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WEEK 2 June 22 - 26: Our Solar System: What is our solar system? This week we learn about our solar neighborhood. It is an exciting place! The solar system is full of planets, moons, asteroids, comets and more. Our special guest instructors will show us the "Solar Moves"; we will Hula Hoop like Saturn, twist our hips, jump and shout, Hip Hop, and moon walk.

WEEK 3 June 29 – July 3: Montana Animals and Why we Recycle: This is not the week to miss! Animals big and small! We will be learning all about Montana's wild life, and why we Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Learn cool ways to save our Earth. This week includes; eco-hikes, a scavenger hunt and a trip to the wild life preserve at Spring Meadow Lake.

WEEK 4 July 6 – July 10: Home Town Pride: Come celebrate Helena! We will put on our thinking caps as we experience the history of Helena through BINGO, the Hot Springs, table tennis and baseball. This week's highlight will include a trip to a baseball field.

WEEK 5 July 13 – 17: The Best Small Art Town: This week the sidewalk is our canvas! We will explore our creativity painting, working with clay and paper art. Campers will enjoy sidewalk games: Sidewalk Safari, Hopscotch, Sidewalk basket ball are just a few. A special guest artist will draw our interest in the arts.

WEEK 6 July 20 - 24: Wild West & Native American Week: It's Last Chance Stampede and Rodeo week. Who doesn't want to learn some tricks about roping, Native American games and obstacle courses. Campers will play games that our ancestors played such as the three legged race. This week's highlight will include a trip to the Historical Society.

WEEK 7 July 27 – July 31: Explore Montana: This week you're the detective! We will learn about Montana history. By the end of the week, we'll be official Wilderness Explorers! We will go on fun bug hunts, nature walks, and play plenty of outdoor games. This week's highlight will include hiking Mount Helena.

WEEK 8 August 3-August 7: What Note is That!: Oh play that sweet music! Listen can you hear it! We will learn about different musical instruments, singing and our creative sound. We will play musical chairs, what song is that and explore our sounds we make. I "Heard" some musical people will be "Noting" our town.

WEEK 9 August 10-August 14: Out of this World: The Mad Scientists! We transform laboratory science into fun, interactive learning experiences. How does our body move, bend and jump. We will embark on a series of science adventures like how a ball moves through space.

WEEK 10 August 17-August 21: Calling All Super Heroes: We will celebrate our Heroes, both real and make believe. Who is your favorite Super Hero; Spiderman, Captain America, Wonder Woman, etc.? How do your Super Heroes, fly, hop or swim? Surprise visits from other Super Heroes like the Fire Fighters, EMTs and the Police.

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1 Helena Montana GeoTour

Where are those off-the-beaten-path hidden treasures of our community? Have you been to Two Camps Vista? Do you know that the fountain at Hill Park is a Confederate Memorial? When's the last time you hiked Mount Ascension or the back side of Mount Helena? The Helena Montana GeoTour is the tool you need to "cache" the very best of Helena, Montana. In a cooperative program with Geocaching.com, Helena has created this unique GeoTour.

A GeoTour is a tailored series of geocaches hidden at a destination's points of interest. Tourists and adventurers search for geocaches — cleverly hidden containers that hold a logbook and often small trinkets for trade — using a GPS device or the apps for the iPhone, Android or Windows Phone. Geocaching is a free hobby that combines the outdoors, exercise, technology and fun. The series of geocaches in a Geocaching GeoTour helps visitors discover a destination by conveying a historical story, revealing hidden vantage points or bringing them to scenic locations.

The Helena Montana GeoTour stretches throughout the scenic Helena area from the heights of MacDonald Pass, along the historic downtown gulch and South to Boulder and the Elkhorn Ghost Town. The Helena Montana GeoTour is a great way to discover all the treasures of Montana's Capital City. When geocachers complete 25 of the 38 GeoTour caches they qualify to receive a Helena Geocoin. For more information about the GeoTour and for all the rules, visit www.helenamt.com/geotour.

2 Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides, Music and Dinner

Experience a memorable evening of good food and good times. Travel back in time via horse-drawn wagons through the high mountain forest to Montana's all green Moose Mountain Cabin. This hand-crafted cabin features locally sourced lumber from Last Chance Ranch as well as solar electricity. Enjoy live Western entertainment, featuring Montana's own Bruce Anfinson and feast on a gourmet meal such as prime rib with fresh garden salad, homemade rolls, potatoes du jour and fresh vegetables; finished off with huckleberry cheesecake and cowboy coffee served family style. For more information or to make reservations, contact Bruce Anfinson at 442-2884, or go to www.lastchanceranch.biz.

3 Gates of the Mountains Boat Tour

On July 19, 1805, Meriwether Lewis stopped to pen his observations of the Helena area's most awe-inspiring natural attractions, the Gates of the Mountains on the Missouri River north of Helena. Suddenly, there loomed before them towering rock formations unlike any they had ever seen. From both sides of the river, limestone cliffs rose to a spectacular height of 1,200 feet. "In many places," wrote Meriwether Lewis, "the rocks seem ready to tumble on us." At each bend in the waterway, great stonewalls seemed to block passage, only to open like gentle giant gates as the expedition drew near. In his journal, Meriwether wrote: "I shall call this place: 'GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS.'" Today, visitors to the Gates of the Mountains can experience the rising cliffs and mighty river in nearly the same way Lewis



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and Clark did on their passage through the Missouri River corridor. Today, two passenger boats embark on guided scenic tours of the area every day beginning May 23. The ride is dependent on the weather and takes about two hours. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early for tours to be assured of a seat on the charters. Reservations are taken only for groups of 20 or more, and a small visitor center and snack bar offer a diversion before and after the tour. The tour boats dock at the Meriwether Picnic Area for 15 minutes before making the return trip through the passage. Many passengers choose to stay at the picnic area for hiking, swimming, exploring and, of course, picnicking and catching another boat back to the tour center later in the day. Prices are \$16 for adults (18-59), \$14 for seniors (60 and over), \$10 for kids (4-17) and children under 4 are free. Call 458-5241 to inquire about special dinner cruises. Tours close September 30. To view the complete seasonal schedule of tours, visit www.gatesofthemountains.com.

4 Guardian of the Gulch Fire Tower

Due to the repeated destruction of Helena's downtown by fire, a Fire Tower was erected on Tower Hill to guard the city from future destruction. The third "Guardian of the Gulch" has been restored, renovated and remodeled many times but still watches over the city. To reach the trailhead, follow Cruse Avenue just across Broadway. A number of planting projects and weed control programs have created a hillside park for picnicking and Frisbee tossing. Public access is not allowed on the fire tower.

5 Historic Cemeteries

Helena's historic cemeteries are home to many of Helena's early heroes and villains. The Lewis and Clark Genealogical Society has recorded plots and listed those buried in the many cemeteries in this area. The information is on file at the Lewis and Clark Library. Some of Helena's cemeteries, well-known and unknown, include:

Benton Avenue Cemetery: Located in the 1900 block of North Benton Avenue, directly across from Carroll College, this cemetery marks the very beginning of Helena in the gold rush days. Territorial legislators, gunslingers, vigilantes and pioneers are interred here. Benton Avenue Cemetery is Helena's oldest Protestant Cemetery. Begun in 1870, but containing remains and monuments from even earlier, Benton Cemetery is where you can find the final resting places of many of Helena's early founders. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, at Benton Cemetery you will experience what a Victorian cemetery looked like. Most cemeteries lost their individual iron fences during the metal drives of WWII, but Benton's somehow survived. You will also find footstones and original wooden monuments that have survived the years, as well as tombstones which mark the graves of veterans of the War of 1812 through the Cold War. Be sure to visit the graves of John Kinna, Helena's first mayor, as well as those of Fannie Spencer and Agnes Merrell, who were some of Helena's ladies-of-the-evening. The mayor is located in the first row to the right as you enter the cemetery, and the ladies are located within an iron fence, just west of the large mausoleum.

Resurrection Cemetery: The local Catholic cemetery is on Montana Avenue, a mile north of Custer Avenue. The mausoleum belongs to Thomas Cruse, the colorful Helena pioneer who helped finance the St. Helena Cathedral.

Home of Peace Cemetery: Helena's Jewish cemetery and Helena's oldest is tucked behind Capital High School, near the fairgrounds.

Helena Sunset Memorial Gardens: Located along Memorial Avenue, this is another of Helena's historic cemeteries.

County Poor Farm: There are no markers, only depressions in the ground where indigent residents and transients were buried. The grounds are off Custer Avenue on private property near the old Cooney Convalescent Home.

Montana State Veterans Cemetery: Located approximately three miles west of Helena.

St. Ann's Cemetery: East Helena's Catholic cemetery is on Highway 12, in the east part of town.

East Helena Cemetery: Located on Montana Avenue, this cemetery has graves dating from 1885.

The Odd Fellows and Forestvale Cemeteries: Clustered off McHugh Drive in the Helena Valley. Forestvale is a public cemetery listed on the Historic Register. Many of the state's "founding fathers" are buried here.

York Cemetery: On the hill, directly above the memorial across from the York Bar.

Boulder Bar Cemetery: This cemetery, located in Diamond City, is now on private ground.

Elkhorn Cemetery: On a dirt road off of Highway 69, above the ghost town of Elkhorn.

Fish Creek Cemetery: In Jefferson County; was used until 1980. Maps and detailed directions for both the Fish Creek and Elkhorn cemeteries are available from the genealogical society files at the Lewis & Clark Library in Helena.

Springvale of Hogen Cemetery: The Broadwater Museum in Townsend has more detailed information and directions.

Birdseye-Silver City Cemetery: On Birdseye Road near Highway 279. Graves date from 1873.

Hardgrove Cemetery: On Lake Helena Drive is a private cemetery that has been in use since 1865.

Marysville Cemetery: On a rural road northeast of town. Markers date from 1894.

6 Great Northern Carousel

This ice-cream parlor and gift shop is a great place for visitors of any age to have a fabulous time. The carousel has 37 animals, one bench and one spinning tub. The hand-sculpted menagerie features creatures like otters, bears, horses, fish, rabbits and even a dinosaur. The unique critters of the carousel were hand-painted by Bette Largent of Spokane, Washington. Since the carousel is enclosed, it operates year-round. Stained-glass scenery by local artist Mary Harris with scenes of the Capitol; the Fire Tower; the Helena Civic Center; elk, and a grizzly bear complement the workmanship of the carousel. The west-facing windows of the building are original stained glass from the Old Broadwater Hotel of Helena and are more than 100 years old. After guests have had a few go-rounds on the carousel, they can visit the counter where the Great Northern Ice Cream Company serves 36 flavors of locally made premium ice cream including a flavor of the month, plus Montana specialties like Flathead Cherry and Griz Grub Huckleberry. Rides are \$1.50 and you can try your luck at snagging the brass ring (redeemable for a free ride!) that hangs near the spinning crea-



tures. Located at 989 Carousel Way in the Great Northern Town Center, the carousel also offers various birthday and group party packages. For more information call 457-5353 or visit <http://gncarcousel.com>.

7 ExplorationWorks!

ExplorationWorks is Montana's Interactive Science Center at the Great Northern Town Center. The center offers a "hands-on" science experience to young (and old) people. Although the purpose is to interest more young people into careers in science, ExplorationWorks has something to offer everyone. It has become a popular destination for school field trips and family outings, including birthdays and after-hours events. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Monday and Sunday. For more information call 457-1800 or visit www.explorationworks.org. You can download a complete Summer Science Camps catalog at www.explorationworks.org.



sports

8 Golf

Bill Roberts Golf Course is a city-owned, public 18-hole course that has been open since 1925. It features a pro-shop, clubhouse with a bar and grill, driving range, practice green, power carts and club rentals. Hours are daylight to dark, seven days a week. The course is located at 2201 N. Benton Ave. Call 442-2191 or visit www.billrobertsgolf.com for more information.

Fox Ridge Golf Course is open to the public and offers an 18-hole championship golf course, 18-hole par 3 golf course, driving range, golf pro on staff, tournaments, corporate outings, men and women's leagues and golf lessons. Great food. Spectacular views! Call 227-8304 or go to www.foxridgegolfcourse.com for hours and fees information. Course is located at 4020 Lake Helena Drive at York Road.

