

Red Lodge, Montana to **YELLOWSTONE** via the **Beartooth Highway**

Dubbed “the most beautiful roadway in America” by *On the Road* correspondent Charles Kuralt, the Beartooth

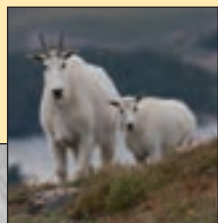
Highway climbs to an astounding **10,947 feet** above sea level. Since its completion in 1936, the Highway has awed millions of visitors with its astonishing views of one of the **most rugged and wild areas** in the lower 48 states.

As it winds its way between the northeast entrance of Yellowstone National Park and Red Lodge, Montana, the Highway traverses an impressive range of ecosystems – from lush lodge pole pine forest to alpine tundra. At the highway’s summit, travelers find themselves in a **sky-high world** of glacial cirques, clear alpine lakes and snow that lingers through the summer months. In late June and July, the fragile tundra blossoms in a lavish display of wildflowers – shooting stars, columbine, and indian paintbrush, to name a few.

With **20 peaks over 12,000 feet** in elevation (including Granite Peak, Montana’s highest at 12,799 feet), the Beartooth Mountains lie within the 943,377 acre Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Grizzly and black bears make their home here, as do elk, deer, moose, bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goats, mountain lions and bobcats. With over **950 alpine lakes** and hundreds of miles of trails, these mountains offer ample **opportunities for recreation** – much of it accessible from the Beartooth Highway.

Plan on at least 2 hours driving time to make the trip between Red Lodge and Yellowstone – more if you really want to experience the beauty of America’s ultimate high-country route – **the Beartooth Highway**.

For more information go to www.beartoothhighway.com



Voted #1 Motorcycling Road in America

by the American Motorcyclist Association



“America’s Most Beautiful 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 plus 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.

For more information go to www.redlodge.com

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Alpine Lodge	406-446-2213 www.alpineredlodge.com
Beartooth Hideaway Inn & Cabins	406-446-2288 www.beartoothhideaway.com
Chateau Rouge	406-446-1601 www.chateaurouge.com
Comfort Inn of Red Lodge	406-446-4469 www.choicehotels.com/hotel/MT010
Lupine Inn	406-446-1321 www.lupineinn.com
Pollard Hotel	406-446-0001 www.thepollard.com
Red Lodge Inn	406-446-2030 www.theredlodgeinn.com
Yodeler Motel	406-446-1435 www.yodelermotel.com
Gallagher’s Irish Rose Bed & Breakfast	406-446-0303 www.irishrosehost.com
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A A A Red Lodge Rentals	406-425-2125 www.aaaredlodgerentals.com
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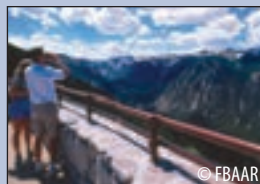


1 RED LODGE

Elevation 5,555 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, eateries, entertainment and genuine western-style hospitality. www.redlodge.com

2 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.



3 VISTA POINT REST AREA

Elevation 9,190 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.

4 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.

5 45TH PARALLEL

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

6 BEARTOOTH BASIN



Elevation 10,737 Established in the mid-1960's, Beartooth Basin (formerly The Red Lodge International Ski and Snowboard Camp) is one of North America'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 ski lift, the Absaroka Range breaks over the southwest horizon in a row of jagged volcanic peaks. www.beartoothbasin.com

7 GARDNER LAKE PULLOUT

Elevation 9,841 Also the trailhead for the Beartooth Loop Trail, this unmarked pullout provides a beautiful display of the glaciated basins and lakes of the Beartooth Plateau. On early summer days, you might find backcountry skiers testing their skills on the glaciers.

8 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.



