

Welcome to Where Montana Begins

The first visitors to the Ruby Valley, the Native Americans, came for the abundant game. They were followed by the gold miners looking to strike it rich in the Alder Gulch. Many of these miners went on to work in company mines or switched to ranching. Agriculture has been the economic backbone of the Ruby Valley for over 100 years.

Over the past few decades, the trout-rich rivers of the Ruby Valley have attracted fishermen from all over the world. However, visitors have found many other activities that bring them back to the Ruby Valley year after year. Hiking, biking, camping, boating, hunting, wildlife photography and nice local folks make this sheltered corner of Southwestern Montana a regular destination for visitors from all over the United States.

Kids love the Ruby Valley for its relaxed environment and the wide variety of outdoor entertainment such as rodeos and town festivals. Amusement parks are great but vacations in the Ruby Valley will be remembered for the time they spent sharing with Mom & Dad.

Summer Recreation

The Ruby Valley offers summer time activities to please nearly any outdoor enthusiast. Backpacking on mountain trails, camping near the rivers or by mountain lakes, hiking trails of all ranges of difficulty, bicycling on pavement or dirt, horseback riding through open country or wooded trails and motorized vehicle trips to stunning views are all accessible in the area.



Winter Recreation

The Ruby Valley is a gateway to thousands of acres of public lands that can be enjoyed all winter long! Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, and sledding beneath the crisp blue Montana skies make for great family adventures.



Events & Activities

Activities in the Ruby Valley extend well beyond the rivers and mountainsides. During the summer months, check out the Farmer's Market, the Fly-In or the Floating Flotillas water parade in Twin Bridges, the Sheridan Festival and Car Show or small town festival at Alder Daze. The summer season's biggest party is the Madison County Fair with an NRA rodeo, parade, 4-H competitions and special nightly entertainment. Year-round, peruse the unique creations of local artists at the libraries and stores. There are lots of activities to enjoy in the Ruby Valley, including relaxing!

Location

- ◆ 41 miles south of Butte, 1 hour
- ◆ 86 miles west of Bozeman, 1 hour, 40 minutes
- ◆ 28 miles northeast of Dillon, 40 minutes
- ◆ 172 miles north of Idaho Falls, 3 hours
- ◆ 164 miles southeast of Missoula, 3 hours
- ◆ 222 miles west of Billings, 3 hours 45 minutes
- ◆ 114 miles northwest of West Yellowstone, 2 hours 30 minutes

Where is the Greater Ruby Valley?

- ◆ In a lush valley with four blue ribbon trout rivers - the Ruby, the Big Hole, the Beaverhead and the Jefferson
- ◆ Between the Tobacco Root, Ruby, Greenhorn and McCartney Mountain Ranges
- ◆ From Silver Star to Alder to the Beaverhead Rock

One of the best kept secrets in Montana



Weather

Local Montanans often refer to the Ruby Valley as the "banana belt" of Montana. Sheltered by the surrounding mountains, the temperatures and snowpack in the valley are mild, especially compared to other areas of Montana.

July and August are the warmest months with the high temperature averaging 82°. December and January high temperatures are usually about 34°. Typically, spring doesn't arrive until mid-May. Fall temperatures are crisp in the mornings but warm up to golden afternoons.

The Greater Ruby Valley of Southwestern Montana

Alder ◆ Laurin
Sheridan
Silver Star
Twin Bridges



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Fishing & Hunting

Four rivers, countless tributaries and the Ruby Reservoir offer lots of choices in the Ruby Valley. Look for brown trout, rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, and even the occasional grayling when you pull your line out of the water. Surrounded by National and State land the Ruby Valley offers many places to hunt for mule and whitetail deer, elk, moose, bear, Rocky Mountain goats, antelope, as well as pheasant and ducks too.



Robbers Roost
Alleged hangout for
the Road Agents
(armed robbers)
operating in the
Ruby Valley during
the 1860's.



