## **RIDING & DRIVING** BIG SKY COUNTRY

The best way to experience Montana's scenery is by traversing the beautiful back roads and open country that saturate Big Sky Country.



MOTORCYCLE RIDING IN MONTANA is a dream for most bike enthusiasts, and the Billings area is certainly no exception. In 2015, American Motorcyclist magazine included three routes in Montana within the best 15 motorcycle roads in America. Most notably, the number one motorcycling road in America is just 60 miles from Billings: **U.S. HIGHWAY 212**, better known as **BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY**. Glacial lakes, wildlife and views from spectacular heights make the Beartooth a must for every motorcyclist visiting Montana. INSIDER TIP: many hotels in Billings have bike wash stations.

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## >>>>> LOOP ROUTES

» LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT - For the Western history buff RECOMMENDED STOPS: Pompeys Pillar National Monument; Hysham's Yucca Theater 260 miles // 6 hours

POMPEYS PILLAR NATIONAL MONUMENT LOOP - For Lewis and Clark enthusiasts RECOMMENDED STOPS: Pompeys Pillar National Monument; Southeast Montana's Birding Trail 195 miles // 5 hours

- BIGHORN MOUNTAIN VISTA LOOP For stunning scenic landscapes RECOMMENDED STOPS: Bighorn River; Big Horn County Historical Museum; Hardin for lunch 150 miles // 6 hours
- BEST OF THE WEST For charming small towns with Western flair RECOMMENDED STOPS: Roundup River Walk Heritage Trail; dine at Jersey Lilly Saloon 255 miles // 5 hours
- CUSTER'S LAST LOOP For the history of the Indian Wars RECOMMENDED STOPS: Fort Custer; Northern Cheyenne and Crow Reservations; Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument 400 miles // best over two days
- BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY For forever views and forever memories Forbes calls it one of the country's most dazzling drives. 355 miles // a full day or more
- CHIEF JOSEPH SCENIC BYWAY For beauty and rich history Panoramic views at Dead Indian Pass. Along this route, Chief Joseph led the Nez Perce Indians out of Yellowstone National Park and into Montana in 1877. 247 miles // a full day or more

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
- 2 Pompeys Pillar National Monument
- 3 Pictograph Cave State Park
- 4 Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range
- 5 Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
- 6 Tongue River Reservoir
- 7 Yellowtail Dam
- 8 Canyon Creek Battlefield
- 9 Chief Plenty Coups State Park
- 10 Beartooth Highway
- 11 Chief Joseph Scenic Byway

