

STATE PARKS

FLATHEAD LAKE

West Shore: 20 miles south of Kalispell on Hwy 93. Boat access, camping, picnicking, water activities, and scenic overlook. 406-752-5501

Big Arm: On the west shore. Large, open campgrounds, boat ramps, picnicking, water activities, and public beach for swimming. Good launch site to see Wild Horse Island. 406-752-5501

Wild Horse Island: 2,163 acre island noted for its wildlife including bighorn sheep, deer, songbirds, bald eagles, falcons and smaller mammals. Activities: fishing, swimming, hiking and wildlife viewing. Boat accessible. Day use only. 406-752-5501

Finley Point: Located in a secluded, mature conifer forest near the south end of the lake. Camping, boat ramp, all water activities and limited boat docking. 406-752-5501

Yellow Bay: In the heart of Montana's famous sweet cherry orchards on the east shore. Camping, picnicking, large beach, water activities, boat ramp, bird watching. 406-752-5501

Wayfarers: NE shore near Bigfork. A mature, mixed conifer forest makes this site pleasant for camping, picnicking, walking trails and water activities. 406-752-5501

LONE PINE

200 acre park just SW of Kalispell. Visitor center, hiking and horse trails, and an archery range. Scenic overlook. Day use only. 406-752-5501

WHITEFISH LAKE

Woodland campground with beach. Boating, swimming and fishing. 406-752-5501

LOGAN STATE PARK

North shore of Middle Thompson Lake, 45 miles west of Kalispell on Highway 2. Swimming, boating, camping, water-skiing and fishing. 406-752-5501

LAKE MARY RONAN

Seven miles west of Highway 93. Hiking, fishing, bird watching, huckleberry picking, camping, swimming and boating. 406-752-5501

MUSEUMS

THE MUSEUM AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Built in 1894, Kalispell's museum at Central School is on the National Register of Historic Places. This building housed the first school in Kalispell. Now, completely renovated, this school is home to the museum, meeting rooms and a gift shop. Open M-F, 10am-5pm. Admissions 406-756-8381 www.yourmuseum.org

CONRAD MANSION MUSEUM

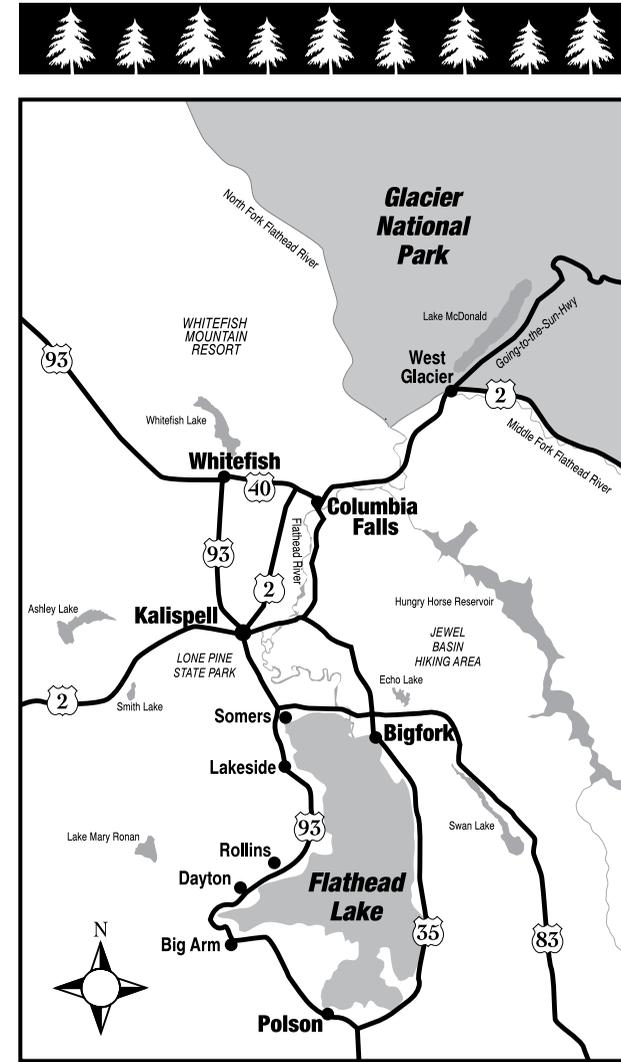
Built in 1895, this National Historic Site was the home of Kalispell founder, and Missouri River trader Charles E. Conrad. Tour its 26 rooms with original furnishings. Open daily, mid-May to mid-October. Admission. 406-755-2166 www.conradmansion.com

