



THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO FALL LIVING IN

Montana





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MONTANA'S GOLDEN SEASON

As summer gracefully gives way to fall, Bozeman and the surrounding Gallatin Valley transform into a masterpiece of color and calm. Set against the striking backdrop of the Bridger, Gallatin, and Madison mountain ranges, autumn here is more than just a season; it's a perfect pause, a quiet celebration of Montana's natural beauty.

The days remain comfortably mild, often stretching well into October, allowing the vibrant foliage to linger. Cottonwoods and aspens burst into brilliant shades of gold, and crimson, while the cooler air carries the subtle scent of woodsmoke and earth. With just a bit of luck, the first frost holds off, extending this vibrant window, and giving locals and visitors alike extra time to enjoy the outdoors.

Fall in Bozeman offers a rare balance. The energy of a thriving, growing town pairs with the peacefulness that settles in once the summer tourist rush has faded. Trails that were once busy in July are now open and quiet, inviting you to hike, bike, or simply roam in near solitude. Popular spots like Hyalite Canyon, the M Trail, and the Gallatin River become even more captivating when framed by autumn colors and crisp mountain air.

The town itself mirrors this seasonal charm. Downtown remains lively yet relaxed, with boutique shops, cozy coffee houses, and a culinary scene that continues to evolve. From farm-to-table restaurants to craft breweries and distilleries, fall is the perfect time to experience the best of what this micropolitan hub has to offer, all without the long wait times or crowded reservations of peak season.

As Bozeman continues to grow, it manages to retain its authentic Montana roots. The town's western heritage is still very much alive, seamlessly blending with a progressive energy fueled by Montana State University, local entrepreneurs, and a growing arts and culture scene.

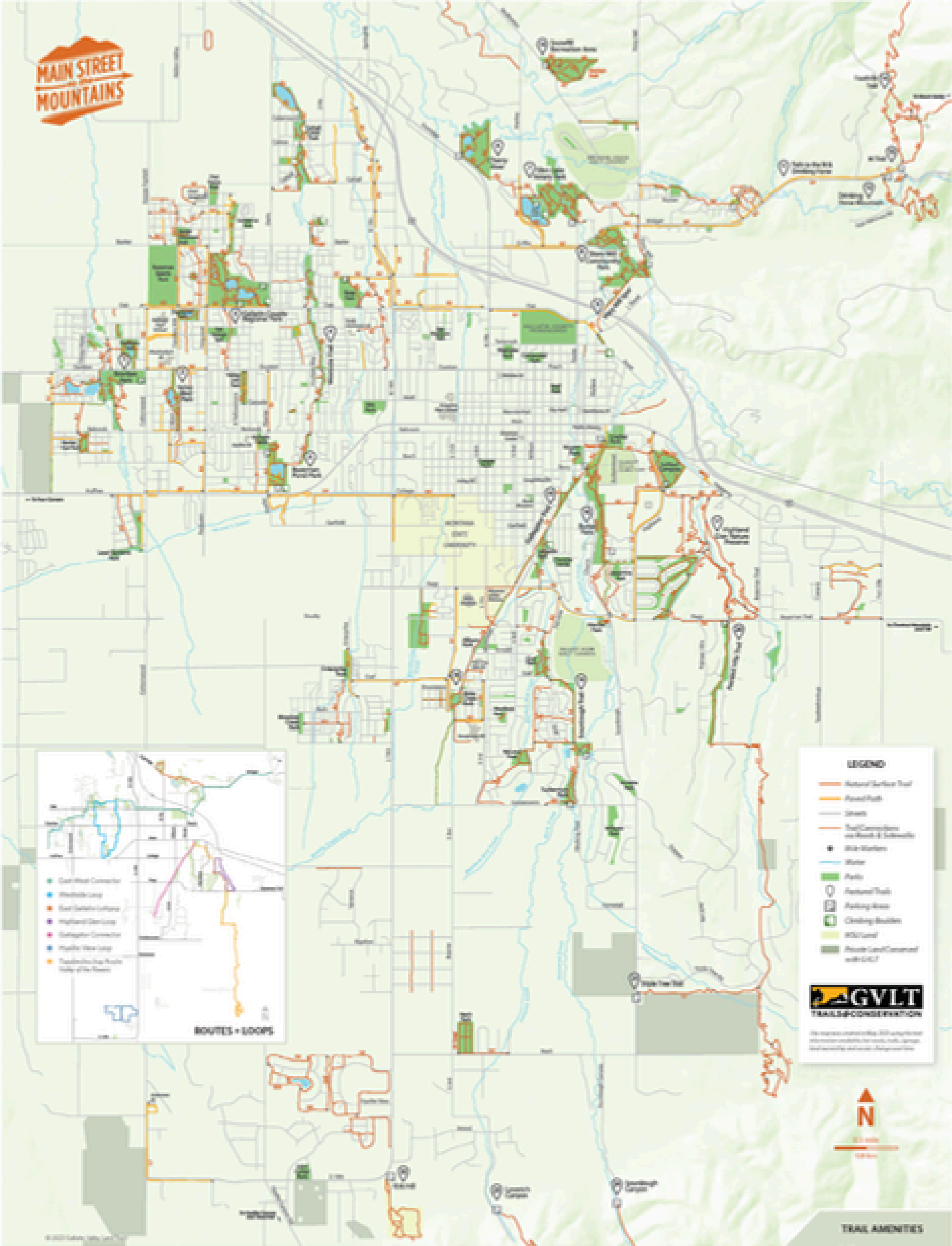
Whether you're here for a weekend getaway or simply savoring the daily rhythm of life in the valley, autumn in Bozeman offers a slower, richer kind of beauty that lingers long after the leaves have fallen.



