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# WELCOME TO BIG SKY

GUIDE FOR SEASONAL WORKERS

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benefits and resources

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# WELCOME TO BIG SKY COUNTRY

On behalf of the entire community,  
we would like to welcome you  
to Big Sky, Montana!

Big Sky is a world renowned outdoor destination that provides year-round outdoor opportunities in the heart of 'Big Sky Country'- a phrase referring to the vastness and grandeur of Montana's outdoor spaces. This community is an amazing one to be a part of. Whether you live, work, or play in Big Sky, everyone is an important part of this community. We have a strong sense of community that extends beyond the boundaries of just the town.

The goal of this guidebook is to help you feel welcomed, get to know your community and enjoy your time here. The information that follows will give you a better understanding of the community, the resources to help navigate the area, and information about the region.

We have several events throughout the season for Seasonal Workforce. Events include dinners, tubing, bowling, WMPAC shows and more. Check out more about events that are offered on the Seasonal Workforce Events page on the Big Sky Chamber's website, under live and work. Here you can also learn more about the Big Sky Buddies program. Both of these new things are spearheaded by the Big Sky Rotary.

**We welcome you to Big Sky and we are grateful to have you as part of our community!**

## ABOUT OUR TOWN

Big Sky, MT is tucked midway down the Gallatin River Canyon, approximately halfway between historic Bozeman and the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. The town of Big Sky sits at an elevation of 6,322 feet, nestled in a mountain meadows, surrounded by thick evergreen forests, and rocky mountain peaks. The dominant landmark is Lone Mountain, which towers above the town at a summit elevation of 11,166 feet. Lone Mountain is part of the Gallatin Mountain Range. Big Sky is home to 3,141 year round residents that share the space with wildlife like moose, elk, bear, bighorn sheep, deer, and a wide variety of other wild animals.

Big Sky is a year-round destination for outdoor sports and recreation opportunities like alpine skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, golf, hiking, mountain biking, climbing, ziplining, and other outdoor activities. A variety of resorts and businesses provide world class service and access to all these opportunities. Big Sky sees 15,000 people during peak periods throughout the year.

Big Sky is an unincorporated town occupying two counties (Gallatin and Madison). This means that we lack an official city municipality (government) and governance is controlled by seven 'special purpose districts' that oversee the essential functions of the community. That does not mean that we don't have a shared direction as a community, but instead, the direction of our community comes directly from the many passionate community members that get involved.

The town of Big Sky is growing quickly which presents its challenges, but the hard work and dedication of the community keeps us on a trajectory towards a positive future. No sense of place is complete without an understanding of the past, and Big Sky has a very rich and vibrant cultural heritage.



# HISTORY OF PLACE

## History of Big Sky, Montana

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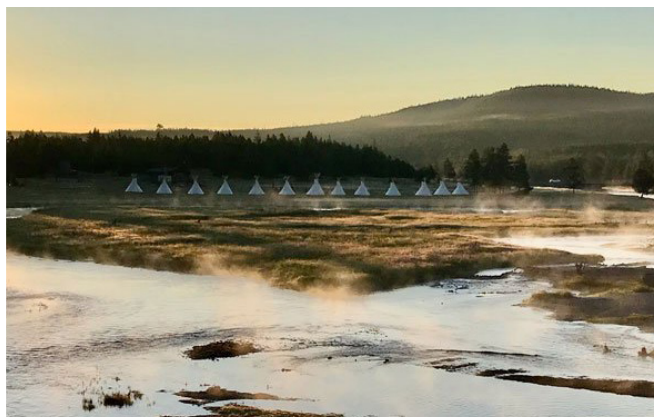


### early 1800's

The Big Sky meadow and mouth of the Gallatin Canyon (near the Conoco gas station) was a major hub on this route. Archaeological studies show many tribes, bands, nations, and confederacies passed through the Big Sky region including the Blackfeet, Shoshone, Nez Perce, Apsaalooke (Crow), Flathead, Sioux, and Shoshone. In 1806, guided by Sacagawea (Lemhi Shoshone), the Lewis and Clark Expedition passed through Bozeman, followed by fur trappers, traders, miners, pioneers, and explorers who migrated West looking for land and opportunity based on stories told by Lewis and Clark.

### 10,000 years ago

Archaeology indicates that for over 10,000 years First Nations (Native American) People regularly traveled Gallatin Canyon on their way to what is now known as Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone Park was a place to gather resources (ie. elk, bison, deer, obsidian, etc), trade important items, share culture, and show friendship. Research shows that as many as 49 tribes migrated in and out of the Greater Yellowstone area, 27 of which are officially recognized by the National Park Service.