Green Meadow Country Club is a semi-private club with an 18-hole golf course at 2720 Country Club Ave. on Helena's west side. The golf course is a medium length, tight layout providing a test of skill and enjoyment for players of all ability levels. At 6,347 yards from the Championship tees and a modest 5,371 yards from the forward tees, a premium is placed on accuracy! Green Meadow Country Club takes great pride in its well-maintained golf course, their PGA professional and fabulous dining services and works to satisfy the needs of all members and their guests. The clubhouse provides a great place for members to host business meetings,

birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and other special occasions. The club offers a full dining room for formal dinners and a casual lounge, which provides appetizing food in a relaxed family friendly environment. With the whole family in mind, Green Meadow has a fitness center, equipped with the newest exercise equipment and a walk-in swimming pool. Green Meadow Country Club has various membership opportunities from senior golf to social memberships and even corporate membership options. For more information, call 442-5750. Anyone living more than 60 miles away can visit without an accompanying member; those within 60 miles must be accompanied by a member. Call our Proshop for tee time details at 442-5750 extension 1025 or visit www.gmcchelena.com

Norwegian Wood Golf Course offers unique, country-style golf for the entire family. This 9-hole, par three course is located near Canyon Ferry Lake, just minutes away from Helena. The course meanders carefree through beautiful Montana landscapes that all golfers can appreciate. The Highlander Bar & Grill offers gourmet fare with local ingredients and signature dishes featuring Scottish highland beef raised on site. For a natural setting and lots of space, consider Norwegian Wood for next outdoor event. And ask about our Ride and Dine at the Highlander with limo service! Call 475-3229 for more information or visit www.norwegianwoodgolf.com. Norwegian Wood is located 1.3 miles past Kim's Marina on Canyon Ferry Road.

9 Tennis

Helena has four public tennis courts for those looking to serve it up this summer. Courts are located at the Civic Center (*Getchell and Stuart*) Barney Park (*Cleveland and Hudson*) Lockey Park (*Lockey and Broadway*) and Capital High School (*100 Valley Drive*). Last Chance Tennis Center, a private, non-profit indoor tennis facility, offers summer tennis camps as well as group, private and semi-private lessons. Tennis camps for adults and juniors will be held June 29-July 2; July 27-30 and August 17-20. The Tennis Center is located across from the Helena Regional Airport. Contact Head Tennis Pro Doug Ruffin at 360-789-6664 or dougruffin1@gmail.com or Cindy Lewis at 406-431-2579 or cindy8160@gmail.com for more information.

10 Bowling

Sleeping Giant Lanes offers a unique Cosmic Bowling experience on Fridays from 9 to 11:30 p.m. Vegas Bowling is on Saturdays starting at 9 p.m. Located at 3355 Tricia Street (*of Highway 12 East*), Sleeping Giant is a large bowling alley offering two dozen lanes and a snack bar. There are also arcade games and lots of family fun, including mini-golf. Regular hours are noon to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Call 442-1004.

11 Folf

If you're looking for a new summer sport, try your hand at Folf, or Frisbee golf. Helena is the birth place of Disc Golf in Montana and has more Folf courses than any other town in the state.

Hyzer Hills — Disc Golf Course, 18 Holes. South Hills has a course name of Hyzer Hills, hyzer being a type of throw in the game. To get to the course, take the South Hills exit off of I-15. Turn right onto Saddle Drive at the round-about. The course is on the south side of Saddle Drive. If you are truly into folf, you'd like to know that this is a true folf course, meaning that the course is outfitted with rubber tee pads to throw the disc from and basket targets with multiple pin placements area courses.

Scratch Gravel Hills, 18 Holes. From Green Meadow Drive go north to Franklin Mine Road and turn left. From there, go west to Tumbleweed Drive and take a right the road ends at the course parking lot. Beautiful, rocky, arid Folf course recently logged due to the Timber Beetle, so stay

posted. There will be a new course going in soon in conjunction with new biking trails.

Shady Scratch, 18 Holes. Hilly area west of Green Meadow Drive. Go past the turn to Regular Scratch Gravel (see above) and proceed North on Green Meadow Drive past the blinking light. As you pass over the irrigation canal, turn left onto Norris Road and follow it up to turn around and parking area. Go through wooden gate and veer off to the left, follow the trail and you will soon find yourself on the tee box for hole number 1. The course has great rock features, tight fairways and down hill shots. Wear appropriate shoes and bring water.

Sheep Mountain, 18 Holes. Object Course. Very short drive from Helena. Take I-15 south to Clancy. Exit there and take a right. The road splits off to the left, stay on the right and turn right. Follow this road up to Sheep Mountain Road. Turn right and go up a mile or two and you will see the course as you drive through it. Park on left side of road.

Blue Cloud, 18 Holes. Dirt Tee Pads, Tight fairways. Go west out of Helena as you would go to Missoula, turn right at the Baxendale Fire Department. Take your first right and follow this road a few miles and go up through the gate and proceed straight. At the next "Y" intersection, go left. As you come to the next gate, go through and turn immediately to your right, follow this down through the meadow and into the trees, follow this road a little ways and you will come to another "Y" intersection. Go also to the right, and you find yourself in the parking area. The first hole will be to the east of the parking area throwing north. Truck recommended and bring applicable clothing and water.

Huckleberry Hollow, 18 Holes. There is a temporary course at the top of Priest Pass on National Forest Land called Huckelberry Hollow. "Huck" as in hucking the disc and on the first few holes fairways, at the right time of the year, you can pick huckleberries. 18 holes with objects, and multiple dirt tee pads, the Montana State Disc Golf Championships were held here

in 2011. Distance if played from the long tees is 6,343 feet long, and if played from the short tees the distance is 5,664 feet long. The course's first 9 holes finds you winding through the trees on logging roads and cattle trails through meadows and old timber. A fun mix of precision drives and up shots, with some fun down hill shots to finish out the front. The back 9 holes are wide open with plenty of room to let your discs fly while playing through majestic high mountain prairie, an aspen grove and while playing from hole 11 to 12, you actually cross the continental divide at just over 6000ft in elevation. This course is long and is very prone to fast weather changes and high wind, so dress accordingly and be prepared for incimate weather. Aso pack sufficient water. Camp anywhere around hole one. Directions from Helena go west out of town towards Missoula. Before McDonald Pass at the bottom, take a right just after the Priest Pass Road sign. Follow Priest Pass Road to the top of the pass. Turn right at the elevation sign that reads 5,994 ft and park in the field. The first hole is the logging road to the right.

Don't want to get lost? If you're visiting Helena and would like to go out with a local who knows the course, post to the Sleeping Giant Disc Golf Alliance Facebook Page and one of their members may be able to join you or at the very least, give you some tips for the course.

12 Baseball & Softball

- Helena Babe Ruth offers games and tournaments for Cal Ripken 9-12, Babe Ruth 13-15, Babe Ruth Senior, and Rookie divisions.
- Rookie Program: 8 year old Tryouts - June 9. Every player will be assigned to a team! If you miss the tryout, you will be placed on a team after the draft. Everybody plays! For more tournament information and game dates for Helena Babe Ruth, visit <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=helenababeruth>



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- Helena Senators Class AA and Helena Reps Class A American Legion Baseball Games are held at Kindrick Field, adjacent to Memorial Park, from April to July. Go to www.helenasenators.com for schedule.
- More than 50 teams and 1,000 players take part in the Helena Softball Association's leagues. League softball play is at the Batch Field complex between Carroll College and the Bill Roberts Golf Course. The four fields get steady use in the evenings from April through August. For a complete schedule and tournament information go to www.leaguelineup.com/helenasoftball or call 447-6409 for more information.

in and on the water

13 Swimming

Broadwater Athletic Club & Hot Springs recreation pools are located



at 4920 Highway 12 west. Call 443-5777 or go to www.thebroadwater.com.

Last Chance Splash Waterpark and Pool. Families come join the fun this summer from June 22 through August 23. Play in the splash deck, float the lazy river, ride the slides, grab a snack at Miner's Diner or just relax in the 50-meter pool. Last Chance Splash not only offers open swim, but also swimming lessons, water aerobics, lap swim, water walking and water polo. Waterpark has open swim 12:15 to 7 p.m. Monday - Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends (no Sundays in June). The 50-Meter pool and diving well hours are Monday - Friday 1 to 7 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends (no Sundays in June) Located at 1203 N. Last Chance Gulch St, 447-1559. For more information about lessons, exercise, and pool parties go to www.lastchancesplash.com

Crossroads Sports and Fitness has an indoor, 25-yard lap pool used for private lessons, master swim program, family swim times and hydro fitness classes. A spa area complete with a steam room, dry sauna and hot tubs are also available. Located at 1013 Dearborn, 442-6733. Visit www.crossroadssportsfitness.com for complete aquatics schedule.

YMCA Pool is open to the public for day use and includes the use of the all fitness facilities. The Y also offers swimming lessons for kids year round. Located at 1200 N. Last Chance Gulch. Call 442-9622 or go to www.helenaymca.org for summer membership specials and rates for all programs.

The Capital City Health Club has a lap pool and a rec/therapy pool. For information about swimming call 442-6577.

Lions Swim Team is a competitive team of 6 to 18 year olds dedicated to making members successful at swimming and in life. Professional coaches and supportive team atmosphere. Striving to make participation

challenging and fun. Swimmer must be able to swim the length of the pool (25 yards). Contact coach Jake Bryne at 307-254-0070 or email at hlstswimcoach@gmail.com, or visit hlst.org.

14 Marinas

Yacht Basin Marina is a full-service marina with deep harbor docks and shore power. Yacht Basin Marina can be reached by taking Canyon Ferry Road to the north end of the lake. Open from May through October. Amenities include: convenience store, handicapped-accessible facilities, boat launch, beach, camping, paddle boats and sailing. Both large and small private beach facilities are available for rent. Areas are perfect for reunions, company parties, weddings and birthday parties to complete your Canyon Ferry Lake vacation or event. Reservations are highly recommended. For more information or to make your reservation, call 475-3440.

Kim's Marina and RV Resort is a sportsman's paradise. If sailing, power boating, jet skiing, swimming, fishing, hiking or biking are your passions, you can do it all from the private beaches of Kim's Marina and Resort. Kim's is located just 20 miles east of Helena on Canyon Ferry Lake. Kim's offers seasonal and daily boat mooring, camping spots and cozy cabins. Kim's can readily supply you with boat rentals, fishing tackle, food, beer, gas, espresso and clean clothes. This is all done from the easily accessible grocery, tackle and gift shop. A laundromat is also available. For more information call 475-3723 or visit www.kimsmarina.com.

Lakeside Resort & Marina is located on the shores of Hauser Lake, just 10 miles from Helena at 5295 York Road. Services and amenities include: bar, restaurant casino, boat launch, store and water. Live music Thursday through Sunday. For more information, call 227-6076. Find us on Facebook.com, search for Lakeside on Hauser.

15 Lakes

For detailed information about many of Montana's lakes go to www.fwp.mt.gov. Look under "State Parks," then "Visit a State Park."

Spring Meadow Lake is an urban, day-use-only park minutes from Helena fed by natural springs, is a popular spot for family afternoons of swim-



ming, sunbathing, scuba diving, fishing, bird-watching and pure play. When you tire of the beach, walk the park's easy nature trail that circles the lake, home to a wide variety of birds and other wildlife. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Fees apply. There is also a group use shelter available to rent for gatherings. Call for fees, rental prices and general information 495-3260.

To get there, travel west on Euclid Ave., turn right on Joslyn Street, veer left onto Country Club Ave. and watch for the recreation

area on the left.

Park Lake Campground and Park Lake Fishing Access are actually two sites located on the same lake in the Helena National Forest. At an elevation of 6,500 feet, the site encompasses 10 acres. Park Lake Campground sits back slightly from the 3 1/2 acre alpine lake in a lodge pole timber forest. There is boating access but no boats with motors are allowed on the lake. The boat launch is carry-in. Fishing is permitted on the lake. Hiking may also be enjoyed in this scenic area. For more information visit www.ci.helena.mt.us/play/recreation.html. There are two routes to Park Lake: through Clancy or through Unionville. To travel via Clancy, exit I-15 at the Clancy off ramp and go a mile north on the west side of the highway before turning on to Lump Gulch Road. Keep to the left. To get there through Unionville, go through town until the road turns to dirt and continue over the pass into Jefferson County. Stay to left until you come to a sign at Lump Gulch Road, where you make a sharp right and head up the mountain to the lake.

Hauser Lake is a 3,200 acre reservoir on the Missouri River created by Hauser Dam. The lake yields kokanee salmon; for which it holds the state record; rainbow and brown trout; walleye and perch. It is an extremely popular take-off point for weekend boating, fishing and water skiing. There are two scenic public campgrounds on Hauser Lake. White Sandy and a few yards further Black Sandy State Park.

Holter Lake, formed by Holter Dam on the Missouri River, is a very popular lake, both for fishing and for pleasure boating in Montana. The lake has very good fishing for rainbow trout, as well as walleye and perch.

