FOR RAINY DAYS

When the weather's not the best or when you just want to slow down just a bit.

MUSEUMS

Conrad Mansion

6 blocks E. of Main St. on 4th St E. – 406-755-2166 Victorian Mansion with 3 generations of kid's toys & dolls

Glacier Natural History Association

Historic Depot on Hwy 2, West Glacier – 406-888-5756 Bookstore with books, posters, CD's about Glacier & the outdoors

Hockaday Museum of Art

392 2nd Ave E, Kalispell – 406-755-5268 Discovery Gallery & Gallery Packs with hands-on activities

Miracle of America Museum

36094 Memory Lane, Polson – 406-883-6804 Kids have the ability to experience history with many different hands-on exhibits

Museum at Central School

124 2nd Ave E, Kalispell – 406-756-8381 Featuring exhibits relating to historical Flathead Valley

FUN PLACES TO EAT

Back Room – Columbia Falls 406-892-2191 **Norm's News** – Kalispell 406-756-5466 Since 1938, serves hand-dipped

ice cream and soda fountain confections. There are over 500 varieties of candy and treats, along with over 1,000 different magazine titles and newspapers.

LIBRARIES

Bigfork 406-837-6976, **Columbia Falls** 406-892-5919, **Kalispell** 406-758-5821, **Marion** 406-854-2333, and **Whitefish** 406-862-6657. Weekly Storytimes, Computers, Books, DVD's, Music CD's, Audio books.

WINTER FUN

SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

Blacktail Mountain Ski Area

- Lakeside 406-844-0999

Whitefish Mountain Resort

- Whitefish 406-862-2900

SNOWMOBILING

Whitefish Mountain – 406-862-2900 Winter Wonderland Snowcraft – 406-257-2627

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Glacier National Park – 406-888-7800 Glacier Outdoor Center – 406-888-5454 Izaak Walton Inn – Essex 406-888-5700 Whitefish Mountain Resort – 406-862-2900

ICE SKATING

Woodland Park -





LEARN ABOUT MONTANA:

- 1. Montana entered the union, officially becoming a state November 8, 1889.
- The city of Helena became the capital of Montana.
- 3. Montana's diverse geography covers more than 147,000 square miles, making it the fourth largest state in the union.
- 4. Montana is bordered by Idaho on the west, Wyoming to the south, North Dakota and South Dakota to the east, and Canada along the state's northern border.
- 5. There are a total of 56 counties in Montana.
- In terms of its population, Montana is only the 48th most densely populated of the 50 states.
- 7. Montana is home to the world's shortest river, the Roe River in Great Falls.
- 8. Montana holds the world record for the greatest temperature change in 24 hrs. In just a day's time the temperature rose a whopping 103 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 9. Montana has two state gemstones, agate and sapphire.
- 10. The state nickname is the "Treasure State." Other nicknames include "Land of Shining Mountains," "Big Sky Country," and "Last Best Place."

For more information on the area and a list of member guides:

Flathead Convention & Visitor Bureau

15 Depot Park Kalispell, MT 59901

800-543-3105 or (406) 756-9091

www.montanasflatheadvalley.com

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KID'S ACTIVITIES IN





From the clear waters of Flathead Lake to the mountains of Glacier National Park, there's always something to do in Montana's Flathead Valley. And for the younger set — and those young in heart — the options are as wide and varied as our open spaces.



LOTSA ACTION

Swimming, riding, hiking, skating and more. For those who like some action, the Flathead Valley will provide it. Because of safety concerns, some listed activities have age and height restrictions.

SWIMMING POOLS, PARKS & LAKES

Foy's Lake - South of Kalispell

Whitefish City Beach - Whitefish Lake

Les Mason Park – East shore of Whitefish Lake

Wayfarer State Park – Flathead Lake (Bigfork)

Woodland Park Pool – Kalispell City Parks
Dept 406-758-7718

Pinewood Family Aquatic Center – Columbia Falls

HIKING

Glacier National Park – more than 700 miles of hiking trails 406-888-7800

Wild Horse Island Hikes – Pointer Scenic Cruises – Bigfork 406-837-5617

Whitefish Mountain Resort – Whitefish 406-862-2900

HORSEBACK RIDING

Bar W Guest Ranch – Whitefish 406-863-9099 Gaynor's River Bend Ranch – Whitefish 406-862-3802 High Country Trails – Kalispell 406-755-1283 Laughing Water Ranch – Fortine 406-882-4680