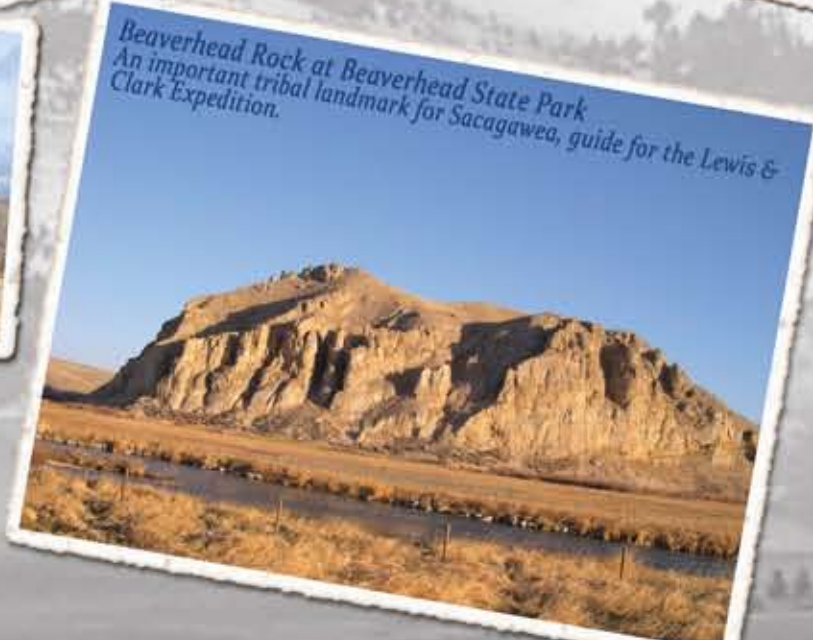
History

Driving through the Greater Ruby Valley will take you back in time more than 200 years beginning with the Lewis & Clark Expedition of 1804 followed by the homesteaders and miners that founded the local communities. Take in an abundance of displays and knowledge at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Park, Twin Bridges Historical Museum, Robber's Roost, and mining displays in Alder Gulch. All of these attractions are on your way to or from the historical ghost towns of Nevada and Virginia Cities.

Bird & Wildlife Viewing

Surrounded by six different mountain ranges and with three rivers flowing through, the Ruby Valley provides some of the best opportunities for bird watching and wildlife viewing outside of Yellowstone National Park. The valley floor wetlands are home to many beautiful species, including: Sand Hill Cranes, Blue Herons, Bald Eagles, Ospreys, woodpeckers and owls of all kinds, turkeys, and numerous migrating waterfowl. The foothills and mountains are home to meadow larks, migrating hummingbirds, magpies. Many species of hawks, jays, song birds and grouse.

Wildlife viewing includes whitetail and mule deer, elk, moose, coyote, fox, antelope, bison, bear, wolf, mountain goats and sheep.



Beaverhead Rock at Beaverhead State Park
An important tribal landmark for Sacagawea, guide for the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

Accommodations & Dining

Numerous overnight accommodations are available, from modern motels, historic bed and breakfasts, dude ranches, rustic cabins and resorts and private and state or national forest campgrounds. In addition, Twin Bridges has a Bike Camp facility for overnight stays.

Unique fine dining, family friendly restaurants and bakeries, or just plain "good eats" are located throughout the Ruby Valley.



Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture

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Geology & Geocaching

Since 1863, when gold was discovered in Alder Gulch, the Ruby Valley and surrounding mountain ranges have held a magnetic attraction for miners and geologists. Several small gold mines are still in operation. Garnets and other mineral treasures can be found in the abundant mine tailings. Rocks dating back 2.7 billion years, among the oldest in North America, can be found in the Tobacco Root and Ruby Mountain Ranges.

Like rock hounding, geocaching is another pleasant pursuit that requires hiking and digging in the mountains surrounding the Ruby Valley. Numerous caches have been stashed and recorded, offering a wide range of excursions to majestic and historic sites. If you like to dig around, enjoy discovering history from the civil war to the pre-historic, and love a pristine outdoor environment, the Ruby Valley is an excellent destination for you.