Canyon Ferry Lake was formed when Canyon Ferry Dam was built, blocking the Missouri River. Canyon Ferry Lake is very popular and receives the most use of any lake in the state. This is due to both its size and location. The lake is quite large, even by Montana standards, measuring more than thirty-miles long and up to five miles wide. Since the lake lies just fifteen miles from Helena. It receives heavy use during warm weather and on the weekends. Canyon Ferry Lake is an excellent lake for fishing for rainbow trout. The lake is heavily stocked each year, and the large size of the lake along with its fertility allow the rainbows to grow large quite quickly.

True North Sailing Club offers sail boat rentals as well as a variety of yearly memberships that will accommodate your sailing desires. Located on Canyon Ferry Lake. Don't know how to sail? No problem, sailing lessons are available. For more information call 449-8715 or visit <http://truenorth-sailing.com>.

16 Rivers


Rivers run through Montana — everything from raging rapids for kayakers and white water rafting to serene waters for the casual boater or floater.

Smith River. Some of the best floats near Helena are on Smith River, which meanders between the Big Belt and Little Belt mountains from Fort Logan to Eden. The river offers a little something for everyone, including beautiful scenery, some whitewater and good fishing. You can also view Native American pictographs along the limestone canyon walls. The river is popular, so expect to see others on the water and in the campsites. Floaters who want to run the stretch from Camp Baker to Eden need permits, which are given out in a lottery system. The deadline for entries in the lottery is usually around mid-February. You can get an application at any Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks office. But you may also be able to “walk on” if there are cancellations or openings. Floaters can also put in at the Smith River fishing access, located six miles downstream from Fort Logan. This stretch of the river is recommended only for people with boating experience as it has numerous small dams dotting the river. The trip from Camp Baker to Eden takes about three days; after mid-July the river is too low to float. Watch for fences and cables across the water. For more information



on Smith River recreation, visit <http://fwp.mt.gov>.

The Missouri River has several fun day floats, all of which are calm and easy. The most popular segments are from Three Forks to Toston, from Toston to Townsend, from Wolf Creek to Craig and from Craig to Mountain Palace. Spring run-off north of Toston is strong enough that you'll need to stay alert for some stretches; also watch for late afternoon winds in Craig area. Dearborn Inn, Mountain Palace, and Missouri Inn are located about



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The Dearborn River north of Helena isn't for timid or beginning rafters. For experienced floaters, the rewards of the Dearborn include beautiful scenery as the river flows out of the Bob Marshall Wilderness and into the Missouri north of Craig. For a long one-day trip on the Dearborn, you can float the stretch between the U.S. 287 bridge and the Missouri River. Get an early start, since there is no public land for camping. After mid-June the river often is too low to float.

Blackfoot River. Classic trout habitat and incredible scenery make the lower stretch of Blackfoot River one of the most popular rivers in Montana. Fly fishing, camping, swimming, rafting or relaxing are some of the things you may enjoy along Blackfoot corridor. Corridor is a partnership between landowners, The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), who all work together to provide protection of the natural resources and private property and provide public safety along the 26 mile stretch of river. The Blackfoot River northwest of Helena offers exciting white water and beautiful scenery to daring floaters. Most floating takes place below Clearwater Junction west of Ovando, although the Lincoln area also offers nice views.

17 Fishing

Some visitors don't realize that there may be more wildlife in nearby rivers and streams than in the mountains and meadows. Trout of all sorts — including rainbow, cutthroat, brown, brook, bull and lake — are living in almost any stream, lake or river in the Helena area. Or cold-water fish include kokanee salmon, arctic grayling, goldeye and mountain whitefish. Walleyes are usually only found east of Continental Divide, usually in lakes, and once in a while in larger rivers. The Helena area includes Holter, Hauser and Canyon Ferry reservoirs. In Canyon Ferry, it's not unusual for fishermen to catch 5 or 6-pound walleye. Other warmer-water fish in the area include northern pike, large- and smallmouth bass, bluegill, crappie, sauger, yellow perch and other species. Grayling fishing is best along the Continental Divide, including Park Lake and a few areas in southwest mountains. You can also find smallmouth bass in some of Helena's lakes and along the Missouri River. For more information on fishing in the Helena area visit, <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing>.

Walleye Tournaments

Walleyes Forever is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting walleye fishing, walleye conservation, family recreation and hands-on, grassroots efforts to improve warm water fisheries of Montana. Throughout the year the group sponsors a host of walleye tournaments geared towards raising awareness for sound management of all species as well as raising money for many non-profits. For information about Walleye tournaments in the Helena area go to www.walleyesforever.com

18 Birdwatching

Birds of a feather flock together! The Last Chance Audubon Society promotes understanding,

respect and enjoyment of birds through a variety of educational programs and exciting activities. Call 443-3949. Find field trip schedule and download a birding brochure in PDF format at lastchanceaudubon.org

walk/hike/bike

19 Helena Outdoor Club

The Helena Outdoor Club, a club for nonmotorized recreation since 1972, is for everyone, regardless of age. Summer outdoor activities include hiking, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking and bicycling. Most of the club's activities are free, and members organize and lead trips for the casual recreationist. Grants to programs providing outdoor equipment or activities to youth groups are available. Free public program meetings include presentations on adventure travel in Montana and around the world. More information on the Outdoor Club and upcoming events can be found at www.helenaoutdoorclub.org.

20 Historic Last Chance Gulch

Gold was discovered in Last Chance Gulch on July 14, 1864, and Helena, along with many millionaires, was born. Now the Gulch is Helena's main street — part of which is the state's only downtown, outdoor walking mall. Starting at the 400 block, the Gulch features a wide variety of merchants. There are custom art galleries, one-of-a-kind apparel stores, unique gift shops, sporting good stores and entertainment venues. All businesses in this area are locally owned and strive to provide excellent customer service. As you stroll down to the Downtown Walking Mall, embrace the fabulous architectural masterpieces dating back to the 19th Century. Be sure to keep an eye out for the gargoyles!

21 Popular Trails Near Town

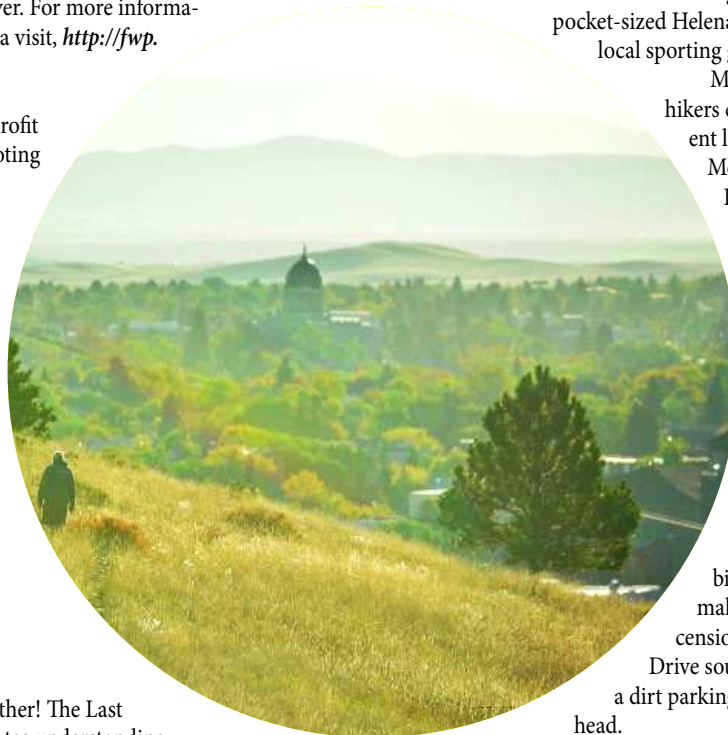
The Helena area is abundant with over 2,000 acres of open public space with scenic trails for walking, running or biking. Water-resistant pocket-sized Helena area trail maps are available for sale at local sporting goods and outdoor shops around Helena.

Mount Helena offers several trails where hikers can enjoy varied scenery and different levels of physical intensity. To get to the Mount Helena trailheads, drive south on Park Avenue, turn right at Reeder's Village Drive, turn right on Village Drive and continue until the road intersects with a blacktop road. Take a left onto the blacktop to reach the parking lot. All of the trails are displayed on a map at the kiosk at the trailheads. Mount Helena City Park is the largest and most obvious in town, and also the steepest at 5,468 feet above sea level.

Mount Ascension offers a fun but challenging single-track mountain bike trail in the South Hills. If you can make it to the top of the first summit of Ascension without stopping you are pretty good!

Drive south on Beattie Street until it dead-ends in a dirt parking lot to reach the Mount Ascension trail head.

Davis Street/Dry Gulch can be reached by driving south on Da-



vis Street. There are several trails along the way beginning just after Davis Street turns to a dirt road.

The Ridge Trail is a scenic ridge-top trail with access from the Mount Helena City Park. The length of the trail is 5.7 miles. It begins at Park City, just south of town. Walk or bike this trail. Catch a free ride (rain or shine) every Saturday and Sunday on the Trail Rider to Mount Helena's Ridge Trails! The shuttle is provided by Downtown Helena Business Improvement District (BID). Service begins in June and will run through the September with the exception of Governor's Cup Saturday on June 8. Pick up is at Women's Mural on Broadway and walking mall, with departures at 8, 8:40 and 9:20 a.m. A bike rack is available on the trolley. Sorry, no dogs allowed. For more information call 447-1535 or visit www.downtownhelena.com.

The Great Northern Town Center to Spring Meadow Lake trail begins at the Great Northern Town Center and continues under Hwy. 12 to Centennial Park. From the park, head northwest toward the Helena Transfer Station. Cross Benton and Henderson, then walk south on Joslyn. Turn right onto Country Club Avenue and continue until you reach Spring Meadow Lake.

22 Hiking and Biking Further Afield

Hiking trails crisscross the greater Helena area. Some lead to high mountain lakes, while others follow small streams to alpine meadows. When hiking in Montana, no matter how short the trip, always carry water, food, rain gear, warm clothing and maps. The following are a just a couple examples of Helena's scenic routes.

One of the most popular hiking trails in the Helena area is Trout Creek Canyon Trail 270, which heads into the Big Belt Mountains. The three-mile trail follows a segment of an old road that was washed out during a spring flood in 1981. This trail, closed to motorized vehicles, provides spectacular views of steep-walled limestone formations within the canyon. The hike is rated as easy, with only a minor elevation gain of 800 feet. To get there from Helena, proceed northeast on Highway 280 (also called York Road) to town of York. Continue driving northeast past York to the end of road and Vigilante Campground.

The Casey Meadows Trail in the Elkhorn Mountains is another local favorite. It's an easy hike with a gradual elevation gain of about 1,300 feet on three-mile walk to the meadow. The trail meanders through an area of the 1988 Warm Springs Fire and provides panoramic views and a look at post-burn areas. From the meadow, there are views of nearby peaks and the lower part of Casey Peak. Other trails intersect at Casey Meadows for hikers wishing to go further. From Helena, take I-15 south to the Montana City exit, and go east. Turn right at Montana City School. Then turn right onto McClellan Creek Road. Continue on this road approximately 6.5 miles to the Crystal Creek/ McClellan Creek Junction and turn right. Continue another two miles to the Casey Meadows/McClellan Creek trailhead.

After spending more than 20 years as a diamond in the rough of a defunct gold-mining operation, Crow Creek Falls, often called the "crown jewel" of Helena National Forest, has been returned to its former luster by Crow Creek Falls Citizens Group and the American Land Conservancy. One of only three waterfalls in Helena National Forest, Crow Creek Falls should be on every local hiker's list of destinations to visit and re-visit. Access into the falls is non-motorized. The easiest hiking route into Crow Falls is on Trail 109, which can be reached by driving Forest Road 424 (about 15 miles) from Radersburg. The trail follows the creek for about 2 miles, and climbs onto a bench where the "old road" once came down from Eureka Ridge. It's about 1.5 miles upstream along the old road to the falls from this intersection. Horse users are encouraged to take trails 112 and 134 from Eagle Guard Station (some sections of 109 are unsuitable for stock). Trail 134 intersects Trail 109 very close to Crow Creek Falls. It's about 5 miles one way on this route. Ambitious mountain bikers can also ride route. Hikers should bring sturdy shoes, sunscreen, a map of area and their own water

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as there are no potable water sources at the station. Contact Townsend Ranger District at 266-3425 for information about alternate trailheads, to Eagle Guard Station and Crow Creek Falls.

The bike trails in the Helena area are abundant and varied and too numerous to list them all, but you will find that www.BikeHelena.com is your one stop for anything cycling in Helena, Montana. Trail Maps, suggested routes, video, events, bike shops and hotel booking information can all be found on BikeHelena.com.

A few routes worth mentioning:

Birdseye Loop, 30-35 miles: Take Country Club Avenue to Birdseye Road. Ride along Birdseye past Fort Harrison and across the railroad tracks twice. After the second crossing, the road has a series of climbs and dips as it winds for several miles to Silver City. Turn right at the Silver City Bar onto Lincoln Road and ride all way to Interstate 15, taking the freeway back into Helena. Returning via Green Meadow Drive shaves about five miles off the ride.