KAYAKING/ BOAT RENTALS

Glacier Park Boat Company –

Glacier National Park 406-257-2426

Marina Cay Resort – Bigfork 406-837-5861

Wild Wave Boat Rentals – Lakeside 406-257-2627

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

Fantasy Flights - Kalispell 406-755-4172

BIKE RIDING

Rails to Trails – (maps available at local bike shops)
Lone Pine State Park – Kalispell
Whitefish Mountain Resort – Whitefish 406-862-2900

SKATEBOARDING PARKS

David Olseth Memorial Skatepark

- Armory Park, Whitefish

Woodland Park - Kalispell

WHITEWATER RAFTING

Flathead Raft Co. 406-883-5838 Glacier Raft Company 406-888-5454

Great Northern Whitewater 406-387-5340

Montana Raft Company 406-387-5555

Wild River Adventures 406-387-9453

FUN PLACES

Glacier National Park - 406-888-7800

Summer: Biking • Hiking • Walking Trails

Animal Watching - Logan Pass

Junior Ranger Program - Kids ages 6-12 can become a Glacier National Park Junior Ranger. Just pick up a Junior Ranger newspaper, complete the activities inside, & when you're finished take it to any visitor center. You'll receive your very own Junior Ranger badge.

Whitefish Mountain Resort – Whitefish 406-862-2900 Summer: Biking • Hiking • Walking Trails

Gondola or Chairlift Rides • Alpine Slide Zip Line Adventures • Walk in the Treetops Frisbee Golf • Kid Programs Available

GOLF COURSES

Big Mountain Golf Club – Kalispell 406-751-1950 **Buffalo Hill Golf Club** – Kalispell 406-756-4530

Eagle Bend Golf Club - Bigfork 406-837-7310

Meadow Lake Golf Club – Columbia Falls

406-892-2111

Village Greens Golf Club – Kalispell 406-752-4666

PARKS & RECREATION KIDS PROGRAMS

From day camps to youth sports, the valley offers numerous opportunities for kids. For more information about kids programs and facilities contact:

Kalispell City Parks & Rec 406-758-7718
Whitefish City Parks & Rec 406-863-2471
Flathead County Parks & Rec 406-758-5800

KINDA' LAID BACK

The pace is a little slower, but the fun never stops!

BOAT TRIPS

Glacier Park Boat Company -

Glacier National Park 406-257-2426

Pointer Scenic Cruises -

Bigfork 406-837-5617

Wild Horse Island Tours,

Custom Charter

Sightseeing,

Dining Cruises

Questa Sailing Charters -

Bigfork 406-837-5569

Daily cruises on two

Q class classic sloops on Flathead Lake

Shadow Flathead Lake Tours –

Polson 406-883-3636

SUMMER MUSIC IN THE PARK

Bigfork's Sliter Memorial Park –

Sunday Nights

Columbia Falls' Marantette Park -

Thursday Nights

Kalispell's Depot Park -

Tues. Night & Wed. Lunch

NORTHWEST MONTANA FAIR

Fair Office 406-758-5810

Carnival, Pony Rides, Farm Animals, Flowers, 4-H projects, Evening Entertainment, Horse Racing, Professional Rodeo Competition, Fireworks, Exhibits

FISHING

Fish, Wildlife & Parks – Kalispell 406-752-5501

A Able Fishing Charters – Flathead Lake

406-257-5214

Glacier Raft Company 406-888-5454 Great Northern Whitewater 406-387-5340 Lakestream Fly Fishing Shop 406-862-1298

Montana Raft Company 406-387-5555 Wild River Adventures 406-387-9453

PICNIC PLACES

Pack the cooler and pick a spot. Here are just a few suggestions.

Lawrence Park - Kalispell

Lone Pine State Park – Kalispell Tally Lake – West of Whitefish

Wayfarer State Park – Bigfork

West Shore State Park - Flathead Lake

FUN STUFF

Eva Gates Homemade Preserves -

Bigfork 406-837-4356

Watch them make jams, jellies and syrups the old-fashioned way

Imagination Station Toys – Whitefish 406-862-5668

- Kalispell 406-755-5668

Kid's College – Flathead Valley Community College

Half-day courses, science, arts & crafts, history, geography 406-756-3832

National Bison Range

30 miles south of Polson 406-644-2211 Elk, Deer, etc share the area with 350-500 Bison