2010 Calendar of Events

May 22 - September 25
Saturday Mornings
Farmer's Market
Twin Bridges

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May 15
Ruby Valley Local Business Expo
Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges

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June 19 - 20
Twin Bridges Fly In
Twin Bridges

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June 29 - 30
Senior Pro Rodeo
Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges

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July 16 - 18
Alder Daze
Alder

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July 24 - 25
Twin Bridges Alumni Reunion
Floating Flotillas & Fish Fantasies
Pete Novich Memorial Roping Contest
Twin Bridges

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July 31 - August 1
Sheridan Festival & Car Show
All Class Reunion
Sheridan

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August 11 - 15
Madison County Fair & NRA Rodeo
Twin Bridges

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October 23
Ag Appreciation & Harvest Festival
Twin Bridges

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Christmas Stroll
December 3
Twin Bridges
December 4
Sheridan

GREATER RUBY VALLEY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AND AGRICULTURE

2010 Membership Directory & Calendar of Events



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The Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Membership Directory

Agriculture ~ Ranch

3 Rivers Arena Club	596-0130
5L Ranch	842-5693
Bradley Livestock	684-5939
Broksle Ranch, Inc.	684-5432
Gilman JH Cattle Company	842-5010
Horse Creek Hay & Cattle	842-5722
Lasich Ranch Inc.	684-5792
Maloney Ranches	842-5838
Morse Land Company	842-5010
Mountainview Veterinary Service	684-5831
O Bar X Angus	842-7711
PGJ Ranch	842-5152
Pearce Mill Creek Ranch	842-5070
Ranch Resources	842-5010
Ruby Dell Ranch	842-5306
Ruby Habitat Foundation	842-5010
Ruby Slipper Ranch	684-5899
Ruby Stone Resources	842-5039
Silver Spring Ranch	842-5252
Talon Ranch	684-5534
Walsh W Bar Ranch	684-5489
Witham Performance Horses	596-0923
Woodson Ranch	842-5010

Arts ~ Clothing ~ Flowers ~ Gifts ~ Beauty

Alamo Aviation Art & Framing	800-598-2927
BeautiControl	684-5255
Blessing & Bouquets	842-5885
Christine's	596-3023
Country Favorites	596-2231
Madison Laundry & Cleaners	682-4933
Montana Mad Hatters	684-5869
Muzette's Moments & Photography	842-5808
The Cottage	684-5481

Auto Supplies & Repair ~ Aviation

Allhands Auto Clinic	842-7155
Beaverhead Motors	683-2371
McLeod Mercantile	842-5477
RC Auto - NAPA	684-5739
Ruby Valley Aviation	684-5335

Grocery

Dillon Dairy Products	683-4405
Main Street Market	684-5070
Walter's IGA & Ace Hardware	842-5413

Child Care & Education

Shine Studio	925-3374
Twin Bridges Kid Country Day Care	684-5353

Churches

Grace Community Fellowship	842-5915
New Beginnings Christian Fellowship	842-5845

Communication ~ News

3 Rivers Communications	467-2535
Dillon Tribune	683-2331
KDBM-KBEV Radio	683-2800
The Madisonian	682-7755

Community Services

Madison County DUI Task Force	843-5301
Madison County Economic Development Council	682-5923
Madison County Safe Community Task Force	596-8566
Madison County Search & Rescue	842-5262
Ruby Valley Senior Citizens Sheridan Main Street Improvement Team	842-5790
Twin Bridges Community Association	684-5959
Twin Bridges Rotary Club	842-7689

Computers ~ Websites

Hengeworks, Inc.	800-549-3775
Tobacco Root Graphics	684-5344

Construction ~ Hardware

~ Interior Design ~ Landscaping

4 Rivers Concrete Products	842-5735
Brown Heating & Plumbing	842-5999
Cabinet Master	490-8814
Graham Drilling, Inc.	842-5214
H. F. Hardy Painting	842-5119
IMOC Lumber Company	842-5643
JDL Construction Company	842-5112
Judy's Garden and Greenhouse	842-5153
Kenworthy Electric, Inc.	842-5865
Lindsey Construction Co.	842-5934
Marsh's Mountain Greenhouse & Family Ranch	842-5971
McCormack Flooring, Inc.	842-7386
Montana Mobile Cabins	287-5030
Mountain Building Center	684-5526
Neal Elser Construction	842-5102
Small Construction, Inc. + D&R Gravel	842-5213
South West Septic	596-7854
Vigilante Construction Inc.	842-5888
Wisconsin Creek Cabin Creations	842-7956

