



EXPLORE CUSTER COUNTRY

HOME TO THE BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Step into Custer Country and you'll be in the middle of a story about cowboys and Indians, where cowboy culture and Native American lore live on in Montana's High Plains. Largely ranch land and Native American reservation land, southeast Montana's dust rises for real-life cattle drives and rodeos, wild horse stampedes and powwows. It's also home to the perfect Hollywood-Western backdrop: the sheer 1,000- to 2,500-foot plunge into Bighorn Canyon and Pompeys Pillar (complete with William Clark's signature).

To catch a glimpse of Custer Country: start in Billings and work your way, via Hardin, to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. (www.custer.visitmt.com)



DISTANCE: Approximately 89 miles (one way), see enlarged map on page 2.

BILLINGS, MONTANA'S LARGEST CITY, is where your historical and cultural passport to the legendary West begins. It's a central point to the best Western attractions, like Pompeys Pillar—the only remaining physical evidence on the trail of Captain William Clark's return through the Yellowstone Valley, events, hospitality, shopping and cuisine.

(For more info: 406-245-1111, www.visitbillings.com)

WHEN YOU GO:
Pompeys Pillar National Monument (28 miles east of Billings) 406-896-5235 www.pompeyspillar.org

Moss Mansion 914 Division St • 406-256-5100 www.mossmansion.com

MontanaFair (mid-August) 308 6th Ave N • 406-256-2400 www.montanafair.com

EAT:
Walkers American Grill and Tapas Bar 2700 1st Ave N • 406-245-9291 www.walkersgrill.com

The Rex Restaurant 2401 Montana Ave 406-245-7477 www.therexbillings.com

STAY:
Crowne Plaza Billings 27 N 27th St • 406-252-7400 www.crowneplaza.com/billings

Somewhere in Time Bed & Breakfast 266 Hogan Rd • 406-348-2205 www.ourbedandbreakfast.com

CONTINUE EAST TO HARDIN, situated on the banks of the Bighorn River and along the edge of the Crow Indian Reservation. The Bighorn Canyon and Yellowtail Dam allow a majestic view of the water below. South of Hardin is the Little Bighorn Battlefield, where the Northern Plains Indians defeated Custer and the U.S. Army.

(For more info: 406-665-1672, www.hardinmtchamber.com)

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WHEN YOU GO:

Little Bighorn Battlefield
National Monument
406-638-2621
www.nps.gov/libi

Custer's Last Stand
Reenactment (late June)
406-665-3577
www.custerslaststand.org

Crow Fair and Rodeo
(mid-August)
406-638-3719 • 406-665-7120

EAT:

3 Brothers Pizza and
Sandwich Company
316 North Center Avenue
406-665-4246

La Chalupa Mexican Restaurant
1320 N Crawford Ave
406-665-1175

STAY:

Roadway Inn
1324 N Crawford Ave
406-665-1870
www.choicehotels.com

Kendrick House Inn
Bed & Breakfast
206 N Custer Ave
406-665-3035

A TRIP SOUTH TO FORT SMITH,

leads you to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. This is a lesser-known treasure waiting to be discovered. It boasts breathtaking scenery, countless varieties of wildlife and abundant recreational opportunities such as boating, fishing, camping and hiking. The Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center is a perfect starting point for your foray into the canyon.

WHEN YOU GO:

Bighorn Canyon National
Recreational Area
406-666-2412
www.nps.gov/bica

Devils Canyon Overlook
(Bighorn Canyon National
Recreation Area)
406-666-2412
www.nps.gov/bica

Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center
406-666-2412
www.nps.gov/bica

EAT:

Pack up the cooler and enjoy a picnic on or near the water

STAY:

Absaraka Fishing Bear Cabins
27138 S Warman Loop
406-666-2304
www.bighornfishingbearlodge.com

Afterbay Campground
406-666-2412

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For additional highlights and travel ideas in and around Custer Country, go to: VISITMT.COM

