

Pintler Veterans' Memorial Scenic Highway

Montana in 60 Miles



5 Days/4 Nights

Gateway City: Butte, Montana



It's a microcosm of Montana in little more than 60 miles. It gets you off the interstate and onto a scenic road. Even though it takes a bit more time to drive than I-90, the Pintler Veterans' Memorial Scenic Byway features all the elements of authentic Montana in one beautiful drive. Skirting the Flint Creek Mountain range – referred to as the towering Pintlers - the drive showcases peaks rising over 10,000 feet, which like so many Montana mountain ranges, made mining a major industry in the region. Spanning 3,700 acres at an elevation of 6,425 feet, the beauty of Georgetown Lake parallels the Pintler Veterans' Memorial Scenic Highway for miles. Encircled by three mountain ranges, in some places, with remnants of abandoned mining operations and ghost towns hidden in the timbered ridges. Next up, the gorgeous Flint Creek Valley with vast open fields, barbed wire fences, old barns and ranch houses. When you reach Philipsburg, even though it was formed around an ore smelter and the surrounding hills still show the scars of mountains that have produced vast deposits of silver, manganese, sapphires, and to a lesser extent gold, the town is truly western with colorfully painted historic buildings. Drummond on the other hand, is a cow town, hanging on to its ranching traditions and lifestyle.



Touring the Byway

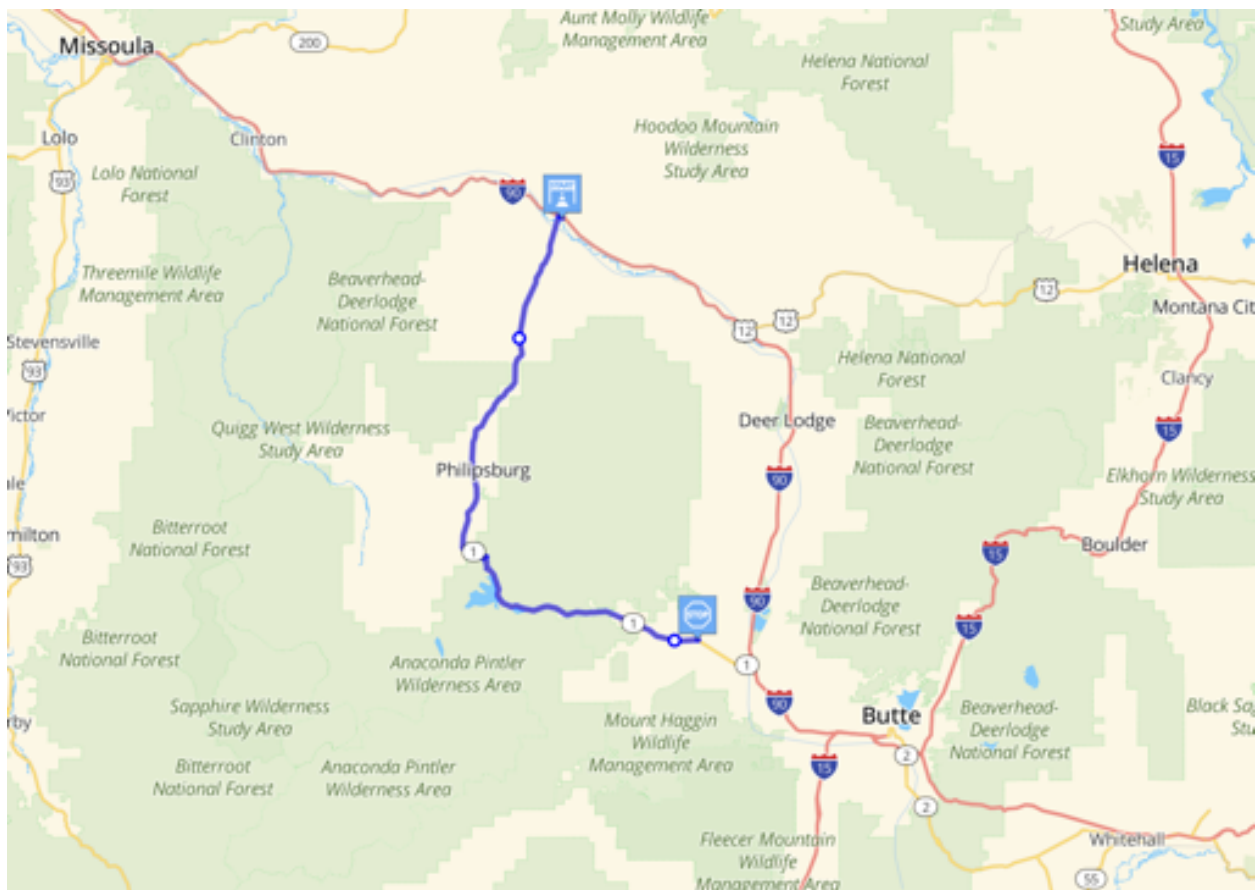
We recommend starting your journey in Butte, which was the center of mining at the turn of the century. Take the Trolley Tour to introduce yourself to the city before visiting the Carle Gallery, the World Museum of Mining with original historic buildings, and the Clark Chateau Museum and Gallery, while staying at the Copper King Mansion.

