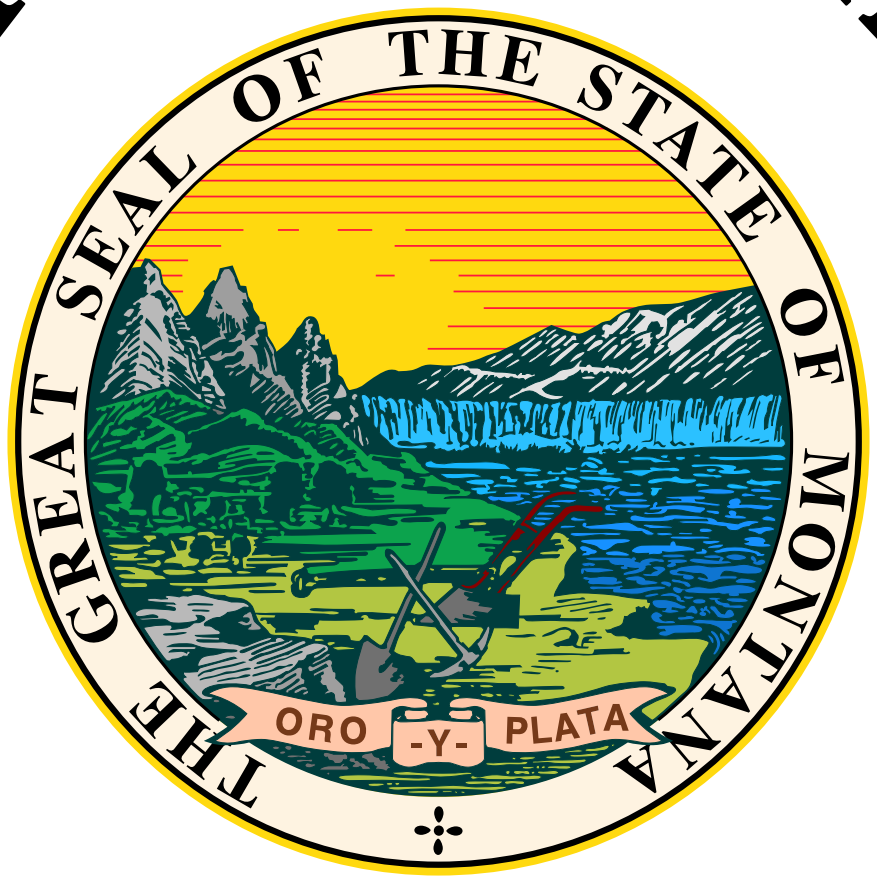
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Magical Montana Patch

In earning this patch you will learn about Montana's "famous firsts," history, geography, and so much more!

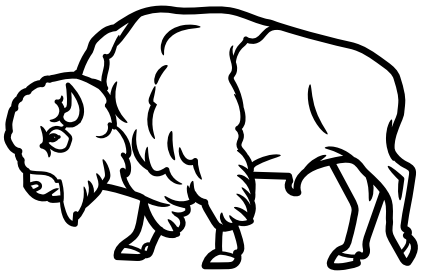
Montana is a beautiful state, but do you know all the wonders that lie within its borders? Earning this patch will help you learn the facts, firsts, resources, and features of Montana.

Requirements to earn this patch: Daisies must complete the four activities with asterisks; Brownies the four with asterisks plus two additional; Juniors, the four with asterisks, plus three additional; Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors, the four with asterisks plus four additional.

1.) Fun with Maps: On a Montana state map, try and find the locations listed below. Daisies find the seven with asterisks; Brownies, find the seven with asterisks plus four addtional; Juniors, the seven with asterisks plus twelve additional; Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors, the seven with asterisks plus an additional eighteen.

