



orientation

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

— BOZEMAN · MONTANA —

Best of Bozeman

**Presenter: Orientation Leader
Summer 2024**



AN OVERVIEW



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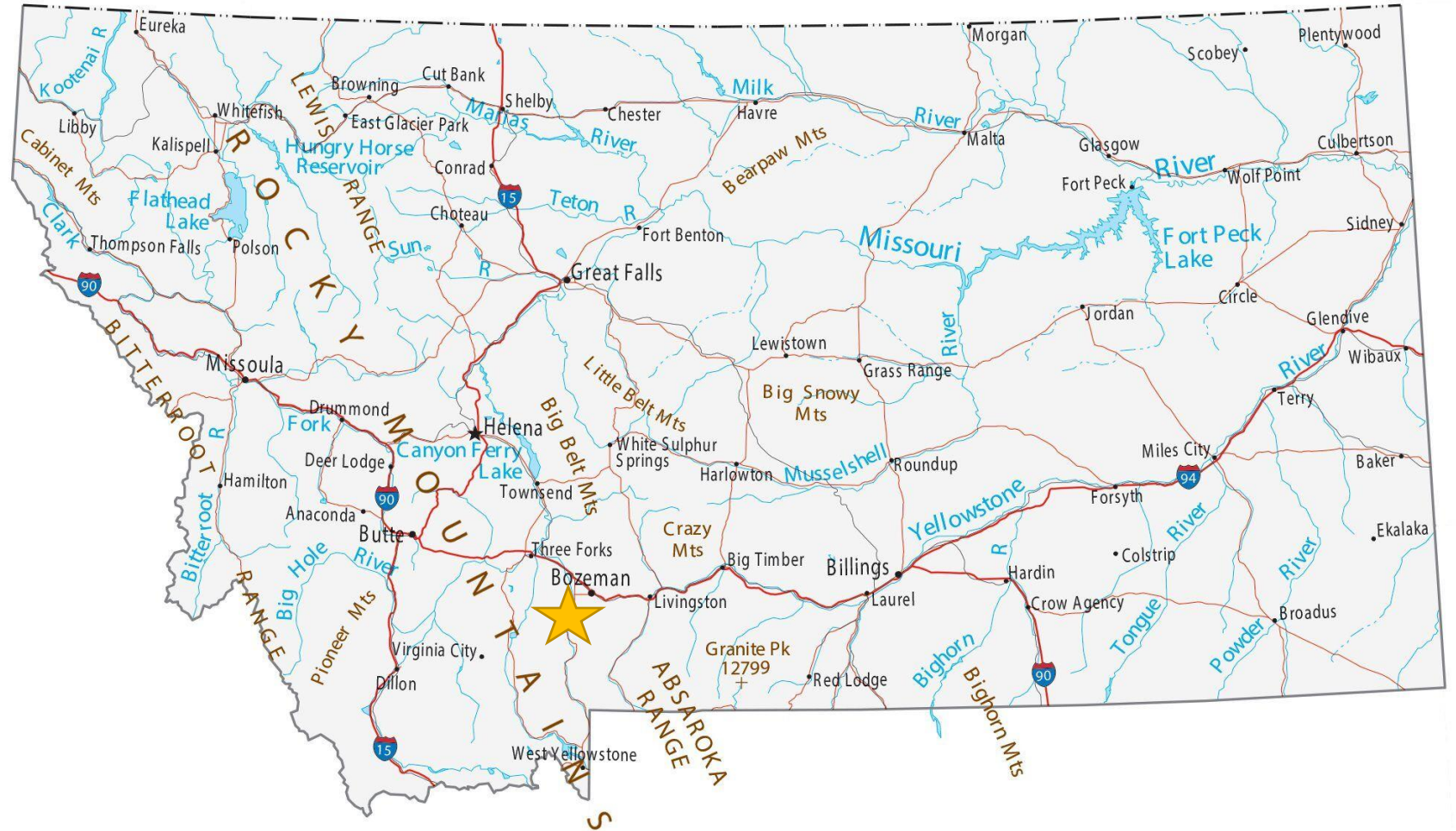


Outdoor Recreation Program
All Things Outside
General Resources

Southwest Montana

Driving Distance:

Yellowstone National Park
Glacier National Park
Flathead Lake
Big Sky
Livingston
Three Forks
Virginia City
Lewis & Clark Caverns
Philipsburg



Travel & Transportation

Travel:

Largest & busiest airport in the state

Transportation:

Streamline Bus Service & Shuttles to ski hills

Bring Your Own Car – Must purchase a parking permit!

