

SPEND A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS IN BILLINGS – MONTANA'S TRAILHEAD

Where shadows of the towering Rimrocks meet the mystic waters of the Yellowstone River, Billings serves as Montana's Trailhead for whatever awesome adventures visitors seek under big skies. And once the sun sets, those same clear skies sparkle with the light of billions of stars. Why not spend a night or two under them? Whether you prefer the rugged camping experience or something a little more refined - colloquially known as "glamping" - you'll find no shortage of areas to set up camp under the canopy of Billings' brilliant night sky and forge a memorable adventure.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER CAMPGROUND

The **YELLOWSTONE RIVER RV PARK AND CAMPGROUND** is a privately owned park that promises a quiet, serene experience for campers, and is just a short drive away from many of Billings' top attractions, like Pictograph Cave State Park, Pompeys Pillar, ZooMontana and, of course, downtown Billings. In addition to landscaped, shaded RV sites and grassy tent sites, pine log cabins also are available for rental. A natural trail provides access to the majestic Yellowstone River, and the campground is just down the highway from entrances to Yellowstone National Park. Among the other amenities available to campers are a swimming pool, playground and horseshoe pits and, if you feel like pampering yourself a bit, check out the on-site spa and hot tub.

THE WORLD'S FIRST KOA

Kampgrounds of America (KOA) have been a mainstay in the American camping experience since 1962, and the **VERY FIRST KOA SITE** is in Billings along the banks of the Yellowstone River. The campground offers spacious, landscaped patio RV sites, tent sites as well as rental cabins in addition to a general store and hot tub/sauna. Of course, there's plenty of fishing, biking and hiking near the campground, and treasured landmarks like Pompeys Pillar, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument and Beartooth Scenic Highway are just a short drive away.

MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK

About three hours east of Billings, explore the badlands of **MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK**, Montana's largest state park and home to the pine and juniper-studded badland formations and fossil remains of such dinosaurs as Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops. Spend the night at one of the 28 campsites and enjoy activities like archery, scenic drives, hiking or a show at the outdoor amphitheater.

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST - BEARTOOTH RANGER DISTRICT

Nestled at the foot of the Beartooth and Absaroka mountain ranges, the Beartooth Ranger District of the **CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST** provides access to bucket-list trails for hikers and backpackers. The Beartooth district is known for its rugged mountains and sub-alpine tundra plateaus. The highest 41 peaks in Montana are located in the Beartooth Ranger District, including Granite Peak, which is the highest and stands at 12,799 feet. The district is home to more than 15 campgrounds offering more primitive and walk-in campsites, as well as sites that can accommodate RVs and trailers of various sizes.

RV RENTALS

Interested in an RV camping experience in Billings, but don't have the RV? Rentals are available through **HAPPY CAMPERS RV RENTAL** and **SARPY RV RENTAL**. Campers and motorhomes of various sizes and amenities are available for rental, along with equipment and supplies ranging from sleeping and kitchen kits, to mountain bikes and binoculars.