CPA ~ Insurance ~ Law

Douglas L. Smith, Attorney	842-5451
Julie Ward, CPA	842-5485
Klatt & Klatt CPA	682-5653
Kruer Law Firm	842-5027
Novich Insurance	684-5701
Susan McCrae, CPA	842-7959
Western States Insurance	683-6881

Financial Institutions

Asset Development Consulting	210-2846
D.A. Davidson & Co.	683-9706
First Madison Valley Bank	682-4215
High Peaks Federal Credit Union	842-5372
Northwest Farm Credit Services	683-1200
Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan Association	683-5191
Ruby Valley National Bank - Sheridan	842-5411
- Twin Bridges	684-5678
Shoemaker-Brown New York Life	287-3031
Stockman Bank	683-1600



Fishing ~ Hunting ~ Lodging

4 Rivers Fishing Company	684-5651
Big Hole C4 Lodge	596-3474
Big Trout Ranch	684-5995
Elijah's Rest	842-7295
Fish Creek House Bed & Breakfast	287-2181
Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge	684-5960
Kings Motel & Flatline Outfitters	684-5639
Lewis & Clark Chapter of Montana's Trout Unlimited	842-5475
Moriah Motel	842-5491
Nightwind Training, Inc.	684-5304
R.L. Winston Rod Co.	684-5674
Rod & Rifle Inn	842-5960
Ruby Springs Lodge	842-5250
Stoney Inn	684-5648
Sweetgrass Rods	684-5440
Upper Canyon Outfitters	842-5884

Funeral

K & L Mortuaries	842-5731
Western Heritage Coffin & Casket	842-7897

Consulting ~ Graphic Design ~ Marketing

3-D	683-4261
Burning Memories	596-2002
Facilitating By Design	842-5473
Signs West	682-4257

Healthcare

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare	683-3000
Barrett Hospital Foundation	683-6737
Mac's CHC Pharmacy	842-7434
Ruby Valley Hospital & Clinics	842-5453
Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation	842-5010
The Health Emporium	
Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center	842-5600

Municipal

Northwestern Energy	443-8934
Sheridan Public Library	842-5770
Sheridan School District #5	842-5302
Town of Sheridan	842-5431
Town of Twin Bridges	684-5243
Twin Bridges Public School	684-5656

Office Supply

Beacon Business Center	842-7488
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Real Estate ~ Appraisal ~ Engineering

American Land Title Company of Montana	682-5299
Beaverhead Title, Inc.	683-3656
Clear Creek Realty	842-5028
First American Title Company of Madison County	682-5337
Heart L Ranch Realty	684-5756
Kirk Engineering & Natural Resources, Inc.	842-7224
Madison Beaverhead Board of Realtors	682-4288
New Frontier Ranches	684-5850
Prudential Montana Real Estate - Sheridan	842-5650
- Twin Bridges	684-5686
Rainbow Ridge, LLP	842-5503
Southern Montana Abstract & Title Co.	683-4445
Trails End Land Company	842-5960
Triple Creek Development	842-7688

Restaurants ~ Taverns ~ Catering

Blue Anchor Bar	684-5655
Booze & Buns	842-5790
Jumping Rainbow Espresso	684-2222
Lil Joy's Bakery & Deli	842-5700
Lost Cabin Bar	684-5482
Norris Hot Springs	685-3303
Serendipity Gifts & Coffeehouse	842-5008
Sheridan Bakery & Cafe	842-5716
The Old Hotel	684-5959
The Shack	684-5050
Wagon Wheel Restaurant	684-5099

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