TAKE A HIKE



Gallatin County is renowned for its awe-inspiring hikes, but it is during the fall season that a distinct beauty unfolds. As the days grow shorter and cooler, the once lush green trees transform into a breathtaking palette of fiery yellows, blazing oranges, and glistening golds.



LEGEND

- Natural Surface Trail
- Paved Path
- Stream
- Trail Connections on Road & Subways
- Star Station
- Water
- Park
- Recreation Trail
- Parking Area
- Climbing Boulder
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TRAIL AMENITIES

- Trail Map Image
- Difficulty
- Restroom
- Off-road Dog Area
- Water Feature
- Scenic View
- Mountain Biking
- Playground
- Shedding
- Seasonal V. Trail

FEATURED TRAILS

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MAIN STREET TO THE MOUNTAINS TRAIL SYSTEMS

Bozeman's Main Street to the Mountains trail system is an expanding network of more than 80 miles, linking downtown with the surrounding foothills and the Bridger Mountains.

A cornerstone of Bozeman's outdoor lifestyle, the trails welcome walkers, runners, cyclists, birdwatchers, and commuters alike. With routes ranging from gentle, flat paths to challenging climbs, the system offers something for every skill level.

Whether you're out for a morning jog, a scenic bike ride, or a weekend adventure, these trails make it easy to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

Developed and maintained by the Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLT), in partnership with the City of Bozeman and other local organizations, this trail system continues to grow, connecting people, neighborhoods, and nature.



HIKING JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN

1 Pioneer Falls

A sensational scenic drive makes for a great start to the trailhead, and if you're fortunate, you may catch a glimpse of a wandering bison or a meandering antelope as you make your way to the trailhead. Pioneer Falls trail is a 7.5 mile loop which gets increasingly harder just before you reach the falls. If you like photography, be sure to bring your camera as the falls will not disappoint!

2 Sypes Canyon

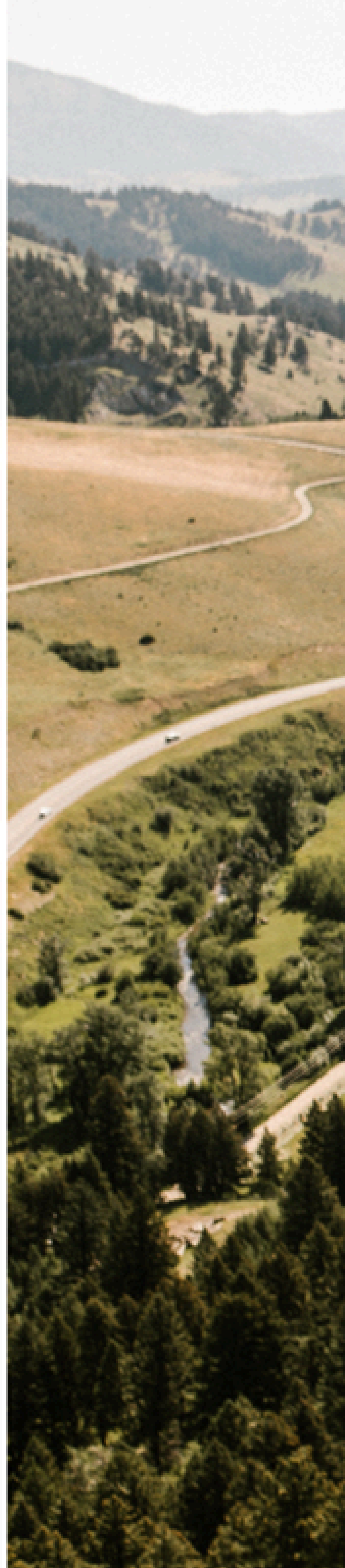
Located on the North side of Bozeman, this is a pretty quick hike and perfect for the afternoon! Trailhead access is located through the Springhill neighborhood at the base of the Bridger Mountains. Quickly increase your heart rate as you hike up switchbacks which lead you to a jaw dropping overlook at roughly 2.8 miles. If you are feeling up to it, you can continue up the trail and connect to Truman Gulch, Middle Cottonwood, or The M trail. Overall a 5.6 mile loop is just minutes out of town with great views.