Carpool

Biking

Walking



www.montana.edu/offcampusstudentlife/transportation.html

Weather



High elevation = dry!

300 days of sunshine

Average winter temperature = 34°

Average summer temperature = 83°

Annual snowfall in town = 86 inches a year

Annual snowfall in mountains = 300 - 400 inches a year



History of Bozeman



Historically – And today!

Historically the Gallatin Valley was the shared land of Native American tribes such as ...

- Shoshone
- Bangtail
- Nez Perce
- Sioux
- Blackfeet
- Crow
- Flathead



Please take this moment to connect with the land you are currently on and recognize that many of us are simply occupiers of this space and that Indigenous people are the past, present, and future caretakers of this land.

July 1806

While on the Corps of Discovery, William Clark took a side trip and visited the Gallatin Valley. It was described in his journals as the, “Valley of Flowers”.

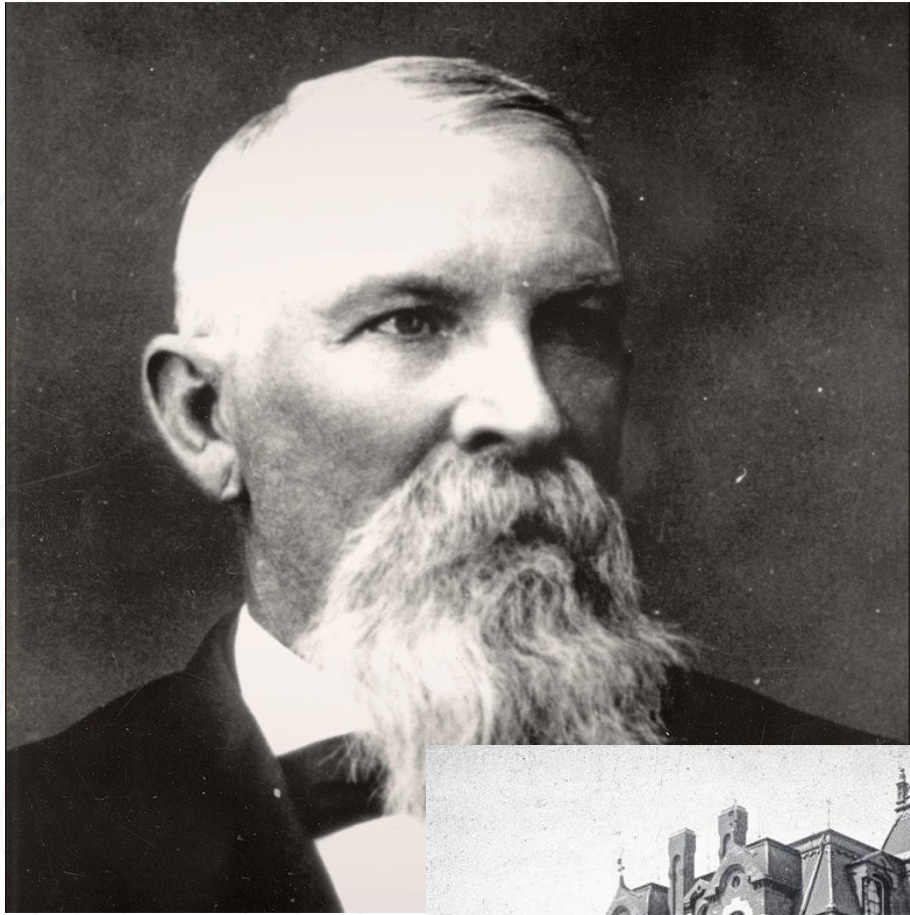


John Bozeman

Started the Bozeman Trail, a new northern trail off the Oregon trail, which lead to the mining town of Virginia City, MT.