1. *City you live in (or one you want to visit)
2. *State Capital
3. *Glacier Ntional Park
4. *Continental Divide
5. *Bordering States
6. *Yellowstone National Park
7. *Billings
8. Big Sky
9. Bozeman
10. Butte
11. Cut Bank
12. Dillon
13. Fort Benton (Montana's oldest town)
14. Glasgow
15. Glendive
16. Great Falls
17. Havre
18. Kalispell
19. Lewistown
20. Livingston
21. Miles City
22. Missoula
23. Plentywod
24. Virginia City
25. Flathead Lake
26. Fort Peck Lake
27. Missouri RIver
28. Yellowstone River
29. Bear Paw Mountains
30. Big Belt Mountains
31. Bitterroot Mountains
32. Rocky Mountains
33. Little Belt Mountains
34. Lewis and Clark Caverns

On the included outline of Montana, mark each location you find and label it, if possible!



2.) ***State Symbols:** Research and record the listed state symbols, you can either write it down or draw a picture of it! Daisies and Brownies find the eight symbols with asterisks; Juniors, the eight with asterisks plus four more; and Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors, find **<u>all</u>** symbols.

a. *Flag

b. *Nickname

c. *Tree

d. *Bird

e. *Flower

f. *Song

g. *Gem

h. *Fossil

i. Animal

j. Fruit

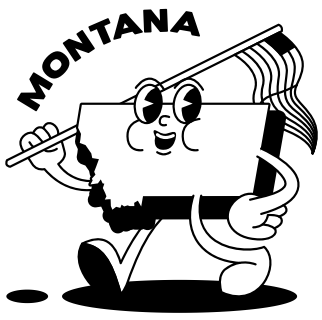
k. Insect

l. Fish

m. Grass

n. State Seal

o. Motto



3.) ***Montana Statehood:** What year did Montana become a state? _____

How did it get its' name? _____

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What number state was Montana to join the United States? _____

4.) **Wildlife:** From Gray Wolves to Mountain goats, Montana is home to many different species of animals.

Name an endangered species that is found in Montana. Record its name here, and if you can find its scientific name, record that as well!

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Where in Montana can this species be found? _____

What is being done to help protect this species from extinction?

_____

_____

5.) **Geography:** Montana has two main geographic areas. What are they?

Eastern Montana: _____

Western Montana: _____

Each area has a main resource. Discover that and record it along with how do these resources help Montana's economy.

Eastern Montana: _____

_____

Western Montana: _____

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6.) **Famous Firsts:** Research one of these first or find another “Montana First’s.”

A. First fossil of baby dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs- found near Choteau

B. First largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River- Flathead Lake

C. First and oldent National Park in the world- Yellowstone National Park

D. One of the first wildlife refuges in the nation- National Bison Range

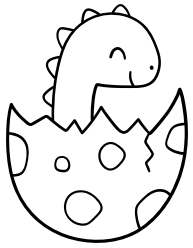
E. First Underground shopping mall in the western United States- Havre

F. First permanent European settlement in Montana- St. Mary’s Mission in Stevensville

Write down four things you learned about your selected “first”.

7.) **Borders of Montana:** Montana is bordered by another country, Canada. Find at least three points of entry to and from Montana and list them below.

What types of documents would you need if you are entering Canada by car from one of these points?



8.) ***First Nations:** Montana has seven Native American reservations. Label them on a map of Montana, if possible. What nation lives on each reservation?

1.) Blackfeet Indian Reservation: _____

2.) Crow Indian Reservation: _____

3.) Flathead Indian Reservation: _____

4.) Fort Belknap Reservation: _____

5.) Fort Peck Indian Reservation: _____

6.) Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation: _____

7.) Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation: _____

9.) **Lewis and Clark's Expedition:** What were Lewis and Clark looking for while traveling west? _____

_____

How do we know that they traveled through Montana? _____

_____

10.) **Famous Montanan's:** There are many important people in Montana history. Research a historic/famous Montanan. Record your findings below.

Name: _____

Where they are from: _____

Birthday: _____

What they are famous for: _____

11.) **State Parks:** Montana has 53 state parks. Find which park is closest to where you live. If you do not live in Montana, pick one to research. Record its' name below.

_____

What is the nearest town to the park you have selected? _____

What year did it become designated as a Montana State Park? _____

Why did it become a state park? _____

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12.) **Digging in Montana:** This state is famous for gems, gold, fossils, and minerals.