HOCKADAY MUSEUM OF ART

A fine arts museum, housed in a turn-of-the-century Carnegie Library building, featuring a permanent collection and rotating exhibits focusing on the art and culture of Montana and the artists of Glacier National Park. Offers a Discovery Gallery for children, gift shop with unique items created by local artists and Arts in the Park, an art and music festival the fourth weekend in July. Open year-round Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Admissions 406-755-5268. www.hockadaymuseum.org

MIRACLE OF AMERICA MUSEUM

Located in Polson, this museum offers over 50 antique motorcycles, 35 buildings in the Pioneer Village include many ladies items, like the beauty shop, sewing shop, one-room schoolhouse and general store. Huge tribute to the Veterans include over 30 vehicles, 2 jet airplanes and a real "Huey" helicopter that kids can sit in. Allow at least 2 hours to rush through. Picnic tables are available for all day visitors. Sculpture art abounds. Admissions 406-883-6804; www.miracleofamericamuseum.org



For more information about Montana's Flathead Valley contact:

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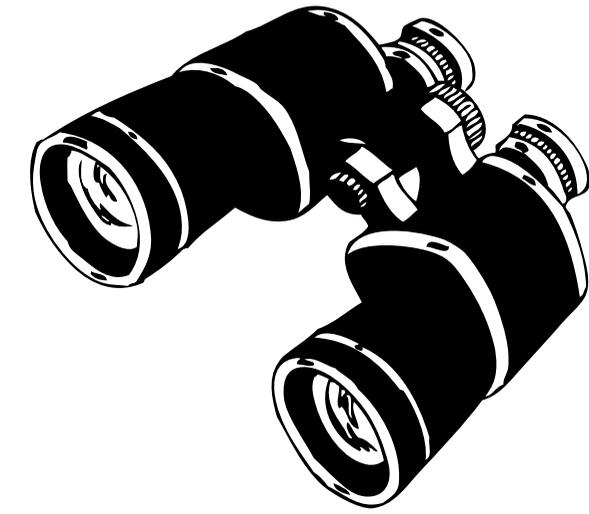


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ATTRACTIONS

Montana's
Flathead Valley



**THERE'S SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE IN MONTANA'S
FLATHEAD VALLEY.**

Choose from the recreational opportunities found in Glacier National Park and on the sparkling waters of Flathead Lake. Explore our museums, galleries and shops. Visit our historic sites, take in a concert, or picnic in the park. It's all here for you to enjoy.



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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Come and experience Glacier's pristine forests, alpine meadows, rugged mountains, and spectacular lakes. With over 700 miles of trails, Glacier is a hiker's paradise for adventurous visitors seeking wilderness and solitude. When summer is in full swing, the Going-To-The-Sun Road is high on every visitor's list of things to do. Winter activities include cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Relive the days of old through historic chalets, lodges, transportation, and stories of Native Americans. Explore Glacier National Park and discover what awaits you. Glacier National Park Visitor Information 406-888-7800; <http://www.nps.gov/glac/>

WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

Encompasses more than 3,000 acres of skiable terrain buried in more than 300" of snow, with downhill and cross country skiing, snowboarding, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. In the summer, gondola/quad chair-lift rides to the summit provide panoramic views, with tennis, mountain biking, hiking the Danny On Trail, Summit Nature Center, Alpine Slide and Zip-Line Adventures amidst. Reservations & Information: 800-858-4152 or 406-862-2900. www.whitefishmountain.com

BLACKTAIL MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

High above Flathead Lake, Blacktail Mountain Lodge is perched in a winter alpine wonderland. Here guests enjoy 360° views of northwest Montana, then simply put on their gear and start downhill. No lift line on your first tracks! North facing slopes high above the valley fog are protected from direct sun and prevailing winds. Snow stays light, dry and winter fresh all season. Information 406-844-0999; www.blacktailmountain.com

FLATHEAD LAKE

Located just south of Kalispell, the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi is 28 miles long and up to 15 miles wide. That's 188 square miles of pure enjoyment! The lake's sparkling waters and miles of tree-lined shore offer unlimited recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat. Overlooking it all are the magnificent Swan and Mission mountain ranges. Water recreation choices include sailing, boating, canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. State and private campgrounds on the shore compliment other accommodations.