Bozeman, Daniel Rouse, and William Beall platted the town in August 1864.





Nelson Story

Story was a successful Virginia City gold miner and in 1866 he entered the cattle business.

Story's cattle formed one of the earliest significant herds in MT cattle industry.

Built up the Bozeman economy!

He later donated land to the state for the establishment of MSU.



A Rich History

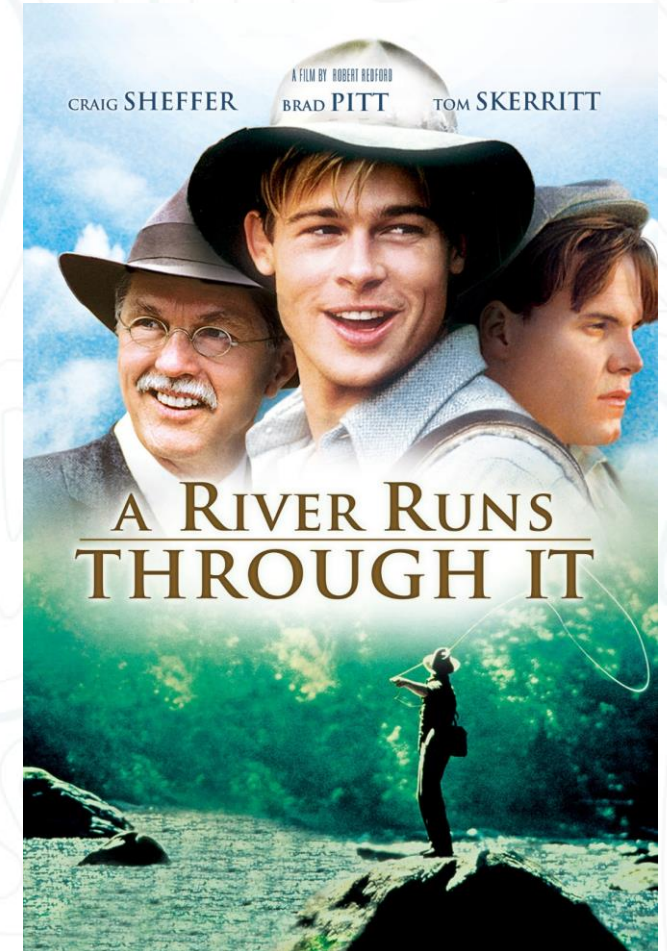
By the 1920s...

Canneries in the Bozeman area were major producers of canned peas and at one point, Bozeman produced ~75% of all seed peas in the US! Bozeman was known as the, “Sweet Pea Capital of the Nation”.

Today, we host the Sweet Pea festival which celebrates music and art!

