

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming State of Montana Patch Program



Montana is a beautiful state. Do you know all the wonders that lie within its borders? Earning this badge will help you learn about the facts, firsts, resources, and features of Montana.

Requirements:

- Daisies and Brownies must complete five activities including the four activities with asterisks.
- Juniors must complete six activities including the four activities with asterisks.
- Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors must complete nine activities including the four with asterisks.

1. ***Fun with maps:** On an atlas, a map of the United States, or a Montana map, look for Montana. See if you can locate (Daisies & Brownies the seven with asterisks; Juniors the seven with asterisks plus twelve additional; and Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors all):

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| 1. *City you live in (<i>or one you want to visit</i>) | 2. Fort Benton (<i>Montana's oldest town</i>) | 3. Fort Peck Lake |
| 4. *State Capital | 5. Great Falls | 6. Missouri River |
| 7. *Glacier National Park | 8. Havre | 9. Yellowstone River |
| 10. *Continental Divide | 11. Kalispell | 12. Bear Paw Mountains |
| 13. *Bordering country | 14. Lewistown | 15. Big Belt Mountains |
| 16. *Bordering states | 17. Miles City | 18. Bitterroot Range |
| 19. *Yellowstone National Park | 20. Missoula | 21. Rocky Mountains |
| 22. Billings | 23. Virginia City | 24. Little Belt Mountains |
| 25. Bozeman | 26. Zortman | 27. Lewis & Clark Caverns |
| 28. Butte | 29. Flathead Lake | |

Draw or print a blank map of Montana, and with your troop, group, or family, label the above locations according to your age requirements.

2. *Research the listed state symbols. Daisies & Brownies find the six symbols with asterisks; Juniors the six asterisks plus four more; and Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors find all symbols.

*Flag	*Tree	*Flower	Animal	Fish	Fossil	State Seal
*Nickname	*Bird	*Song	Insect	Grass	Gems	Motto

If possible, draw, cut out, or color pictures of each - be able to tell about the ones you choose.

3. *Find out how and when Montana became a state. How did it get its name?

4. *Choose a school playground, church parking lot, or city/state park and plan to do a clean-up project. Help keep Montana beautiful! Visit the location in the future to accomplish your clean-up plan.

5. Montana has two main geographic areas. Find out what they are and what each area produces. How do these resources help Montana's economy?

6. **Famous Firsts:**

Research one of these firsts or find another "first" for Montana, and share it with others. If possible, plan to visit one of the sites with your troop, group, or family.

- A. First fossil of baby dinosaurs and dinosaurs eggs found near Choteau
 - B. First largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River - Flathead Lake
 - C. First and oldest National Park in the world - Yellowstone National Park
 - D. One of the first wildlife refuges in the nation - National Bison Range
 - E. First Underground shopping mall in the western United States - Havre
 - F. First permanent European settlement in Montana - St. Mary's Mission in Stevensville
7. Montana is bordered by another country, Canada. Find the points of entry from Montana and what requirements you need to enter and return to each country.
8. Montana has seven Native American reservations. Label them on a map of Montana. Find out which tribes or nations live on each. If possible, plan to visit a reservation in your area or attend an event.
9. Map Lewis and Clark's expedition through Montana. Label the dates of stopping points along their journey.
10. There are many important people in Montana history. Research a historic/famous Montanan with your troop, group, or family. Share what you have learned with others.
Examples: Marcus Daly, Mike Mansfield, Jeannette Rankin, Charles M. Russell, Dolly Smith Cusker Akers, Dana Carvey, Evil Knievel, and many more...
11. Montana has 48 state parks. Find which parks are close to where you live. What do you think makes these parks special? If possible, enjoy an afternoon experiencing one of these parks, or plan to experience the park, with your troop, group, or family. Were you right about what makes the park special?
12. **Digging in Montana.** This state is famous for gems, gold, fossils, minerals, and many more underground finds. Find out about mining in Montana. If possible, try a mining or digging technique to find a treasure of your own.
13. Find five interesting facts about Montana and share them with your troop, group, or family.