**\*Currently Montana has 12 recognized Tribal Nations** including the Salish (Sélish), Pend d'Oreille (Ql̓ispé), Kootenai (Ksanka), Blackfeet (Niitsitapi/Pikuni), Chippewa (Ojibwe/Anishinabe), Plains Cree (Ne-i-yah-wahk), Gros Ventre (A'aninin), Assiniboine (Nokado/Nakona), Sioux (Lakota/Dakota), Northern Cheyenne (Tsetsêhesêstâhase/So'taa'eo'o), Crow (Apsaalooke), and Little Shell Chippewa (Anishinabe/Métis). According to the 2020 census 6.5% of Montana's population are Native American/American Indian (65,523).

### late 1800's

In 1864 Bozeman was founded, to support nearby mining towns like Virginia City and Butte. Due to its incredibly fertile soil, Bozeman was the agricultural community that supplied mining towns with much of their produce and cattle, putting Bozeman on the map as a place of beauty, opportunity, and economic potential. For many years the US Army fought to force Indigenous People out of this area. Violence and broken treaties caused the forced removal of Indigenous People from the land they had called home for thousands of years.

With the expansion of the Northern Pacific Railroad into Bozeman in 1883, rough logging roads were cut through the canyon to transport pine trees to build the railroad. This created a trail for ranchers to drive herds of sheep, cattle and horses over the pass into the Gallatin Canyon. With the 1862 Homestead Act in place, ranchers began staking out their 160 acre homesteads in the meadows along the banks of the Gallatin River, building cabins, and settling in the Gallatin Canyon.



### early 1900's

One of these ranchers was Augustus Franklin Crail, the first homesteader in Big Sky. In December 1901, Crail purchased a 160-acre homestead with a small cabin (only \$1 per acre), which over the years expanded to a 960-acre working ranch. Today, the ranch land is home to the Big Sky Golf Course, and the beautifully preserved historic Crail Ranch buildings are a local treasure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### 1960's to today

In 1969, retired news anchor, Chet Huntley gathered investors to purchase the land and form Big Sky Resort transforming it into the Resort community that it is today. In September 1973, Ski Magazine made a grand announcement "Montana skiing has arrived!" and in December, Big Sky Resort opened for its first winter ski season with four ski lifts. Big Sky now has 39 lifts serving 5,850 skiable acres with a new tram set to open this season.

**To learn more about the history of our area visit**  
[www.VISITBIGSKY.com](http://www.VISITBIGSKY.com)

# BIG SKY BY REGION



## THE CANYON

'The Canyon' includes everything along highway 191 between Gallatin Gateway and Big Sky.



## THE MEADOW

'The Meadow' includes the Meadow Village, Town Center, and Westfork. It's what most people think of as the town of Big Sky.



## THE MOUNTAIN

'The Mountain' includes Big Sky Resort and surrounding neighborhoods.

# THE FOUR SEASONS OF BIG SKY WEATHER

Big Sky is a spectacular destination year-round. Each season brings something new and exciting to the area, from mild spring temperatures to plenty of winter snow. Whether you're looking for a weekend of adventure or plan to come all week, Big Sky is a fantastic place for big adventures.


## SUMMER

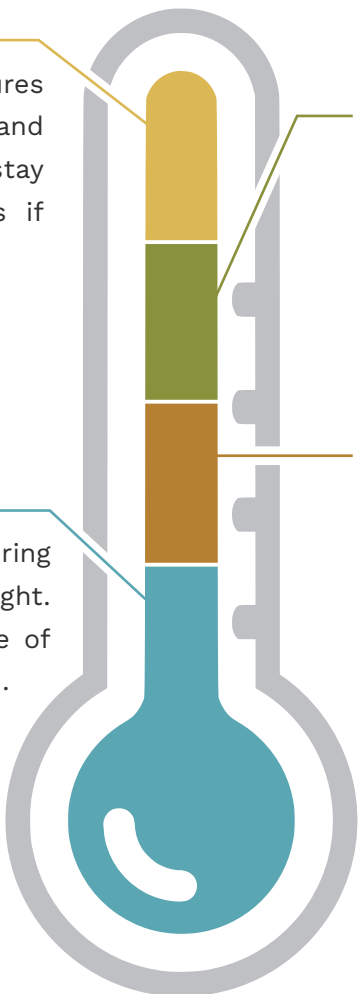
Typically sunny and mild, with temperatures ranging from 60° - 80°F during the day and 40°F at night. Wear sunscreen and stay hydrated to avoid elevation sickness if you're not used to higher elevation.

 **TIP: Bring light layers for changing weather conditions.**

## WINTER


Temperatures range from 0° - 30°F during the day and can dip below zero at night. Snowfall is expected, with an average of over 400 inches throughout the season.