3 Triple Tree Trail

Located on the south side of town, this local favorite offers stunning views of the Gallatin Valley at the end of its 2.25-mile trek. The trail begins at a moderate pace, weaving through dense forest and alongside a rushing creek before ascending a series of switchbacks up the hillside.

4 Sacajawea Peak

Starting at Fairy Lake, this 4 mile hike gains roughly 2,000 feet and is a perfect trail if you are looking for a challenge. The views will satisfy your soul and you will feel so accomplished by the time you reach the top. Mountain goats are often seen on this hike, so be cautious and aware of your surroundings, but be sure to enjoy the sights of the wildlife you see.





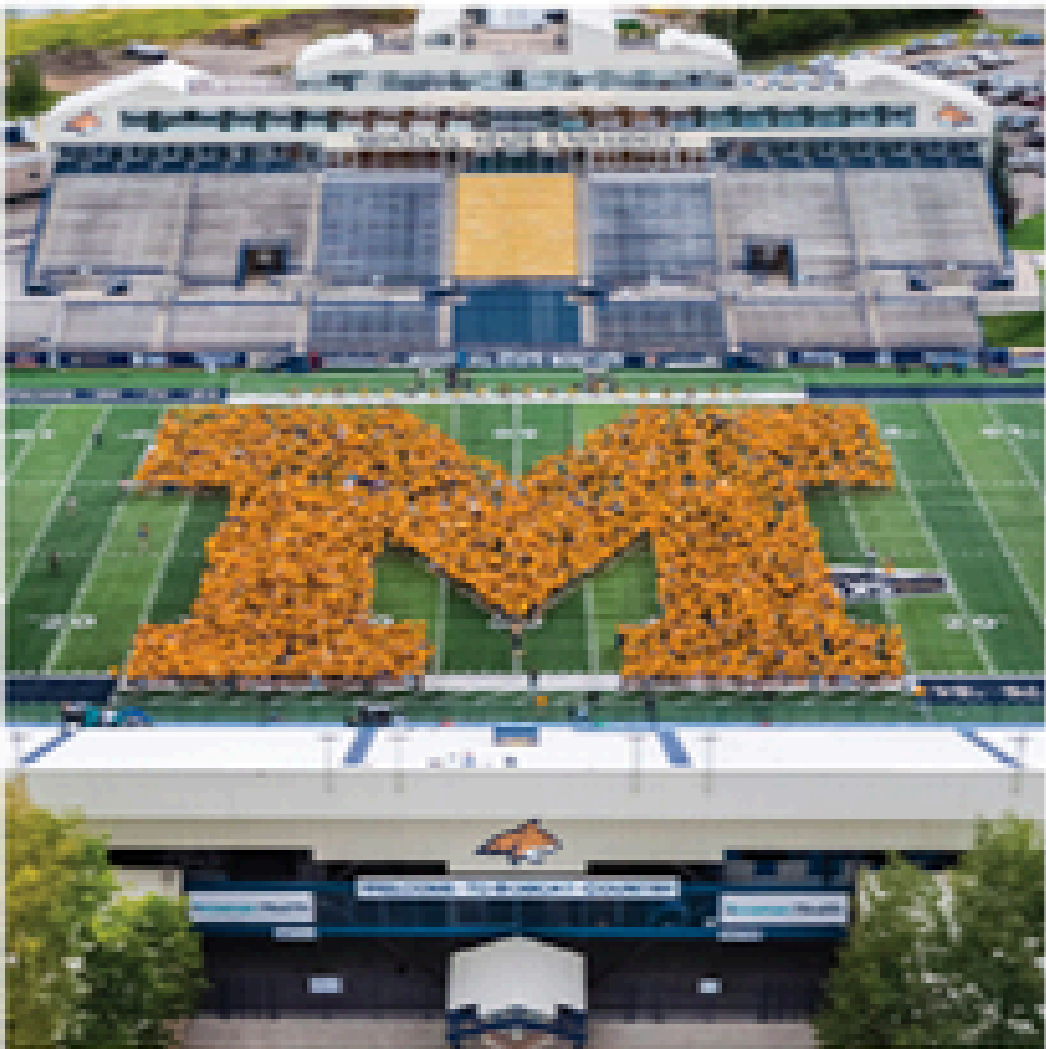
SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION

