

# A Confluence of Beauty & Recreation: Paradise Valley, Livingston & Big Timber



*Just as numerous small rivers and streams join to form the majestic Yellowstone River, so too do beauty and recreational opportunity combine to distinguish south central Montana as an outdoor paradise.*



wolves stalking their prey, big horn sheep climbing the rocky terrain, grizzly bear fishing the streams and moose eating swampy grasses. Who can forget park ranger Shelton Johnson's compelling story in Burn's film of coming upon a herd of bison while delivering mail via snowmobile on a clear, crisp winter morning? With his machine switched off, nothing was heard except the labored breathing of the huge animals in the cold and the only movement was their frosty exhale evaporating into the sky. Yes, capture moments of times gone by in breathtaking Yellowstone.

Beginning at the “headwaters” of recreation, Yellowstone National Park offers recreational activities of all sorts. Whether you prefer snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, bicycling, backpacking, geyser watching, camping, fishing, horseback riding, boating, wildlife watching, birding, photography or even just driving, you will enjoy the park that is renowned for its inspiring scenery and mysterious natural landscape. Yellowstone's captivating natural appeal is further enhanced by an amazing display of wildlife, most recently portrayed in director Ken Burn's film *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. Capture the moments of times gone by—of watching bison meander the plains, eagles soaring above, pronghorn antelope speeding across the fields,





All the beauty and recreational opportunities only begin at the park, flowing downstream from the headwaters. As one leaves the park and enters Paradise Valley, the scenery and wildlife provide a breathtaking setting and playground for every sports enthusiast. One can readily see where this area got its name. The great forests, jagged summits and sparkling rivers and creeks are hosts to the tremendous variety of animals and fish that abound in this area. The abundant elk, deer and trout are even the most avid hunter and fisherman's dream. Summers bring in the rafters to cruise the Yellowstone River, and the mountain trails lure the cyclists and hikers.

As one travels Highway 89 through Paradise Valley, you come into the historic town of Livingston, Montana. Livingston is nestled between the Gallatin and Crazy Mountain Ranges and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area. The historic Main Street is a reminder of the past, with grand old buildings that have been restored and preserved. Many of the buildings dating back to the turn of the century make this area so very charming. On the blue ribbon trout waters of the Yellowstone River, Livingston is a sophisticated fly-fishing community. The town caters not only to the fishermen, but to the art lovers, as well. Myriad art galleries and shops offer a well-earned respite from a day of physical activity.

Flow with the Yellowstone River farther downstream, and within a short time you will enter the quaint town of Big Timber where so many people want to call home. It



is the geographical epicenter of south central Montana. A cornucopia of recreational activity combined with a ranching foundation, the Big Timber area attracts an eclectic population. It is a true mix of new and lifelong residents. The people of Big Timber embrace a harmonious and varied environment that allows tried and true traditions to be retained while still receiving contemporary improvements that small agricultural areas sometimes resist. The

spirit of harmony and graciousness enjoyed here is a miracle in an age when so many places and people are unreceptive to providing fertile ground for neighborliness and hospitality.

Four seasons of recreation are at the fingertips of the citizens of the Big Timber area. In the spring, hikers, bikers and campers itch to explore the many trails that cover the grassed foothills and the mountains covered in wild flowers. For the trout fishermen and the floating enthusiasts, spring melt fills summer's rivers. There is no place more prestigious than the river springs of Big Timber and the Boulder River Valley under the shadows of the Absaroka and Beartooth Mountains, which incidentally contain the highest peaks in the state of Montana. Fall bird season sets the town all abuzz with people coming in from all over the world to enjoy the abundance of game birds. The buzz continues into late fall when the big game seasons open. Winter activities come alive when the snow flies for the skiers, boarders, and snowmobilers. Never a dull moment, something is truly available for everyone.

Contemplate a trip to explore the Yellowstone, Livingston and Big Timber areas, where rafts of recreational opportunities exist. Float the idea, set your mind adrift and imagine the possibilities. There is much to lure one to this area for a visit or a lifetime stay. ❖



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This ranch is known for its majestic 360° mountain views. The main residence was thoughtfully planned to provide spectacular views of three mountain ranges: the fabulous Crazy and the Absarokee-Beartooth Mountains. This as-new home has fabulous finishes and upscale materials with a superb floor plan, which sets as a spectacular backdrop for the view in this highly desirable area of the Yellowstone River Valley. The guesthouse, on a high hillside, also provides panoramic views. The 948±-deeded-acre ranch offers varied terrain with rolling hills, steep buttes and wonderful natural pastures. \$2,100,000.

