

Great Falls Education

ELEMENTARY & HIGH SCHOOLS

Chief Joseph School
Lewis & Clark School
Lincoln School
Longfellow School
Loy School
Meadow Lark School
Morningside School
Mountain View School
Riverview School
Roosevelt School
Sacajawea School
Sunnyside School
Valley View School
West Elementary School
Whittier School
East Middle School
North Middle School
CM Russell High School
Great Falls High School
Mt School for Deaf & Blind
Mt School for Deaf & Blind
High School

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Holy Spirit Catholic School
Our Lady of Lourdes
School
Foothills Community
School
Treasure State Academy
Great Falls Montessori
Little Flower Montessori
Central Catholic High
School

COLLEGES/ UNIVERSITIES WITH OVER 2000 STUDENTS NEAR GREAT FALLS:

Montana State University -
Bozeman
The University of Montana -
Missoula
Montana State University -
Billings

COLLEGES/ UNIVERSITIES

University of Great Falls
Montana State University -
College of Technology
Dahl's College of
Beauty Inc.
Benefis Healthcare School
of Radiologic Technology
Mountain States
Baptist College
Benefis Healthcare School
of Medical Technology
Park University
Troy University
Embry Riddle University



Great Falls Medical Facilities

Center for Mental Health

The Center for Mental Health (CMH) was established in 1974 to serve the chronically mentally ill of Northcentral Montana. CMH's 13-county service area extends from the Canadian Border to Whitehall, including 300 staff in over 20 facilities. CMH offers an array of services for adults, families, individuals and children.
www.center4mh.org

Benefis Healthcare

Benefis Healthcare is a not-for-profit, community-owned hospital — the largest in Montana. A highly progressive hospital, Benefis has a Level II Trauma and Emergency Center with air ambulances, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Sletten Cancer Institute (SCI). Benefis Healthcare has 2,400 employees who are dedicated to providing the highest level of patient care. Benefis has been recognized nationally as being in the top 5% of hospitals in the country. www.benefis.org

Great Falls Clinic, LLP

The Great Falls Clinic, LLP is a multi-specialty group medical facility emphasizing primary practice care, related secondary level medical specialties, and urgent care. Founded in 1917, the Clinic is the fourth oldest medical clinic west of the Mississippi. Originally based on the vision that quality health care need not be confined to large urban centers, our mission today is focused on becoming Montana's health care provider of choice. www.gfclinic.com

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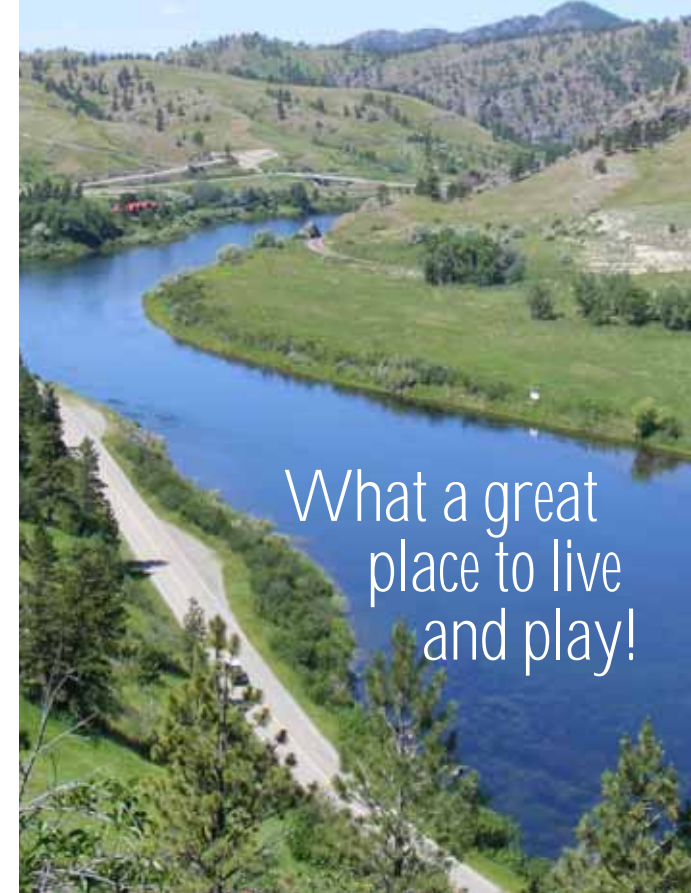
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Great Falls History

In the heart of Montana, Great Falls is surrounded by spectacular natural wonders and scenery. It is nestled between rich, productive farm land only miles away from the majestic Rocky Mountains to the west and Little Belt Mountains to the east.

The city was settled around the Missouri River, one of nature's most magnificent waterways. The Missouri River provides Great Falls with its name: as the Missouri cuts through the city it drops over 500 feet in a series of rapids and five breathtaking waterfalls — the great falls of the Missouri.

The area has a long and rich history, which began with Native American Indians, mainly the Blackfeet. In 1805, the Lewis and Clark expedition arrived.