Clancy Frontage Road, 20-mile road trip: Ride Interstate 15 south from Helena and exit at Montana City. Turn right at the top of the exit and left at the intersection onto Frontage Road. Ride up and down moderate hills to Clancy, where the road passes under the freeway. Return the same route. Ride can be shortened to 12 miles round trip by beginning at Montana City.

Helena Valley Loop, approximately 50 miles: Take Highway 12 to East Helena. Turn north onto Wylie Drive to York Road. Turn right and ride east to Lake Helena Drive. Turn left and ride north to the lake. Turn left onto Lincoln Road East and ride west all the way to Silver City. Turn left onto Birdseye Road and ride back into Helena.

Wolf Creek, 70-mile loop: Travel north from Helena on Interstate 15 to the "recreational access" road, an exit marked with a sign south of Wolf Creek. Unload bikes and ride north into Wolf Creek to Highway 434. Turn left and ride along the Rocky Mountain Front to Highway 200. Turn right and ride north to Bowman's Corners, to the intersection with Highway 287. Ride back into Wolf Creek, including a one-mile stretch on Interstate 15 and back to vehicle. Roads along this route are barren of traffic and the scenery is outstanding.

Crystal/Creek/Montana City Loop: This loop around Saddle Mountain is a casual ride suitable for families. Begin at Montana City School and ride up the road to Crystal Creek Campground. From there, take the Forest Service Road to the left, which takes riders around Saddle Mountain, where housing developments line the road, and through the Wing Ranch. The trail comes out about two miles east of East Helena on Highway 12 East. Return by riding toward East Montana and taking McClellan Creek turnoff to Montana City.

Wakina Sky Gulch: For intermediate riders. Ride south on Park Avenue and take Grizzly Gulch, which forks to the right off the paved road. Follow the gulch uphill for about a third of a mile. Wakina Sky Gulch forks to the left, and is much narrower and less evident than Grizzly. Ride to the top of this narrow gulch to an open meadow, about 2/3 mile, then return by the same route.

Grizzly Gulch: Easy terrain for beginner riders. Grizzly Gulch forks to the right off the southbound lane of the paved road to Unionville. It eventually connects with Oro Fino Gulch just above Unionville after a loop of approximately 10 miles.

Mount Helena Ridge Trail: Intermediate to advanced riders. Ride up Grizzly Gulch to Park City, a cluster of houses about 4/5 mile up the road. After cresting a hill, watch for a row of mailboxes to the right and take that road. A sign about 1/2 mile up alerts riders to a trail on the right. This is the Ridge Trail, a single-track path that climbs, then drops down a series of switchbacks onto the backside of Mount Helena. The trail comes out on Le Grande Cannon Boulevard in Helena.

23 Outdoors with Horses and Dogs

The Helena Trail Riders is the oldest incorporated saddle club in Montana. The club was organized in 1938 as a pleasure-riding group by cowboy artist Shorty Shope. The club opened its membership to the public in 1940 and in 1944 originated the sport of O-Mok-See. The word comes from the Blackfeet Indian for "riding big." Members meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the clubhouse which is located at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds (across from the multi-purpose building). To find O-Mok-See and Trail Riding schedules or for more information on the club, please go to www.helenatrailriders.org.

While Spring Meadow Lake doesn't allow dogs, most of the other parks in the area do allow dogs. This said there are limitations to the freedom that your furry friend can enjoy. The Helena city code states: "Animals are not allowed to run at large in the city. All animals not confined within an enclosure or on the owner's property shall be kept on a leash not more than ten (10') feet long, securely restrained or held so as to prevent the animal from running at large, with the exception that a leash is not required for any animal on Mount Helena City Park as long as the animal is under the immediate, continuous and effective control of a person." Notice the word "control." That your dog may come most of the time will not help you if he or she decides to go chasing after deer. Deer can be dangerous, dogs can be lost and game wardens can be cranky as heck when they discover your pet disturbing the wildlife. (Be warned, there are fines involved here.) Pets are not permitted on swimming beaches, in sanitary facilities or in any other area posted to exclude them. From April 1-September 15, unless otherwise posted, all pets must be on a leash not over 10 feet long. Persons bringing or allowing animals in designated recreation areas shall be responsible for proper removal and disposal of any waste produced by these animals. There are many areas around in the parks and the forests where you and your dog can have fun, but keep in mind that the restrictions were put in place because owners did not take responsibility for their pets. Please be respectful of others, the area and the wildlife; the future of enjoying our canine friends in the outdoors depends on it. Paws Park is located at Centennial Park, it's free and there are separate fenced areas. There is water available seasonally for your pets.

24 Park It

For those of you skateboarders and inline skaters looking for a place to catch some air and practice your carving, kickflips and grinding, check out the Helena Skatepark. The city of Helena has expanded its existing 10,000 square foot skate park to 17,000. The park has proven to be an increasingly popular social and recreational destination for Helena's youth. It features quarterpipe corners with flat bank hips, two different gaps with ledges, a pyramid with a square tube rail and five benches. One of the benches has a curved edge, one is sloping, another has a step at the top and yet another has a rail that is two feet high. The Helena Skate Park, located at 1200 North Last Chance Gulch, is free to everyone and welcomes boarders and inline skaters. Scooters and BMX bikes are prohibited. For more information email

helenaskatepark@yahoo.com or visit www.helenaskatepark.com.


Helena's city parks offer a number of different options for resting and recreating. The parks feature facilities ranging from simple picnic tables and shelters to playing fields, playground equipment and hiking trails. For information about parks, call 447-8463 or visit www.ci.helena.mt.us.

- **Barney Park:** Cleveland and Hudson streets. Features barbecue pits, basketball hoops, a ball field, a picnic shelter, playground equipment and tennis courts.
- **Batch Fields:** Benton and Cole avenues. Includes a picnic shelter, covered playground equipment and four softball fields.
- **Beattie Park:** Helena Avenue and Roberts Street. Includes historic sites,

picnic shelters.

- **Centennial/Bausch Park:** Across the street from Memorial Park at 1200 N. Last Chance Gulch. Facilities include the Helena City Skatepark for skateboarding, soccer fields, softball fields, dog park, bike track, horseshoe pits, and trailhead for Rails to Trails walking trail. The skatepark provides dawn to dusk exercise for skateboarders and in-line skaters. Bikes, scooters and motorized vehicles are prohibited. Spectators and food and beverages should stay out of the immediate skate park area.
- **Cherry Hill Park:** Columbia Street and Cherry Avenue. Picnic facilities, playground equipment, shelter and basketball court.
- **Clinton Park:** State and Beattie streets. Features basketball hoops, a picnic area and playground equipment.
- **Constitution Park:** Sixth Avenue and Last Chance Gulch. Features historical information and monuments.
- **Cunningham Park:** Flowerree Street and Cleveland Court. Features basketball hoop, picnic area and a playground.
- **Fire Tower Park:** Surrounds Helena's Guardian of the Gulch, a wooden fire tower perched over downtown. The tower was built in 1874 to house men watching for fires in the valley. The tower is fenced in and not available to the public, but you can still get a similar view from the park area. To reach the park, walk up the winding path near Lewis and Clark Library at the end of Last Chance Gulch.
- **Heritage/ Pioneer Park:** East of the Lewis and Clark Library at 120 S. Last Chance Gulch. It includes historic monuments and playground equipment.
- **Hill and Women's Parks:** Two parks on opposite sides of Fuller Avenue. Hill is on the corner of Neill and Park avenues; Women's is on Fuller and Neill avenues. Features include historic monuments and picnic facilities.
- **Kay McKenna Park:** Neill and Benton Avenues. This park adjoins the city's Civic Center entertainment facility. It includes historic sites, play equipment, tennis courts and picnic facilities.
- **Kessler Park:** Davis and Beattie streets. Features a picnic area.
- **Lockey Park:** Lamborn Street and Broadway. Includes basketball, football, tennis, baseball and softball facilities as well as barbecues, shelter and






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- **Memorial Park:** 1200 N. Last Chance Gulch, the site of an elaborate playground called Frontier Funtown. The playground, with features for park-going kids of all ages, was built by community volunteers. The park also features an outdoor public waterpark, barbecue pits and picnic shelters. During the summer, it is the center for band concerts every Thursday night and adjoins Kindrick Legion Baseball Field.
- **Mount Helena Park:** A more than 1,000-acre natural city park featuring Douglas fir forests and expansive grassland areas. Two trails leave the parking area and circle the mountain. The park adjoins National Forest land and is a good spot for observing a variety of wildlife, including prairie falcons, meadowlarks and deer.
- **Nature Park:** Cole and McHugh. A natural area with wildlife and a paved, accessible trail.
- **Northwest Park:** 101 Valley Drive. Features softball, soccer fields and walking trail.
- **Pocha Park:** Ewing and Miller streets. Features a picnic area and playground equipment.
- **Ramey Park:** Corner of Missoula and Roberts. Offers soccer field, playground equipment, basketball court, and two softball fields.
- **Robinson Park:** Livingston and Townsend avenues. Features a football field, soccer field and picnic shelter.
- **Sixth Ward Park:** Montana Avenue and Bozeman Street. Picnic area and playground.
- **Waukesha Park:** Waukesha Avenue and Garrison Street. Football/soccer field, community garden plots and playground equipment.
- **Wesleyan Park:** Helena Avenue and 4th Street. Features a picnic area and playground equipment.

25 Camping Opportunities

Some 976,000 acres of the Helena National Forest around Helena offer numerous camping opportunities. State-owned land, also near Helena is home to nice camping areas. For information, stop by the Helena Ranger District office at 2001 Poplar or call 449-5490 or visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena>. Fish, Wildlife and Parks also manages several area campsites.

Call 444-2535 or visit <http://fwp.mt.gov>. See chart page 32.

26 Sleep in A Cabin

Craving a little peace and solitude in the Montana woods? Try reserving your very own cabin and spend a weekend. Reserving a cabin is as easy as going to www.recreation.gov. You can also go to this website to read more about the cabins available and see photographs. There's also the option of calling a toll-free number (877-444-6777) between the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The reservation system works for most Federal sites across the nation. Most cabins include beds and basic pots, plates and silverware. Firewood is also provided. However, the cabins don't have running water or electricity, and typically are heated by wood burning stoves. Call 449-5201.

27 Watch for Wildlife

Drive around Helena for just a few minutes and you're bound to run into a deer or two strutting around town. But deer are only one of a variety of wildlife that call the Helena area home. There are numerous opportunities to observe animals in their natural habitat.

A nearby place to start is Mount Helena, the city's largest park. While hiking along its trails you are practically guaranteed to encounter deer, squirrels and a variety of birds, including meadowlarks and bluebirds. To see elk, you'll need to seek higher elevations where they take up residence for the summer. The Beartooth Wildlife Management Area is a good place to start. A possible bear or mountain goat may also be seen here. To get to there, take I-15 from Helena and head north to Wolf Creek. Exit at Wolf Creek and then go east to the bridge on Missouri River Road. Turn south on Beartooth Road, on the east side of Holter Lake, and keep following the signs.

Avalanche Gulch on the east shore of Canyon Ferry Reservoir is another place to scope out elk herds and mountain goats. While you're over there, head south to reach Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area. This vast wetland area, encompassing 5,000 acres, is a series of ponds providing a habitat to many nesting birds like Canadian geese, double-crested cormorants, American white pelicans, Caspian terns and ospreys. Keep your eyes open for white-tailed deer, beavers, raccoons, mink, red foxes, river otters and moose. There are also pheasants and wild turkeys in adjacent grasslands and osprey circling overhead.

Managed by the U.S. Forest Service, the 129,000-acre Elkhorn Wildlife Management Area is home to many indigenous animals, including big game. To get there, take the I-15 south from Helena to Boulder. Take the Boulder exit and travel south until you find the Elkhorn Wildlife Management signs.

Practical Tips for wildlife watching:

Be prepared. Take along a map of the area, and be prepared to tackle muddy, rugged and precarious terrain. Dress appropriately for the weather and take extra water and snack foods. Take a camera, binoculars and a field guide, if you have them. Also, leave your dog at home to increase your chance of seeing wildlife.

Go early or go late. Most animals are active at dusk and at dawn, so plan your outing during these times so you'll be at that prime spot at the

prime time. Like people, animals like to take easy during the hottest parts of the day and bask in some shade. Therefore, they're difficult to spot in the middle of the day.

Fade into the woodwork. Wear natural colors and unscented lotions so as to not draw so much attention to yourself in the natural surroundings. Remove glasses that glint. Walk softly so as not to snap twigs, as this could alert animals to your presence and scare them off. Crouch behind boulders or vegetation to hide your figure or break up your outline.