1992

***A River Runs Through It* was filmed in the Bozeman Post Office and in Leigh Lounge on MSU’s campus.**



Bozeman Today



Population
~ 60,000

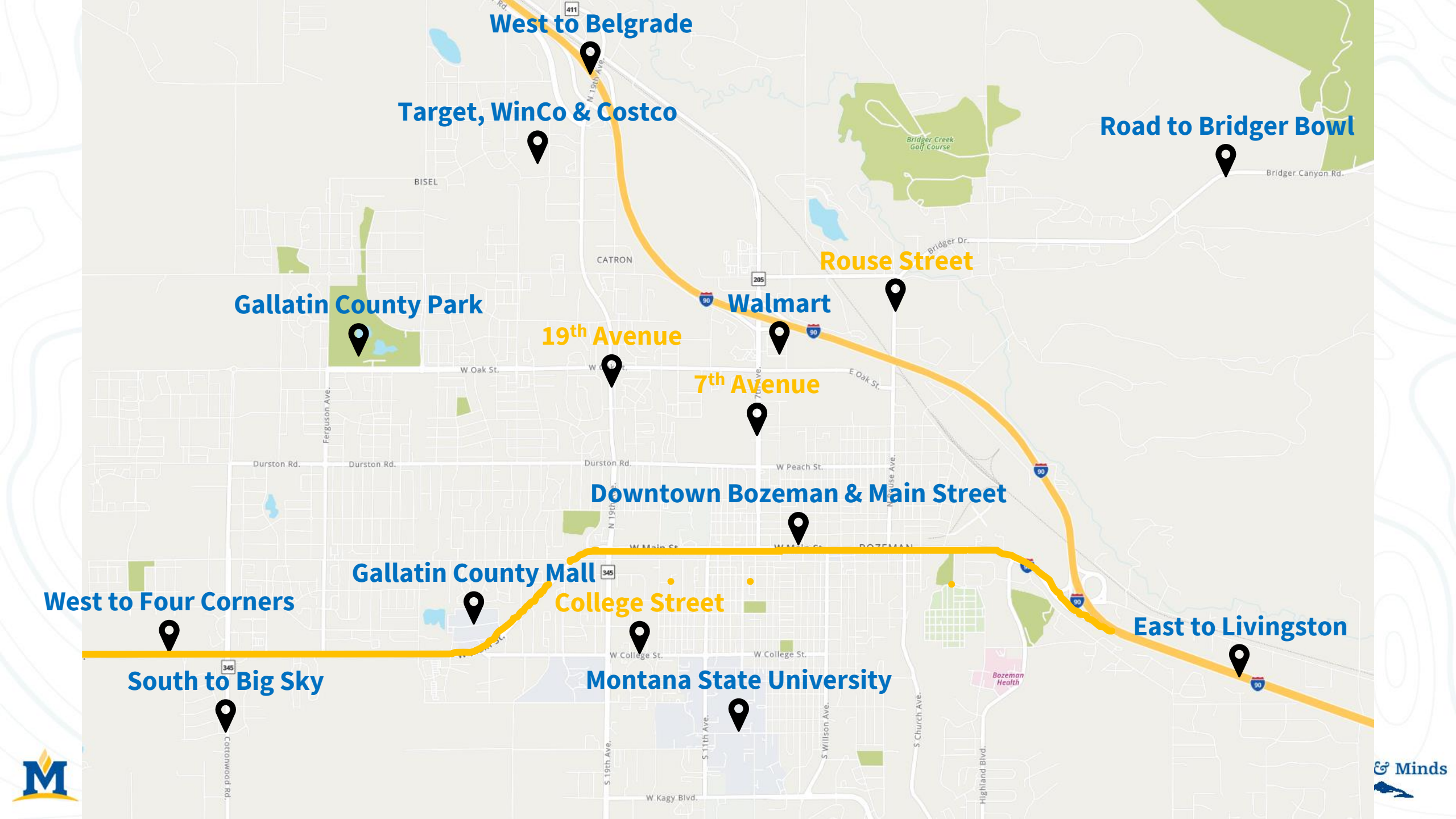
Surrounding Area
~ 100,000

**Third largest town in
MT**

**Second largest county
in MT**

Best of both worlds!





West to Belgrade

Target, WinCo & Costco

Road to Bridger Bowl

Gallatin County Park

Rouse Street

Walmart

19th Avenue

7th Avenue

Downtown Bozeman & Main Street

Gallatin County Mall

West to Four Corners

College Street

East to Livingston

South to Big Sky

Montana State University



Events & Traditions

Christmas Stroll
Run to the Pub
Music on Main
Bite of Bozeman
Pond Skim
Bridger Ridge Run
Farmer Markets
Small Business Saturday
Sweet Pea Festival
Gallatin County Fair
Stampede Rodeo
SLAM
Run for Your Life
Memorial Day Parade
And more!





Homecoming Parade
Community Cat Walk
Downtown Pep Rally
Bobcat Fest
Pow Wow
Shakespeare in the Parks
MSU Debut
Paint the M
Cataplooza
Brawl of the Wild
Convocation
Gold Rush Football Game
And more!



