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THIS PLACE  
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THE GREAT OUTDOORS ARE  
RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR

## MISSOULA DAY TRIPS

A short day trip out of Missoula can bring you to [fly-fishing hot-spots](#), [wildlife watching](#), small town charm and so much more. Natural [hot springs](#) hide in breathtaking forests, while bison roam one of the [oldest wildlife refuges](#) in the nation. You won't need to travel far, we're surrounded.



NATIONAL  
BISON RANGE

Find your next epic day trip out of Missoula [here](#), or take a look at some of our favorites:

### National Bison Range

- One of Montana's best kept secrets sits 50 miles north of Missoula.
- The National Bison Range, National Wildlife Refuge, is home to an impressive number of different species. See the iconic bison, as well as deer, elk, bighorn sheep and more all while taking in the stunning views of the Mission Mountain Range.
- On your way back to Missoula, be sure to stop by the [Garden of One Thousand Buddhas](#), a tranquil spot to take in the peace and calmness of the Western Rockies.
- For a sweet treat, stop at [Windmill Village Bakery](#) along Highway 93 for some seriously scrumptious doughnuts.

### Explore the Bitterroot

- The [Bitterroot Valley](#) is home to charming small communities and big, beautiful mountain views. Head south down US Highway 93 for some good ole fashioned Montana fun, stopping to explore the quaint communities along the way.
- In Lolo, be sure to check out [Travelers' Rest State Park](#) which is rich in history and Native American culture and a pivotal site of the Lewis and Clark expedition. [Lolo Peak Brewing Co.](#) serves up great food and craft beer nearby.
- Your next stop is Stevensville. Stroll downtown to check out the small-town soda shop, [Creamery Antique Mall](#), local restaurants and breweries.
- Be sure to visit the [Daly Mansion](#) in Hamilton, located on 46 acres of lush landscape, which is the historic home of 19th century American industrialist Marcus Daly, one of Montana's famous copper kings.
- For a quaint town plucked straight from a Western movie, pass through Darby and take in grazing bison and snow-capped peaks. If you've watched the series Yellowstone this town may feel familiar—it is filmed at Chief Joseph Ranch just outside of Darby.



 DOWNTOWN MISSOULA

## Hot Springs

The Missoula area is a great jumping-off point for access to commercially run and natural [hot springs](#) located throughout Western Montana. Find yourself a private spot to soak in under the brilliant show of the Milky Way above.

- The closest commercial hot springs to Missoula is [Lolo Hot Springs](#), accessed by a quick and beautiful 45 minute drive Through The Lolo National Forest.
- If you are feeling adventurous head over to [Jerry Johnson](#) or [Weir Hot Springs](#), both accessed by short hikes and rewarded with great views and natural outdoor pools.
- Other hot springs in the surrounding area include [Quinn's Hot Springs](#), [Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort](#), [Symes Hot Springs](#) and [Aldema Hot Springs](#).

## Fly Fishing

There is no activity more iconic than fly fishing in Montana's scenic, [blue-ribbon rivers](#). It wouldn't be a trip to Missoula without a fishing adventure on rivers made famous by [A River Runs Through It](#). Fishing is absolutely central to our community. Missoula sits at the confluence of three major rivers: the Blackfoot, the Clark Fork and the Bitterroot.

- Hire a [guide](#) for a full or half-day expedition, or check out a local tackle shop and take to the waters in perfect Montana solitude. [Blackfoot River Outfitters](#), [The Missoulian Angler Fly Shop](#) and [Renegade Fly Fishing Outfitters](#) are great places to start.

## Flathead Lake

With over 200 square miles of water and 185 miles of shoreline, [Flathead Lake](#) is worthy of a day trip outside Missoula.

- Fishing enthusiasts can take advantage of thirteen public access sites around the lakes.
- A summer drive brings you to endless roadside stands selling locally grown Flathead cherries.
- For a cold beer or lakeside dining, make your way to towns like Lakeside, Polson and Bigfork.

For help planning your upcoming trip to Missoula call Destination Missoula at 1.800.526.3465 or visit the online trip planner.

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