Welcome to Bozeman

Home of Montana State University, Bozeman nestles against the Rocky Mountains in the heart of the scenic Gallatin Valley in Southwestern Montana.

Population

- 38,700 with an additional 16,440 Montana State University enrollment during the academic year.

One of the most diverse small towns in the Rocky Mountain West, Bozeman's residents are an eclectic mix of ranchers, artists, professors, ski enthusiasts and entrepreneurs drawn here by world-class outdoor recreation, Montana State University and a slice of old fashioned Americana. Bozeman prides itself in offering a small town feel with all the amenities and conveniences of a big city.

Elevation & Summer Weather

- Elevation: 4,800 feet
- Average high summer temperatures: 70s and 80s
- Average low summer temperatures: mid 40s and low 50s
- Annual precipitation: 18.61 inches, one-third of which falls during May and June

Bozeman’s climate reflects its mountain valley location. Summers are pleasant, characterized by warm days, cool nights, and an abundance of sunshine. Bozeman is one of the few areas of the country where the average summer climate is comfortable due to the moderate combined heat and humidity. Most summers have seven or fewer days with temperatures exceeding 90 degrees.

City Attractions

- More than 100 shops, restaurants and coffeehouses lining a beautiful and historic retailing corridor in downtown Bozeman
- Art galleries, opera, symphony and ballet
- Theatre, including Shakespeare in the Parks and the Vigilante Theatre Company
- Sweet Pea Festival (an annual celebration of the arts) and the Gallatin County Fair
- Exceptional museums, including the Gallatin Pioneer Museum, the American Computer Museum, and the world-renowned Museum of the Rockies, featuring one of the finest paleontology collections in North America
- Ten city parks with picnic and playground areas, tennis courts, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, skateboard facilities and a BMX bike park
- Four golf courses in the city and surrounding area

Transportation Services

- Interstate 90
- Streamline Transit Bus Service (servicing Bozeman and Belgrade)
- Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (8 miles northwest of Bozeman; serviced by Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Jet Suite and United airlines)

Summer Outdoor Recreation

- Hiking & backpacking
- Rock climbing
- Mountain biking
- Fly fishing
- River rafting, kayaking & canoeing

- Wildlife viewing
- Photography
- Yellowstone National Park (west entrance 90 miles south of Bozeman)

Considered a winter mecca to skiers throughout the country, Bozeman is also renowned for its summer activities. Surrounded by four mountain ranges, thousands of acres of national forest, and hundreds of miles of blue ribbon trout streams, the area offers endless recreation opportunities.

Awards & Distinctions

- 2016 - No. 4 of the 25 Best Small College Towns, Schools.com
- 2006 - America’s #1 Dreamtown, Bizjournals Publications
- 2003 - Fifth Best College Town (North America), Outside Magazine
- 2001 - All-America City Award (one of 10 communities nationwide), American Civic League

Bozeman has been nationally recognized for its highly educated workforce, small business growth and strong local economy, civic excellence, intellectual and cultural activity, a world-class museum, its spectacular mountain setting and abundant outdoor recreation opportunities, and the overall outstanding quality of life.
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