Dining



Montana Ale Works
Copper
Seven Sushi
Bridger Brewing
Burger Bob's
Coldsmoke Coffee
Taco Montes
Beacon Coffee Traders
Jam!
Whistle Pig Korean
Pakeezah
Mackenzie River Pizza
Naked Noodle
Pickel Barrel
Sweet Peaks
And more!

[Check out our Locals Guide!](#)



Arts & Culture

MT Ballet Company
Bozeman Symphony

Outdoor Concerts

MT Shakespeare in the Parks

Emerson Theater

Rialto

The Ellen Theater

Music on Main

Summer Art Walks

Sweet Pea Festival

SLAM

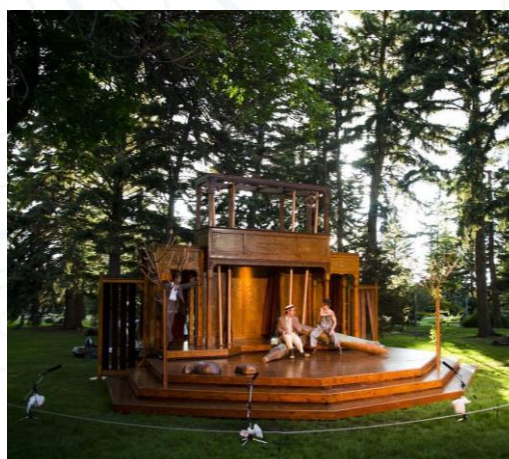
Broadway in Bozeman

MSU Ensembles & Events

Stadium Concerts

The Elm

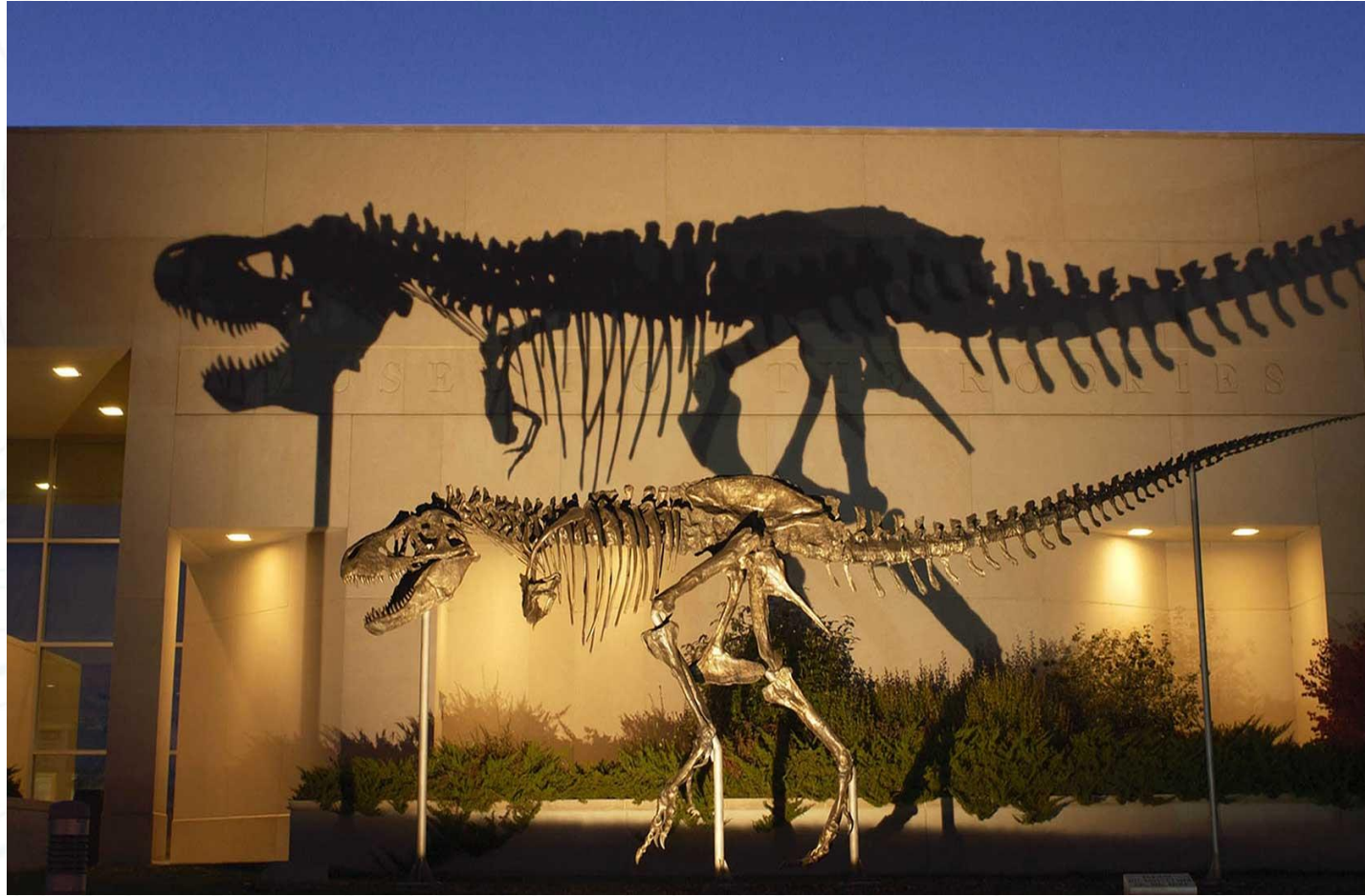
And more!



