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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE TREASURE STATE

Montana Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Montana for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to Montana!

Grab a pencil and look up: we're heading to Montana, where the sky goes on forever! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues from the icy peaks of Glacier National Park to the rolling plains where bison once roamed by the millions. You'll meet a grizzly bear, a dinosaur that cared for its babies, and a bird with a bright yellow song. Ready? Saddle up!



MONTANA FAST FACTS

Capital	Helena
Largest city	Billings
Nickname	The Treasure State
Statehood	November 8, 1889 (the 41st state)
Region	West
State bird	Western Meadowlark
State flower	Bitterroot
State tree	Ponderosa Pine
State Animal	Grizzly Bear
State Fossil	Duck-billed Dinosaur (Maiasaura)
State Gemstones	Sapphire and Montana Agate
Motto	Oro y Plata (Spanish for "Gold and Silver")

For parents and teachers: This Montana pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

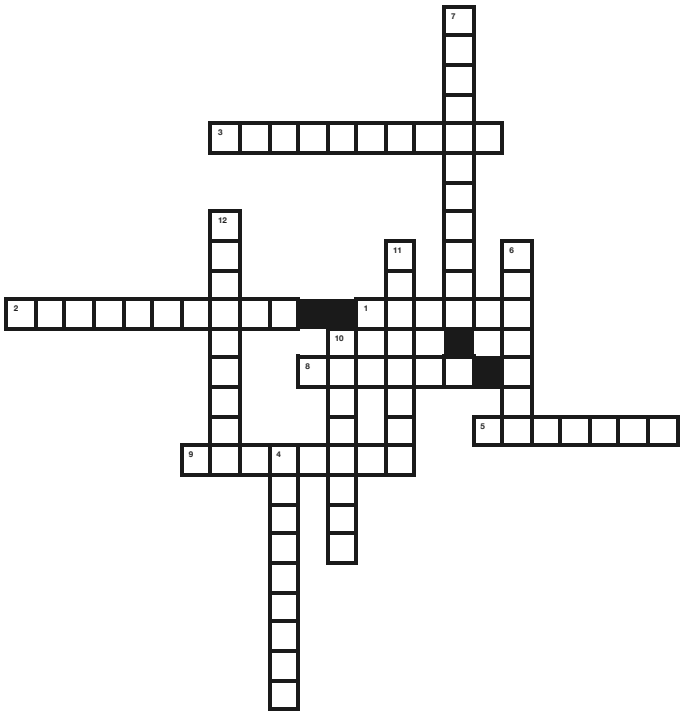
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Montana Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

1. The state capital, founded after a gold strike

2. State bird with a yellow chest and a black V

3. Pink state flower, also the name of a valley and river

5. Big bear chosen as state animal by schoolchildren

8. ___ Country, a popular nickname for the state

9. Blue gem that is one of the two state gemstones

DOWN

4. Tall state tree with orange bark that smells like vanilla

6. National park crossed by Going-to-the-Sun Road

7. The first national park; part of it lies in this state

10. Largest city in the state

11. Nickname: the ___ State, for its rich mines

12. State fossil, a dinosaur whose name means good mother lizard

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Montana Places to Explore

Cities, lakes, passes and battlefields across the state

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

M	C	G	R	E	A	T	F	A	L	L	S	R	O	U
I	O	O	T	L	O	P	T	B	N	U	Z	N	M	U
S	B	O	Z	E	M	A	N	E	H	C	Q	R	Q	K
S	L	L	O	G	A	N	P	A	S	S	S	Y	J	A
O	G	K	E	L	B	K	G	Y	T	J	Y	W	P	L
U	G	O	I	N	G	T	O	T	H	E	S	U	N	I
L	Q	I	L	S	Y	W	E	S	J	E	N	L	S	S
A	L	I	T	T	L	E	B	I	G	H	O	R	N	P
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R	H	F	L	A	T	H	E	A	D	L	A	K	E	L
H	A	V	R	E	G	P	C	D	S	M	O	C	L	L
B	E	A	R	T	O	O	T	H	H	X	P	C	B	H
M	I	L	E	S	C	I	T	Y	O	B	U	T	T	E
Z	W	K	R	T	H	R	E	E	F	O	R	K	S	F
S	N	X	H	C	S	F	O	R	T	P	E	C	K	J

Word List

LITTLEBIGHORN
GREATFALLS
MILESCITY
BEARTOOTH
BOZEMAN
GOINGTOTHESUN
THREEFORKS
WHITEFISH
MISSOULA
BUTTE
FLATHEADLAKE
KALISPELL
LOGANPASS
FORTPECK
HAVRE