 **TIP: Wear your warmest layers: a heavy coat, hat, gloves, scarf, and warm boots.**



## SPRING

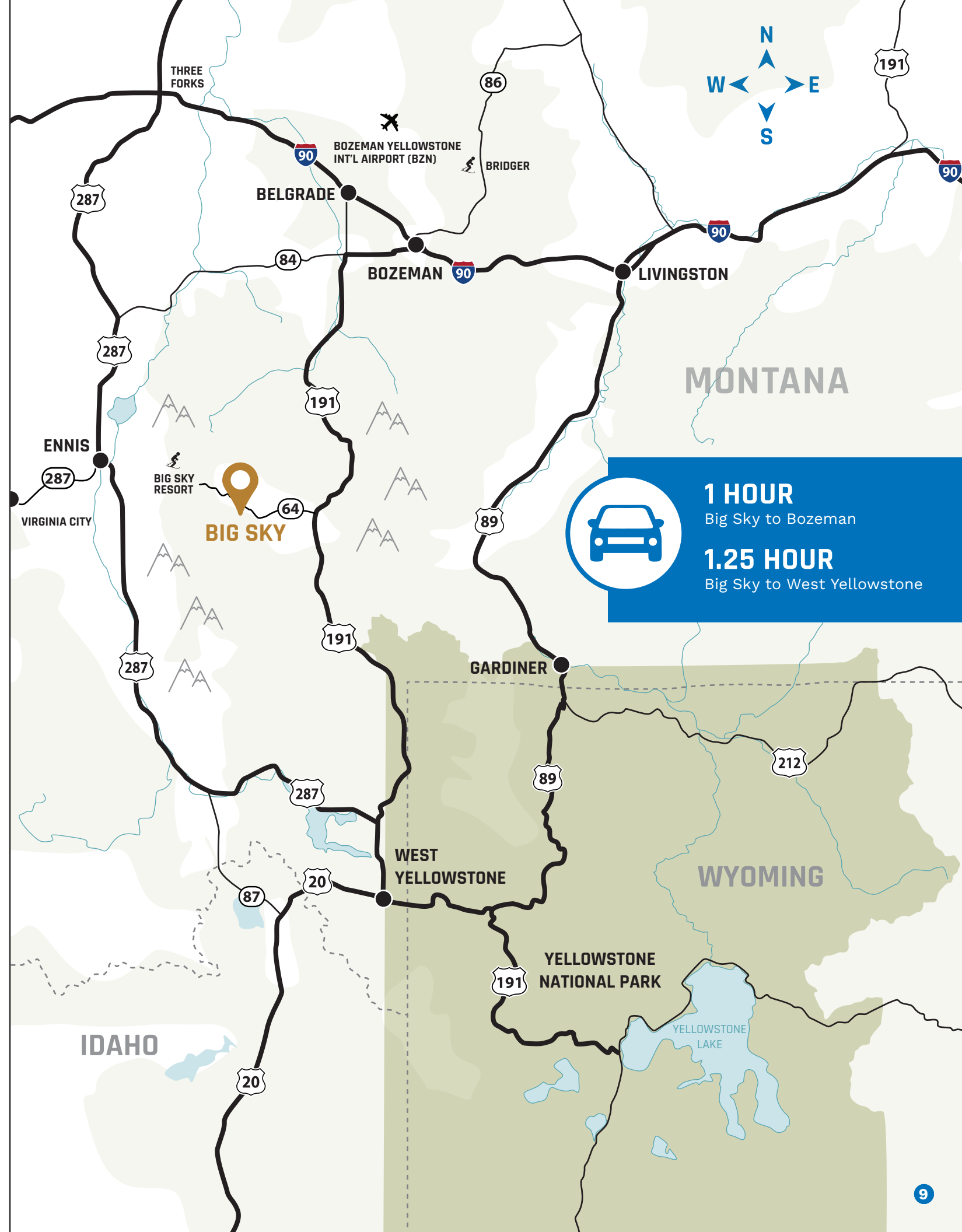
Expect days of snow, rain, and a mix of both. Temperatures range from 30° - 50°F during the day and 17° - 30°F at night.

 **TIP: Bring a warm jacket and wear layers to adjust to the changing temperatures.**

## FALL

The sun is usually shining, and the climate is semi-arid. Temperatures range from 70°F in September and dropping to 30°F in October and November.

 **TIP: Bring a warm coat and layers.**



## EMPLOYMENT

There are several ways to attain employment in Big Sky. You can check Big Sky Chamber Job Board, Cool Works, InDeed or business websites.

## PAYMENT

Speak with your company about when you can expect your paychecks each month; some employers pay weekly, some pay monthly. You'll need this info to manage your monthly budget.