On Day Two, it's on to Anaconda, founded by another Copper King, where a gigantic smokestack announces its presence 25 miles away. Here, you can take a bus tour past historic sites, explore the Copper Village Museum and Arts Center, and Smoke Stack State Park before an overnight at the Hickory House Inn.

On Day Three, you'll be paralleling the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness and traveling along Georgetown Lake. Once the road leaves the lake it heads downhill alongside an extremely steep canyon where Flint Creek heads toward the open valley. Next up, historic Philipsburg where the entire downtown is a National Historic District. Nearby, you can explore the Ghost Town at Granite Town Ghost Town State Park, the Granite County Museum and Cultural Center, the Gem Mountain Showroom,

and if you're so inclined, take a stagecoach ride on the Gilmer and Salisbury Stage Line.

On Day Four, it's on to Drummond, heading north through about 26 miles of gorgeous ranch and farm land, to explore the Ohrmann Museum and Gallery and the New Chicago Schoolhouse Museum before heading to the Garnet Back Country Byway, a 12 mile route to the Garnet Ghost Town and Coloma. And then it's on to Missoula to take the Downtown Historic and Art walking tour and visit the Montana Natural History Center, the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, before taking the Riverfront Walking Trail. From there, we wish you safe passage if you're traveling another Montana Scenic Drive, or a safe and pleasant journey home.



DAY ONE



Butte

Butte was once the largest city in Montana, and for a time, the largest between Chicago and San Francisco. It began as a mining camp for gold and silver until the massive demand for copper began in the 1890s. By the 1900s, copper mining was consolidated among the three Copper Kings: William A. Clark, Marcus Daly, and F. Augustus Heinze. A combination of their operations resulted in the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. Workers from all over the globe came to mine, creating a unique city with a hardscrabble place where anything was possible. The cultures of many ethnic groups can still be found in Butte, primarily in food like Cornish pasties, Slavic povitica, and Scandinavian lefse.

Butte Trolley Tour

Experience Butte on a 2-hour trolley tour offered by the Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce. Local experts who narrate the city's rich and colorful history take you through the the National Historic Landmark District, home to Copper King Mansion, Dumas Brothel, World Museum of Mining, Berkeley Pit Viewing Stand, Mai Wah Museum, Clark Chateau, Montana Tech, and much, much more.

1000 George Street, Butte, MT 59701, 800-735-6814, Daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day, Adults \$20.

Carle Gallery

The Carle Gallery is a tribute to John Carle whose murals and paintings depict Butte's historic buildings and people. In order to support local artists, the gallery has expanded to include the work of regional artists.

226 West Broadway Street, Butte, MT 59701, 406-723-3361, M, F, and Sat, 9AM-5PM, Tu, W, and Th, 9AM-7PM



Clark Chateau Museum and Gallery

Built for the oldest son of the Copper King, Clark Chateau, features exhibits that span the history of Butte, its Copper Kings, opera singers, music schools, Senators, Fez Clubs and more, in addition to information about the influential families who lived in the residence over the years.