RED LODGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITORS' CENTER

(406) 446-1718 or 1-888-281-0625
701 North Broadway, intersection of Highways 78 and 212



Amenities: RV station; 24-hour brochure room; state publications, visitor guides, maps; picnic area; public restrooms

OTHER HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Cooke City Chamber of Commerce406-838-2495

US Forest Service, Beartooth Ranger District406-446-2103

Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Office.....406-247-2940

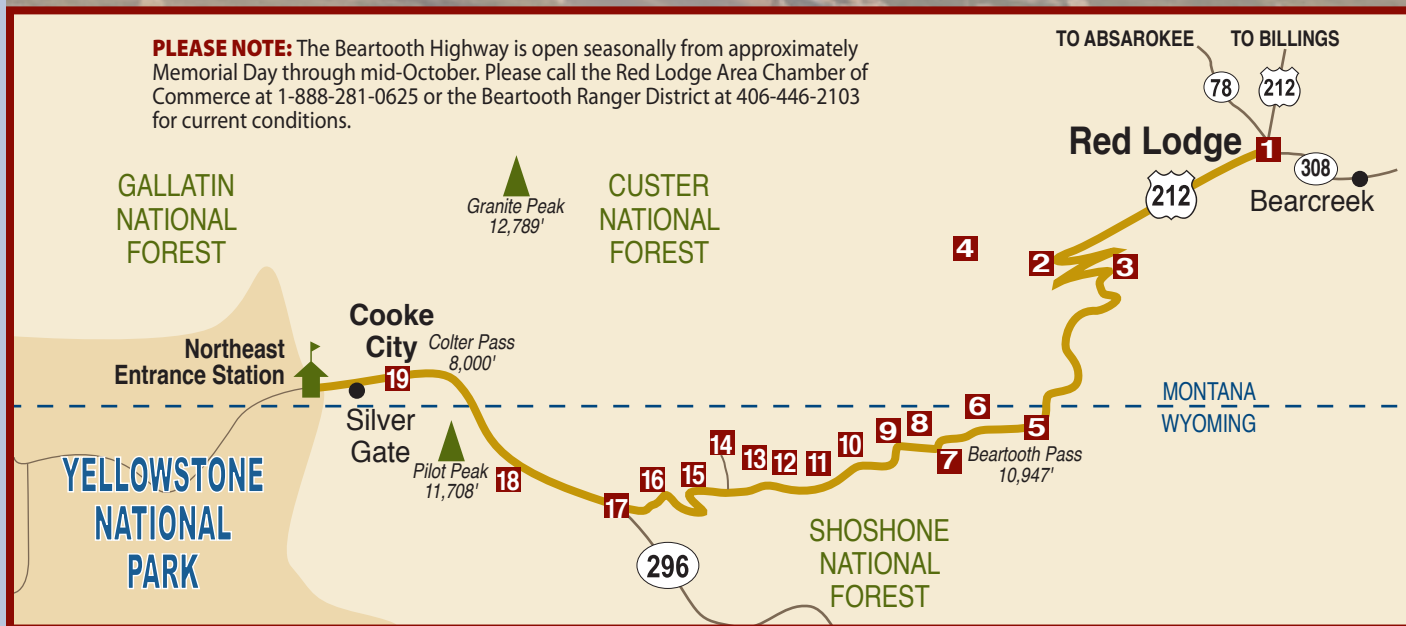
Yellowstone Park Information Line.....306-344-7381



Call toll-free for 24-hour real time travelers' information, including driving conditions, construction information, road closures and delays.



PLEASE NOTE: The Beartooth Highway is open seasonally from approximately Memorial Day through mid-October. Please call the Red Lodge Area Chamber of Commerce at 1-888-281-0625 or the Beartooth Ranger District at 406-446-2103 for current conditions.



9 WEST SUMMIT OVERLOOK

Elevation 10,947 Experience 360° views of the Beartooth Plateau and surrounding mountain peaks.

10 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.

11 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. www.topoftheworldresort.com

12 BEARTOOTH LAKE

Elevation 8,901 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.



13 BEARTOOTH BUTTE

Elevation 10,514 Bands 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 plateau until all traces of the sedimentary rocks were removed, except for Beartooth and Clay Buttes.

14 CLAY BUTTE LOOKOUT

Elevation 9,811 The three-mile drive to Clay Butte Lookout is unpaved but easily 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 interpretative displays of the 1988 "Yellowstone" wildfires.



15 PILOT AND INDEX PEAKS OVERLOOK



Elevation 8,718 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.

16 LAKE CREEK FALLS

Elevation 7,329 A 200-yard hike will take you to a footbridge over the cascading water of Lake Creek Falls. Off-highway parking is available.

17 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/2168>

18 CRAZY CREEK

Elevation 6,920 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 rumbling water of Crazy Creek – best viewed in June when area streams reach the height of runoff levels.

19 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 rest stop 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/