## BENEFITS

The benefits of working in Big Sky vary by company.

## HOUSING

Some employers have company housing, many do not. Speak with the HR department at your interview to learn more about company housing options.

## SKI PASS

Check with your HR department to see if a ski pass to Big Sky Resort is offered.

## HEALTH/ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Check with your HR department to see if insurance is offered. Check out Big Sky Bandage; they will help cover up to \$500 of the cost of acute medical care provided by medical providers in Big Sky.

## UNIFORMS

Some employers offer snow-appropriate uniforms, some do not. You'll need to speak with your manager or HR department concerning what type of uniform you'll need, and if you'll need to buy it or if it is given to you upon employment.

## BUDGETING

While hourly pay in Big Sky is quite generous in comparison to other communities, the cost of living is very high.



## LARGER EMPLOYERS



### BIG SKY RESORT

Being a part of the Big Sky Resort team is a challenge and an opportunity to discover yourself and your potential. As part of our team, our goal is to support you in gaining new perspectives and ideas while growing as nowhere else.



### MOONLIGHT BASIN

Joining the Moonlight Basin Team means collaborating with people who enjoy their work just as much as their play. A position in Big Sky, Montana is one with many lifestyle benefits.



### SPANISH PEAKS

Join our fellow associates here at Spanish Peaks Mountain Club, where we provide excellent service to our members to make memorable moments in a beautiful setting.



### MONTAGE

Our brand pillars make up the core of the associate experience. It's the combination of these pillars that hold up the unique Montage International employer brand.



### YELLOWSTONE CLUB

Our employees make the Yellowstone Club experience come alive. If you would love being a part of the Montana charm and providing the highest level of guest service, ensuring no detail is too small to overlook, and being a part of creating experiences, then Yellowstone Club is looking for you.

## SOCIAL SECURITY INFO (FOR J1/H2B)

### BOZEMAN SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

3205 N 27th Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59718

**1-877-405-5473**

*Some Employers will often provide transportation to and from the Social Security office be sure to check with them.*

### HELPFUL TIPS AND ADVICE

- Schedule an Appointment at the Bozeman SSA Office
- Don't be late!
- Bring All Relevant Documentation



# HOUSING

## EMPLOYEE/COMPANY HOUSING

Housing is expensive and limited in Big Sky. Many large employers have company housing options. Please see your employment documentation and speak with your HR department for questions concerning company housing applications, locations, regulations, etc.

## SOBER LIVING

Some employers offer sober living options, ask your HR if those options exist at your company.

## KITCHEN FACILITIES

Some companies offer company housing with full kitchens, many do not. You'll want to ask your HR or housing office what cooking facilities are available at your housing so you are prepared.

## COMMUNITY HOUSING

### BIG SKY COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST

88 Ousel Falls Rd A1, 2nd Floor  
Big Sky, Montana 59716  
[bigskyhousingtrust.org](http://bigskyhousingtrust.org)  
406.995.3696

### BIG SKY HOUSING NETWORK

Facebook Page

## EMERGENCY HOUSING

There is NO emergency housing in Big Sky. The public warming shelters/shelter for the unhoused are: Bozeman Warming Center and Livingston.

### BOZEMAN WARMING CENTER

2015 Wheat Drive  
Bozeman, Montana 59715  
406.556.1123

### HAVEN

*Haven serves only people experiencing domestic violence.*  
132 Pond Row  
Bozeman, Montana 59718  
406.586.4111

### FAMILY PROMISE

*Family Promise serves only households with children.*  
1603 Tschache Lane  
Bozeman, Montana 59715  
406.582.7388

### LIVINGSTON WARMING CENTER

119 S 2nd Street  
Livingston, Montana 59047  
406.333.2537

## LINENS/BEDDING

Some companies have bedding and linens available at your housing facility, many do not. Plan to bring or buy what you need in Bozeman.

## HOUSING PAYMENT DEPOSIT

You'll want to know when your housing deposit is due each month, and whether that deposit is automatically taken from your paycheck or not. In many cases, your housing deposit may be taken out of your paycheck all in one lump sum. You'll need to know this information in order to manage your budget.

# TRANSPORTATION

Our area has two main public transportation options around Big Sky. The Streamline provides transportation around Bozeman/Belgrade, and the Skyline provides transportation between Bozeman and Big Sky.



## STREAMLINE

[www.streamlinebus.com](http://www.streamlinebus.com)

The Streamline Bus offers zero-fare public transportation service throughout Gallatin Valley with fixed route bus service in and around Bozeman, Belgrade, and Livingston. Streamline is a program offered by The HRDC | Building A Better Community.