HUNGRY HORSE DAM

564 foot dam on the South Fork Flathead River created the 34 mile long Hungry Horse Reservoir with boating, fishing, water skiing and camping. Visitors center open daily 8:30 am to 5 pm. 406-387-5241

NATIONAL BISON RANGE/ FEDERAL BIRD REFUGE

18,500 acre range in Moiese on Hwy 212. About 400 bison and numerous whitetail and mule deer, antelope, elk and birds can be spotted during self-guided auto tours. Open year-round. Visitor Center: 406-644-2211. www.fws.gov/bisonrange/nbr

MUSIC & THEATRE

ALPINE THEATRE PROJECT

Montana's only Equity professional summer theatre, bringing actors and productions fresh off the boards of New York and other major cities to the indescribable beauty of Whitefish, Montana. The summer season runs July-August. Admissions: 406-862-SHOW. www.alpinetheatreproject.org

GLACIER SYMPHONY & CHORALE

Northwest Montana's award-winning symphony and chorale perform classical, holiday, and pops concerts each season; featuring world-class and emerging guest artists; and producing quality musical programs in the Flathead Valley and Northwest Montana. Admission Schedule 406-257-3241. www.glaciersymphonychorale.org

KALISPELL - PICNIC IN THE PARK

Summer concert series featuring local musicians in Kalispell's Depot Park. Tuesday Evenings 7-9pm & Wednesday Afternoons 11:30am-1:30pm. Concessions are available. For concert dates 406-758-7717. www.kalispell.com/parks/

COLUMBIA FALLS - LIONS CLUB CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES

Thursday night summer concerts begin at 8pm at the Don Lawrence Amphitheatre in Marantette Park, Columbia Falls. Picnics are encouraged. Donations are requested. For concert dates 406-892-3313.

BIGFORK - RIVERBEND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Sunday night summer concerts at the Riverbend Concert in Sliter Park, Bigfork start at 7pm. Bring your own seating. Information 406-837-5888 or 406-837-1344.

PARKS & GARDENS

DEPOT PARK

City Park in the heart of Kalispell's downtown. Home to Picnic in the Park, a summer series of afternoon and evening concerts. 406-758-7718

GATISS GARDENS

Highway 35 in Creston, 11 miles east of Kalispell. Flower gardens maintained by the Sibley family. A Self-guided tour on a 1.25-mile walk through five acres of perennials along a meandering stream. Summer open from 9am-9pm. Information 406-755-2418.

LAWRENCE PARK

North of Kalispell's downtown. Playgrounds, playing fields, picnic areas, pedestrian and nature trails along the Stillwater River. 406-758-7718

WOODLAND PARK

City Park on the east edge of Kalispell offers a lagoon, waterfowl, flower gardens, walking trails, picnic areas, swimming pool, Skate Park and playgrounds. Winter ice skating and sledding. 406-758-7718

FARMER'S MARKET

COLUMBIA FALLS

Open summers from 5pm-7:30pm on Thursdays at Glacier Discovery Square on Nucleus Ave. A rotating roster of musicians will entertain each week. Information 406-892-7955.

WHITEFISH

Whitefish offers two summer Farmer's Markets: Thursdays from 4-6:30pm in the Pin 'n Cue parking lot on Hwy 93 (information 406-862-3451) and Tuesdays downtown at Central Ave & Railway from 5-7:30pm with weekly musicians (information 406-862-2043; www.whitefishfarmersmarket.com).

KALISPELL

Saturdays from 9am-12:30pm with some 100 vendors, located at the west end of the Kalispell Center Mall parking lot. Information 406-881-4078.

BIGFORK

Visit the Bigfork Farmers' Market Wednesdays from 4-7pm and Saturdays from 10am-2pm to get your local and fresh home grown farm products and freshly made food items. Also a wide array of quality artisan's creations made here in Montana. Located on the north side of the High School parking lot. Information 406-837-5888.

TOURS

KERR DAM

On the Flathead River south of Polson. Generates 177 megawatts of electricity at full capacity. Raft launching facilities and walking paths to view the dam and river gorge. Motorized craft not permitted on river. Guided tours by appointment only; 406-883-4450.

LIBBY DAM

420 foot high Libby Dam formed Lake Koochanusa, a 90 mile long, 370 foot deep reservoir shared with Canada. Visitor center open late May through early September. Abundant lake recreation. Guided tours available. For tour information 406-293-5577.

CRESTON NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

12 miles east of Kalispell on Hwy 35. Provides trout for federal lands and Kokanee salmon for Flathead Lake. Interpretive display on fish egg development and hatching trays. Guided tours by appointment. Self-guided tour 8-4 daily. Information 406-758-6868.

SOMERS HATCHERY

Two miles SW of Somers on Hwy 93. State hatchery for Kokanee salmon. Millions of one-inch salmon swarm the raceways. Display aquarium holds two year old arctic grayling. Information 406-857-3744.

WALKING & BIKING TOURS

Walking and biking tour brochures for the Flathead Valley are available at the Visitor Information Centers in Kalispell 406-758-2800, Whitefish 406-862-3501, Columbia Falls 406-892-2072, Bigfork 406-837-5888 and Lakeside/Somers 406-844-3715.