Fun things to do during the summer in Montana

- **Visit Yellowstone National Park:** Yellowstone is only a couple hours south of Bozeman and has so much to offer that you may need to visit it at least a few times!

- **Float the Madison River:** Floating the Madison River is a favorite summertime activity for almost everybody in Bozeman. Leave one car at the bottom parking lot and drive another car to the top parking lot. Hop in your inner tube and relax as you float down! You can purchase an inner tube from several stores.

- **Lewis & Clark Caverns:** These caverns are about an hour outside of Bozeman and they offer tours every thirty-minutes or so. Essentially, the caverns are a large cave complex that has a rich and fascinating history. Make sure to bring a sweater as it can get cold!

- **Virginia City:** Experience what Montana was like during the “old-west”! There are tours, shows and great photography opportunities.

- **Explore the many trails around Bozeman:** There are so many fun hiking trails around Bozeman; we cannot possibly list them all here. There is a lot of information on the internet and also many stores in Bozeman sell books that discuss the many trails.

- **Enjoy Music on Main:** On Thursdays, Main Street in Bozeman is blocked off and thousands of people enjoy great food and listen to great outdoor-music.

- **Visit Glacier National Park:** While it is a little bit of a drive (about six hours north-west of Bozeman), Glacier National Park will offer you an extremely unique mountainous landscape and excellent hiking and camping.

- **Learn to fly-fish:** Bob Wards, REI and many other places in Bozeman offer free fly-fishing lessons to the public. After you learn to fly-fish, get yourself a fishing license and go try it for real!

For more fun things to do during the summer, visit Montana’s official travel website at

www.VisitMT.com
Summertime in Montana is beautiful and we strongly encourage you to venture outside of Bozeman and enjoy all of the things Montana has to offer. However, there are some tips that you should know to stay safe during the summer season.

Some summer tips from OIP Staff:

- While running into one is rare, Montana does have bears. If you are hiking, make sure to go with a group and talk loudly. It is also advised to bring Bear Spray with you and understand how to use it. You can purchase Bear Spray from almost all sporting-goods stores. If you see a bear, do not approach it! Slowly back up and walk back down trail.

- Drink a lot of water and stay hydrated! While your home may have warmer summers than Montana, the altitude here will cause you to become dehydrated very quickly. Make sure you drink water before spending time outdoors and also make sure to continue drinking water throughout your activity. Be careful as drinking too much water can be just as dangerous as not drinking enough!

- Let somebody know where you are going and let them know what time you are planning to return! In most cases, there is little or no cellphone coverage in the mountains. It is important to have a plan in place so people can find you if you have an emergency or are missing. If you feel you are lost, stay in one place and do not wander off.

- The weather changes very quickly in Montana. You may start your hike on a sunny and clear day but once you reach the top of the mountain it could become stormy. Make sure to check the weather before you leave and also bring a rain jacket and something to keep you warm if the temperature drops.

- Summertime in Montana means road-construction! If you are supposed to be in another town or state at a certain time, make sure to leave early in anticipation for road-construction.

In an emergency, dial 911. Even though your cellphone may not have service, Search and Rescue agencies may still be able to locate you with your cellular phone.