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VISIT GUIDE
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
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VISITOR INFORMATION AND GUIDE TO MSU AND BOZEMAN

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Welcome
to Montana State University in Bozeman. We are pleased you are planning a campus visit and look forward to meeting you and your family. It is our goal to make sure that your visit is informative and enjoyable. In preparation, we have put together some tips and resources to help your visit go smoothly. We’ve also included a few fun things to do while you are in the Bozeman area. So come, experience and explore all MSU has to offer.

We’re here to help
If you have any questions during your visit, please don’t hesitate to stop by our office in the Strand Union Building, Room 201. If you need special accommodations let us know in advance and we will be happy to make any arrangements. Our office hours are 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday.

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1 tips to start your campus visit off right

1 Arrive early
Allow extra time to locate the campus and to park (see driving directions, campus map and parking instructions on page 3).

2 Get your visitor packet
Stop by the Admissions Office in Strand Union, Room 201, ten to fifteen minutes prior to your first scheduled meeting or tour to check-in and pick up your visitor packet.

3 Watch our introductory video
Join us about 15 minutes prior to your tour for an introductory MSU video.

What to pack
As you prepare for your visit to campus, we recommend the following:

• Comfortable walking shoes
• Water bottle
• Camera
• Layered clothing

Connect with MSU Admissions on your favorite social media site:
Directions & Parking

Parking: We recommend you park in the Visitor Pay Parking lot on the corner of South 7th Ave and Grant St. Don’t forget to bring your parking pass to the Admissions Office for validation so you will not be charged.

However, if Visitor Pay Parking is full, go to the Visitor Parking/Information Kiosk at the corner of South 7th Ave and Grant St where you may purchase a $2.50 hang tag which enables you to park in almost any lot on campus (ask for details from the attendant). Unfortunately we are not able to reimburse for hangtags.

Please be advised: you may be ticketed if you park without a hangtag on campus or if you park in the Residential Parking District area surrounding campus.

The Office of Admissions is in the Strand Union Building, Room 201, across Grant St from the Visitor Parking lot. If you are using GoogleMaps or MapQuest, you can use the intersection of South 7th Ave & West Grant St, Bozeman, MT, 59715 to generate turn-by-turn instructions.

Maps of campus and Bozeman are available on the MSU web page:
Campus Map: www.montana.edu/admissions/images/parkingmap.pdf (Adobe Acrobat format)
Bozeman Map: www.montana.edu/misc/visitor.html#map

Getting to Bozeman and MSU

From the west/Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport:
Take exit 305 from I-90, turn right onto North 19th Avenue and follow it south to Kagy Boulevard (approximately 3.5 miles). Turn left onto Kagy Boulevard and continue to South 7th Avenue; turn left and continue to parking areas on your left.

From the east:
Take exit 309 from I-90, and turn right onto Main Street. Proceed west to Willson Avenue, turn left, and travel 18 blocks to Kagy Boulevard. Turn right and continue to South 7th Avenue, turn right again and you will see the parking lots on your left.
Bozeman Information

**Lodging:** Bozeman has a wide variety of overnight accommodations for you to choose from. Visit [www.montana.edu/accommodations](http://www.montana.edu/accommodations) for a comprehensive list. Look for the hotels that offer an MSU campus visitor discount. This list also includes a discount on Enterprise Rent-A-Car for campus visitors.

**Area Activities:** Bozeman is a young, vibrant college town full of fun things to do. During your visit consider checking out some local events and activities:

- MSU Events Calendar: [calendar.msu.montana.edu/calendar.php](http://calendar.msu.montana.edu/calendar.php)
- Museum of the Rockies: [www.museumoftherockies.org](http://www.museumoftherockies.org)
- MSU Bobcat Athletics: [www.msubobcats.com](http://www.msubobcats.com)
- Local Community Events Calendar: [www.bozzone.com](http://www.bozzone.com)
- Local Chamber of Commerce [www.bozemanchamber.com](http://www.bozemanchamber.com)
- Big Sky Ski Resort—[www.bigskyresort.com](http://www.bigskyresort.com)
  Moonlight Basin—[www.moonlightbasin.com](http://www.moonlightbasin.com)
  Bridger Bowl—[www.bridgerbowl.com](http://www.bridgerbowl.com)
- Historic Downtown Bozeman: [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org)

**Ask Us for recommendations:** In addition to local concerts, festivals, sporting events, etc. there is always something fun to do outside in the Bozeman area. Ask the Admissions Staff for recommendations on great local hikes, favorite ski hills and more. We really hope you enjoy your time in Bozeman!

