

# Why Visit Billings, MT?

Billings is the entryway to the frontier. As Montana's largest city, Billings connects visitors to the authentic historical west by providing a historic landscape that connects to the natural beauty Montana offers.

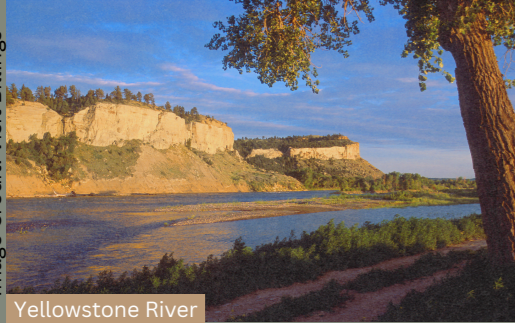


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Yellowstone River

# Make a trip of it!

Montana is home to 8 National Parks and 55 State parks with gorgeous scenery and active wildlife. Consider an extra day or two to visit Yellowstone National Park or take a drive down the BearTooth Highway. Jackson Hole, Mount Rushmore, and Grand Teton National Park sit just a days drive away.



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Beartooth Mountains

# Start your week long iris adventure



- June 2nd**  
AIS Board Meetings
- June 3rd**  
Historical Site Tours
- June 4th**  
Programs  
Welcome Banquet
- June 5th**  
Garden Tours  
Geek Dinner
- June 6th**  
Garden Tours  
Auction
- June 7th**  
Garden Tours  
Awards Banquet

Preliminary Agenda



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**Stunning views and adventure await you on your visit to Montana.**

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# Meet us in Montana

For Iris under the Big Sky

June 2nd-7th 2025



Larry Mayer, Billings Gazette

# Garden Tours

Immerse yourself in the frontier on our optional tour day as we visit two of Montana's most famous historical sites.

Pompeys Pillar is one of the most famous sandstone buttes in America. It bears the only remaining physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

## Historical Site Tours



Pompeys Pillar



Little Big Horn Battlefield

Little Bighorn Battlefield is a National Monument preserving the site of Custer's Last Stand.



Eagle Ridge Iris Gardens

Owned and operated by Delane H. Langton and Jane Tibbs, Eagle Ridge grows close to 7,000 varieties of all classes of iris except PCI. The home garden benefits from many perennial companion plants and dramatic views of the surrounding Emerald Hills at the end of Eagle Ridge Drive. The garden also contains thousands of seedlings as Delane pursues early cold zone rebloomers. You'll also see plenty of rusty garden art and old GMC trucks as Delane is a retired autobody shop owner



The Gardens at Zoo Montana



DanWalt Gardens

Additional local garden tours

Tina and Daughters Iris Garden has been in business 27 years. They began with just 300 varieties and have grown to over 2,500 varieties on an acre of developed gardens. They specialize in tall bearded and historical iris but also grow intermediate, rebloomers, and dwarf iris. Their location, near the Yellowstone River, is home to wildlife like roaming deer, stunning 200 year old cottonwood trees, and surrounded by Russian olive trees.

Tina and Daughters Iris Garden



Cynthia St. Charles Garden

Cynthia has created a densely planted cottage garden focused on companion planting with a staggered lengthy bloom schedule – combining hardy perennials and drought tolerant annuals. No Dig /No Till Lasagna garden construction has been used to build new flower beds directly on top of sod by layering compost over cardboard. All classes of bearded iris are grown with a special interest in Historic, Arilbred and Miniature Tall Bearded.

Muriel's Iris Garden



Muriel's Iris Garden is a small family owned business with 1,000 varieties of primarily tall bearded iris. The garden balances a mix of historical and newer variety iris and an assortment of other flowers and peonies.