

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY WEBSITE COPY

Do Your Part to Recreate Responsibly

We're committed to keeping Montana's outdoor spaces, communities, residents and visitors safe. As you enjoy all the area has to offer, please join us in following these guidelines for responsible recreation.

Know Before You Go

Before arriving, check the status of the place you'd like to visit. It's good to have a backup plan if your destination is closed or crowded. Consider adjusting the time of day you plan to explore. By arriving early, you may experience shorter lines and reduced crowds for a more enjoyable experience!

[Option to insert additional information as it pertains to your area or destination]

Practice Physical Distancing

Indoors or outdoors, be prepared to encounter others with different social distancing comfort levels. If you can, give other people as much space as possible. On trails, move over to let stock (horses and mules) pass, yield to other hikers and be respectful of other users. If you know you'll be in an area with other people, have a mask at the ready. Keep your group small and if you are sick (have a cough, cold, fever, etc.) or have been in contact with individuals who have been sick, stay home and plan to visit when you're well.

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Plan Ahead

Check our local regulations for the latest safety measures. Facilities might be closed, so consider packing a lunch and bring essentials like extra water, food/snacks, bug spray and a first aid kit. In Montana, both weather and terrain can change quickly. We recommend packing clothing layers to add or remove as weather changes.

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Play It Safe

Have fun, but know your limits. Take it slow and choose lower-risk activities to reduce the strain on search and rescue operations and health care resources. Remember that Montana is home to bears, mountain goats, mountain lions, elk, deer and more. If you plan to spend time outside, be prepared to have an encounter with our abundant wildlife. Give wildlife their space, do not approach them and do not feed them. If you plan to hike, be sure to go with a friend, make noise on the trail (talking or clapping), carry bear spray and know how to use it.

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Explore Locally

Our area is full of local parks, trails and public spaces. Enjoy them while being mindful of your impact on the surrounding communities. Check in with local Chambers or Visitor Information Centers to pick up travel guides and maps, as well as get suggestions for things to do, places to go and insider tips.

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Leave No Trace

Pack your garbage out with you and clean up properly. When recreating on public lands, be sure to take care of them by staying on trails. If you plan to camp while you're here, be sure to do so in an existing campsite or pick a site where vegetation is absent. It's important to respect public lands and waters, as well as Native and local communities.

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Build an Inclusive Outdoors

Do your part to help make our outdoor spaces safe and welcoming for all identities and abilities.

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To learn more about responsible recreation in Montana, go to visitmt.com/montana-matters or recreateresponsibly.org.