**Dining in Bozeman:** Downtown Bozeman has a wide variety of cafes, coffee shops and restaurants—from bison burgers to breakfast, tapas to tacos, and subs to sushi. You’ll find a real old-time western cafe, restaurants featuring locally grown steaks and produce, authentic ethnic cuisine, locally roasted coffee, Montana-made ice cream—and more.

Check out a full list, with descriptions and details at [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org)

**While you’re here**

You may want to plan a few extra days to get a sense of life in Bozeman. Here are a few ideas.

- Spend an afternoon shopping, dining and exploring historic downtown Bozeman.
- Explore the city’s Main Street to the Mountains Trail System [www.gvlit.org/trails/trail-maps](http://www.gvlit.org/trails/trail-maps)
- Visit the Museum of the Rockies, featuring the world’s largest collection of dinosaur fossils and research.

**Quick trips:**

- Visit Yellowstone, the nation’s first national park.
- Take a scenic drive through scenic Gallatin Canyon to Big Sky.

**Montana links:**

- Montana travel blog: [getlostmt.com](http://getlostmt.com)
- Official state travel site: [visitmt.com](http://visitmt.com)

**Events:**

Bozeman hosts a lot of fun events, including:

- Art Walks
- Bite of Bozeman
- Bobcat Fest
- Lunch on the Lawn
- MSU Homecoming Parade
- Music on Main series
- Sweet Pea Festival

See a complete list at [downtownbozeman.org](http://downtownbozeman.org)
Restaurants Near Campus

A. Bar 3 BBQ • 215 N. 7th Ave., A local gem, fantastic bbq sauce
B. Burger Bob’s • 39 W. Main St., Great burgers downtown
C. Cafe Zydeco • 1520 W. Main St., Authentic Cajun homestyle cooking
D. Casa Sanchez • 719 S. 9th Ave., Fresh Mexican meals, close to campus
E. Cateye Cafe • 23 N. Tracy Ave., Fantastic breakfasts served with a side of sass
F. Chickpea Cafe • 25 N. Willson Ave., Casual/authentic Middle-Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine
G. Colombo’s Pizza • 1003 W. College St., Casual college pizza joint
H. Co-Op Downtown • 44 East Main St., Fresh, natural and organic foods. A local favorite.
I. Dave’s Sushi • 115 N. Bozeman Ave., Laidback sushi for the novice or expert
J. The Garage • 451 E. Main Street, Great outdoor seating with burgers and more
K. I-Ho’s Korean Grill • 1216 W. Lincoln St., Korean food, close to campus
L. John Bozeman’s Bistro • 125 W. Main St., Classy, like your great aunt from Philly
M. La Parrilla • 1533 W. Babcock St., Burritos, tacos, wraps, oh my!
N. Mackenzie River Pizza Company • 232 E. Main St., Gourmet pizza and pasta with a western flair
O. Main Street Overeasy • 9 E. Main St., Voted one of Bozeman’s best breakfasts
P. Montana Ale Works • 611 E. Main St., Creative food, architectural gem
Q. Naked Noodle • 27 S. Willson Ave., Make your own pasta creation
R. The Nova Cafe • 312 East Main St., Local food. Local art. Locals’ choice for breakfast and lunch.
S. Over the Tapas • 19 S. Willson Ave., Traditional Spanish inspired tapas
T. Pickle Barrel • 809 W. College St., A Bozeman classic, the biggest sandwiches in town
U. Santa Fe Red’s • 1235 N. 7th Ave. and 211 E. Main St., Tex-Mex in Montana
V. Seven Sushi • 270 W. Kagy Blvd., A mix of traditional and American style sushi dishes
W. Sola Cafe • 290 W. Kagy Blvd., Fresh local and seasonal ingredients in all daily dishes with a city vibe.
X. Starkey’s Deli • 24 N. Tracy Ave., Authentic Americana in the heart of Bozeman’s historic downtown
Y. Sweet Chili Asian Bistro • 101 East Main St. Suite 1, An array of fresh and authentic Thai, Chinese and Japanese selections
Z. Ted’s Montana Grill • 105 W. Main St., Ted Turner’s take on classic comfort food, steaks, beans and burgers.

Local Coffee Houses

1. Cafe Francais Des Arts • 25 S. Tracy Ave., A bit of France in beautiful downtown Bozeman
2. The Daily Coffee Bar • 1013 W. College St., Full coffee bar and sinful pastries
3. International Coffee Traders • 720 S. 10th Ave., A local favorite filled with funky décor
4. The Leaf & Bean • 35 W. Main St., A Bozeman tradition since 1977
5. Lindley Perk • 626 E. Main St., Book-lovers coffee shop located in Bozeman’s spectacular public library
6. Rockford Coffee • 628 W. Main St., Artful coffee in an urban setting
7. Wild Joe’s Coffee • 18 W. Main St., Comfortable coffee shop in the heart of downtown Bozeman