Museum of the Rockies

Dr. Caroline McGill, from Butte, MT, founded museum in 1957. Began the collection that started the museum.

McGill worked in partnership with MSU's President, Dr. Roland R. Renne, and with Dr. Merrill Burlingame, head of the history department, to establish the museum.



Jack Horner, former MOR Curator, was the inspiration for the main character (and was a consultant!) in the Jurassic Park movies.

Outdoor Playground



6 Mountain Ranges
3 Major Rivers
2 Ski Areas
80+ Miles of Trails



Outdoor Rec Center



Equipment Check-Out
Ski & Bike Workshops
Group Trips
Activity Classes
**Educational Clinics &
Workshops**
Climbing Wall
Avalanche Beacon
Training Park
And more!



Walking - Hiking - Trail Running

80+ Miles of Trails

Hyalite Canyon

Bridger Mountain Range

Galligator Trail System

Main Street to the Mountains

Fan Favorites:

M Trail

Storm Castle Peak

Drinking Horse Trail

Sacagawea Trail

Palisade Falls



Biking

Road
Mountain
Cross

Fan Favorites:

Sypes Canyon
Bangtail Divide
Hyalite Canyon
Mystic Lake
Cottonwood Creek
Triple Tree

Climbing

Sport
Toprope
Trad

Try Ice Climbing!

Fan Favorites:

Hyalite Canyon
Gallatin Canyon
Spire Climbing Center
Our new wellness center!

Thecrag.com



Skiing & Snowboarding

Bridger Bowl:

Free Shuttle

16 miles from downtown

\$77/day

Discount for age 18 or less

Activity Classes

Big Sky Ski Resort:

\$5 Shuttle Round trip

45 – 60 minute ride

~ \$200/day (depends on time)

Larger & More Expert Terrain



Rivers

Fishing
Floating
Rafting

Major Rivers:

Madison
Jefferson
Gallatin
Yellowstone
Smith

#1 Fly-Fishing School in Country

Activity Classes & Clinics

Guide with Outdoor Rec!



Yellowstone National Park



World's First National Park
Est. 1872

Distance from Bozeman
89 miles

Area
3,472 square miles

Hydrothermals
10,000+
500 Active Geysers

**Largest high elevation lake in
North America!**

**Largest concentration of
mammals in the lower 48
states!**



General Resources

Grocery Stores & Gas Stations

Town & Country

Dining Halls

Loaf 'N Jug

Thriftway

Banking

ATMs

Community and Chain banking locations

Student Health Partners

Dental Services

Pharmacy

Counseling & Psychological Services

Health Services & Practitioners

Clinics & Wellness Checks



Questions?

What did you learn?