This fall, Bozeman becomes the epicenter of collegiate energy and community pride. The campus hums with welcoming events for incoming students through orientation week and lively academic momentum.

Meanwhile, Bobcat football reclaims the spotlight with a packed home schedule, themed game days, and the legendary rivalry game, inviting fans to rally behind the team in true blue and gold spirit.









A BIT OF SWEET AND SPOOKY THIS SEASON

Halloween in the Gallatin Valley brings spooky fun and festive charm to Montana's fall season. From trick-or-treating and haunted houses to cozy Oktoberfest festivals and corn mazes, there's something for everyone to enjoy amid the crisp autumn air and mountain backdrop.



THE BEST MAZES AND FARMS AROUND

Rocky Creek Farm/Gallatin Valley Botanical **34297 Frontage Road, Bozeman**

The Fall Festival at Rocky Creek has been a Bozeman tradition for over 30 years! Every weekend from late September through Halloween, the farm is packed with festivities, hay rides to the pumpkin patch, apple picking, cider pressing, and more. The farm stand will be stocked with seasonal produce, carving pumpkins, decorative gourds, dried flowers, ornamental grasses, apple cider, and more.

Montana Corn Maze **4605 W Cameron Bridge Road, Manhattan**

In 2010, Montana Corn Maze created its first maze on 0.8 acres, shaped like a sun setting over Montana's mountains. The maze expanded to 2.5 acres in 2011, 4.5 acres in 2018, and now covers over 6 acres since 2021.

It's crafted by planting corn in a grid, with paths marked and cut when the corn is about 6 inches tall. Clues for three challenge levels are hidden among the stalks. Ready for the challenge?

Bozeman Maze **340 E Valley Center Road, Bozeman**

The Bozeman Maze has created countless mazes over the past 21 years and uses more than 5,000 hay bales to create the most epic designs! "Our mission is to put smiles on the face of both children and adults! We do this by creating a fresh new outdoor event every year that provides a challenge, a place to relax and enjoy the views, and a place to experience the joy of meeting other like minded people".

Edgewater Farms Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch **8410 US-287, Townsend**

Corn maze, tractor rides, pumpkin picking; does it get any more classic than that? You're not going to want to miss it. Make your way out to Townsend for the full fall experience.

TRICK-OR-TREATING HOTSPOTS

Downtown Trick-or-Treating

Let the kids enjoy safe trick-or-treating at over 150 businesses downtown. This is a free, fun, and safe event with helpers at the crosswalks. Get the kids dressed up in their costumes and head to Downtown Bozeman!

“Mall”oween

Enjoy an indoor (WARM) trick-or-treating experience at the Gallatin Valley Mall!

Middle Creek Parklands

For a fun and family-friendly Halloween experience, consider trick-or-treating in the Gallatin Gateway or Norris Road areas. Both locations are known for having a lot of houses, making them ideal spots for kids to fill their candy bags. With a welcoming community spirit, these neighborhoods offer a safe and enjoyable environment for families to celebrate Halloween together.

Northstar

For an unforgettable Halloween, head to a neighborhood with well-maintained sidewalks, where friendly neighbors go all out with great decorations.

South 3rd Ave

Experience the magic of Halloween in a safe downtown neighborhood, where the charm of Downtown Bozeman meets the excitement of trick-or-treating. With sidewalks and a friendly atmosphere, it's the perfect place for families to enjoy a night of festive fun while exploring the heart of Bozeman.

