

## **Attractions: Big Sky, MT**

### **Yellowstone National Park**

Yellowstone National Park is the world's first National Park, also the largest in the United States. Yellowstone was designated the world's first national park on March 1, 1872, with the area remaining largely in the same natural state as it was more than 123 years ago. Yellowstone contains more than 2.2 million acres of steaming geysers, thundering waterfalls, crystalline lakes, and panoramic vistas. The world's most extensive area of geyser activity, harboring more than 10,000 thermal features. Yellowstone is the greatest wildlife sanctuary in the United States, encompassing 3,472 square miles of wondrous beauty.

### **Glacier National Park**

Glacier National Park was established in 1910. It is a land of mountain ranges carved by prehistoric ice rivers. It features alpine meadows, deep forests, waterfalls, about 50 glistening glaciers and 200 sparkling lakes. The vistas seen from Going-To-The-Sun Road are breathtaking, a photographers paradise. Relatively few miles of road exist in the park's 1,600 square miles of picturesque landscape, thus preserving its primitive and unspoiled beauty enlivened by a spring and summer profusion of wildflowers. Rental cars are available at nearby towns; a shuttle service may be available, call the park for details. Logan Pass normally opens mid-June and closes mid-October. Glacier has more than 700 miles of foot and horse trails. Facilities are open seasonally; the park and portions of Going-to-the-Sun Road are open year-round. In addition to driving or hiking on your own, choose from several tour options.

### **Gallatin River Gallery**

The Gallatin River Gallery exhibits contemporary paintings, sculpture, photography and jewelry from artists around the country. The theme of the work is mostly nature and landscape inspired.

Narrative and personal visions are experienced in a variety of mediums. All pieces are for sale. Art consulting services are available.

### **Big Sky Golf Course**

The Big Sky Golf Course is an 18-hole Arnold Palmer designed scenic challenge. Par 72 with championship yardage of 6800, men's tees 6123 yards and ladies' tees 5391 yards. Winding along the Middle Fork of the Gallatin River, this course sits at the base of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area and offers spectacular views of Lone Mountain and surrounding peaks. The course sits at 6500 feet above sea level.

The pro shop is fully stocked with retail items, equipment rentals and teaching pro. The Bunker Bar and Grill has sandwiches, snacks, and beverages from a full bar. Driving range and practice area. Open to the public. Call for tee times. Tournaments and special events can be arranged with our knowledgeable and friendly staff. Call for a complete listing of this season's scheduled tournaments and events.

### **Big Sky Scenic Lift**

Even when the skis get stored, the bullwheel continues to turn. Big Sky Scenic Lift

provides our summer visitor with a bird's eye view of the surrounding mountains. Beginning at the Big Sky Mountain Village 7,500 feet above sea level, the scenic lift rises 1,525 vertical feet to an elevation of 9,047 feet.

The enclosed, four-passenger cars offer round trip rides or great access for great warm weather outdoor activities. From the bowl area, you can hike, bike, or play disc golf on your way down. Bring your mountain bike along for some high-altitude riding. Get a nice workout by hiking back down to the village on our new self-guided nature trail or tackle the summit of Lone Peak. Or if you prefer, take the scenic lift round-trip for optimum leisure, packing a picnic lunch and riding the gondola back down.

### **Yellowstone Touring Company**

Yellowstone Touring Company specializes in private charter groups. Our private group trips offer 5 options, allowing you to plan your journey with the help of a personal, expert guide. Pickup at your hotel condo in Big Sky or West Yellowstone is included; and all you do is sit back, relax and enjoy your fact filled, narrated tour. Tour vehicles are limited to 13 passengers in order to ensure more personal contact with your guide. Transportation for groups larger than 13 passengers is available. Tours stop at all major points of interest (as well as some of your guides personal favorites), and short hikes are allowed for limbering up. Wheelchair access trails are also available. At mid-day, you can break for a hot lunch, or we can provide a tasty box lunch. These tours are the ideal family experience for experiencing the True West.

Let our experienced local guides help you explore the United States' first and foremost (and the world's finest) National Park. Our tours leave daily from Big Sky, Montana, for a fun-filled day of geysers, wildlife, waterfalls and other splendors that only nature can provide. Sit back and relax while your guide dazzles you with their vast knowledge of the park's history, geology, ecology and current events affecting both it and the surrounding area. These tours will enable you to view all of the most popular attractions that give Yellowstone its true character along with some exciting, seldom visited locations. Our comfortable, air-conditioned tour vehicles offer both a P.A. system and large windows for your unobstructed viewing pleasure.

### **Canyon Adventures**

Canyon Adventures offers snowmobile rental and guide service during the months of December - April, horseback trail rides during the months of May - September and ATV rentals during the months of June - September.

Snowmobile tours are right in the Big Sky area, no need to go to West Yellowstone.

Miles of play areas and breathtaking views. Climb up to 10,000 feet elevation and go where the locals go! Check out our website: [snowmobilemontana.com](http://snowmobilemontana.com)

Horse back rides are one or two hours. We cater to your needs and welcome children, 3 years old and up. Great views of the Gallatin Canyon as you ride in the Porcupine Game Range. Check out our website: [montanacanyonadventures.com](http://montanacanyonadventures.com)

ATV rentals leave from our front door. Trail system takes you up to Buck Creek Ridge. Breathe taking views, climbing up to 10,000 feet elevation.

### **Moonlight Dinner**

A different kind of backcountry adventure! Discover an out-of-the-ordinary dining experience and snowcat ride found nowhere else. Enjoy a delicious dinner, live acoustic music and fun-filled sledding; a unique evening of Montana hospitality! Indulge in baked French onion soup, filet mignon with peppercorn sauce, garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables. Followed by Toblerone chocolate fondue with fresh fruit and pound cake. Vegetarian and salmon substitutions available upon request. Reservations required, limited seating.

Enjoy your dining experience from mid November to mid April. The heated yurt and musician are the making of a rustic atmosphere. The sledding hill has lights and is fun for all ages, and the bonfire is a great place to view all the activities. The star gazing is absolutely amazing!

For reservation call 406-995-3880 or at [www.skimba.com](http://www.skimba.com)

### **Mountain Ayres Adventures**

Mountain Ayres Adventures (M.A.A.) is a Big Sky, Montana based guiding service specializing in outdoor adventure. M.A.A. has created half-day, full-day and multi-day adventures for mountain biking, hiking, backpacking and Yellowstone National Park tours. M.A.A. will customize any adventure to meet your needs and ability level.

Your guide will discuss and demonstrate key techniques for successful outdoor recreation. All guides for Mountain Ayres Adventures are avid outdoor enthusiasts, experienced naturalists and excited to share their knowledge and experiences with you. Reservations are required for all adventures. Mountain Ayres Adventures recommends making reservations for all half and full day adventures 48 hours in advance. However, last minute reservations are welcome. For multi-day adventures M.A.A. recommends making reservations 1 - 2 weeks prior to the adventure.

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