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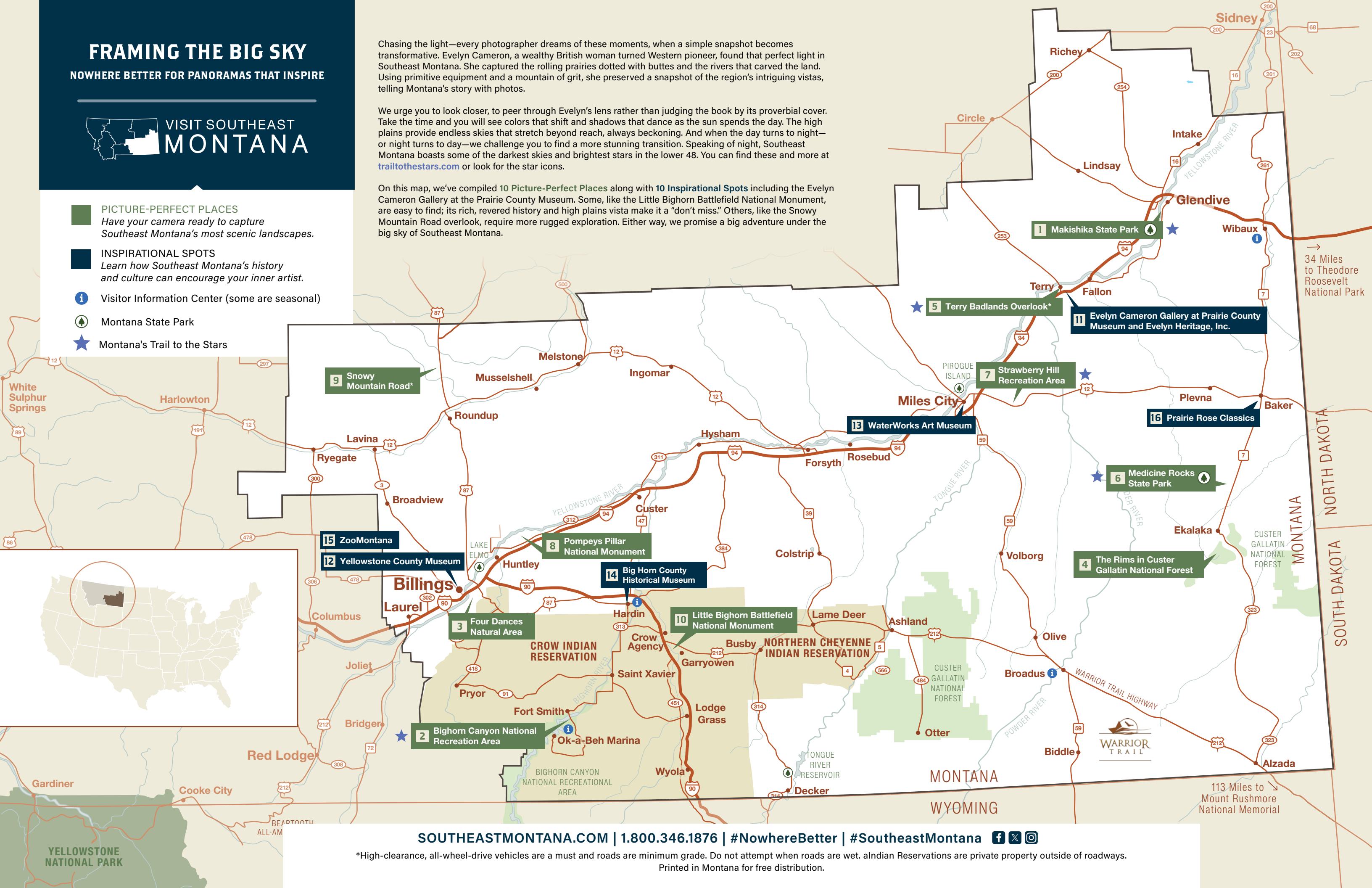
VISIT SOUTHEAST MONTANA

Chasing the light—every photographer dreams of these moments, when a simple snapshot becomes transformative. Evelyn Cameron, a wealthy British woman turned Western pioneer, found that perfect light in Southeast Montana. She captured the rolling prairies dotted with buttes and the rivers that carved the land. Using primitive equipment and a mountain of grit, she preserved a snapshot of the region's intriguing vistas, telling Montana's story with photos.

