Red Lodge, Montana to
YELLOWSTONE
via the Beartooth Highway

Welcome to Red Lodge

Whether you're looking for world-class outdoor recreation, a romantic getaway for two, or family-style fun, you'll find it here. Take a walk down Broadway for a look at a town that gracefully balances the old west and the new.

Downtown is an eclectic collection of locally-owned shops staffed by friendly and knowledgeable people, local folks, who'd rather tell you about the skiing conditions and hiking trails than pitch a hard sell.

From upscale clothing boutiques to the western-wear shop that's outfitted local cowboys for decades. A walk downtown takes you past art galleries and antique shops, a bookstore that beckons you to linger and the region's most beloved candy store.

With over twenty dining options, our eateries run the gamut from the family-style to the elegant and sophisticated. Yet at even the most upscale establishment, you'll find a friendly face behind every tray of delectable fare.

After you've dined with us, let your feet take you on a tour of Red Lodge's colorful nightlife; from karaoke to dancing, shooting pool to sipping the froth from the crest of a local microbrew.

Home to music festivals and art shows, traditional cowboy rodeos and motorcycle rallies, Red Lodge offers something for everyone. From whitewater rafting to fly-fishing, alpine and Nordic skiing to sightseeing, you'll find plenty of ways to fill your calendar with 365 days of fresh air and fun.

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  406-446-1601
- Comfort Inn of Red Lodge
  406-446-4469
- Gallagher's Irish Rose Bed & Breakfast
  406-446-0330
- Inn on the Beartooth
  888-222-7686
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- Lazy M Property Mgmt./Red Lodge Reservations
  877-733-5634
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- Red Lodge Inn
  406-446-0530
- Red Lodge Rentals
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Dubbed “the most beautiful roadway in America” by On the Road correspondent Charles Kuralt, the Beartooth Highway climbs to an astounding 10,947 feet above sea level. Since its completion in 1936, the Highway has awed millions of visitors with its astonishing views of one of the most rugged and wild areas in the lower 48 states.

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*RED LODGE*

Elevation 1,225

Nestled against Montana's highest mountain peaks, Red Lodge is a place of extraordinary beauty, world-class outdoor recreation, romantic getaways and family fun. You're sure to find plenty of accommodations, events, entertainment and genuine western style hospitality. [www.redlodge.com](http://www.redlodge.com)

*ROCK CREEK SWITCHBACKS*

Seven miles of switchbacks offer stunning views to the peaks and glaciers of the Beartooths, the sweeping tundra of Hellroaring and Silver Run plateaus and in the canyon below, the tumbling water of upper Rock Creek.

*VISTA POINT REST AREA*

Elevation 5,110

A fully developed rest area, Vista Point provides outstanding views of upper Rock Creek Canyon and interpretive panels explaining the natural history of the area and the story of the Highway's construction, all along a wheelchair-accessible path. Vista Point is twenty-one miles from Red Lodge. Emergency phone available.

*HELLROARING PLATEAU*

Topping 10,000 feet above sea level, Hellroaring Plateau is an awesome wind-swept expanse of alpine tundra, glaciated canyons, and jewel-like lakes. Accessible by a primitive mining road originating from Parkside Campground, Hellroaring Plateau offers fabulous opportunities for hiking, fishing and wildlife-viewing.

*45TH PARALLEL*

As you cross the 45th parallel, keep in mind that you are precisely halfway between the North Pole and the equator.

*BEARTOOTH BASIN*

Elevation 10,730

Established in the mid-1960’s, Beartooth Basin (formerly The Red Lodge International Ski and Snowboard Convocation) is one of North American’s oldest alpine ski training areas. Once a private camp, Beartooth Basin is now open to the public (snow and weather dependent) and staffed with professional ski patrol and lift attendants.

As you pass the skilift, the Absaroka Range breaks over the southwest horizon in a row of jagged violet-blue peaks. [www.beartoothbasin.com](http://www.beartoothbasin.com)

*GARDEN LAKE PULLOUT*

Elevation 5,441

Also the trailhead for the Beartooth Loop Trail, this unmarked pullout provides a beautiful display of the glaciated basin and lakes of the Beartooth Plateau. On early summer days, you might find backcountry skiers testing their skills on the glaciers.

