAMPTON

Hilton Garden Inn Billings
(406) 655-8800 • (877) STAYHGI

Holiday Inn Express*

Holiday Inn Grand Montana
(406) 248-7701 • (800) HOLIDAY

Homewood Suites by Hilton, Billings
(406)-656-0525 • (800) CALLHOME

Howard Johnson Billings
(406) 252-2584 • (800) 446-4656

Kelly Inn
(406) 248-9800 • (800) 258-2466

La Quinta Inn & Suites
(406) 252-1188

Lexington Inn & Suites
(406) 294-9090 • (877) 488-4649

Motel 6 North
(406) 248-7551 • (800) 4Motel6

Motel 6 South
(406) 252-0093 • (800) 4Motel6

Quality Inn Homestead Park
(406) 652-1320 • (800) 228-5151

Residence Inn by Marriott
(406) 656-3900 • (800) MARRIOTT

The Sanderson Inn B&B
(406) 656-3388

TownPlace Suites*

SpringHill Suites Billings
(406) 652-9313 • (800) MARRIOTT

Western Executive Inn
(406) 294-8888 • (877) 214-7772

HEIGHTS (EAST END)

Boothill Inn & Suites
(406) 245-2000 • (866) 266-8445

Country Inn & Suites
(406) 245-9995 • (800) 596-2375

Heights Inn Motel
(406) 545-5526 • (800) 275-8451

Holiday Inn Express
(406) 259-8600 • (888) HOLIDAY

Twin Cubs Motel
(406) 252-9851 • (888) 303-7386

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