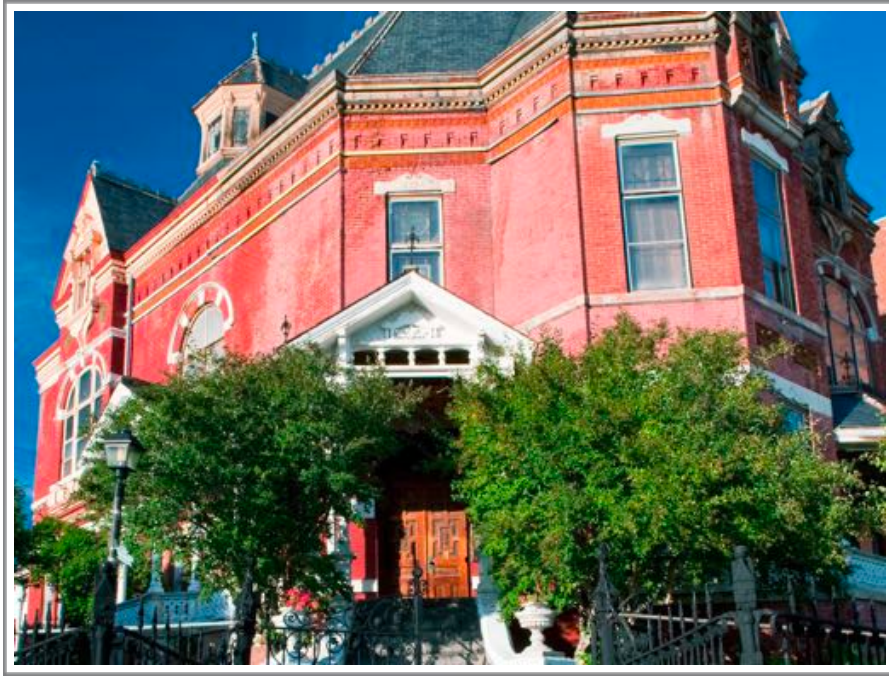
321 West Broadway Street, Butte, MT 59701 406-565-5600, Th-Sun, Noon-4PM, Adults \$7



World Museum of Mining

The World Museum of Mining lets you experience a mining camp once known as Hell Roarin' Gulch. Over 50 exhibit buildings, countless artifacts, and 66 exhibits in the mine yard reveal the story of the Gulch and the Orphan Girl Mine. As you tour underground, you can almost see the blackened faces and hear the exhausted sighs of the miners who toiled each day.

155 Museum Way, Butte, MT 59701, 406-723-7211, Daily April 1-Oct 30, 9:30AM-5:30PM, Adults \$9, Underground Mine Tour, Adults \$21



Destination Distinctive Accommodations

Copper King Mansion 219 West Granite Street, Butte, MT, 59701, 406-782-7580 Before checking into your accommodations, be sure to take a tour of the Copper Kings Mansion, which reveals the history of the 34-room Romanesque Revival Victorian residence. After law school, William Clark grubstaked a gold mine in Colorado before heading to Bannock in southern Montana to stake a claim. He decided he was better at helping miners manage their claims than being a miner, and bought a team to haul supplies to mining camps, recorded claims for miners, and made loans, which generated an income of \$17 million a month. In addition to serving as a US Senator, Clark owned newspapers, mines, sugar plantations, and oil wells, as well as the Clark Wire Company in New Jersey, and the Henry Bonnard Bronze Company in New York. He even financed the railroad through Montana and established a ranch in Nevada to help miners and railroad workers recover in the dry desert climate. To better negotiate when collecting European art, he learned French and German. A wing was added to the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, DC to house his collection.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Uptown Café 47 East Broadway Street, Butte, MT 59701, 406-723-4735 White-tablecloth restaurant serving Continental cuisine at dinner and more relaxed fare for lunch.

Casagrande's Steakhouse 801 Utah Avenue, Butte, MT 59701, 406-723-4141 Varied fare, from steak to pasta to sushi, plus beer and wine, served in a warehouse built in 1900.