Let animals be themselves. Don't wave at them, yell and whistle at them, or try get them to move for your "perfect" picture. You're not at the zoo, you're in the wilds. Avoid sneaking up on animals as many animals may react negatively if startled, especially bears. In some cases, animals feel less threatened by a vehicle than a person on foot, so consider using your vehicle for viewing. Keep food to yourself. That tuna sandwich may taste great to you, but it can harm the digestive systems of wild animals and convince them to look for handouts from other people.

Be nice and be careful. Although they may look friendly, resist the urge to get as close as possible to wild animals. Give them the space they need and watch from a distance. A good rule of thumb is that if you are close enough for the animal to react to your presence, you are probably too close. Even mild-mannered wildlife can respond unpredictably when they feel threatened, which puts you in danger.

Leave baby animals alone. Although they may look like the cute, cuddly animals of Disney movies, their mothers are highly protective and always nearby. Injured animals are also dangerous, and, in the throes of mating season, even birds can be aggressive. It goes without saying: Don't ever approach a bear.

Respect the land. Before heading out in search of wildlife, make sure you won't be treading on private land. If you are, get permission first before accessing the area. Don't litter and be respectful of your fellow nature lovers around you who are also looking for a little peace and quite in the great outdoors.

28 Montana Wild education center

A place where children and families can reconnect to nature in Montana's outdoors, operated by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. The site of the Montana Wild is on the western edge of Helena, 2668 Broadwater Ave., within Spring Meadow Lake Park. The center is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about the center contact Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Foundation at 444-9944 or mfw-foundation.org.

29 Brewer's Baseball

Helena Brewers Minor League Baseball season begins June 18 and runs through Sept. 8. Games are held at Kindrick Legion Field adjacent to Memorial Park. Individual and season tickets are available. Call to schedule group outings, picnics, or birthday parties at the ball park: 459-0500.

For 2015 the Helena Brewers are offering a wide variety of promotions including Bark in the Park nights, Microbrew Mondays and Weenie Wednesdays. The Brewers are teaming up with Pacific Source Health Plans for a Bike to the Ballpark promotion once a month, where people who bike to the park can enter to win a bike. A new bike rack section is installed to accommodate the influx of bikers who attend Brewers games. Find more information about Helena Brewers baseball including ticket packages, other promotions and schedule go online to www.helenabrewers.net.

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By Terence Corrigan
For the Independent Record

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Just four miles south of John Barnes Wilson's gold mine northeast of Avon, in the Blackfoot City area, 19th century miners washed out \$5 million in gold during four years. The lucrative Carpenter Bar deposit was discovered in 1865.

Wilson's mine was in Blackfoot City, a booming mining camp of about 2,000 people at its peak in the 1870s. Blackfoot City for a while had a post office, hotel, saloons, a judge and a Chinatown.

Wilson's mine did not pan out. Long term, Blackfoot City didn't pan out either. Today there's little evidence left of the men who lived in Blackfoot City and worked the 30 or so mines that were there. A few remnant structures - weathered remains, blackened and silvery collapsed buildings - piles of lumber, scarred land and mounds of mine tailings are all that remain.

In July 1880, Wilson wrote to his brother, James, about the difficulties of working his mine. "I have done more work on the mine putting in ... some 15 to 16 hours daily Sundays on the ditch all day not even taking time to eat dinner some days..." he wrote. "O how I would like to leave the mine and never see it again ... the scene of so much disappointment to me beside the hardest labor I ever had to do in my life..." Wilson's despair hit many lows. In one letter he wrote to his brother, "Were it not for my family nothing would please me so much as to die and be done with all my troubles, but I must try and live and work for their (bread) ... My life is

entirely miss spent but alas it is too late to rectify it now." The road to Blackfoot City, through the 12-mile long Ophir Mining District, is now a primary Forest Service route (FR136), a shortcut from Avon to Marysville. The road is not marked where it meets State Highway 141. The turn is two and half miles north on 141 from the intersection with Highway 12.

Once you get on 136 a Forest Service sign announces "Ophir Creek Access 3 miles." The creek access is immediate, the road crosses the creek after just a few hundred feet. A low slung two-wheel drive auto can make the crossing. The heart of Blackfoot City is five miles from State Highway 141. A Forest Service sign points right to Carpenter Creek and a left arrow shows the way to "Marysville 16 miles" and "Ophir Creek." On the second day of May a snowdrift 10 miles toward Marysville blocked passage to Marysville for an automobile.

Back in Blackfoot City, four-tenths of a mile up the road to Carpenter Creek, a shake-sided cabin still stands. Was this John Wilson's cabin? A two-track path leads up the hill behind the cabin. To a gold mine? Did Wilson pen letters to his brother inside the 400 square-foot cabin? Do the walls of this cabin still carry Wilson's burden and recall his frustration with his hired help? "I got a late start in the spring and had more than the usual amount of trouble with worthless Men," he wrote Oct. 16, 1881. "We have now for two seasons passed a Whiskey Mill in the valley which is a curse to all concerned."

Online maps show the Blackfoot Cemetery yards to the north of FR 141, on the edge of a chunk of BLM land, now a cow pasture. One source says there's 30 people buried in the

A few other tidbits of history:

Three years before selling the mine, John Wilson was embroiled in an environmental dispute with a rancher identified in his letters as "Mr. Helm."

H.H. Helm (likely it was Henry Helm, Helmsville's first postmaster) wrote to Wilson in early July 1880. "You are hereby notified to desist from further running tailings on my land under penalty of heavy damages."

Wilson wrote, after meeting with Helm, "(Helm) wants \$2,000 damages or leave it to arbitration or if I refuse both of these he will go to law with us. His ranch is being badly overflowed & spoiled & there must be something done or it will be ruined."

The largest nugget ever reported in Montana came from Deadwood Gulch in the Ophir district found by a miner named Ed Risson on the McKay Claim. "It weighed sixteen pounds and reminded one of two fists clasped together in prayer." At the time Risson's find netted him a profit of over \$3,000, about \$70,000 in today's dollars.

Blackfoot (City) Cemetery including John and Lucy Bignell, John and Charles Ball, four Davis's (James M., Jefferson, Joseph H. and Mary Ellen), George Washington Hankins (born Dec. 22, 1867 and died less than a year later Nov. 12, 1868) and Mary Alvira Brainerd Hankins (she died 61 days after the infant George) and three Smoots (Addie, Edna and John).

Up the hill to the northeast, behind an old homestead next to the pasture where the Blackfoot Cemetery is shown on maps, a small graveyard has recent grave markers of a father and son, Micheal A. Conell (who died at age 32 in 1987) and his son, Sean, who died four days after his 29th birthday in 2009. What appears to be a much older wooden grave marker stands akimbo in the 30 by 30 foot graveyard. Two panels of decorative fencing rest on the ground now enclosed by a rustic buck fence.

The Wilson brothers (James and John) left their home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania around 1850 to prospect for gold - first in California. The brothers left California in 1862 went to Oregon and finally to Helena in 1866. The brothers were partners in the Blackfoot City mine. James returned to Pittsburgh late in 1871 to work in the steel industry with his childhood friend, Andrew Carnegie. John sold the mine in 1883 and bought a farm five miles east of Helena. The aesthetics of the scenic drive up Ophir Creek are enriched with an understanding of its history. The miners' stories give a visitor much more to explore than just the beauty of the forest and creeks.

31 All Roads Lead to Lincoln

While in Lincoln, visit the newly established Blackfoot Pathways: Sculpture in the Wild International Sculpture Park

celebrating the environmental and industrial heritage of the Blackfoot Valley. For more information go online to <http://www.sculptureinthewild.com/>

Nestled near the magnificent Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness with the Blackfoot River flowing nearby, Lincoln has something to offer everyone. From Helena, take I-15 to the Lincoln Road exit; follow Lincoln Road west for about 40 miles until you reach Highway 200 and turn left. For more information, contact the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce at 362-4949 or go to www.lincolnmontana.com.

32 Augusta, Gateway to the "Bob"

Augusta, gateway to the Bob Marshall Wilderness, offers visitors true Western hospitality. Buildings with Western facades still line the street, not to mention the old-fashioned Buckhorn Saloon where you can sit back, relax and enjoy a cold beverage. For some good down-home cooking, check out Mel's Diner, where the walls are covered with framed old newspapers and pictures of Augusta's history and 16 flavors of ice cream are served up all summer long.

Augusta Events:

American Legion Rodeo, June 28

Augusta is the home of the biggest and oldest one-day PRCA rodeo in Montana. The annual American Legion Rodeo is celebrating 79 years in 2015 - held on the last Sunday of June, at 2 p.m. at the rodeo grounds. This is one of the largest one-day rodeos in Montana, featuring the parade on Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m., the Old-Time Wild Cow Milking and of course, the rodeo. 406-562-3387.

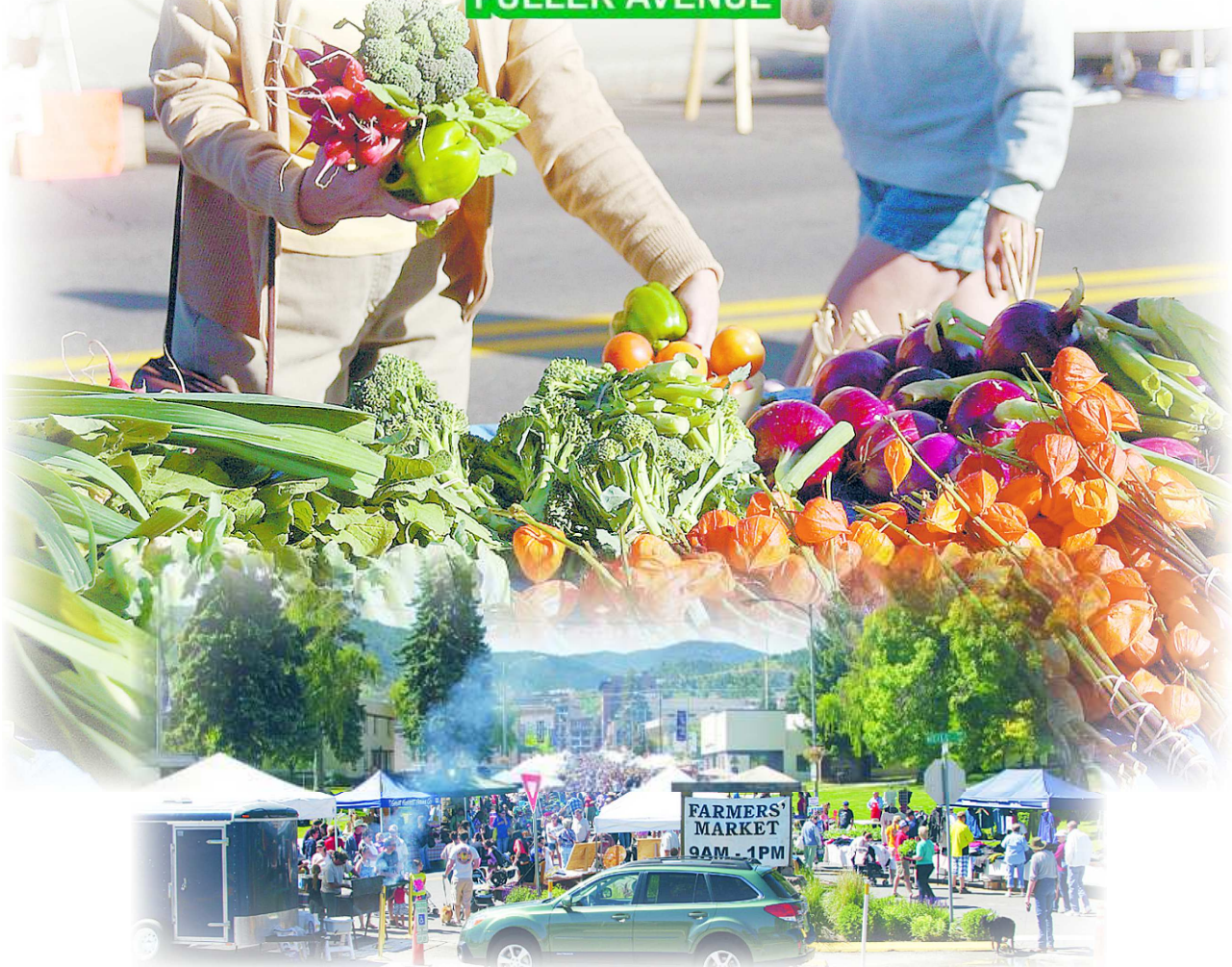
33 White Sulphur Springs

If you're in the neighborhood of White Sulphur Springs, be sure to stop and take a dip in the naturally heated pools at the Spa Hot Springs Motel, which have often been compared to the famed Baden-Baden hot springs in Germany. Both the indoor and outdoor pools are free of charge to motel guests. To swim Adults- \$7, Senior Rate (over 65 years)- \$6, 13-17 years old- \$6, 6-12 years old- \$5, 3-5 years old- \$3, and under 3 years old- \$3. Towels/Suits are \$1 each. Pool hours are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Call 547-3366 or visit www.spahotsprings.com for more information.