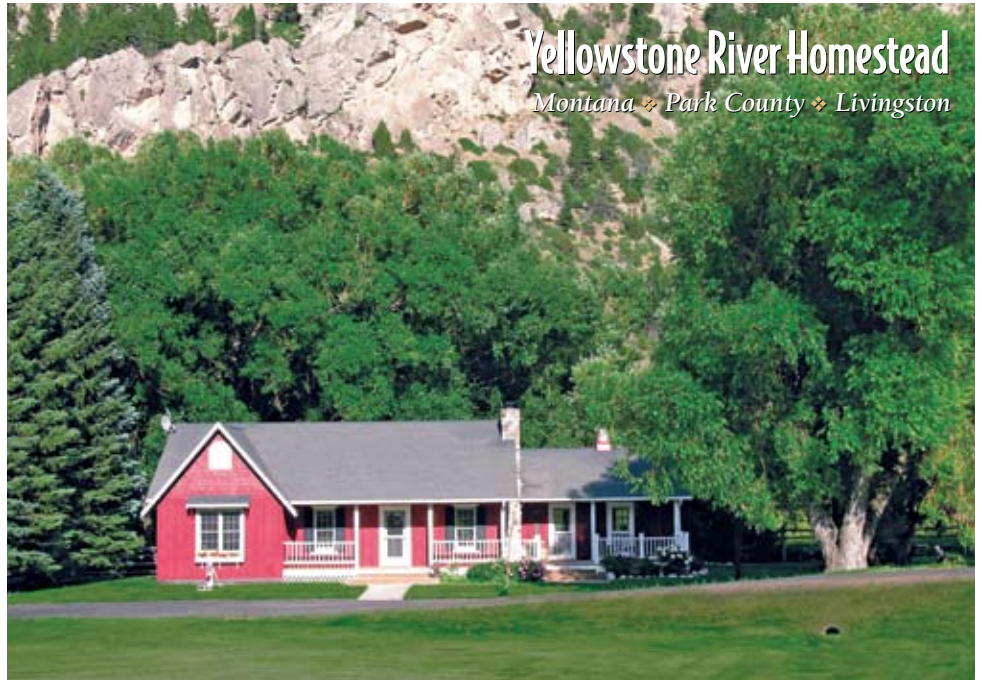


**The View Master Ranch**  
*Montana ♦ Sweet Grass County ♦ Big Timber*



**The Equestrian Ranch**  
*Wyoming ♦ Fremont Co. ♦ Lander*

The Equestrian Ranch has 200± acres with a wonderful equestrian building (72' by 152') with arena, 16 stalls and an office/bath. Good property income comes from horse boarding and cattle grazing. Just south of Lander and only minutes north of the fabulous Sinks Canyon State Park, the ranch has a nice creek, which would be great for developing ponds for the fishing enthusiast, good water rights and very productive grassy meadows. For the hunter, it offers resident big game and game bird habitat. \$2,000,000.



**Yellowstone River Homestead**  
*Montana ♦ Park County ♦ Livingston*

This beautiful, picturesque 10+-acre setting with Yellowstone River fishing access and Paradise Valley spread out in front of you is your Montana dream come true. Minutes south of Livingston, the ranch has awesome mountain views, sounds of the river flowing by and a 1,800+-square-foot, three-bedroom,

two- and one-half-bath home with a gourmet kitchen with Viking stove, fireplace, formal living/dining rooms, office and laundry room. Outbuildings include two barns, a garage, storage shed and a large RV garage/shop/office. A paved driveway, sprinkler system, perimeter fencing and landscaping complete this estate. \$999,000.



**Mountain View Ranch**  
*Montana ♦ Stillwater County ♦ Reed Point*

Mountain View Ranch has 1,360± acres with fabulous views of four great mountain ranges and easy access by a maintained county road. The two old homesteads have been merged, and the parcel is conveniently located for easy access to Big Timber, Columbus and Red Lodge, Montana. The abundant game bird population and seasonal elk herd call this ranch home. Tree-covered coulees provide shelter for big game, and springs support livestock or further development to further enhance your private hunting. ~~\$2,100,000~~. Reduced to \$1,400,000.



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