Destination Distinctive Retail

Butte Silver Bow Arts Foundation 113 Hamilton Street, Butte, MT 59701, 406-479-4979

Butte Copper Company 2125 Harrison Avenue, Butte, MT 59701, 406-494-2070

DAY TWO

Anaconda

Humbled by the towering Pintlers, Anaconda was established in 1883 by Marcus Daly, one of the three Montana "Copper Kings." During the boom years, hundreds of billions of dollars of copper ore was smelted for to be copper wires installed all over the world. When smelting operations were suspended nearly 100 years later, "The Stack" was turned into a state park.

The Anaconda Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center

Housed in a turn-of-the-century railroad station, stop here to take a Historic Bus Tour, that introduces you to the many historic buildings from early smelting days. 306 East Park Avenue, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-2400, M-F, 10AM-5PM, Adults \$10

Copper Village Museum & Arts Center

The Arts Center is housed in the 1898 Deer Lodge County Courthouse, a three-story structure with a central stone rotunda, adorned with frescoes, resting on steel and a magnificent switchback staircase. Historic exhibits are coupled with arts exhibits and archives.

401 East Commercial Avenue, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-2422 Tu-F
10AM-4PM





Smoke Stack State Park

At 585 feet, the 1919 Anaconda Copper Company smelter stack is one of the tallest free-standing brick structures in the world. Since the smelter closed in 1980, it has become a symbol of the challenges that face communities dependent on finite resources. Only viewed from a distance, interpretive signs tell the story. 100 Smelter Road, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-287-354, Open daylight hours



Destination Distinctive Accommodations

Hickory House Inn 218 East Park Street, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-5481

The Hickory House, formerly St. Paul's Rectory, was constructed in 1902 next to St. Paul's Church. It is convenient to everything in Anaconda.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Barclay II Supper Club 1300 East Commercial Avenue, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-5541 American choices, plus awesome steaks.

Donivan's 211 East Park Avenue, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-6241 American pub.

Destination Distinctive Retail

Black Dog Antiques 1200 E Park Ave 406-563-0478: Open 7 days a week, 11AM-5PM, An Antique mall featuring selections from 30+ dealers, including antiques, glassware, collectibles, furniture, Butte/Anaconda mining and railroad items, jewelry, vintage items and more.

DAY THREE

Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness

Covering nearly 250 square miles and close to 160,000 acres, the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness runs for 40 miles along the Continental Divide. West Goat Peak is the tallest at 10,793 feet.



Georgetown Lake

Created by the damming of North Flint Creek in 1885, Georgetown Lake spans 3,700 acres with an average depth of only 16 feet, at an elevation of 6,425 feet above sea level. As time passes, natural phenomena in the lake results in ever cleaner water.

Philipsburg

Philipsburg became a thriving Old West mining town when high grade gold and silver was discovered here in the 1860s. Though most of the population vanished overnight during the Great Silver Crash of 1893, Philipsburg has slowly reemerged. It's remarkable history, now a "living presence" for the 800 people who live here, made the town a national finalist for the "Prettiest Painted Places In America."



Granite Town Ghost Town State Park

Steep, winding roads lead to remnants of this once thriving 1890s silver boomtown with the richest silver mine on the earth that might never have been discovered. The miner's backers thought the venture was hopeless and ordered it closed. The message was delayed while the miners worked on the last blast on the last shift, that uncovered a bonanza that ultimately yielded \$40,000,000. When word came to shut the mine down in the silver panic of 1893, granite had already been discovered the year before.

347 Granite Road, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-287-3541, Daylight hours only \$8 per vehicle

Granite County Museum and Cultural Center

Located in the former Courtney Hotel, this museum features historical exhibits including photos, clothing, and other belongings of former residents of Granite County. Be sure to see the mural downstairs that illustrates a mining community, complete with an assay office, a bank with a coin collection found beneath a miner's cabin, and a reconstructed miner's cabin.

135 South Sansome Street, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-560-1799, Daily Noon-4PM, Adults \$5

Gilmer & Salisbury Stage Line Rides

Relax and enjoy a 45 minute, three mile narrated tour in a historic Henderson built Mudwagon stagecoach.

