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OR CALL 406.622.3864



EVENTS

- SUMMER CELEBRATION**
LAST WEEKEND IN JUNE, fortbentonsummercelebration.com
- FARMER'S MARKET**
THURSDAYS AT 5 PM, JULY–SEPTEMBER, FRONT STREET LEVEE
- SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK/TASTE OF CHOUTEAU CO.**
AUGUST, OLD FORT PARK
- CHOUTEAU COUNTY FAIR**
AUGUST, chocofair.com
- CHOUTEAU COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS (CCPA)**
PERFORMANCES MONTHLY, OCT–APRIL
- CHOUTEAU COUNTY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**
FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER



RESTAURANTS & BARS

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| 1 | UNION GRILLE
1 GRAND UNION SQUARE | (406) 622-1882 |
| 2 | B SOCIAL BAR & LANES
1314 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5040 |
| 3 | THE CLUBHOUSE
1411 MAIN STREET | (406) 622-3433 |
| 4 | CASA DEL GRINGO
1414 FRONT STREET | (406) 402-5121 |
| 5 | WAKE CUP COFFEE HOUSE
1500 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5400 |
| 6 | THE PUBLIC HOUSE
1714 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-2406 |
| 7 | MOON EYES COFFEE
1714 FRONT STREET | (406) 399-3694 |
| 8 | THE FREEZE (seasonal)
1722 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-3739 |
| 9 | POUR HOUSE SALOON
808 14TH STREET | (406) 622-9931 |
| 10 | PASTIME BAR
1406 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-3883 |
| 11 | PALACE BAR
1416 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5580 |



ACCOMMODATIONS

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| 1 | GRAND UNION HOTEL
1 GRAND UNION SQUARE | (406) 622-1882 |
| 2 | PIONEER LODGE
1700 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5441 |
| 3 | CHOUTEAU CO. CAMPGROUND
205 FAIRGROUND LOOP | (406) 622-5505 |
| 4 | BENTON RV
2410 CHOUTEAU STREET | (406) 622-5015 |
| 5 | WILLOW'S RV PARK
300 FRANKLIN STREET | (406) 622-5104 |
| 6 | THE RIVER HOUSE
417 RIVER STREET | (406) 622-3238 |
| 7 | 12TH & FRONT SUITES
1212 FRONT STREET | (406) 871-4205 |
| 8 | EMILY'S VACATION COTTAGE
806 FRANKLIN STREET | (406) 231-2764 |
| 9 | LITTLE BLUE CABIN
1414 MAIN STREET | (307) 286-2814 |
| 10 | THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE
1721 MAIN STREET | (406) 781-7266 |
| 11 | GARDEN COTTAGE
910 FRANKLIN STREET | (406) 621-0329 |

SEE VRBO AND AIRBNB SITES FOR MORE LISTINGS.



SHOPPING

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| 1 | BENTON PHARMACY
PHARMACY & GIFTS—1418 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5588 |
| 2 | FORT BENTON HARDWARE
HOME & RECREATION—1420 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5042 |
| 3 | THE GOVERNOR'S KEEP
CLOTHING & GIFTS—1506 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5130 |
| 4 | RUSTIC MUG
GIFT SHOP & BOUTIQUE—1714 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-6495 |
| 5 | RIVER'S EDGE GREENHOUSE
FLORAL, & GIFTS—1720 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5241 |



RECREATION

- Fishing
- Upland Bird & Big Game Hunting
- Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking
- Camping, Hiking, & Biking
- Year-round Birding

Due to very swift undercurrents, extreme caution and proper safety gear is advised when swimming or floating on the Missouri River.



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| 1 | UPPER MISSOURI CANOE GUIDES | (406) 616-2001 |
| 2 | MISSOURI RIVER OUTFITTERS
1856 STATE HWY 387 | 1-866-282-3295 |
| 3 | MONTANA FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS | www.fwp.mt.gov
(406) 444-2535 |
| 4 | SIGNAL POINT GOLF CLUB
345 SIGNAL POINT ROAD | (406) 622-3666 |
| 5 | FORT BENTON CITY POOL
2010 RIVER STREET | (406) 622-9943 |
| 6 | B SOCIAL BAR & LANES
1314 FRONT STREET | (406) 622-5040 |



