

The Open Range Day Trip

This leisurely 190 mile drive takes you on a breathtaking drive through the mountains and eventually through some of the best farmland and ranches in Montana. This area is also steeped in history, taking you to important spots along Lewis and Clark's expedition.

Bozeman to Livingston (22 miles) - Take Interstate 90 east until you see exit signs for Livingston. Here you'll find good places to eat, shop and experience the town's once thriving railroad.

Livingston to Clyde Park (20 miles) - Jump back on I-90 and take that to Highway 89. Head north to Clyde Park, a small town that revolves around ranching and farming.

Clyde Park to Ringling (30 miles) - Stay on Highway 89 north and you will reach Shields River Valley, an integral stop during Lewis and Clark's journey. Continue north on Highway 89, past breathtaking views of the Crazy Mountains, until you reach Ringling, a town named after one of the famed circus Ringling Brothers.

Ringling to Townsend (42 miles) - Get back on Highway 89 to Highway 12. Head west to Townsend. From here, you'll have easy access to the Elkhorn and Big Belt Mountains.

Townsend to Missouri Headwaters State Park (32 miles) - Take 287 south until you see signs for the State Park. This is where the Gallatin, Jefferson and Madison Rivers converge to form the Missouri.

Missouri Headwaters State Park to Three Forks (5 miles) - From the State Park, jump back onto 287 to Three Forks. Three Forks offers a mixture of both great fishing and rich history.

Three Forks to Bozeman (32 miles) - Take Interstate 90 east and head back to town.

