



On July 25, 1806, Captain William Clark wrote his name and date into the sandstone formations at Pompeys Pillars.

Seventy years later, on June 25, 1876, Brigadier General George Custer led his ill-fated 7th Cavalry into the Little Bighorn Valley to their date with destiny.

Today you and your family can see where history was made... and enjoy a vacation you'll always remember!

Miles City – 79 miles east of Billings on I-94 is the classic example of a truly Western Town. Located in the heart of ranch country, Miles City literally lives the west 365 days a year. Tourists, cowboys and cowgirls can kick up their heels at a variety of local “watering holes.” The annual Bucking Horse Sale and Rodeo each May attracts some of the best cowboys to test their skills on the meanest of broncs and the “ornierist” Brahma bulls. The Range Riders Museum plus Western art galleries chronicle and portray the life of the cowboy.

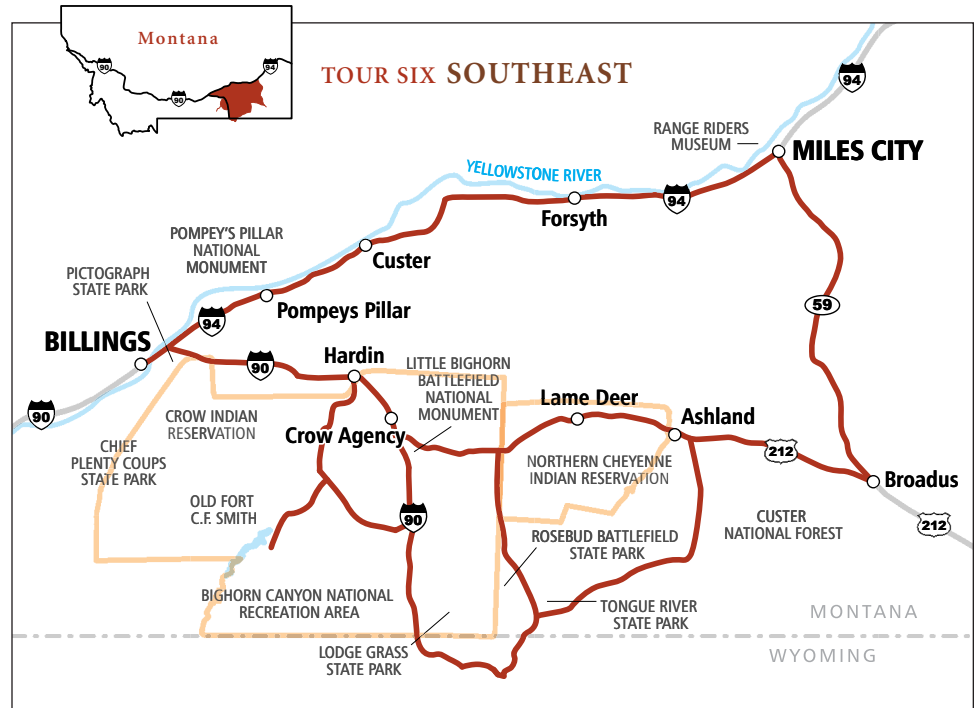
Broadus – 70 miles south of Miles City on MT 59 is just west of the legendary Powder River. Museums in Broadus showcase the original jail, antique cars, Native American artifacts, unique minerals, wildlife mounts, and antique and commemorative guns.

Custer National Forest – On US 212, officially designated as the “Warrior Trail,” offers a variety of recreation opportunities including camping, hiking, and crosscountry skiing. For a map of the area forests go to: www.fs.usda.gov/custer

Ashland – on the Tongue River and Northern Cheyenne reservation is home to the St. Labre Indian Mission and Cheyenne Indian Museum.

Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation – Home to the Northern Cheyenne Nation, and its Tribal Capitol of **Lame Deer**, on US 212 includes the Northern Cheyenne Crafts Center. For more information on the Northern Cheyenne reservation, please go to: www.cheyennation.com

Crow Indian Reservation – Home to the Crow Nation and Crow Agency, its Tribal Capitol, is at the



junction of US 212 and I-90. This area is known the world over as the site of the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument where General George Armstrong Custer and the Seventh Cavalry were defeated by the combined forces of the Sioux, Northern Cheyenne and Arapahoe. The Museum, Interpretive Trail and markers of the fallen bring the battle into sharp focus (go to: www.nps.gov/libi). The Crow Fair and Rodeo staged each August is the largest Native American encampment in the U.S. For more information on the Crow Nation, go to: www.crow-nsn.gov

Hardin – North of the Monument on I-90 near the Bighorn River includes the Big Horn County Historical Museum. The Little Bighorn Days and Custer’s Last Stand re-enactments take place in Hardin each June. The Real Bird re-enactment at Garryowen, just east of the Little Bighorn Battlefield, portrays the event from the Native American perspective.

The Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area – Via MT 313 south of Hardin to Fort Smith offers spectacular views and great boating, fishing, and camping. Two developed visitor centers and facilities are available near Fort Smith.

Chief Plenty Coups State Park – Near Pryor west of Fort Smith on MT 463 features the home of

the famed Chief of the Crow Nation along with a museum and gift shop museum.

Pictograph State Park – 5 miles south of Billings is the site of rock paintings of prehistoric hunters on the sandstone cliffs.

Billings – At the junction of I-90 and I-94, travelers will find Billings, Montana’s largest city. Thirty miles east of Billings is Pompeys Pillar National Monument where Captain William Clark carved his name in July, 1806. Along the free-flowing Yellowstone River which intersects Billings, is Clark’s 1806 Canoe Camp and the location of “Clarks Crossing” where Clark, “had the horses drove across river,” only to be lost to unknown hands a few days later.

Pompeys Pillar National Monument and Interpretive Center – Site of the only remaining physical evidence of Captain William Clark’s return journey through Montana. Visitors can see Clark’s name with the date July 25, 1806, carved into the sandstone pillar. Clark Days are celebrated every July with a variety of events and presentations.

For more information on the great attractions and parks along the Lewis and Clark Trail, go to:
lewisandclarkcountry.org