Cooper Park

For a quieter trick-or-treating experience, head to a charming downtown neighborhood where the streets are calm, but the Halloween spirit is alive.



EXPLORING MONTANA'S FORGOTTEN TOWNS



Montana's ghost towns are more than mere relics; they are time capsules tucked into the state's wide valleys and forested hills, each whispering tales of gold rushes, silver booms, and the people who dared to dream big in the untamed West. From weather-worn saloons to skeletal mine shafts, these towns offer a hauntingly vivid window into a defining era of American history.

GHOSTS OF THE GOLDRUSH

Shaped by a tumultuous past of fortune-seeking miners, ruthless Copper Kings, and resilient frontier communities, the state's ghost towns echo with more than just history. Many say they hold onto the spirits of their past, with tales of lingering souls, mysterious noises, and inexplicable happenings passed down through generations. For thrill seekers, ghost hunters, and history enthusiasts alike, Montana's haunted sites offer more than just a glimpse into the past, they provide an immersive adventure into the unknown.

Southwest Montana, in particular, is steeped in mining lore. Booming settlements sprang up overnight, built on the promise of gold, silver, and copper, only to collapse just as quickly when the resources ran dry. These towns, once thriving with saloons, hotels, and general stores, now stand as ghostly monuments to the boom-and-bust cycles that shaped the region. Their weathered walls and creaking floorboards tell stories of ambition, hardship, and sometimes, the unexplained.

Bannack State Park, founded in 1862 and briefly the territorial capital, once teemed with over 10,000 hopeful miners. The town's nearly 60 surviving structures, hotels, a church, jail, assay office,

stand preserved in its state-park incarnation. Visitors walk dusty boardwalks, step into log-cabin storefronts, and relive moments dramatized during "Bannack Days." The hotel, church, jail, and old cabins form a ghostly tableau of America's gold-rush origins.

In the shoulder-distant hills of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest lies Coolidge, Montana's final silver boom. Built with modern amenities of its day like electricity, telephone, schools, vanished almost overnight after a devastating silver price collapse and dam failure. Today, hikers may encounter concrete foundations, collapsing walls, and rusting metal which is an eerie marker of hope undone by economics.

Near Boulder and Basin, Comet once boasted 22 saloons and a bustling ore mill until its abandonment in the early 20th century. Now, a solitary residence stands on private land, encircled by dilapidated mill structures and ore hoppers. It's a solitary monument to the silver and mining culture that once pulsed here.

Perched in the Garnet Mountains, Garnet is one of Montana's most lovingly preserved ghost towns. Established in the 1890s, it once hosted 1,000 residents with saloons, hotels, and stores.



Today, the Bureau of Land Management maintains over 30 cabins in “arrested decay,” granting visitors a poignant glimpse into day-to-day life. Garnet draws less frequented sites like Farlin, a copper-boom town with a lone schoolhouse, and the Glendale/Canyon Creek kiln district, which supported four settlements including Glendale, Lion City, and Hecla, which mark smaller yet equally profound chapters in Montana’s mining saga. Glendale once even hosted a brewery and general store while serving the Lion Mountain miners.

Finally, Granite Ghost Town State Park, just east of Philipsburg, is a remnant of Montana’s silver story. Once home to over 3,000 people with union halls, saloons, churches, a hospital, and a library, Granite dwindled after the repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act. Today, visitors can explore the superintendent’s house and union hall ruins along quiet trails.





LOCAL FARM-TO-FORK FARE

Nothing says fall quite like a cozy, farm-to-table meal shared with friends. From roasted root vegetables to hearty stews served on rustic ceramics, seasonal flavors come alive in the most comforting way, straight from field to fork.



SAVORING THE SEASON

As autumn sets in, the Gallatin Valley's culinary community grows even more vibrant with local farms and eateries embracing the season's bounty. Cozy harvest dinners take center stage, offering warm, unforgettable experiences around town.

1 **Cowboy Brunch at Bodhi Farms**

Every Sunday in October, Bodhi Farms hosts their beloved Cowboy Brunch, set in a heated tipi or creekside pavilion. Guests can dig into hearty wild-game and vegetable plates, sip on local brews and house-made sodas, and enjoy live Americana-blues music by local artists.

2 **Blackbird Kitchen**

Located in a charming historic bank building downtown, Blackbird Kitchen has been a staple since 2009. Their vegetable-and wood-fired oven-forward menu rotates with the seasons. Think pumpkin squash ravioli, house-made pasta, creamy burrata, and roasted lamb.

