

# MONTANA



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## MAJOR CITIES:

Central Montana

Southeast Montana

West Montana

Northeast Montana

Great Falls, Helena

Billings

Missoula

Glasgow

## MONTANA – CLIMATE

Although it can get extremely cold in Montana, due in part to Montana's northern location, there is a great deal of diversity in state's weather. In fact, Montana is seldom consistently cold or hot. The state's low humidity translates into temperatures that are neither oppressively hot nor cold. Average daytime temperatures vary from 28 degrees in January to 84.5 degrees in July.

Rainfall is generally light, with most falling between May and July. Average rainfall for the western part of the state is 18 inches a year; 13 inches for the east. During July and August brief mid-day thunderstorms are a common, and the heavy downpours cool the late afternoon temperatures. Sometimes these storms are severe such as hailstorms that cause crop and property damage.

In the spring and early summer months when the snow in the mountains begins to melt Montana's river's swell with run-off. Heavy rains falling during the spring thaw constitute a serious flood threat. Ice jams during in the rivers during the spring can also cause flooding.

[http://montanakids.com/facts\\_and\\_figures/climate/Climate\\_Information.htm](http://montanakids.com/facts_and_figures/climate/Climate_Information.htm)

Click on the site for more information on Montana's Climate

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

<http://www.attractionsofamerica.com/attractions/montana.php>

Click on this site for more cultural activity ideas

- **Yellow Stone National Park**

- Named the number one adventure vacation in the nation by US News and World Report, Yellowstone National Park is truly a playground for all ages. Established in 1872, and covering 2.2 million acres, Yellowstone National Park is the obvious namesake of Montana's Yellowstone Country. Populated by a large variety of wildlife, including both grizzly and black bears, moose, elk, bison, wolves, eagles and a number of other species, it also provides the backdrop for a large number of geologic and geothermal features, such as geysers, hot springs, rivers, waterfalls and canyons that are the iconic signatures of the park. The park is home to more than 300 different species of birds and its blue-ribbon streams and rivers host Brook, Brown, Cutthroat and Rainbow trout.

<http://visityellowstonecountry.com/yellowstone-park>

- **Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge Park- Great Falls, MT**

- Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge covering 12,383 acres (19 square miles) is located on the western edge of the northern Great Plains, 50 miles east of the Rocky Mountains and 12 miles north of Great Falls. Despite its name, Benton Lake is actually a 5,000-acre shallow wetland created by the last continental glacier thousands of years ago. Benton Lake is an oasis for water birds. During spring and fall migrations, up to 150,000 ducks, 2,500 Canada geese, 40,000 snow geese, 5,000 tundra swans, and perhaps as many as 50,000 shorebirds use the marsh. Bald eagles are commonly seen in spring and fall, while an occasional golden eagle, prairie falcon, or peregrine falcon adds a bit of drama to the scene. Visitors are encouraged to follow the Prairie Marsh Wildlife Drive to see and learn about the Refuge.

[http://visitmt.com/listing/categories\\_NET/MoreInfo.aspx?IDRRecordID=714](http://visitmt.com/listing/categories_NET/MoreInfo.aspx?IDRRecordID=714)

- **Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts- Helena, MT**

- Over sixty years ago, Archie Bray, Sr. founded what is known as the Pottery on the grounds of his brickyard, the Western Clay Manufacturing Company. Dedicated to the enrichment of the ceramic arts and providing an atmosphere of creative excellence for ceramic artists since 1951. Ceramic artists from around the world travel to Helena to work and study as they enrich their creative and artistic talents. The Bray sells pottery and sculpture, and also offers classes, workshops and exhibitions for the public. Discover through a self-guided tour the traditional and contemporary pottery, ceramics and sculpture.

[http://visitmt.com/listing/categories\\_NET/MoreInfo.aspx?IDRRecordID=13](http://visitmt.com/listing/categories_NET/MoreInfo.aspx?IDRRecordID=13)

- **A Carousel for Missoula- Missoula, MT**

- A Carousel for Missoula is one of the first fully hand-carved carousels to be built in the United States since the Great Depression. From little more than dreams, hard work and love, a carousel was created by hundreds of volunteers. The Carousel has 38 horses and two chariots. The chariots allow easy access for wheelchairs; people with disabilities are always welcome to ride free on the

Carousel. [http://visitmt.com/listing/categories\\_NET/MoreInfo.aspx?IDRRecordID=10844](http://visitmt.com/listing/categories_NET/MoreInfo.aspx?IDRRecordID=10844)

- **Alberta Bair Theatre- Billings, MT**

- In 1987, the Alberta Bair Theater became a reality. Created with a dream of bringing the excitement of the performing arts to the people of the Northern Rockies and to enhance the quality of life in Billings, the Alberta Bair Theater has added a very special dimension to our lives that cannot be satisfied in any other way.

[http://visitmt.com/listing/categories\\_NET/MoreInfo.aspx?IDRRecordID=9696](http://visitmt.com/listing/categories_NET/MoreInfo.aspx?IDRRecordID=9696)

- **Zoo Montana- Billings, MT**

- ZOOMONTANA is a collection of animals whose natural homes are in the northern latitudes where they experience both warm and cold weather. You can see how our animals keep warm and enjoy the winter climate as you visit the exhibits. <http://www.zoomontana.org/>

## **GROCERY SHOPPING**

IGA Albertsons Target Superstore	Super 1 Foods Supervalu INC Wal-Mart Superstore
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[http://www.manta.com/mb\\_44\\_B619B\\_27/grocery\\_stores/montana](http://www.manta.com/mb_44_B619B_27/grocery_stores/montana)

Click on this site for more grocery stores in Montana.

## **SHOPPING**

Central MT Billings MT [Rimrock Mall](#)

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Central MT Bozeman MT [Gallatin Valley Mall](#)

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Central MT Great Falls MT [Holiday Village](#)

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Western MT Missoula MT [Southgate Mall](#)

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<http://www.mallseeker.com/montanamalls.aspx>

click here for more information on shopping in Montana

## **TIME ZONES**

**Mountain Daylight Time – Montana Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time**

[http://localtimes.info/North\\_America/United\\_States/Montana/](http://localtimes.info/North_America/United_States/Montana/)

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## **PHARMACIES**

Walgreens

CVS Pharmacy

K-Mart Pharmacy

Wal-Mart

[http://www.rxlist.com/pharmacy/billings-mt\\_pharmacies.htm](http://www.rxlist.com/pharmacy/billings-mt_pharmacies.htm)

click here for locating other pharmacies in Montana.

## **POST OFFICES/SHIPPING**



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/MT.html>

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<http://local.fedex.com/mt/montana-city/>

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[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)

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## **MINIMUM WAGE**

State	2016 Minimum Wage	2016 Tipped Wage
MT	\$8.05	\$8.05

<http://www.minimumwage.com/in-your-state/>

click here for more information

## **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION**

<http://wcc.dli.mt.gov/>

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## **COST OF LIVING IN MONTANA**

<b>Cost of Living</b>	<b>Montana, MT</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b><u>Overall</u></b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Grocery</u></b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Health</u></b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Utilities</u></b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Transportation</u></b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>	<b>103</b>	<b>100</b>

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Montana, MT is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Montana, MT is more expensive.

Overall, Montana, MT cost of living is 106.90.

[http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/state/montana](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/montana)

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## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Billings Met Transit

Eagle Transit

Great Falls Transit

Helena Area Transit Service

North Central Transit

[http://visitmt.com/listing/categories\\_NET/PrimaryResults.aspx](http://visitmt.com/listing/categories_NET/PrimaryResults.aspx)

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