## SKYLINE

[www.skylinebus.com](http://www.skylinebus.com)

Skyline Bus is a year-round Big Sky area bus service that also provides the link between Bozeman and Big Sky. This service is the most affordable, reliable and safest way to get there to and around Big Sky.



### SKYLINE ROUTES

Service between Big Sky and Bozeman, as well as local Big Sky service between the Canyon, Meadow, Town Center and Mountain areas. Skyline also connects with the Streamline Bus System for travel throughout Bozeman and neighboring communities.



### THE BIG SKY CONNECT SERVICE

A fare-free, on demand service that uses an app to request transportation around the Big Sky Town Center and Meadow Village Areas. Download the app to start using the new service.

## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

**READY YOUR CAR.** Make sure that your car is winter-ready with all the proper fluids topped off, winter tires with good tread, and a cold-weather kit including items such as blanket, folding shovel, first aid kit, flashlight and bagged salt or sand. Watch weather reports to know the conditions and try to keep at least a half tank of gas at all times.

**DRIVE SLOW.** Everything takes more time in the snow and ice, so turn, accelerate, and decelerate slowly, giving your car time to gain traction. While approaching a hill, try to get a little inertia beforehand. There's nothing worse than trying to power up a hill and spinning your wheels on the ice.

**DON'T PANIC.** In the event of running your car off the road, remain calm. Assess the situation - can you get a little traction under your drive tires with either sand, chains or your floor mats? Use a shovel or any tool that's handy to remove snow around the tires and gently accelerate to gain traction. If you're stuck in the snow, stay in your vehicle while awaiting help, but be sure to clear your exhaust pipe before you start the engine.



# EMERGENCY SERVICES

For all emergencies dial 911.

## BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**406.995.2100**

Non-emergency phone number

## LONE PEAK VETERINARY HOSPITAL

**48025 Gallatin Road | Big Sky, Montana 59716**

**406.995.2266 | ER Cell: 406.551.0639**

**ER Landline: 406.995.4819**

**LonePeakVet17@gmail.com**

Routine exams & procedures, dental care, diagnostics, urgent care and surgeries.

## THE HELP CENTER

**bozemanhelpcenter.org**

**406-586-3333 or text "MT" to 741741."**

Our local 24-hour crisis, suicide and sexual assault helpline. Dial 2-1-1 to reach one of their counselors for help. All concerns are welcome, services are free and confidential to everyone.

# OTHER SERVICES

## BANKING

### FIRST SECURITY BANK

55 Lone Peak Dr  
**406-995-2321**

### AMERICAN BANK

78 Meadow Village Dr  
**406-995-7111**

## ATMS

### HUNTLEY LODGE

Located at Big Sky Resort

### THE EXCHANGE

Located at Big Sky Resort

## MAILING SERVICES

### US POST OFFICE

55 Meadow Center Drive, #2  
10a – 5p M-F, 10a – 1p Sat  
**406.995.4540**

### BIG SKY PRINT & SHIP

235 Snowy Mountain Cir, #2  
9a – 5p M-F  
**406.995.7884**

## GENERAL DELIVERY INFO:

All mail and packages must have 'General Delivery' visible on it. BSCPO will hold general delivery for 10-15 days. Incorrect addressed mail will be returned to sender. You will need to present an ID to receive your mail. Mail and Packages should be addressed to:

### Name

**General Delivery**

**Physical Address where you live**

**Big Sky, MT 59716-9999**

## BIG SKY MEDICAL CENTER

**334 Town Center Avenue | Big Sky, Montana 59716**

**406.995.6995**

Emergency care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Services: Behavioral health, Diagnostic imaging, Emergency services, Family medicine, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Primary care, Ultrasound

## B2 URGENTCARE BIG SKY

**100 Beaverhead Trail | Big Sky, Montana 59716**

**406.995.6650**

Located at the base of Lone Peak in the ski patrol building. B2 UrgentCare is open during the winter ski/snowboard season every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## BIG SKY MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY

