

THE ROAD TO YELLOWSTONE

DRIVING THE BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY



› APPROX. 140 MILES / FULL DAY

THE TEAM HERE AT VISIT BILLINGS WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO THINK OF A MORE BEAUTIFUL ROAD TO DRIVE THAN THE BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY, AND WE RECOMMEND TAKING THIS ROUTE INTO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. AND WE AREN'T ALONE! THE AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION AGREES THE BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ROADS IN AMERICA. GET READY TO BE INSPIRED BY BIG SKY COUNTRY!

› MORNING

Start your day at the **Visit Billings Visitor Information Center** where you can gather information and ask a local any questions you may have. Open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

› MID-MORNING

Once you've gathered all your information, drive north to **Swords Rimrock Park**. This in-town escape provides breathtaking views, historic icons, paved recreational trails, and a Billings experience that should not be missed. Enjoy two miles of paved trail in the park and the short walk or ride to the **Yellowstone Kelly Interpretive Site**. Note, if you look to the southwest, you will notice the Beartooth Mountains; a range you'll be seeing up close very soon. Once you are ready for the road, make your way to Red Lodge.

› NOON

When you arrive in Red Lodge, make sure to find some parking near Main Street. This area of town is filled with restaurants and shops, so it's a great place to grab some lunch and explore.

Red Lodge is also home to the **Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary**. It's the only public refuge in Montana to house native animals that cannot be returned to the wild due to injury or habituation to humans. They care for 71 animals and birds, many placed here by Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, including wolves, mountain lions, black bears, bison, elk, bobcat, fox, coyote, eagles, hawks, owls and many more.

› AFTERNOON

Make your way to **The Beartooth Highway** which is a National Scenic Byways All-American Road, and your **Gateway** to Yellowstone. This stunning 68 mile highway is just west of Red Lodge, MT. It has been ranked the #1 Motorcycle Ride in the U.S. by American Motorcycle Association. This is the highest elevation highway in both Montana (10,350 ft.) and Wyoming (10,947 ft.). You will not be disappointed with the breathtaking big sky views of both the Absaroka and Beartooth Mountain ranges, alpine plateaus with countless glacial lakes, forested valleys, waterfalls and wildlife. The Beartooth Highway is open from late May or early June to mid-October; dependent on weather. For more information about park entrances, please visit: www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/entrances.

Enter **Yellowstone National Park**. Established in 1872, Yellowstone National Park is America's first national park. Located in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, it is home to a large variety of wildlife including grizzly bears, wolves, bison, and elk. Preserved within Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful and a collection of the world's most extraordinary geysers and hot springs, and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

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