THE MONTANA SUPER PACK

20 more Montana puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The Montana Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: dinosaur digs, Glacier National Park trails, gold-rush ghost towns, Montana's tribal nations, Lewis and Clark's journey and ranch life. Twenty puzzles, one big sky, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Montana Glacier National Park	Word Search
2	Montana Ranch Life	Word Scramble
3	Montana Wildflowers and Plants	Word Fill-In
4	Montana River Fact	Cryptogram
5	Montana Tribal Nations	Word Search
6	Montana Lewis and Clark	Word Scramble
7	Montana Trees and Forests	Word Fill-In
8	Montana Dinosaur Fact	Cryptogram
9	Montana Mining History	Word Search
10	Montana Mountain Ranges	Word Scramble
11	Montana Birds	Word Fill-In
12	Montana Peace Park Fact	Cryptogram
13	Montana Dinosaur Trail	Word Search
14	Montana Fish and Rivers	Word Scramble
15	Montana Prairie and Plains	Word Fill-In
16	Montana Peak Fact	Cryptogram
17	Montana Cities and Towns	Word Search
18	Montana Winter Words	Word Scramble
19	Montana Big Sky Nights	Word Fill-In
20	Montana Size Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Montana so far? The Super Pack has 20 more puzzles, and every one has its own theme: 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 word scrambles and 5 word fill-ins. Not one of them repeats a puzzle in this free pack.

For grown-ups: it is a one-time payment of $1.99, not a subscription. Every puzzle comes with an answer key, and the personal and classroom license lets you print unlimited copies for your own home or classroom.

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- ✓ 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 scrambles and 5 fill-ins
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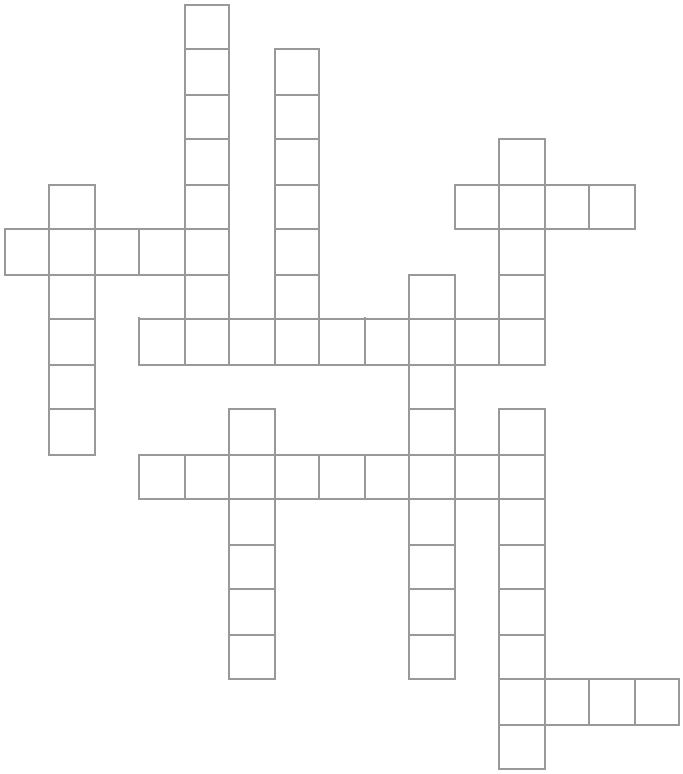
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Montana Animals

Creatures of the mountains, forests and plains

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

4 letters:	LYNX, PIKA
5 letters:	BISON, MOOSE
6 letters:	COUGAR, MARMOT
7 letters:	BIGHORN
8 letters:	GRAYWOLF, MULEDEER
9 letters:	BLACKBEAR, PRONGHORN, WOLVERINE

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Montana Fun

Things to do under the big sky

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: Montana words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	ORDEO	_____
2.	OWOYCB	_____
3.	SCBORHAEK	_____
4.	LHFYNIIGSF	_____
5.	CGNIPMA	_____
6.	NGIIKH	_____
7.	NHARC	_____
8.	IKINSG	_____
9.	FNTAGIR	_____
10.	RAGTNZGSAI	_____
11.	LAOSS	_____
12.	ESOOHSNW	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Montana Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Montana became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

R Q I B Z I Z J H O Z R H B L H

V Q E B U V D E P B P B Z B H

Q I I Q T H R J H E H D K L B L ,

H D K L B H H I H D K L B U

I D I H .

Hints:

`Q = O` `E = R` `P = S`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Montana explorer!

You solved your way across Montana, the Treasure State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about Montana. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Helena.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT MONTANA

- Montana is the fourth largest state by area, but only about 1.08 million people lived there at the 2020 Census.
- Granite Peak, at 12,807 feet, is the highest point in Montana.
- Glacier National Park was created in 1910 and has more than 700 miles of hiking trails.
- In 1932, Waterton-Glacier became the world's first International Peace Park, shared with Canada.
- Yellowstone, the first national park, was created in 1872, and part of it lies in Montana.
- The Missouri River begins near Three Forks, where the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin Rivers come together.
- In 1978, scientists found nests of Maiasaura, the good mother lizard dinosaur, near Choteau.
- Montana has seven Indian reservations, home to nations including the Blackfeet, Crow, Salish and Northern Cheyenne.
- In 2025, rodeo became Montana's official state sport.
- Billings is Montana's largest city, and Helena, the capital, grew from a gold strike at Last Chance Gulch.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Montana lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for Montana.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of Montana cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Helena and the Treasure State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