Lewis and Clark were the first known white explorers to catch sight of the "great falls" of the Missouri River ... they heard the roaring of the falls more than seven miles away. Their expedition took nearly a month to portage around the falls.

That set the stage for the creation of Great Falls. A man named Paris Gibson came west in May of 1882. He made plans for a city, presented them to James Hill, a man of great importance in the railroad industry. Hill gave his financial backing to Gibson, knowing that a city in such an area would make a valuable connection for the railroads.

Great Falls was planned by an extremely practical man. While organizing the town, Gibson made sure the streets were laid out in a precise, arrow-straight pattern, plus he set aside 886 acres for city parks. Gibson believed beauty

was important in a city and personally made sure that elm, ash, and fir trees were planted on every street and boulevard.

Modern culture has grown out of the history of Great Falls, particularly in the life and works of western artist Charles M. Russell, the legendary cowboy who made Great Falls his home. Great Falls invites you to experience the best of both worlds: city excitement or mountain solitude. In the Heart of Montana, you have the freedom to enjoy it all. Return to what America was years ago, fresh and innocent, while steeped in perpetual discovery.



Below: Statue of Charlie Russell in downtown Great Falls



Event Calendar

January

MAGIE - Four Seasons Arena
Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals
Margarita Meltdown - Eagle Mount
Lewis and Clark Film Series
Winter Warm-ups Fall Session
Chocolate Noir

February

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art
Dinner & Art Auction
Annual Chili Cook-Off, Civic Center
S.P.O.R.T. Expo - Four Seasons
Expo Hall
Benefit Dinner Art Auction
Boys & Girls Clubs Mardi Gras
Eagle Mount Dick Dailey
Memorial Cup
The Great Rockies Outdoors Show

March

C.M. Russell Auction of Original Western Art
& Exhibitors Show
Western Art Week
Wine/Food Festival
Great Falls Pow Wow
Made in Montana Marketplace
Western Heritage Artist Association Art Show
Manitou Gallery Auction & Show
Native American Art Show
Jay Contway and Friends Art Show
Lewis & Clark Through Artists Eyes
Home & Garden Show & Sale
Black Tie & Blue Jeans

April

Gun & Antique Show
Ice Breaker Road Race
Homebuilders Home Show
Annual Children's Activity Fair
Museum Sunday Sampler
Circle of Friends Mt. Shop Hop
YWCA Salute to Women Banquet
Fur Ball

May

MayFaire
Special Olympics Summer Games
Cruisin' The Drag
Spring Thing Arts & Crafts Show
GF Bike Club Belt Creek Road Race
Interpretation at Rainbow Falls
Sport-AutoRama

June

Montana Traditional Jazz Festival
Spring Fling Hoop Thing
Taste of Great Falls
Lewis & Clark Festival
Municipal Band Concerts
York's True Freedom
Interpretation at the Great Falls of the Missouri & Black Eagle Falls
Summer Evening Series
Lewis & Clark Festival
Sunday Children's Programs
Farmers Market
Alive @ 5
Montana Cup Boat Race



July

Montana State Fair
Fourth of July Parade
Bluegrass on the Bay
Riverfest
Luminaria Walk
Shakespeare in the Park
Live Horse Racing
Garden Walk
Farmers Market

August

Montana State Fair
Community Artists Day
Picnic for MAFB & ANG
Farmers Market

September

Cottonwood Festival
Gun and Antique Show
Rankin Run - YMCA
Lewis and Clark Honor Guard
River's Edge Trail - Blues & Brews
The Big One Arts & Crafts Show
Snow Equipment Rodeo
Can-Am Antique Show With Toys & Dolls
Farmers Market

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October

Art of Wine
Holiday Antique Show
What Women Want Expo

November

Holiday Arts & Crafts
3 Rivers Spur & Spin Rodeo
Star Party

December

Parade of Lights
Downtown Christmas Stroll
Polar Bear Plunge
Missouri River Dance Co. - Nutcracker
Humane Society Santa Paws Photos

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music spectaculars, musicals, stage productions, travelogues, conventions and lectures. The theater is also the home for the Great Falls Symphony and the Great Falls Community Concert Associations.

Visit the Events Office (and calendar of events) on-line at the City of Great Falls' website www.ci.great-falls.mt.us and click on activities.

Great Falls Symphony Association — From the sounds of the West to the big city sophisticated sounds, Great Falls has it all. The Civic Center, located in the heart of downtown, is home to the full-sized Great Falls Symphony Orchestra, the Great Falls Symphonic Choir and Youth Orchestra. A year-round schedule of local concerts, national touring theatre company performances, ballets and international stars of country, rock and bluegrass, take the stage in Great Falls. www.gfsymphony.org

Annual Festivals — Something every month of the year including:

- The Montana State Fair
- The C. M. Russell Art Auction
- The Lewis and Clark Festival
- The Traditional Jazz Festival
- Fourth of July and St. Patrick's Parades
- Blues and Brews
- Holiday Parade of Lights
- Great Falls RiverFest

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Entertainment. Right. Here.

