

MONTANA BY MOTORCYCLE

RIDING UNDER THE BIG SKY

Montana is proof positive that roads, highways and byways needn't be long, cumbersome and oh-so-boring stretches of monotony. They are a great place to rev your engines and your adventurous spirit as you climb across mountain passes, travel alongside prairie and wheat fields, through charming towns and 'big' cities for the trip of a lifetime. To find a stretch of natural beauty, you'll never have to look far. On just about any road or highway in the state, your windshield will be transformed into scenic (and wildlife) viewing areas.

Scenic Drives

- ✚ **Beartooth Highway** (Cooke City & Red Lodge, Yellowstone Country) – Named the 2011 AMA No. 1 Motorcycling Road in America, the Beartooth connects the two communities and Yellowstone National Park. It's also noted as the "The most beautiful drive in America." This 54-mile (86 km) highway cuts through the 13,000 foot peaks of the Beartooth Range where you'll experience mountaintop plateaus, alpine forests, wildlife and wildflower abundance and one of the nation's most scenic rest areas! www.byways.org/explore



- ✚ **Going-to-the-Sun Road** (East & West Glacier, Glacier Country) – An engineering wonder in Glacier National Park, this 52-mile (83 km) stretch of road climbs the heights of the Continental Divide, cresting at Logan Pass then descends again to graceful mountain lakes. Along the way, you might share the road with a mountain goat, a "weeping wall" or a "jammer bus." The scenic vistas carved by glaciers are nothing short of breathtaking. www.nps.gov/glac

- ✚ **C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge** (Lewistown & Malta, Missouri River Country) – The vastness of Montana's native prairie and a landscape sculpted by the Missouri River is experienced up-close and personal from U.S. Hwy 191. Opportunities to see deer, raptors and the nation's largest remaining prairie elk herd abound. It's an ideal area for camping, exploring ghost towns and reveling in small town hospitality. www.fws.gov/cmrr



- ✚ **Kings Hill National Scenic Byway** (Great Falls & White Sulphur Springs, Russell Country) – This 71-mile (114 km) stretch of pavement on Hwy 89 is filled with history, outstanding recreation and the rugged beauty of central Montana's Little Belt Mountains. It's a chance to connect Glacier and Yellowstone National parks with a ride of a lifetime. www.byways.org/explore

- ✚ **Warrior Trail** (Crow Agency & Alzada, Custer Country) – The 212-mile (341 km) Warrior Trail travels from the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument via Highway 212 to Alzada on the Montana – South Dakota border and continues to Mount Rushmore. On this two-lane road, you'll ride past five battle sites (which occurred from 1865 to 1876 between U.S. and Native Americans) and experience the grand prairie landscape of eastern Montana and the badlands that challenge both early pioneers and today's residents. www.custercountry.com

- ✚ **Anaconda-Pintler Scenic Route** (Philipsburg & Anaconda, Gold West Country) – Montana Hwy 1 is a biker's delight that shouldn't be missed! Experience ghost towns or golfing, sapphire mines or candy shops, wildflower meadows or waterfalls; the 60-mile (98 km) Pintler beckons a ride off I-90 to explore without adding mileage.

For more information on Montana's driving requirements and other scenic drives, check out www.thetyperider.com, the Montana Department of Transportation website at www.mdt.mt.gov or www.visitmt.com.



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Montana Motorcycle Rentals & Tours

Explore Montana's scenic highways and byways via a rented bike. Here are some companies where you can rent your bike of choice, with valid motorcycle license or endorsement, to explore our scenic drives.

- ✚ **Eaglerider Billings** (Billings, Custer Country) – Seeking a little exhilaration on the road? A road trip to remember? No matter the reason Eagleirder has the bike to get you on the road. www.beartoothonline.com/rentals



- ✚ **Montana Harley-Davidson Buell Ducati** (Missoula, Glacier Country) – Planning a vacation through the beautiful Rocky Mountains? Montana Harley-Davidson is proud to announce a new rental service! They feature 10 rentals for the bike of your dreams. www.mtharley.com/rentals

- ✚ **Yellowstone Harley Davidson** (Belgrade, Yellowstone Country) – Yellowstone Harley Davidson is a full service destination dealership, located only 100 miles (160 km) from Yellowstone National Park. They offer rental plus fly / ride programs; choose from 14 bikes available from May to September to explore the highways of Montana. www.yellowstoneharley.com

- ✚ **Big Sky Motorcycle Tours** (Belgrade, Red Lodge Billings – Yellowstone Country) – Leave the planning, cooking and guiding to us! You just enjoy six days of riding and relaxing as you explore unique roads and routes under the watchful eye of our staff. From June – August, these tours cover between 150 – 200 miles daily with evenings spent with campfires and cozy cabins. www.bigskymotorcycletours.com

Motorcycle Events

Have fun under the sun and check out the local hospitality and enthusiasm of fellow Montana bikers at these local Montana events.

- ✚ **Annual Beartooth Motorcycle Rally** (Red Lodge, Yellowstone Country) – Each July, this annual 3-day event features a golf tournament, poker run on the Beartooth Scenic Highway and unique rodeo events such as barrel racing, the slow race, the Potato Race, the obstacle course, and keg roll to name a few. Have fun in this historic town at the base of the Beartooth mountains. www.redlodgechamber.org
- ✚ **Beartooth Rendezvous BMW Motorcycle Rally** (Red Lodge, Yellowstone Country) – Each August, the Beartooth Beemers welcome all motorcyclists to the “Best Little Rally in the West” to explore the “Last Best Place.” Tour the Beartooth All American Road, explore the byways and enjoy a piece heaven. www.beartoothbeemers.org
- ✚ **Big Muddy Motor Craze** (Plentywood, Missouri River Country) – Each June, three clubs come together to celebrate the love of machines and to raise funds to help kids. Anything with wheels runs, car shows and fun runs by day and great music at night! www.bigmuddyriders.com
- ✚ **Evel Knievel Days** (Butte, Gold West Country) – Each July, Butte pays homage to its most famous daredevil – Evel Knievel – who grew up and acquired his unforgettable name in this historic mining town. Events such as a parade, poker run, fireworks, lots of music, a huge-name concert and a classic motorcycle and car show are all free (unless noted) and are timed so riders on their way to Sturgis can celebrate in true Montana fashion. www.knieveldays.com

For more Montana events, recreation insights or road trip ideas, explore www.visitmt.com and find *your* Montana destination that begs to be explored on the back of a bike.

