

ADVENTURES IN NATIONAL PARKS



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THIS FULL DAY ITINERARY WILL TAKE YOU TO THE LITTLE BIGHORN NATIONAL MONUMENT, BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY, AND YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. GET READY FOR MONUMENTAL SITES, BREATHTAKING VIEWS, AND AWE-INSPIRING NATURAL WONDERS!

› DAY ONE

Start your day at the **Visit Billings Visitor Information Center** where you can gather information and ask a local any questions you may have.

Open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Drive to **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**. The battle that took place here, also known as Custer's Last Stand, has more books written about it than any other battle in history.

Experience history on the grounds where it took place; where the Sioux and Cheyenne battled Custer and the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry in one of the last efforts to preserve the native way of life. (Standard National Park fees apply)

Immerse yourself in the relaxing surroundings of **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**. The canyon offers a diversified landscape of forest, mountains, upland prairie, deep canyons, broad valleys, high desert, lake and wetlands. Since the creation of the recreation area, people have been able to find tranquil settings to better explore recreation, nature, wildlife, and history.

Extra: Stop at **Chief Plenty Coups State Park** and discover the history of the Apsáalooke people's last traditional tribal chief with an informative visitor's center and a 1/2 mile walk of the grounds. Visit Chief Plenty Coups' home and learn about Native culture, history and legacy.

› DAY TWO

Head back to Billings for the night before you adventure on to the scenic Beartooth Highway. Once you're ready, take a short drive to the beautiful mountain town, Red Lodge.

Extra: Stop in Red Lodge for local shops and great food.

The Beartooth Highway, a National Scenic Byways All-American Road, is a stunning 68 mile highway that is just west of Red Lodge, MT. It has been ranked the #1 Motorcycle Ride in the U.S. by American Motorcycle Association. This is the highest elevation highway in both Montana (10,350 ft.) and Wyoming (10,947 ft.). You will not be disappointed with the breathtaking big sky views of both the Absaroka and Beartooth Mountain ranges, alpine plateaus with countless glacial lakes, forested valleys, waterfalls and wildlife. The Beartooth Highway is open from late May or early June to mid-October; dependent on weather. For more information about park entrances, please visit: www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/entrances.

Enter **Yellowstone National Park**. Established in 1872, Yellowstone National Park is America's first national park. Located in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, it is home to a large variety of wildlife including grizzly bears, wolves, bison, and elk. Preserved within Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful and a collection of the world's most extraordinary geysers and hot springs, and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

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