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HISTORIC LEGACY

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| First recorded white visitor when the Lewis & Clark Expedition traversed the area. | 1805 |
| First steamboat arrives and makes Fort Benton the innermost port on the Missouri. | 1860 |
| Construction is completed on Mullan road, a trade and travel route to the west coast. | |
| Montana becomes a Territory. | 1864 |
| Northwest Mounted Police come to Fort Benton and bring law and respectability. | 1874 |
| Fort Benton golden decade of river trade begins and most of the brick buildings are constructed during this prosperous period. | 1878 |
| The Railroad comes to Fort Benton, ending river trade. | 1887 |
| Montana becomes a State. | 1889 |
| Drought drives many farmers out of Montana. | 1917 |
| Site of Fort Benton established as a fur trading post | 1846 |
| Gold is discovered in Montana and fortune seekers flood into the area arriving by steamboat. Buildings stretch for a mile along the levee. Fort Benton gains the reputation as the toughest town in the west and vigilante justice prevails. | 1862 |
| U.S. Army purchases fur fort. | 1869 |
| The Whoop-Up Trail is established as a profitable whiskey trade route to Canada. | |
| Open range cattle and sheep replace buffalo on the plains. | 1880 |
| Fort Benton bridge is built, the first to span the Missouri in Montana. | 1888 |
| Homesteaders pour in and agriculture becomes Fort Benton's largest industry. | 1908 |
| Chouteau County becomes Montana's leading wheat producer. | 1928 |



VISITOR'S CENTER
Stop by the old fire station next to the bridge for info and brochures to help you make the most of your time in our city.
1421 Front Street

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FORT BENTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Welcome to the
BIRTHPLACE of MONTANA



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 HISTORIC OLD FORT BENTON

 MONTANA AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND THE MUSEUM OF THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS

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LEVEE TRAIL & HISTORIC DISTRICT

 PAVED TRAIL
 UNPAVED TRAIL (EXPANSION AREA)

- 1 DAVIDSON MOFFITT HARNESS STORE (1881)
- 2 MURPHY, NEEL & CO. BUILDING (1880)
- 3 WELLS FARGO OFFICE (1880)
- 4 STOCKMAN'S NATIONAL BANK (1889)
- 5 GRAND UNION HOTEL (1882)
- 6 ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (1880)
- 7 CHOUTEAU COUNTY COURTHOUSE (1884)
- 8 1400 BLOCK—HISTORIC UPRIVER BUSINESSES
- 9 OLD ENGINE HOUSE (1887) VISITOR'S CENTER
- 10 OLD FORT BENTON BRIDGE (1888)
- 11 RIDER OF THE PURPLE SAGE (2007)
- 12 PACIFIC HOTEL / CULBERTSON HOUSE

- 13 1500 BLOCK—BLOODIEST BLOCK IN THE WEST
- 14 CHOUTEAU COUNTY LIBRARY (1916)
- 15 CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (1907)
- 16 BAKER HOUSE (1867)
- 17 OBELISK TO CAPTAIN JOHN MULLAN
- 18 CHOTEAU HOUSE (1900)
- 19 MANDAN REPLICA (1965)
- 20 T.C. POWER & CO. (1867, REBUILT 1916)
- 21 LEWIS & CLARK MEMORIAL (1976)
- 22 REMAINS OF THE BABY ROSE (1900)
- 23 WHOOP-UP TRAIL MONUMENT (1969)
- 24 VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK (1922)
- 25 CENTENNIAL STONE (1946)
- 26 RUINS OF OLD FORT BENTON (1846)

THE STORY OF SHEP

Follow the story of Shep, the dog who captured hearts across the nation for his undying faithfulness to his master. When a sheepherder from the plains above Fort Benton died in 1936, his loyal dog Shep followed his casket to the train depot where it was shipped back East. Shep met every single train for 5-1/2 years looking for his master to return.

-  SHEP MEMORIAL STATUE (1994)
-  SHEPS BURIAL SITE (1942)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

-  INFO/VISITOR'S CENTER
-  PUBLIC REST ROOMS
-  GRAND UNION
-  RESTAURANTS
-  GROCERY
-  SHERIFF'S OFFICE
-  HOSPITAL
-  GAS STATION
-  AIRPORT
-  FAIRGROUNDS
-  ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
-  HIGH SCHOOL
-  PLAYGROUND
-  PICNIC AREA
-  POOL
-  TENNIS/PICKLEBALL
-  GOLF COURSE
-  CANOE LAUNCH
-  BOAT LAUNCH
-  RV PARK/CAMPGROUND