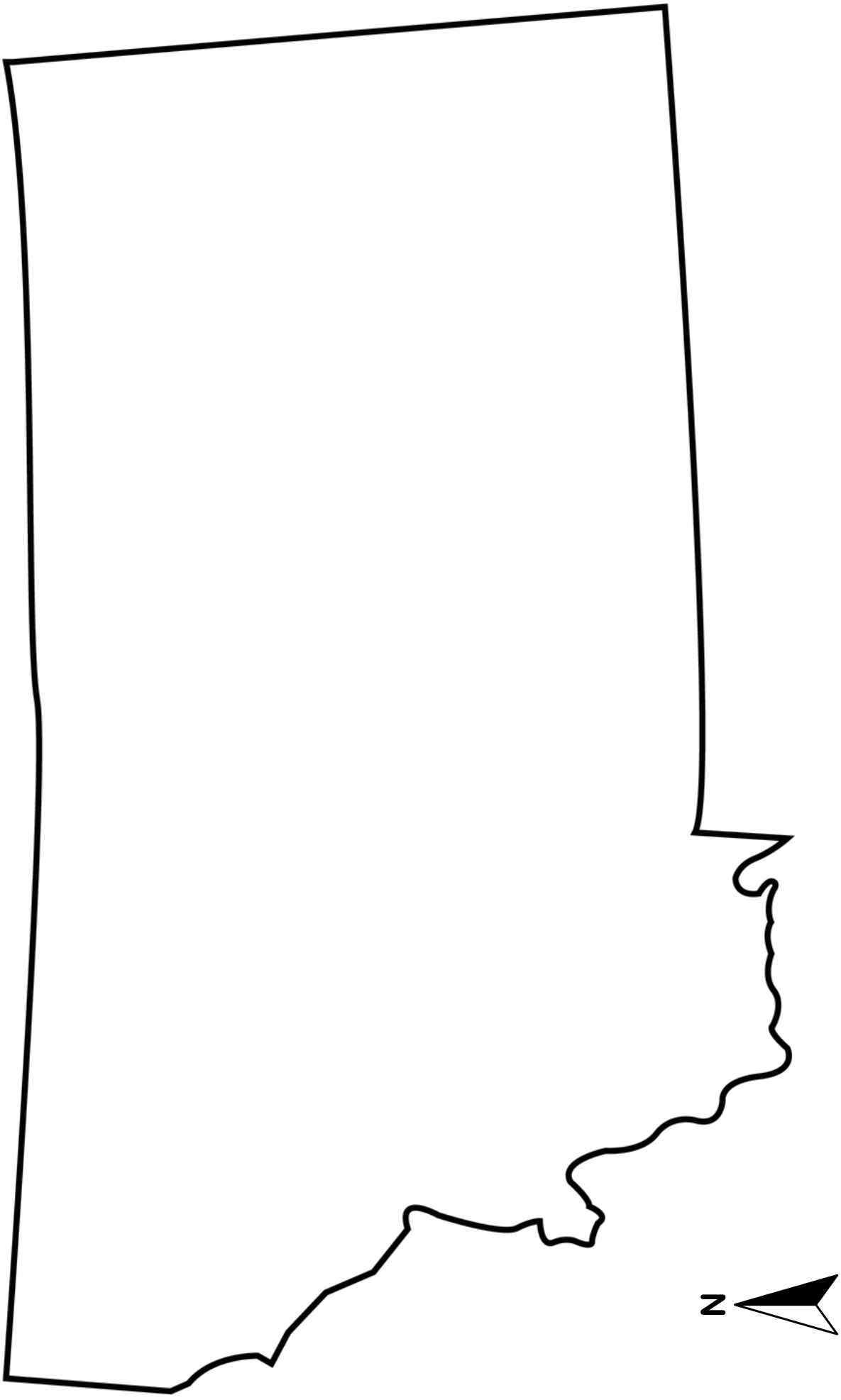
What gem is Montana most famous for?_____

Montana is the only producer of these two rare metals in the United States. What are they?

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13.) **Fun Facts:** Find five interesting facts about Montana that you have already learned. Record them below.

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