In Great Falls you can immerse yourself in arts, entertainment, charming boutiques, hotels, restaurants, shopping centers, and everything else you'll need for a wonderful vacation escape. Following is a sampling of area entertainment.

- *Art Exhibits*
- *Carmike 10 Cinemas*
- *Center Stage - community theatre Concerts, Plays, & Performances*
- *Local Brew Pubs*
- *Electric City Speedway*
- *Films*
- *Great Falls Community Concert Association*
- *Great Falls Historic Trolley*
- *Great Falls Symphonic Choir & Symphony Orchestra*
- *Great Falls White Sox*
- *Great Falls Gladiators*

Historical Attractions

The history of the Old West truly comes alive in Great Falls. From the Plains Indian tribes who first made this area their home, to the explorers, cowboys, homesteaders, and cattle barons who followed, they've all left their mark on this place.

- **Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail & Interpretive Center**
- **Ulm Pishkun State Park**
- **History Museum**
- **Great Falls Original Town Site**



Right: Ulm Pishkun

Below: Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center



Outdoor Recreation - A Natural Wonderland

When you visit Great Falls and the Heart of Montana, you are only minutes away from the country's best outdoor experiences.



Hunting

The mountains and prairies of northcentral Montana are prime habitat for elk, mule and whitetail deer, and antelope. Upland

game birds and waterfowl are also plentiful throughout the region. For more information visit www.fwp.mt.gov/hunting

Fishing

Anglers have great opportunities as well, including fly fishing and bait fishing. Trout of all varieties are the mainstay, but you can also land yourself a walleye, bass and pike just to name a few. We don't stop when the snow flies either — ice fishing is a favorite pastime in winter.



The Great Falls of the Missouri

“The grandest sight I had ever beheld,” so wrote Meriwether Lewis on June 13, 1805, as he got his first look at the Great Falls of the Missouri. There are actually 4 visible sets of falls around the city: Black Eagle, Rainbow, Crooked and the Great Falls, each with a beauty all its own.

The Missouri River

Head for the river where you can catch hard-fighting rainbow and brown trout, water ski, swim, enjoy a scenic canoe trip or go white-water rafting or kayaking.



The River's Edge Trail

Whether biking, skating, jogging or walking is your favorite outdoor activity, River's Edge Trail is the perfect setting. The 30 mile trail wanders through the City of Great Falls area, connecting parks and other points of interest along the Missouri River. www.thetrail.org



Downhill and Cross-Country Skiing

Kings Hill Recreation Area is a winter lover's paradise — uncrowded slopes, fresh powder, Olympic-class cross country skiing, snowmobile trails and unbelievable downhill skiing and snowboarding are only an hour away.

Golf Great Falls

The City of Great Falls boasts two premier 18 hole golf courses. They are very different courses, offering the novice and the seasoned golfer variety and challenge. There is a new, accredited 18-hole course near the city that offers both regular and charter memberships. Great Falls also has an 18 hole semi-private golf course. Out-of-town golfers can play the private country club course with a club member

Giant Springs Heritage State Park

This is one of the world's largest fresh-water springs, discharging 400 million gallons of water a day. This area has also been designated a Watchable Wildlife Site so look for raccoons, beaver, pelicans, bald eagles, deer and more.



Arts - Sample Our Cultural Side

Great Falls is where the Old West meets the New West and nowhere is that more evident than in its variety of art, music and celebrations. From black tie to cowboy boots, Mozart to Russell, Great Falls is brimming with arts and artists, offering a lively mix of cultural events. Whether you prefer a symphony or a vintage Saber jet, you'll find it here!

C.M. Russell Museum Complex — The works of Charlie Russell, celebrated as “America's Cowboy Artist.” Fine portrayals in oil, watercolors, bronzes and sketches offer first-hand accounts of Montana life at the turn of the century. The Museum Complex houses the most complete collection of Russell's work, along with his studio and home. Every March Great Falls becomes the “Western Art Capital of the World” during the C.M. Russell Art Auction. www.cm russell.org

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art — Dedicated in 1896 as Great Falls' first high school, The Square is now home to Great Falls' premier cultural center. The region's creative spirit is nurtured through dynamic exhibitions, classes, lectures, tours and performances. www.the-square.org



Children's Museum of Montana — Full of innovative, hands-on activities and interactive exhibits, the Children's Museum of Montana offers the most fun per square foot (parents are welcome too). www.childrensmuseumofmt.org

Galerie Trinitas & Chapel houses a collection of art by Sister Mary Morin Trinitas, head of the Art Department at the then College of Great Falls from 1933 to 1965. Her work includes stained-glass windows in the Chapel and a collection depicting her versatility in various mediums. The Galerie also sponsors art shows featuring area artists and students during the year.



For a glimpse of a more modern part of the area's history, head to the ***Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum***, where you will find an extensive selection of refurbished aircraft and missiles on loan from the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB; military displays and dioramas are part of the permanent display.

The Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts. Built in the 1930s, the plush Mansfield Theater showcases its historic elegance through intricate architecture and acoustics that are unrivaled in the state. The intimate 1,785-seat venue features concerts, ballet, grand opera, road shows, country and rock