White Sulphur Springs Events:

July 23-26, Red Ants Pants Music Festival

The Red Ants Pants Foundation is hosting the fourth annual Red Ants Pants Music Festival, July 23-26, in beautiful White Sulphur Springs. The event kicks off with a Thursday night street dance in downtown White Sulphur Springs and continues with Friday, Saturday and Sunday music festival. Main stage, kids area, food and beer vendors, craft vendors, agricultural demonstrations, camping available. All profits from the festival will benefit the Red Ants Pants Foundation, a non-profit organization in support of women's leadership, working family farms and ranches and rural communities. The festival will take place on the Jackson Ranches in the best cow pastures around.



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61 State Capitol Rotunda

No trip to Helena is complete without visiting the Montana State Capitol. Discover its history and classical architecture and view the paintings and murals of renowned western artists. Around the stunning rotunda are four round paintings showing four important kinds of people in Montana's early history: the Native American, the explorer, the gold miner and the cowboy. Summer hours are May 1 through Sept. 30, Monday through Saturday. Tours begin on the hour at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and are free to the general public. No tours are offered on Sundays or state holidays. Reservations are required for large groups; call 444-4789. Tours are free for school groups and \$50 per adult group (maximum of 25 people). You are also welcome to tour the Capitol on your own. Fact sheets are available at the information desk on the first floor.

62 Last Chance Tour Train

Take a ride aboard the Last Chance Tour Train. You can enjoy historic tours of Helena aboard open-air tour trains. A beautiful and informative tour of the Queen City of the Rockies awaits you. Learn about the discovery of gold in Last Chance Gulch in 1864 to how Helena became the capital city of Montana after a controversial election process. Tours leave from the Montana Historical Museum (225 N. Roberts) at the corner of 6th Avenue and Roberts Street located on the east side of the Capitol building. The fare for the tour is \$8 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and \$6.50 for children 4-12. Children under 4 ride for free accompanied by an adult. The train departs June 1 through June 14 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; June 15 through June 30 at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.; July and August at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; and Sept. 1 through Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to tour departure time.) The trains are also available for charter for special groups. Go to www.lctours.com to download a brochure or call 442-1023 for details.

63 Historic Walking Tours App

Enjoy a summer evening exploring Helena's historic past. Helena's Historic Walking Tours have gone decidedly modern with an Android and iOS app. This app guides tourists through Helena's heritage. The description of the app states: "Helena's 19th century architecture dazzles and its gold rush history compels. Born during the Gold Rush of 1864, this is a rare town that's managed to become a modern city while retaining the character of its early years: a perfect place to relive the Old West. This walking tour app guides visitors through Helena's story while highlighting the museums, galleries, and eateries along the way. Plus, three featured hikes give you a feel for the 75 miles of trails that extend from the city center." This is an ideal summer project for the whole

family that could be accomplished over the course of several days or weeks. Great for discovering Helena for the first time or rediscovering it a new.

64 Historic Reeder's Alley

Situated in the southwest corner of downtown, Reeder's Alley is the oldest intact piece of early Helena. The year 1864 marked the beginning of a tiny settlement and Helena's transition to a mining boomtown. Four prospectors found gold in a small stream they dubbed "Last Chance." In fewer than 10 years, the population had reached 3,000 people. The Pioneer Cabin, just north of the entrance to Reeder's Alley, is the oldest documented dwelling in Helena. For Pioneer Cabin hours and information on group tours, call 449-6688. The beautiful backyard of the Pioneer Cabin is available to rent for events. Call 449-6848 for more information. Visit www.reedersalley.com to view pictures and learn more about this wonderful place to explore. The alley also provides access to Mount Helena. Today, the Pioneer Cabin is preserved with furnishings and historic artifacts and is open to the public for tours. The buildings in Reeder's Alley are designated as an historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places with the National Park Service.

events

65 Mt. Helena Music Festival

The 14th Annual Mt. Helena Music Festival will take place on June 26 and 27 from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. in downtown Helena at Women's Park. Historic Downtown Helena will be bustling with the sounds of live music. This festival is known to be one of the best small festivals in the northwest. In addition to the regular festival activities, there will also be a new barbecue competition this year. Visit downtownhelena.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Festival Lineup

Friday, June 26

4 p.m. - TBA

5 p.m. - Luke Lautaret of Marshall Catch

6:30 p.m. - Austin Lucas

8 p.m. - Omnithex Headliner - Scott H. Biram

Saturday, June 27

2-4 p.m. - Little Jane

and the Pistol Whips

4:30 p.m. - One Leaf Clover

6 p.m. - Triggers and Slips

7 p.m. - Bonnie Whitmore



66 Farmers Market

The Helena Farmers Market takes place downtown on Fuller Avenue from the end of April through Nov. 1. The market then moves to The Gateway Center for seven weeks until Christmas. The time for all markets is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Montana's longest-running market is a great place to meet friends, listen to local musicians and purchase a variety locally grown produce, bedding plants, cut flowers, jewelry, handmade crafts T-shirts and ready-made foods. The popular market is the largest attended weekly event in Montana with crowds numbering up to 5,000 in the summer. The mid-week market this year will be every Tuesday from July 21 through September 22, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in East Helena at City Hall in the parking lot. There will also be nonprofit days at the market where all Montana nonprofits are invited to come down and set up in Women's Park during the market. This year's nonprofit days will be on June 20, July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19. For more information call 449-7446 and ask for Scott, Kris or Wayne.

67 Alive @ Five

The 18th season of Alive @ Five kicks off June 3 and runs every Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. through Aug. 26. People of all ages are welcome to attend Alive @ Five, a weekly summer community gathering every Wednesday night from 5-9 p.m. Come enjoy good food and great music in a family atmosphere each week at a different downtown location. It's a great way to kick back and enjoy a beautiful evening along the most historic mile in Montana. For more information, call 447-1535. Visit www.downtownhelena.com for the Alive @ Five schedule, locations and band information.

68 Helena Bicycle Club

Helena Bicycle Club (HBC) features a wide array of cycling events for mountain bikers and road riders of all abilities including multi-day rides and evening rides. HBC also holds regular road rides Tuesday and Thursday nights. Tuesday nights start at Reber Park Cupola. Thursday night intermediate to advanced road bike rides leave from Four Georgians school. All ride departures are at 6 p.m. The HBC

membership runs from Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Membership Fees, \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family per year. Visit www.helenabicycleclub.org.

2015 Regional Rides

March 14-17: *Skinny Tire Festival* (Moab, UT)
 May 9-10: *STOKR* (Libby, MT)
 May 10: *Unravel the Scratchgravel* (Helena, MT)
 May 16: *York Burger Boogie* (Helena, MT)
 May 16: *12 Hours of Disco* (Salmon, ID)
 May 16: *Helenduro* (Helena, MT)
 May 17: *Herron Hammer*
 May 30-31: *TOSRV West* (Missoula, MT)
 May 31: *Cow Country Classic* (Wolf Creek, MT)
 June 7: *Gear for Beers Mountain Bike Poker Ride* (Virginia City, MT)
 June 13: *Lemhi Valley Century Ride* (Sandpoint, ID)
 June 20: *Chafe 150* (Sandpoint, ID)
 June 20-21: *Anaconda Bike Festival* (Anaconda, MT)
 June 21: *Hair of the Dog Enduro* (Missoula, MT)
 June 23: *HBC Ride to Eat Ride* (Helena, MT)
 June 27: *RATPOD* (Dillon, MT)
 June 27: *Bingham County Idaho Relay for Life* (Wallace, ID)
 June 27-28: *Gran Fondo Kootenai* (Libby, MT)
 July 4: *Boulder Ice Cream Ride* (Helena, MT)
 July 11-12: *Seattle to Portland* (Seattle, WA)
 July 18: *One Helena Hundred* (Cascade, MT) REGISTER
 July 18: *Gallatin Valley Enduro* (Bozeman, MT)
 July 25: *Butte 100* (Butte, MT)
 Aug. 1-2: *Double Divide Ride* (Helena, MT) REGISTER
 Aug. 2: *Grand Enduro* (Grand Targhee, WY)
 Aug. 8: *Tour de Koocanusa* (Libby, MT)
 Aug. 14-16: *Bike Helena Shuttle Fest* (Helena, MT)
 Aug. 15: *Montana Hell Ride* (Hamilton, MT)
 Aug. 15-22: *Cycle Greater Yellowstone* (Red Lodge, MT)
 Aug. 15: *Bike MS: Ride the Sky* (Bozeman, MT)
 Aug. 16: *Whitefish Enduro* (Whitefish, MT)
 Aug. 22: *York 38 Special* (York, MT)
 Sept. 6-12: *Park 2 Park Montana* (Glacier to Yellowstone)
 Sept. 19: *Huckleberry 100* (Kalispell, MT)
 Sept. 20: *Red Lodge Enduro* (Red Lodge, MT)

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69 Governor's Cup Weekend

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Friday, June 12

Noon to 6 p.m. -- Packet pickup and late registration, Holiday Inn, 22 N. Last Chance Gulch (next to the Helena YMCA)

6 p.m. -- New Kids Marathon and Fun Run

TBA -- Motivational speaking engagement with Olympian Adam Goucher and Tim Catalano

Saturday, June 13 (No race day registration)

4:15 to 5:30 a.m. -- marathon/half marathon packet pickup for

non-Helena residents; packets available near the marathon/half marathon buses at 301 S. Park Ave. on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 a.m.

6 to 9 a.m. -- 10K, 5K packet pickup for non-Helena residents; Chamber of Commerce, 225 Cruse Avenue

6 a.m. -- Marathon; must take bus to start, Marysville

6 a.m. -- Half marathon; must take bus to start, Birdseye Road

7 a.m. -- 10K; Chamber of Commerce, 225 Cruse Avenue

9 a.m. -- 5K; Chamber of Commerce, 225 Cruse Avenue

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. -- Race Day Celebration; finish line, Anchor and Pioneer Park; food, live music, and lots of fun for kids and families!

10 a.m. -- Awards ceremony; finish Line

70 Car Show and Drag Races

The Helena Valley Timing Association is proud to present the 10th annual Blast from the Past Car Show and Drag Races. This year's festivities kick off on Friday, June 26, at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel, 2301 Colonial Drive. Registration is from 3 to 9 p.m. The Kickoff Party starts at 4 p.m. with live music and the flame thrower contest. The fun continues on Saturday, June 27, with festivities on the Old Broadwater Hotel Complex on Highway 12 with the Show & Shine. Gates will open at noon for the public and the admission is \$5 per person and kids under 12 are free. Participant registration will also be available at the grounds from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come early and get a good spot under one of the large shade trees. It will be a fun day! Activities will include a kids jumping playground, engine meltdown, auction of custom items, trophies to the top cars and also a people's choice award based on public voting, a free barbecue for participants and club members, food and beverage vendors galore, and much, much more! To top off the weekend, drag races will be held the Helena Regional Airport on Sunday, June 28. Tech inspection is scheduled for 9 a.m. with races slated to begin at noon. Fee to race is \$25 per car and you can race that car as much as time will allow. Public admission is \$5 per person at the gate with kids under 12 free. For more information call 406-202-4699 or visit www.helenavalleytiming.org. Money raised by the Helena Valley Timing Association goes towards scholarships for education.

71 Marysville Picnic

The 47th Annual Marysville Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 1, from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. The event includes free admission, vendors, gold panning, a live auction with Dan Pate and tons of games. The Beer and Burger Barn and Candy Shack will be open all day. Explore the Shaffer Museum and other buildings. Raffle prizes include: a \$200 gas card, mountain bike, Yeti cooler, gas barbecue grill and more. From Helena, take I-15 north 6 miles, Lincoln Road 9 miles, follow Great Divide Ski area signs, 6 miles up paved road. For more information, call 443-0545.