Put a Montana word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

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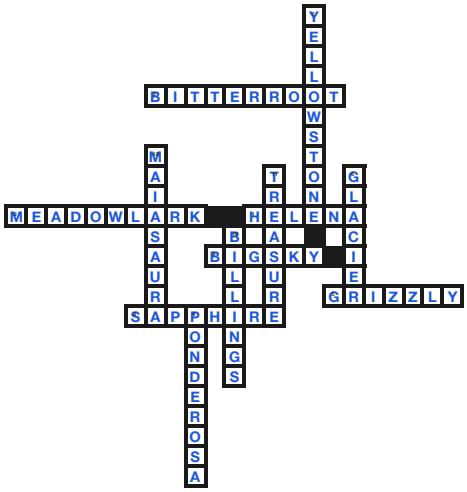
Flash Card Maker

Make printable cards for Montana facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. Montana Crossword (Crossword)

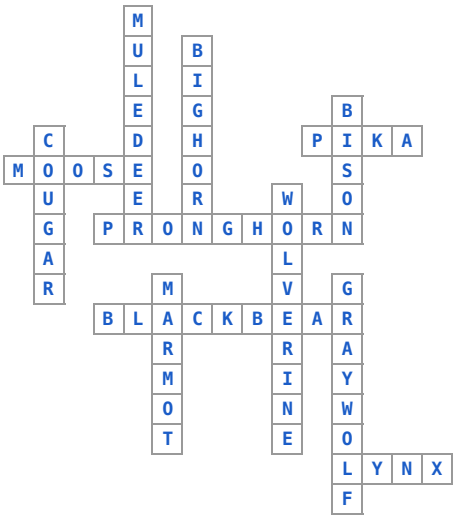


2. Montana Places to Explore (Word Search)

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O	G	K	E	L	B	K	G	Y	T	J	Y	W	P	L
U	G	O	I	N	G	T	O	T	H	E	S	U	N	I
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H	A	V	R	E	G	P	C	D	S	M	O	C	L	L
B	E	A	R	T	O	O	T	H	H	X	P	C	B	H
M	I	L	E	S	C	I	T	Y	O	B	U	T	T	E
Z	W	K	R	T	H	R	E	E	F	O	R	K	S	F
S	N	X	H	C	S	F	O	R	T	P	E	C	K	J

Answer Key

3. Montana Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Montana Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	ORDEO	**RODEO**
2.	OWOYCB	**COWBOY**
3.	SCBORHAEK	**HORSEBACK**
4.	LHFYNIIGSF	**FLYFISHING**
5.	CGNIPMA	**CAMPING**
6.	NGIIKH	**HIKING**
7.	NHARC	**RANCH**
8.	IKINSG	**SKIING**
9.	FNTAGIR	**RAFTING**
10.	RAGTNZGSAI	**STARGAZING**
11.	LAOSS	**LASSO**
12.	ESOOHSNW	**SNOWSHOE**

5. Montana Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

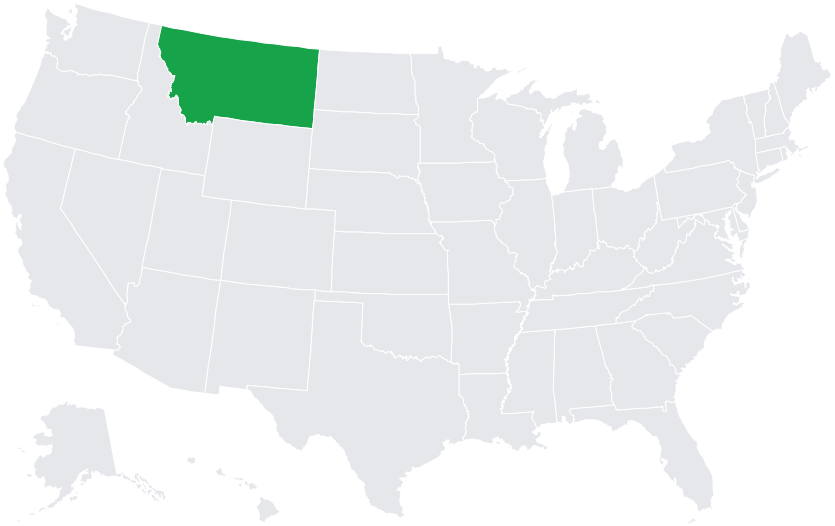
MONTANA BECAME THE FORTY FIRST STATE ON NOVEMBER EIGHTH, EIGHTEEN EIGHTY NINE.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 41 of 50

Montana was the 41st state to join the Union. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: Washington.

Learning capitals too? Our 50 States: Capital, Abbreviation & Nickname flash card deck covers every capital, postal code and nickname in 150 cards for $1.29.



- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
- [ ] Arizona
- [ ] Arkansas
- [ ] California
- [ ] Colorado
- [ ] Connecticut
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- [x] **Montana**
- [ ] Nebraska
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