**334 Town Center Avenue | Big Sky, Montana 59716**

**406.995.6500**

Located inside Big Sky Medical Center

# CLOTHING + GEAR

## BIG SKY THRIFT

1700 Lone Mountain Trail, Suite A

Big Sky, Montana 59716

**406.995.7938**

## CONSIGNMENT CABIN

Big Horn Center, 48025 Gallatin Road #2

Big Sky, Montana 59716

**406.993.9333**

# GROCERIES

## COUNTRY MARKET

66 Market Pl Suite D

Big Sky, Montana 59716

## HUNGRY MOOSE

### MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Inside The Exchange at Big Sky

52 Big Sky Resort Road

Big Sky, Montana 59716

### TOWN CENTER

209 Aspen Leaf Drive

Big Sky, Montana 59716

## ROXY'S MARKET

20 Huntley Drive

Big Sky, Montana 59716



## THE BIG SKY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

47995 Gallatin Road, Suite 201

Gallatin Gateway, Montana 59730

**406.995.3088**



**Tuesday: 3pm – 7pm**

**Wednesday: 11am – 3pm**

**Thursday 3pm – 7pm**

**Friday: 11am – 3pm**

*We are closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday.*

The foodbank serves the Big Sky workforce and community members by providing free emergency food and social services. We work alongside the grocers, kitchens, volunteers and other service-oriented organizations of Big Sky to serve our community. Additionally, we help customers navigate a wide variety of social services on a case-by case basis. Customers can shop up to twice each month as an emergency food source and/or strategy for staying out of emergency budget situations.

**Donation and volunteer info available on [bigskyfoodbank.org](https://bigskyfoodbank.org) or [facebook.com/bigskyfoodbank](https://facebook.com/bigskyfoodbank)**



# SUSTAINABILITY

## SNO

The goal of SNO is to identify, address, and solve some of our most prominent sustainability needs in Big Sky. From waste reduction & recycling, protection of water & natural resources, energy, transportation, sustainable education, tourism and more. SNO aims to tackle both the micro- and the macro-needs to achieve a more sustainable and livable Big Sky.

**Find out more about what SNO does**  
[www.bigskysno.org](http://www.bigskysno.org)

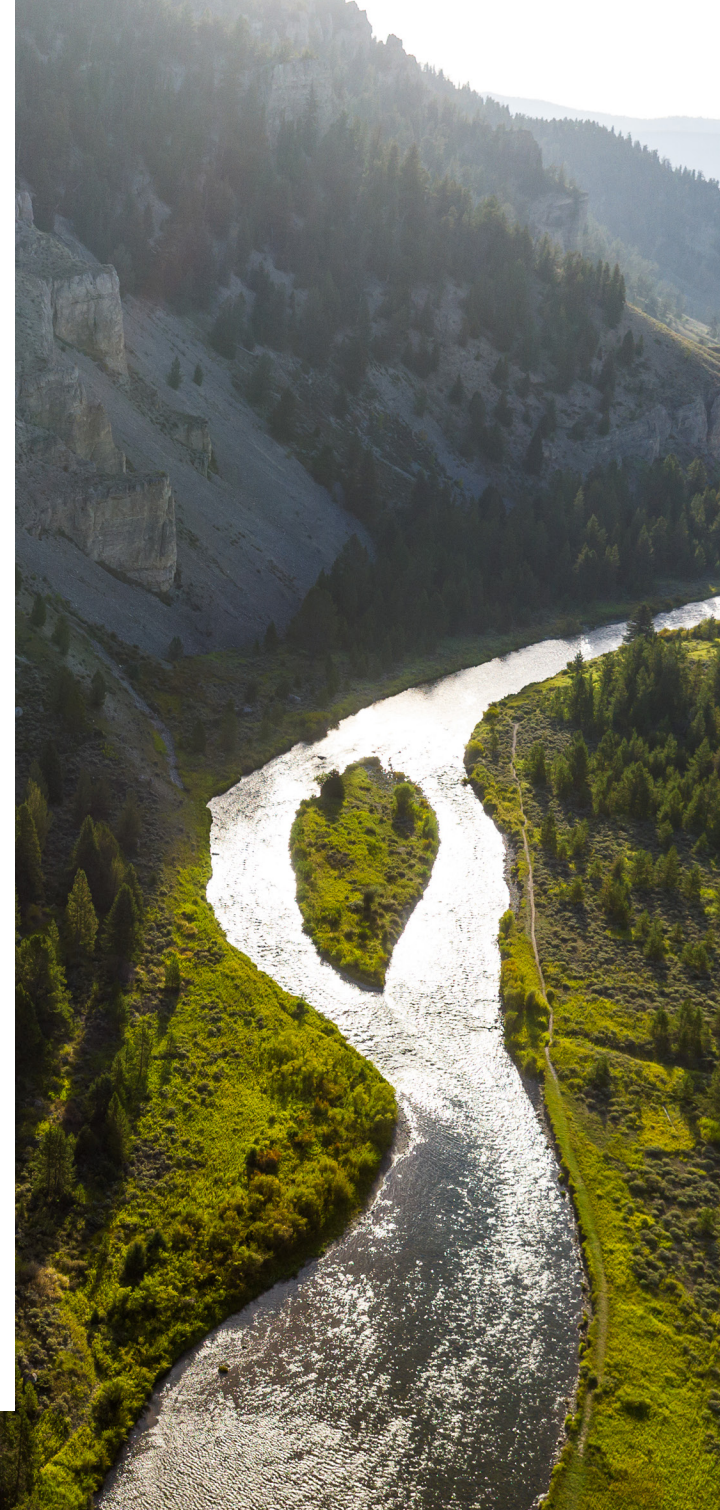
## COMPOST IN BIG SKY

**Yes Compost Mission: Build soil.**

Chemical fertilizers continue to eradicate the living microorganisms and deplete the micronutrients that are essential for healthy soils.