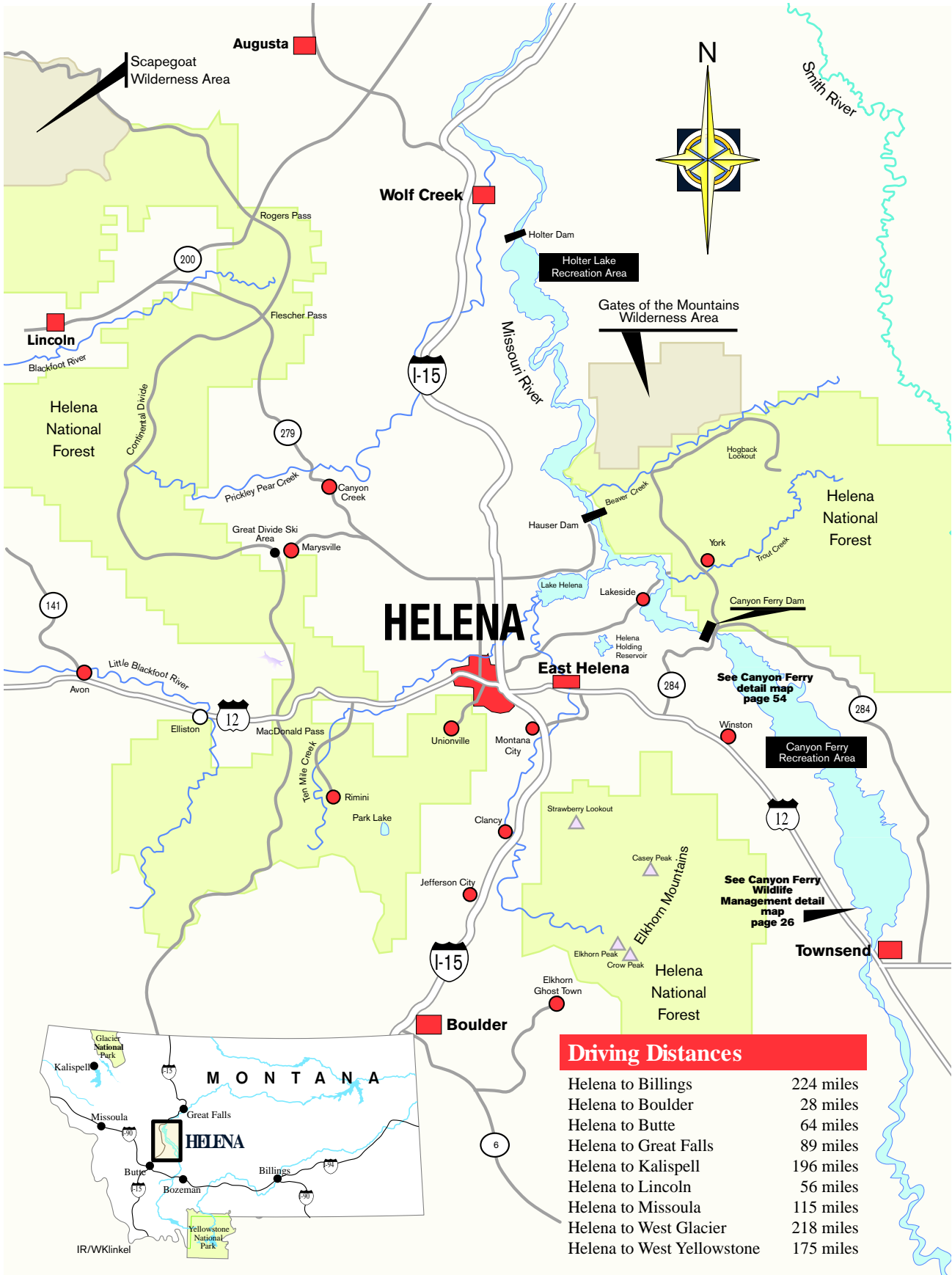
72 Cardboard Cup Regatta

The Spring Meadow Lake Cardboard Cup Regatta is a family fun event on Saturday, July 18, sponsored by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Spring Meadow Resources. Building a boat requires some imagination, there are no size restrictions, and the boat may be as big or small as the participants wish. However, the boat must be made of corrugated cardboard and pass a boat inspection before racing. No matter how fast, slow, big or small, sensible or outrageous, the first rule is to have fun. Come out to Spring Meadow Lake and join the fun; this event is as much fun to watch as it is to participate in. Interested individuals are invited to call Spring Meadow Resources at 406.443.2376 for more details.

73 South Hill Trail Series (SHATS)

SHATS is a crazy but delightful series of short and medi-





um-length trail races for runners of all ages and experience. Races are scored like cross-country matches with the low score winning. No need to run the whole series. Racers can enter just one or all of the four events in the 2015 SHATS series.

1. *Goats in the Meadow* Aug. 22, 8 a.m.
2. *Goats in the Dark* Sept. 18, 9 p.m.
3. *Goat Pursuit* Oct. 10, 8 a.m.
4. *Goat Grind* Oct. 18, 10 a.m.

Entry forms, course records, previous years' results and much more about the Helena running scene are available online at www.bquickrunning.com.

74 Chalk-Up Helena!

Join the Helena Public Art Committee for Chalk-Up Helena! on Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come draw pretty pictures all over the sidewalk on the Downtown Walking Mall, one block up from the library. All ages are welcome at this family-friendly event, and the winning art will receive prizes!

Register early (no later than July 17) with the entry form at www.helenapublicarts.com for only \$5 for individuals 18 years and younger, and \$10 for a adults or a group. Or get the entry form at the main entry or room 323 on the third floor of the City-County Building, 316 N. Park Ave. Call 447-8491 for more information.

75 Bark for Beer & Brats

A fundraiser for the nonprofit Pad For Paws Foundation on Aug. 4, 5:30-8 p.m. Stop by the Lewis & Clark Brewery, 1517 Dodge Ave., and enjoy a cold beer, a tasty brat, raffles, and a good time! Proceeds provide pet food to Helena's most vulnerable residents -- senior citizens, mentally and physically challenged, veterans, those with service animals, unemployed, and pet owners struggling to feed their family pets. Contact Debbe Pistoria, 442-7373, www.padforpaws.org.





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76 Last Chance Stampede and Fair

Helena's 53rd Annual "Last Chance Stampede and Fair" is scheduled for July 22-25 at the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds. You are invited to check out the exhibits, ride the Northstar Amusement Carnival Rides and enjoy this annual summertime extravaganza! The event includes great entertainment throughout the day, a night show and three exciting nights of Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) action. As always, 4H will be a big part of the fair.

Fair hours

Wednesday, July 22 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.
 Thursday, July 23 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
 Friday, July 24 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
 Saturday, July 25 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Gate admission is \$3 per person per day (12 and under free) for walk or drive in

Night Show July 22

Country superstar Martina McBride: the Everlast Tour headlines at this year's Last Chance Stampede and Fair. It is sure to be the event of the summer! Ticket prices are \$40

each in advance and \$45 the day of for reserved and general admission seating. Tickets purchased in advance will include outside gate admission. Get tickets at Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply, Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds Office or at www.lastchancestampede.com.

Regular Admission

Thursday, July 23 – General Admission, \$15; Child (4-12), \$5

Friday, July 24 – Reserved Seating, \$18

Saturday, July 25 – Reserved Seating, \$18

Go to www.lastchancestampede.com for more information and Last Chance Stampede Parade entry forms.

77 Last Chance Stampede PRCA Rodeo

July 23, 24, 25

Tickets go on sale June 1 at 10 a.m.

Presale Rodeo Admission

Thursday, July 23 – General Admission, \$15 adults

Friday, July 24 – Reserved Seating, \$18

Saturday, July 25 – Reserved Seating, \$18

Get one free child's ticket with purchase of adult ticket with

coupon. All presale tickets include outside gate admission; bring your tickets or confirmation email to enter the Fairgrounds. (Presale ends Wednesday, July 22, at 4 p.m.)

78 Shodair Soccer Classic

A summertime favorite for soccer fans! The Shodair Soccer Classic draws top high school soccer players from around the state, who gather in Helena to compete and support a good cause. This year's classic is Saturday, July 25, at Carroll College Nelson Stadium. Kick-off for the women's game is 5 p.m. Kickoff for the men's game is 7 p.m. For more information, call 406-444-7548 or e-mail soccer@shodair.org.



Second Oldest Footrace" — much has remained the same. The race still brings together runners of varying ages and abilities, all looking for a late-summer speed check and a friendly contest against each other and the clock. Runners still receive their starting instructions from the legendary Bill Gilbert. The proceeds support the high school cross country programs. The 50th Annual August Road Race is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7:15 p.m. For more information on the race or the Helena Vigilante Runners Club, please visit <http://vigilante-running.org> or contact Jeff Thomas, vice president, Helena Vigilante Runners Club, 443-6120.

79 Shodair Soccer Classic Kids Clinic

The Soccer Classic Kids Clinic is hosted by players in the Soccer Classic. The clinic is July 24 from 10 a.m.–noon at Carroll College Nelson Stadium. The clinic is free and open to ages 5-12. Each participant will receive a T-shirt. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Close to 300 kids will take part in the clinic. For more information call 444-7548.

80 Relay for Life

An all-night walk/run to benefit the American Cancer Society begins at 6 p.m. Friday, June 26, and ends at midnight Saturday, June 27, at Carroll College Nelson Stadium. Relay for Life includes a survivor celebration, beginning with a survivor dinner Friday at 5 p.m. The opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. on Friday will include a survivor lap, and around 10 p.m. there will be a luminary ceremony honoring survivors. For more information contact Bitty Balducci at bitty.balducci@cancer.org or 728-1004. To register go to www.helenarelayforlife.com.

81 August Road Race — Montana's Second Oldest Footrace

In the summer of 1965, a small group of seven or eight high school kids paid a 50 cent entry fee to compete in the first annual "City Cross Country Meet." The event was organized by Helena High Cross Country Coach Bill Gilbert and took place at the "Lamborn Hill Course." While some things have changed — the location is on Country Club Avenue at Head Lane, the entry fee is an exorbitant \$5, and the event now goes by the moniker "August Road Race - Montana's



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YORK 38 SPECIAL

By Lacey Middlestead
For the Independent Record

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Burgers, beer and bike riding. Could there be a more perfect combo on a hot August day?

Every summer, bicyclists converge on a dusty dirt road just behind the renowned York Bark for a scenic mountain bike ride through the Belt Mountains that tests their will and endurance. This year, the 12th Annual York 38 Special Mountain Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22.

The 38 Special was started in 2004 by a member of the York community as a fundraiser for the York Volunteer Fire Department. According to Rita Naylor, coordinator for the 38 Special, about 50 riders showed up that first year to strap on their helmets and brave the course. Since then, the ride has only grown in popularity and participants. In 2013, there was a total of 256 riders!

While it is called the 38 Special, the event actually consists of 3 different rides. There is the namesake 38 Special, which is 38 miles long. There is the Spirit of 76 for those riders who didn't have enough fun on their first go-round and choose to ride the 38-mile loop twice. And there is also the

Lucky 13 ride, which is 13 miles long and is geared toward youth and families.

The main 38 Special course is a grueling ride to say the least. The first eight miles include a steady two-mile climb up York Hill, a slight drop into Soup Creek, then a strenuous climb again to Eldorado Heights. This is followed by a downhill reprieve into Nelson. A long, gradual incline picks up in Nelson and works its way past Refrigerator Canyon and onto the switchbacks that lead up to Hogback Mountain to Indian

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Flats — the highest point of the ride. From that point, it's all downhill. The route descends on gravel roads until it hits a three-mile stretch of single track along trout creek. The single track follows the side of the hill before dropping riders into the Vigilante Campground. From there, they head back to York on the gravel road.

The ride typically takes about four hours but has been completed as quickly as one hour and 40 minutes and as long as six hours. Upon completing the ride, participants can refuel themselves on a famous York burger and beverage, which is included in the registration fee.

The ride's logo is a mountain goat riding a bicycle and is featured on the jerseys each participant receives. Upon finishing the grueling ride, many of the riders no doubt associate with the determined and fearless nature of the goats. But the riders aren't the only committed ones at the ride each year. There are upwards of 20 volunteers from the York community that staff six different aid stations along the ride. The stations offer EMS services, mechanical assistance, water and Gatorade and even homemade baked goods.

"The more volunteers we have, the better the ride," said Naylor.

Last year's ride, to the dismay of many, brought with it rain, wind, and chilly temperatures. Despite this, riders and volunteers alike still showed up.

"I was totally humbled by last year's ride," said Naylor. "All of the volunteers still showed up. We all froze together."

Fingers are crossed that this year's ride will be accompanied by sunshine and mild temperatures. Whether you think you and your bike are up for the challenge or are interested in volunteering, it's an event outdoor enthusiasts won't want to miss. Register for this year's ride at york38special.org. Proceeds benefit the York Volunteer Fire Department.



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83 40th Annual Mount Helena Run
 Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m., start the 40th Annual Mount Helena Run on historic Last Chance Gulch in downtown Helena. This 5.6-mile course starts on historic Last Chance Gulch in downtown Helena. It quickly changes from urban running to mountain trail running in Mt. Helena City Park. The course takes runners to the top of Mt. Helena, 1,300 feet above the starting line, and offers outstanding views of the city of Helena, Prickly Pear Valley, and Elkhorn and Belt Mountains. The course then descends back to the finish area on Last Chance Gulch. For more information on the race or the Helena Vigilante Runners Club, please visit <http://vigilanterunning.org> or contact Jeff Thomas, Vice President, Helena Vigilante Runners Club, 443-6120.