135 Broadway Street, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 602-710-4229, weather permitting, 10AM-5PM



Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine and Showroom

Gem Mountain, which has produced over 180 million carats of sapphires over 120 years, has rendered the impressive collection of sapphires, amethysts, fossils, quartz, and Gem Mountain gravel on display. Take a side trip to the mine where the staff provides everything needed to find one of Montana's blue treasures.

201 West Broadway, Philipsburg MT 59858, 406-859-4367 Daily 9AM-5PM

Mine: 21 Sapphire Gulch Lane at mile marker 38.4 of Montana Highway 38, Skalkaho Pass Road, between Hamilton and Philipsburg, Open seasonally W-Sat, reservation required.



Destination Distinctive Accommodations

Broadway Hotel 103 West Broadway Street, Philipsburg MT 59858, 406-859-8000 The Broadway Hotel is your elegant, yet cozy, painted lady accommodations right in the heart of historic Philipsburg.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Brick's Pub 102 West Broadway Street, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-2749

American pub with a variety of food options.

Philipsburg Creamery 119 West Broadway Street, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-596-0843

The best ice cream around.

Destination Distinctive Retail

Back Creek Pottery 147 West Broadway Street, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-212

Sunshign Art 1205 Marshall Creek Road, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-337

Sapphire Gallery 115 East Broadway Street, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-323

The Sweet Palace 109 East Broadway Street, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-335

Montana Gems 204 West Broadway Street, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-6725

DAY FOUR

Drummond

The first ranchers arrived in Drummond in the 1870s, and within a decade, the Northern Pacific Railroad arrived to move cattle to market. The town still gives you a glimpse of the unadorned ranching lifestyle, with the motto “Home of the World-Famous Bullshippers.” While in town, you could see ranchers discussing the weather, hay crops, or calving, or cattle being driven to catch the train to market, or no traffic at all.

Ohrmann Museum and Gallery

This gallery showcases the paintings of rancher and artist Bill Ohrmann who expressed a no holds barred view of man's inhumanity to nature, to each other, and to the creatures with which we share this planet. Alternating with scenes of mayhem and dire predictions are hopeful, inspiring scenes of how it was or how it should be. Life-sized welded steel sculptures of elk, buffalo, bear, and a woolly mammoth, plus bronzes, woodcarvings and clay sculptures compliment the paintings.

6155 Highway 1, Drummond, MT 59832, 406-288-3319

New Chicago

Once a thriving community located on Flint Creek at the junction of Mullan Road and the road to Phillipsburg, New Chicago once had two hotels, two stores, two saloons, a flour mill, a telegraph station, several stables, a stage station, and a Wells Fargo office. A double murder, a hotel fire and a nearby railway line dashed hopes for the community, which slowly ceased to exist. It can easily be seen from Interstate 90.

New Chicago Schoolhouse Museum

The 1874 New Chicago Schoolhouse was moved from the now ghost town New Chicago to Drummond to features the story of Emma Davis Wilson, a pioneer teacher who homesteaded with her husband and two sons in the area in 1874. A quilt depicts the history of the Drummond area and other exhibits tell more of the story.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Parker's Restaurant 32 East Front Street, Drummond, MT 59832 Enjoy a variety of burgers and other American food choices.



Garnet Back Country Byway

Over one hundred years ago, Garnet was home to more than 1,000 gold miners and their families, working hard to carve out a community in the heart of the mountains. There was a school and crime was low. Liquor flowed freely in the town's many saloons, serving tired, dirty men moving tons of rock. Today, this preserved 1890s gold-mining town is home to compact log cabins with period furnishings. Pay dirt from the Top-O-Deep is available for purchase at the Visitor Center and there are water troughs and pans, if you'd like to pan for gold.

Coloma

Coloma is reached from Garnet Range Road, via Bear Gulch Road and Centennial Road, and was once known as the Mystery Camp. It started as a mining camp in 1865 when prospectors found gold at Bear Gulch and Elk Creek. Within weeks, more than 6,000 people moved into the Garnet Mining District. A larger lode of gold was discovered in 1897, causing the population to burgeon and ore processed in two mills. The Mammoth Mine would ultimately yield about \$200,000 of gold over the next 20 years. The town was all but deserted by 1918.