We urge you to look closer, to peer through Evelyn's lens rather than judging the book by its proverbial cover. Take the time and you will see colors that shift and shadows that dance as the sun spends the day. The high plains provide endless skies that stretch beyond reach, always beckoning. And when the day turns to night—or night turns to day—we challenge you to find a more stunning transition. Speaking of night, Southeast Montana boasts some of the darkest skies and brightest stars in the lower 48. You can find these and more at trailtothestars.com or look for the star icons.

On this map, we've compiled 10 Picture-Perfect Places along with 10 Inspirational Spots including the Evelyn Cameron Gallery at the Prairie County Museum. Some, like the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, are easy to find; its rich, revered history and high plains vista make it a "don't miss." Others, like the Snowy Mountain Road overlook, require more rugged exploration. Either way, we promise a big adventure under the big sky of Southeast Montana.

- **PICTURE-PERFECT PLACES**
Have your camera ready to capture Southeast Montana's most scenic landscapes.
- **INSPIRATIONAL SPOTS**
Learn how Southeast Montana's history and culture can encourage your inner artist.
- i Visitor Information Center (some are seasonal)
- 🌳 Montana State Park
- ★ Montana's Trail to the Stars



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MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK

1301 Snyder St. • Glendive, MT 59330
Known in Lakota to mean "bad soil or bad spirits," Makoshika State Park is a place of transcendent light and extraordinary geological features, like natural bridges and hoodoos. With minimal light pollution, astrological observers know the skies above Makoshika are forever dynamic. Don't forget your tripod.



BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

5 Ave. B • Fort Smith, MT 59035
Stand at the "top of the world" for 360-degree views. The third-largest canyon in the country crosses the Montana-Wyoming border with a 71-mile-long lake and colorful, 1,000-foot-high canyon cliff walls. Home to mountain lions, bears, wild horses and, of course, bighorn sheep, this man-made lake is best seen from a boat (seasonal rentals) or from above.



FOUR DANCES NATURAL AREA

1100 Coburn Road • Billings, MT 59101
Soaring 500 feet above the Yellowstone River, Four Dances Natural Area gives "standing on top of the world" a concrete location. Look to the east for a stunning sunrise or moon viewing, or look to the west for eternal sunsets enhanced by three mountain ranges.



"THE RIMS" IN CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

State Highway 323 to Rimrock Carter Road. Turn south into Custer Gallatin National Forest. Stand atop these sheer cliffs, locally known as "The Rims," and look down several hundred feet to where the prairie rolls out. On a clear day, you can see Devil's Tower to the south. Take a trail, bring a picnic or simply marvel in the majestic space laid before you in all directions.



TERRY BADLANDS OVERLOOK*

North of Terry on State Highway 253 for 2.1 miles; left on Scenic View Road for 5.9 miles
Many locations in the Terry Badlands remain as pristine today as they were more than 100 years ago. Stop at the overlook for 360-degree views and stellar skies. Drive, bike, hike and camp this stunning public land for an amazing experience that includes natural bridges, wildlife, ecology, geology and the ever-mysterious hoodoos. The more adventurous may tackle the Calypso Trail.



MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK

1141 State Highway 7 • Ekalaka, MT 59324
Mystery is part of the allure at Montana's eastern-most state park of "big medicine," which features sandstone spires of wind-worn, haunting hoodoos. The ranges of yellow, orange and red will thrill photographers while centuries of nearly 15,000 inscriptions echo stories that challenge time.