*THE BEAR’S TOOTH*

Names “Na Piet Say,” meaning “the bear’s tooth,” by the Crow Indians, this narrow, pyramidal spire was carved by glaciation and is the namesake of the Beartooth Mountains.

*WEST SUMMIT OVERLOOK*

Elevation 10,947

Experience 360° views of the Beartooth Plateau and surrounding mountain peaks.

*ISLAND LAKE*

Elevation 9,518

A popular boating, fishing and camping destination, this campground offers gorgeous views of Island Lake and the Beartooth Range. Trails originating from the campground lead to other high mountain lakes and into the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

*TOP OF THE WORLD STORE*

Thirty miles from Red Lodge, the Highway reaches its highest point at 10,947 feet. Here you feel like you are truly on top of the world. Indeed, very near the summit, you’ll find the Top of the World Store, offering fuel, food and accommodations to weary travelers.

*BEARTOOTH LAKE*

Elevation 9,901

At the base of Beartooth Butte, this popular campground offers excellent fishing and boating in the waters of Beartooth Lake. Several hiking trails radiate from the campground.

*BEARTOOTH BUTTE*

Elevation 10,374

Band of sandstone give evidence that the Beartooth Butte sat at the bottom of an inland sea hundreds of millions of years ago. The sedimentary deposits that top Beartooth Butte today once covered the entire Beartooth Plateau; thousands of years of glaciation eroded the plateaus until all traces of the sedimentary rocks were removed, except for Beartooth and Clay Butte.

*CLAY BUTTE LOOKOUT*

Elevation 9,811

The three-mile drive to Clay Butte Lookout is unpaved but ready negotiable during summer months. An old fire lookout, Clay Butte offers panoramic vistas of dozens of mountains over 11,000 feet, including Montana’s highest peak, Granite Peak, and the Beartooth Plateau. Open in July and August, the lookout also features interpretive displays of the 1878 “Yellowstone” wildfire.

*PILOT AND INDEX PEAKS OVERLOOK*

Elevation 7,878

Stop here for a fine view of Pilot and Index Peaks, volcanic remnants more than 11,000 feet high. As you take in the peaks, keep in mind that you’re looking at the northeastern edge of the Absaroka Range, an eroded mass of lava, ash, and mudflows that began forming 50 million years ago. With its high vantage point, this pullout also provides panoramic views into the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area and the Clarks Fork Valley.

*LAKE CREEK FALLS*

Elevation 7,229

A 200-yard hike will take you to a footbridge over the cascading water of Lake Creek Falls. Off highway parking is possible.

*CHIEF JOSEPH SCENIC BYWAY*

Named for the last chief of the Nez Percé Indians, the Chief Joseph Highway intersects with the Beartooth Highway near Lake Creek Falls. With interpretive signs telling the tragic tale of the legendary flight of Chief Joseph’s band of Nez Percé, this scenic byway also contains important archaeological sites, evidence of the occupancy of the region by prehistoric Native Americans. The byway offers a remarkable diversity of views, from the rolling ranchland of the Clarks Fork Valley to dramatic red rock mesas and deep gorges. [http://byways.org/explore/byways/216](http://byways.org/explore/byways/216)

*CRAZY CREEK*

Elevation 6,520

Crazy Creek Campground offers picnicking and camping facilities. A pullout on the east side of the road provides access to Crazy Lakes Trail with its impressive views of the tumbling water of Crazy Creek – best viewed in June when area streams reach the height of runoff levels.

*COOKE CITY*

Elevation 7,600

Four miles from the Northeast Entrance of Yellowstone National Park lies the tiny hamlet of Cooke City Founded in the 19th century as a mining camp, today Cooke City primarily serves as a summer resort for tourists in route to or from Yellowstone. In the winter months, the town’s streets fill with snow banks and snowmobiles. [www.cookecitychamber.org](http://www.cookecitychamber.org)