Missoula

C. P. Higgins and Francis Worden opened a trading post on the Blackfoot River in 1869 that was followed by the arrival of the Mullan Road connecting Fort Benton with Walla Walla, Washington. Fort Missoula was opened in 1877 to protect the growing community. The arrival of the railroad in 1883, along with the Missoula Mercantile Company, made the city a trading center. The University of Montana opened in 1895. Missoula's location within a heavily forested area made logging the mainstay industry until the mid-1970s. Saws could be heard over two miles away on a clear summer night.

Downtown Missoula Historic and Art Walking Tour

Learn more about Missoula, on the downtown walking tour, which has one of the largest collections of buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the country. Locations like the Atlantic Hotel and the Diner Café, with huge historic neon signs, that have long been repurposed, peacefully coexist with the 1910 Missoula County Courthouse and the 1909 Palace Hotel. The downtown partnership has funded over 20 works of public art, that appear along the path.



Destination Distinctive Accommodations

Blue Mountain Bed and Breakfast 6980 Deadman Gulch Road, Missoula, MT 59804, 406-203-3187 The gardens here frame breathtaking views of the Bitterroot River. Elegant breakfasts go along with the Inn's lovely décor. Guest rooms have private baths with jetted tubs, air conditioning and amenities, plus Wifi.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Catalyst Café 111 North Higgins Avenue, Missoula, MT, 59802, 406-542-1337
American cuisine café.

Scotty's Table 131 South Higgins Avenue, Unit P3, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-549-2790 Fine dining in Missoula.

Tamarack Brewing Company 231 Front Street West, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-830-3113
American pub and bar, vegetarian and vegan options.

Destination Distinctive Retail

Missoula Art Galleries

The Artists' Shop 127 North Higgins, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-543-6393
Missoula's premiere co-op fine craft gallery. M-F 10AM-6PM, Sat-Sun 10AM-5PM

Dana Gallery 246 North Higgins Avenue, **Murphy-Jubb Fine Art** 210 North Higgins Avenue, Suite 300, **Radius Gallery** 114 East Main Street and **The Art Hang-up** 839 South Higgins Avenue

Lake Missoula Tea Company 136 East Broadway, Missoula, MT, 59801, 406-926-1038 Teas from around the world, including blends made in small batches.

Hometana 312 North Higgins Avenue, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-224-4166

Ducrey Chocolate Maker 311 East Front Street, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-218-7396

DAY FIVE

Montana Natural History Center

The Montana Natural History Center features displays of the flora and fauna, ecosystems, and geology in the state, including the Montana Ecosystem, The Magic Planet, a Naturalist Forest Station, Glacial Lake Missoula, Explore Fossils, Explore Geology, and the outdoor Nature Adventure Garden.

120 Hickory Street, Suite A, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-327-0405, T-F 9AM-5PM, Sat Noon-4PM, Adults \$4

Montana Museum of Art and Culture

Located on the University of Montana campus, this museum now has 11,000 pieces including work by Rocky Mountain artists, historic European works, plus collections from Southeast Asia, American Impressionists, contemporary Native American artists, ceramics, and public art sites across the campus. European masters include Rembrandt, Delacroix, Boucher, Piranesi, and Daumier, along with 20th century artists, Miro, Toulouse-Lautrec, Chagall, Dali, Picasso, Remington, Merritt Chase, and Andy Warhol.

Across from the Adams Center off East 6th Street. University of Montana Campus. 406-243-2019. Tu-Sat Noon-6PM. Free, donations accepted.

Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

Fort Missoula was established by the US Army in 1877 to protect settlers in the region. Nearly 100 years later, the Historical Museum encompasses 32 acres with over 20 historic structures and a collection of nearly 50,000 artifacts.

3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804, 406-728-3476 M-Sat 10AM-5PM, Sun Noon-5PM

Riverfront Walking Trail

The riverfront walking trail along the Clark Fork River takes you past McCormick Park, the Old Milwaukee Depot, John H. Toole Park, and other scenic and historic treasures in Missoula.