STRAWBERRY HILL RECREATION AREA

East of Miles City on State Highway 12, 5.7 miles from the I-94 interchange
This strawberry-colored hill is aptly named. When hit with the golden light of a rising or setting sun, the warm hues and emerging shadows will make your shutter finger itch. Warning: As you approach the hill's crest, the vast vistas may cause involuntary decrease in speed and acceleration of visual intake.



POMPEYS PILLAR NATIONAL MONUMENT

3001 Old Highway 212 • Worden, MT 59088
Known by Native Americans as "the place where the mountain lion lies," the 150-foot-high sandstone butte has always been a natural crossroads. Venture 202 steps to the top for a 360-degree view of the Yellowstone Valley. Be sure to catch Capt. William Clark's carved signature—the only remaining physical evidence of the Corps of Discovery.



SNOWY MOUNTAIN ROAD*

46°37'12.6"N 108°36'14.1"W
Sometimes it's the road less traveled. And, that's exactly the path you need to see the sunset while overlooking Devil's Basin and the Snowy Mountains. We won't lie—this IS off the beaten path, but it's worth every wild and rugged mile.



LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

Interstate 90/Frontage Road Crow Agency, MT 59022
Situated on a high ridge above the Little Bighorn River, the very soil seeps with intense passion from the soldiers who stoically followed orders and the warriors who gave their all to save their people's nomadic way of life. Listen to the story from a park ranger, a tour guide or in a private telling while standing within the circular Indian Memorial.

INSPIRATIONAL SPOTS

Learn more about Southeast Montana's history and culture at these locations.

EVELYN CAMERON GALLERY AT PRAIRIE COUNTY MUSEUM AND EVELYN HERITAGE, INC.

11 101 Logan Ave. and 212 Laundre Ave. • Terry, MT 59349

Evelyn Cameron was a photographic pioneer at a time when women were restricted to homemaking and child rearing. Her turn-of-the-century images of life on the prairie starkly demonstrate her deep understanding of both remedial photographic techniques and the settlers who made Southeast Montana their home.

YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM

12 401 N. 27th St. • Billings, MT 59101

With exhibits and collections that range from contemporary to historic and from Western to regional, you will be amazed at the quality and breadth of art here; it rivals those in much larger cities. Be sure to visit the Visible Vault and artist-in-residence before grabbing a treat at the museum café.

WATERWORKS ART MUSEUM

13 85 Waterplant Road • Miles City, MT 59301

Housed in the concrete basins that once held the Miles City's water supply, The WaterWorks Art Museum is home to original photographs from both L.A. Huffman and Evelyn Cameron (see #11) taken in the early 20th century. Huffman arrived at Fort Keogh (near Miles City) as post photographer and documented this last West frontier including some of the final, non-reservation Indian chiefs, buffalo hunts and open-range cowboy activities.

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

14 1163 3rd St. E. • Hardin, MT 59034

History can truly inspire. Just look at the plethora of faces, including many Native Americans, documented by government photographers at a time when photography itself was an emerging medium. Located on the edge of the Crow Reservation and near the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, this museum includes Chief Yellowtail's vision teepee.

ZOOMONTANA

15 2100 S. Shiloh Road • Billings, MT 59106

Bring your macro lens—the flowers, bees and butterflies are waiting and the zoological gardens are a sensory delight. But, be ready for an up-close-and-personal shot of a bald eagle or even a grizzly bear. Montana's only zoo is home to animals from around the globe that live at the 45th parallel and north, like wolverines and Siberian tigers.

PRAIRIE ROSE CLASSICS

16 108 S. Main St. • Baker, MT 59313

Step into Prairie Rose Classics for a bit of time travel. Completely different from other inspirational spots, this car museum showcases a local family's evolving private collection including a mini 50's-era diner and the King of Rock 'n Roll himself. Last we heard, Elvis had not yet left the building and candid shots are encouraged.

*Many museums have seasonal hours, but most will open during the off-season if called in advance.



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NOTE: The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument will undergo a major renovation, starting in 2024. For the most up-to-date information on construction restrictions, see the website at nps.gov/libi