YES Compost strives to bring back the natural nutrient cycle within our community by redirecting all of our food wastes away from the landfill, and instead use them to replenish our soil and foster new plant growth.

**Find out if you can compost by visiting**  
[www.yescompost.com](http://www.yescompost.com)



# WELLNESS

## WELLNESS IN ACTION

[www.bigskywia.org](http://www.bigskywia.org)

Wellness In Action (WIA) is a grassroots organization founded by Big Sky residents in 2005 who were concerned about the community's well-being and overall health. What began as a series of initiatives successful in bridging the gap of financial needs for individuals and families, are now programs focused on providing access to care for the residents and workforce.

WIA offers counseling using a sliding scale based on reported income to anyone who lives, works, or learns in Big Sky. Counseling is offered in Big Sky at the WIA Office (47855 Gallatin Rd, Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730) or via telehealth.

If you are interested in setting up a counseling appointment, you can reach out to a counselor directly. Their bio, what insurance they accept, and contact information are all located on the counseling tab of WIA's website.

WIA employs a Community Health Worker (CHW), whose role is to reduce barriers to care by assisting individuals in learning about available resources and connecting them to appropriate services. WIA's CHW provides short-term psychosocial support and attends outreach events in the community. The CHW is an advocate for each client as they work together to identify specific health goals. WIA's CHW is a free resource to anyone in the community. If you are interested in being connected with the CHW, please fill out this referral form.

*\*Please note this service is not a substitute for mental health counseling and should not be used in place of a counselor. If you are in crisis please contact 988 or 911.*

## BE WELL BIG SKY

[www.bewellbigsky.com](http://www.bewellbigsky.com)

Be Well Big Sky is a grass-roots initiative designed to build a well-coordinated and effective care system focused on whole-person wellness. We hope to increase access to care by reducing barriers, providing outreach, education, and resource navigation, and normalizing the experience of being human.

We work together to develop priorities, goals, and a shared responsibility to ensure Big Sky is a community where all people are thriving and lead long, healthy, and happy lives.

The Wellness Navigators are your neighbors and friends, and Big Sky's bartenders, custodians, non-profit leaders, administrators, ski patrollers, teachers, event and HR directors, small business owners, teachers, grocery and hospitality workers, housekeepers, chaplains, chefs, and beyond.

We are trained in emotional first aid, suicide alertness, and know how to help community members access services. We are not mental health experts, but when you need someone to turn to and you're not sure where to start, we are here for it.

*\*We are not a substitute for mental health counseling and should not be used in place of a counselor. If you are in crisis, call 988 or 911.*

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS®

AA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Meetings held Monday, Thursday and Saturday at the Big Sky Chapel and on Wednesday at the Big Sky Medical Center.



## LITTLE FOOD PANTRY LOCATIONS

**Can't make it to the Food Bank during their open hours?** Pick up some items from the two Free Food Pantries located in the ATM vestibule of First Security Bank in Town Center and the hall between Milkies and BYWOM restaurants.

**FIRST SECURITY BANK**  
Town Center

**MILKIES PIZZA & PUB**  
Back Entrance

## BIG SKY BANDAGE

[bigskybandage.azurewebsites.net](http://bigskybandage.azurewebsites.net)

Do you work or live in Big Sky? Are you uninsured or experiencing financial hardship as a result of needed healthcare services? Big Sky Bandage can help. We will cover up to \$500 of the cost of acute medical care provided by the B2 Urgent Care Clinics on the mountain, Mountain Pearls Dentistry, Big Sky Eyes, and the Big Sky Medical Center.

You can use your healthcare reimbursement towards the cost of the visit, for medical imaging, prescribed medications, and other visit-related charges. Dental and Vision reimbursements are limited to care for acute medical visits. Care must be provided in Big Sky during the Winter 2023/2024 season – Nov 1 2023 – Apr 30 2024.

## BELONGING IN BIG SKY

[bit.ly/belonging-in-big-sky](https://bit.ly/belonging-in-big-sky)

A Belonging in Big Sky is a community-wide diversity, equity, inclusion & belonging (DEIB) initiative supporting the diverse communities that live and work in Big Sky through funding, community education, and events.

Our Mission is to create a sense of belonging so that, whether here for a day or a lifetime, everyone in our community feels welcomed, valued, respected, and safe.