3 **Little Star Diner**

Just around the corner, Little Star is a farm-direct labor of love from owners Charley Graham and Lauren Reich; he grows much of what they serve on nearby land. Their menu evolves daily, showcasing vegetables, eggs, grains, trout, and more, often sourced from local farms like Terra Greens, Black Dog, Trout Culture, and Amaltheia Dairy.

4 **Revelry Kitchen + Bar**

A relatively newer addition to Bozeman's dining landscape, Revelry blends comfort and creativity. Featuring hearty grain bowls, seasonal salads, wood-fired flatbreads, and a curated selection of local beers and wines, Revelry's menu has something for everyone.

5 **Pompey's Grill in Three Forks**

Located in the historic Sacajawea Hotel, this upscale yet approachable steakhouse focuses on Montana-raised beef and seasonal vegetables. With a focus on quality cuts and regional wines, Pompey's Grill offers a warm nod to Montana's culinary roots with a touch of luxury.

6 **Campione Roman Kitchen**

A stylish yet rustic restaurant in downtown Livingston, Campione serves Italian-inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients. The menu features handmade pastas, local meats, and creative seasonal specials, all with a Montana twist.







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Gil's Goods

Next door to the famed Murray Bar in Livingston, Gil's is an all-day café and bakery that celebrates local farmers and purveyors. From wood-fired pizzas and inventive salads to freshly baked bread, everything on the menu is rooted in sustainability and seasonal eating.

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Copper Whiskey Bar & Grill

Tucked beneath Main Street's bustle, Copper Whiskey Bar & Grill offers an upscale-casual retreat where whiskey takes center stage alongside hearty, crowd-pleasing fare. The dimly lit space features long bars, intimate lounge areas, and a private whiskey room stocked with over 70 varieties of whiskey and bourbon, many rare and Montana-sourced.

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Ted's Montana Grill

Ted's Montana Grill in downtown Bozeman offers hearty, regionally inspired meals centered around sustainably raised, National Bison Association-certified bison. Co-founded by Ted Turner, the restaurant champions eco-conscious practices. Set beneath the historic Baxter Hotel, it's a go-to spot for scratch-made comfort food, warm hospitality, and one of the best bison



COZY + CAFFINATED

Nestled between the Bridger and Gallatin mountain ranges, boasts a lively coffee scene that reflects both its outdoorsy roots and a deep dedication to quality, community, and craftsmanship. Here's a snapshot of some standout local cafés worth visiting.

1 **Wild Joe's Coffee Spot**

Wild Joe's Coffee Spot in Downtown Bozeman blends historic charm with a lively, welcoming atmosphere. Known for its locally roasted coffee, teas, and house-made fare, it's a favorite for students, professionals, and artists alike. With live music, local art, and plenty of seating, it's more than just a coffee shop, it's a community hub.

2 **Treeline Coffee Roasters**

Treeline Coffee Roasters is a women-owned, award-winning café and roastery in Bozeman, celebrated for its small-batch, ethically sourced, single-origin beans. With locations at The Lark Hotel and their Wallace Avenue roastery, Treeline offers expertly crafted espresso, pour-overs, and locally made snacks. Known for quality and community, it's a favorite among locals and outdoor adventurers alike.

3 **Zocalo Coffee House**

Zocalo Coffee House in downtown Bozeman offers a hip and inviting atmosphere with exposed brick walls, local art, and cozy indoor seating. Beyond exceptional fair-trade, single-origin espresso and teas, it doubles as a tap bar; perfect for a morning caffeine boost or an evening local brew.

4 **Ghost Town Coffee Roasters**

Ghost Town Coffee Roasters is a locally founded Bozeman favorite known for its sustainably sourced, small-batch roasted beans and strong community focus. With multiple stylish locations, they offer expertly crafted espresso drinks, single-origin pours, and house-baked goods in a modern, welcoming setting perfect for both work and relaxation.

5 **Steep Mountain Teahouse**

Steep Mountain Teahouse is Bozeman's premier destination for tea lovers, offering a warm and inviting atmosphere with plenty of natural light and comfy seating. As a 100% locally owned spot, it features an extensive selection of 80+ loose-leaf teas, available hot, iced, or in latte format. Steep also offers natural bubble teas, chai, and herbal blends.





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