84 Great Divide Mucker
 The 2nd Annual Great Divide Mucker, organized by Big Sky Organic Racing and Events in Missoula, is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, and benefits Intermountain. The three-mile course at the ski resort forces participants to navigate obstacles including rope climbs, hurdles and slippery slopes with one common thread: mud.

Participants will set off in waves every 20 minutes. The first wave will be a competitive heat with first, second and third places awarded. Other waves won't be timed. Silly costumes are encouraged and some common-seen favorites are pink leotards, superhero capes and wedding dresses. Registration now through June 20 is \$50 per person and \$60 after that. Kids 17 and under cost \$10. Don't leave the kids behind because a Mighty Mucker course designed for those ages 6 through 12 offers water features, hurdles and enough mud to cover them from head to toe. The cost is \$10 per child for the kids' race and is scheduled to follow the adult one.

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teering is a way to get involved while staying clean. Every completed volunteer shift is worth \$25 for Intermountain, a 100-year-old Helena nonprofit agency that provides outpatient therapy, psychiatric, psychological and school-based services to children and families using a holistic, relationship-based approach. For more information visit montanamucker.com.

85 NAMI Walk

The Montana chapter of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) is a grassroots organization offering support and training for persons with mental illness and their families. Each fall, a group of dedicated volunteers and staff hold the NAMI Walk to generate the resources and awareness that allow NAMI Montana to complete its critical mission of supporting, educating and advocating for Montanans with severe mental illnesses and their families. NAMI Montana will hold its 12th Annual NAMI Walk in Helena at Memorial Park on Sept. 20. The program begins at 12:30 p.m., but come early to register, listen to music and enjoy the activities. Call 443-7871 for more information, or visit www.namimt.org.

86 Last Chance Community Pow-Wow

The Last Chance Community Pow-Wow will host its 17th annual celebration at the exhibit hall at the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds exhibit hall Sept. 25-27. The Last Chance Community Pow-Wow is held at the beginning of Native American Week in September. The Pow-Wow is a spiritual celebration to join together in dancing, singing, visiting old friends and making new friends. For more information, call 439-5631 or visit <http://lastchancepowwow.com>.

87 Family Fun Fest

The free Family Fun Fest will be held Saturday, Aug. 8 in the Great Northern Town Center in Helena. This free event promoting youth health and fitness will begin with a one-mile fun run starting at Centennial Park near the YMCA. Local athletes and team mascots are expected to run with

the participants. A health and wellness fair will follow with ambulance and fire truck tours, free health screenings, educational booths, fun activities and refreshments. The first three youths to cross the finish line will receive prizes. All youth runners will get a Family Fun Fest T-shirt. Parents/guardians of young children are welcome to run or walk with their child. The major sponsors for The Family Fun Fest are St. Peter's Hospital and PacificSource Health Plans. For more information, call 444-2128.

88 Summer Slam 3-on-3

The annual Summer Slam 3-on-3 basketball tournament will take place Saturday, July 18, on the blacktop at the YMCA parking lot. The tournament is open to players of all ages and abilities, with 3-4 players per team. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.

The youth divisions are for girls and boys entering third through eighth grades. High school and adult divisions each host female, male and co-ed. Youth and high school divisions: \$80 per team; adult divisions: \$100 per team. All participants receive a player T-shirt, and champions shirts will be awarded in all divisions. Live on location will be music, rock climbing wall and more. Visit helenaymca.org/summer-slam or call 442-9622 for more event details.

89 Montana WILD

Montana WILD Education Center, a part of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, is located at 2668 Broadwater Ave. The exhibit hall is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Montana WILD will also have many summer events on select Saturdays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, including youth archery, bat walks, live animal programs, and much more. For more information call 444-9944 or visit the Montana WILD website and calendar at <http://fwp.mt.gov/education/montanaWild>.



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90 Outdoor Festival

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and several other local organizations will provide a free youth Outdoor Festival at Montana WILD and Spring Meadow Lake State Park. The Helena Outdoors Festival is an opportunity for youth and families to participate in a variety of hands-on, outdoor recreation activities, including rafting, kayaking, fishing, archery, target shooting, and many more. The free event is set for 5-8 p.m. on July 30. Participants can access the event at the Montana Wild Education Center at 2668 Broadwater Ave. or Spring Meadow Lake State Park access off of Country Club Road.



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91 HEAT (Helena Elementary Area Track) Meet

The Helena Elementary Area Track Meet is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, at 1 p.m. at Vigilante Stadium for boys and girls currently in third through fifth grades.

Events: 100 meters (one straightaway), 200 meters (1/2 lap), 400 meters (1 full lap), long jump and softball throw.

FREE registration: <http://helenaymca.org/sports>

Call Sean Connolly at 465-2033 for more information

92 PPLT Work Days

Join Prickly Pear Land Trust staff and volunteers in giving back to the trails that are such a big part of living in Helena. For trail workdays, meet at the designated area at 5:30 p.m. Tool and gloves will be provided, if you need them. For more information, visit www.pricklyperarlt.org or call 442-0490.

Trail Days

May 18 - Trail Maintenance/rehab work. Meeting Place: Sparta Street Trailhead

June 15 - Work to be determined. Meeting Place: to be determined.

July 6 - Construct new trail connection. Meeting Place: DeFord Trailhead at lower Davis Gulch parking area.

August 3 — Work to be determined. Meeting Place: to be determined.

September 21 — Work to be determined. Meeting Place: to be determined.

**93 PPLT Family events and activities
Hikes and Events**

May 28 — Wildflower Hike. Meet at the main Mt. Helena Trailhead parking lot at 7 p.m. for a moderate walk of less than two miles. Which wildflowers will be out depends on the changeable spring weather. Typically, bitterroot, yellow flowers of the sunflower family from butte marigold to arrowleaf balsamroot show at this time. Bob Person, member of the Prickly Pear Land Trust board, will lead the hike.

June 11 — Kids' Eye Spy Hike. Bring your families to a trail hike just for kids! Walk leaders will help kids find things like different kinds of animals, trees, flowers, weeds, and cactus, among other things. The walk is about one mile. The group will meet at 6 p.m. Location to be determined.

July 9 — Weed Pull and BBQ. The evening will start with a short tutorial on weeds in the area. After pulling weeds for about an hour, enjoy burgers, hot dogs, salads and dessert provided by the Prickly Pear Land Trust Outreach and Education Committee. Meet at the Old Shooting Range Parking Lot (up Davis Gulch) at 6 p.m.

July 25 — Plein Air Landscape Workshop with Carolyn Caldwell. Details to come.

July 30 — Open House celebration at Aspen Trails Fishing Access Site. Details to come.

94 Tizer Gardens Events

June 9 Walk in the garden with Richard & Belva
7 – 9 p.m. Reservations required

June 21 Father's Day (Dads get in free)

June 27 Fairy & Wizard Festival 10 – 4 p.m.
Admission is \$7

July 14 Walk in the garden with Richard & Belva.
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July 19 High Tea. Reservations Required.

July 31 Blue Moon Pajama Party (details to come)

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**95 Archie Bray Foundation Benefit Auction and
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It's time to head south for ... Mardi Gras! For the 19th annual Bray Benefit Auction and Brickyard Bash, we're inviting you to join us for an eccentric and colorful evening Saturday, July 25. Boasting work by more than 80 ceramic artists, the Bray Benefit Auction includes the cup and silent auctions as well as a live auction.

On the evening of the Brickyard Bash, the cup and silent auctions close at 7 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively, and the Live Auction will begin at 7:30 pm with the presentation of the 2015 Meloy-Stevenson Award. Finally, the energy and excitement of the Live Auction boils over into an evening of dancing to the vibrations of the Big Sky Mudflaps and Salsa Loca. Tickets are \$10 in advance, At the door; \$10/members, \$15 nonmembers. Beer and wine will be served no-host during the Bash. Contact rachel@archiebray.org, 443-3502, www.archiebray.org.

96 Clancy Days

The celebration will be Saturday, June 13 on the main streets of Clancy. Visitors will find a gigantic book sale, firewood raffle, puck race and the traditional parade held at noon. In addition, there will be vendors of new and used wares lining the streets. The Friends of the Library will also have a BBQ lunch to feed any appetite starting at 11 a.m. You can also get an early morning treat at the Methodist Church with their coffee and baked goods sale. This even runs all day and will be followed by live music at Chubby's Bar. For more information or to inquire about being a vendor, call Cami Robson at 431-3776.

97 Bird Soirees

Birds & Beasleys offers bird walks every Saturday, May 9-mid September. Meet in front of the store (2 So. Last Chance Gulch) at 7:30 a.m. and enjoy two hours of local bird fun! Locations include Spring Meadow, Fairgrounds Pond, Cement Plant, and Jane Beasley's backyard and other local sites. Reservations are not necessary, but would be appreciated. Call 449-0904 for more information. www.birdsand-beasleys.com.

98 More Broadwater County Golf

Miniature Golf at the Silos KOA Campground located between Townsend & Winston at 81 Silos Road on Canyon Ferry Lake. The Marina themed course consists of 9 holes. Bring your family and friends for some quality time on a fun outing and eat at the Famous Flamingo Grill [open for breakfast, lunch and dinner].

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99 Broadwater County Events and Attractions

Canton Church (St. Joseph's Church) is on the East Side of Canyon Ferry Lake ten miles from Townsend. Open every other Friday from 3-6 p.m. beginning May 30. The 135 - year - old Catholic Church was built at Canton, which is now under Canyon Ferry Lake. The church was moved in 1954 to make way for the lake. Volunteers restored the New England style church over a ten year period beginning in 1997. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Placers in 1999. The building is no longer used for liturgical services, but can be reserved for events, meetings or family reunions. More information and entertainment schedule can be found at canton-church.org.

Fridays at 5 p.m.

June 5 - Richard Baker:

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June 19 - Helena Handbasket with Jim and Terry

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July 10 - Judy Fjell and Beth Youngblood sing and play violin

July 24 - Kelly Flynn gives a dynamic historical lecture

Aug. 7 - Christensen Family Band sing and play guitar

Aug. 21 - Eliel Family Band, Townsend plays gospel, bluegrass and old country favorites

July 11 - Townsend Chamber of Commerce ATV Poker

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July 11 - Broadwater Rod & Gun Club, Walleye Derby.

Broadwater Rod & Gun Club Walleye Derby is a fishing derby for adult/child, male/female or female/female teams, starting and ending at Silos Campground. This is a one-day Walleye Derby on Canyon Ferry Lake, limited to 75 teams with a \$1,000 cash first prize. Cash prizes will be awarded in all categories. It will be a catch-and-release for mat, but one fish per entrant can be kept as a trophy. Contestants may have four people in a boat, but only two fishing. A mandatory pre-tournament rules meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, at the Broadwater Rod & Gun Club indoor shooting range on Canton Lane one mile north east of Townsend. Contact Doug Breker for more information 266-5279, Fax 266-5520, email te@townsendelectric.com

July 11 & 12 - "Shoot for the Cure" Susan G. Koman

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100 Historic Lewis and Clark sites

Crimson Bluffs. Mentioned in Lewis and Clark's Journal, July 24, 1805: "Set out at sunrise, the current very strong; passed a remarkable bluff of a crimson colored earth on Starboard intermixed with stratas of black and brick red slate..."

This striking claret-colored slope that Meriwether Lewis wrote about can still be seen today, exactly as it was over 200 years ago. This is one of the few sites noted in the Journals that remain virtually unchanged. A second site, York Island, named by the explorers for the only black man on the trek, is three miles south of Townsend on Highway 287. Get directions to either site at the Townsend Ranger District at 415 South Front Street in Townsend or on a self-guided auto tour map from the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, 110 Broadway, on Townsend. The map was produced by the Crimson Bluffs Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Foundation.

Missouri River Wildlife Refuge is just north of Townsend and lists 67 kinds of birds, plus antelope, deer, moose, fox, coyote, wild turkey, sand hill cranes and pelicans. It includes a 6.5 - mile hiking trail on the dikes where the Missouri enters Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Missouri River Floats. Both of the Lewis and Clark sites as well as much more can be seen by floating the river. Boats may be put in at the Toston Bridge or at York Island.

101 Canyon Ferry Walleye Festival

The Canyon Ferry Walleye Festival is June 27 and 28, Silos Recreation Area, Sunrise Start 6 a.m. Come early and watch the Sunrise start, then spend the day at the lake, it can't get much better than that. Contact Dennis Hovden at hovdendennis96@msn.com. There is maximum of 150, two-person teams. The entry fee is \$250 per team.

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