Big Sky is a place of connection...with history, the landscape, and each other. Belonging in Big Sky aims to honor and enhance these connections. Through a systems-based, genuine, forward-thinking approach, Belonging in Big Sky will help maintain a community environment that promotes respect and understanding for the many facets of diversity, accessibility, and individual identity. This will help ensure the prosperity and sense of belonging for ALL members of this community now, and for generations to come.

## WORLD LANGUAGE INITIATIVE

[www.wlimt.org](http://www.wlimt.org)

World Language Initiative is a community of people passionate about language, culture, diversity, global competitiveness, cross-cultural communication, and world peace! Our mission is to make language and culture education available to all Montanans. Our vision is for all elementary-aged Montana students to have access to the language and cultures in the school day and engage with highly proficient and native speakers and cultures of the world. We provide high-quality language learning opportunities using professional, nationally recognized strategies in language education. Our purpose is to create a pathway to multi-language learning and heightened global awareness by making language & culture programming available, Montanas will have improved access and a desire to celebrate diversity in their communities.

## BIG SKY CHAPEL

[bigskychapel.com](http://bigskychapel.com)

Located in the Meadow Village, the Big Sky Chapel has a participating clergy – Catholic, Episcopal/Lutheran and Non-denominational – representing the diversity of faiths of worshiping community. For more information on services and the Big Sky Chapel visit <https://bigskychapel.com>.

## THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

91 Blacktail Lane | Big Sky, MT 59730

Sacrament Meeting 10:00 a.m. 2-hour format: one main meeting for everyone and one other class separated by age groups or general interests.

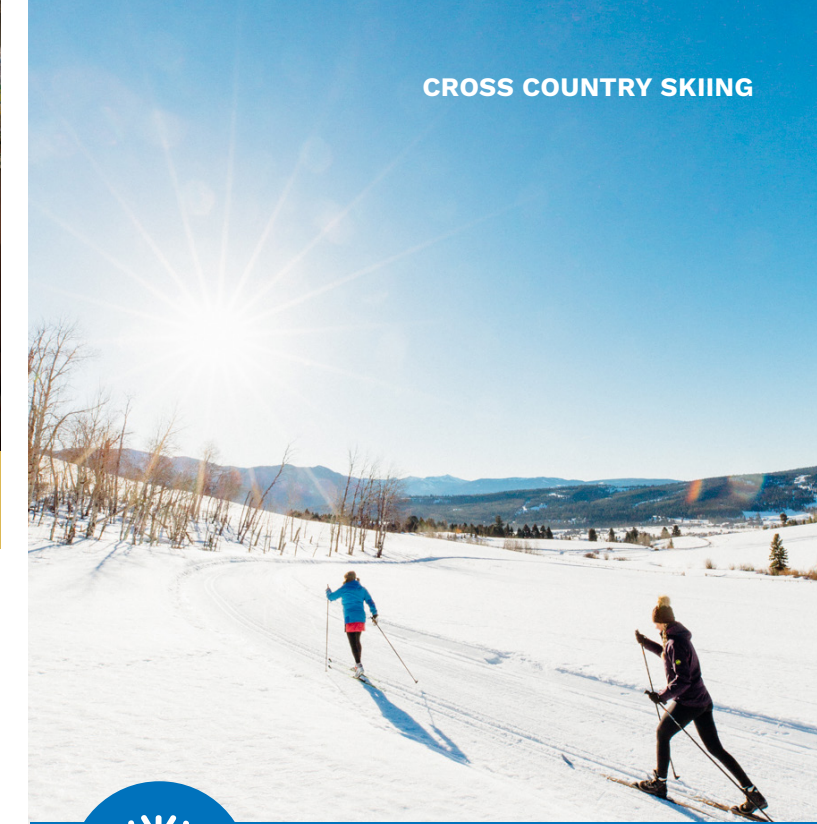
## BIG SKY RESORT MINISTRIES

Winter Outdoor Church on the Slopes find the cross at the base of Powder Seeker chairlift or the top at Six Shooter with services every Sunday afternoon at both.

**MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS**  
Free concerts on Thursday nights  
in Len Hill Park



# THINGS TO DO



## YEAR ROUND

- ▶ **BASE COMMUNITY CENTER**
- ▶ **WARREN MILLER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**
- ▶ **YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**
- ▶ **BIG SKY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**
- ▶ **BIG SKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Scan the QR codes below for the most up-to-date list of local events.



NAVIGATE BIG SKY



VISIT BIG SKY

[WWW.NAVIGATEBIGSKY.COM](http://WWW.NAVIGATEBIGSKY.COM)  
[WWW.VISITBIGSKY.COM](http://WWW.VISITBIGSKY.COM)



BASE COMMUNITY CENTER



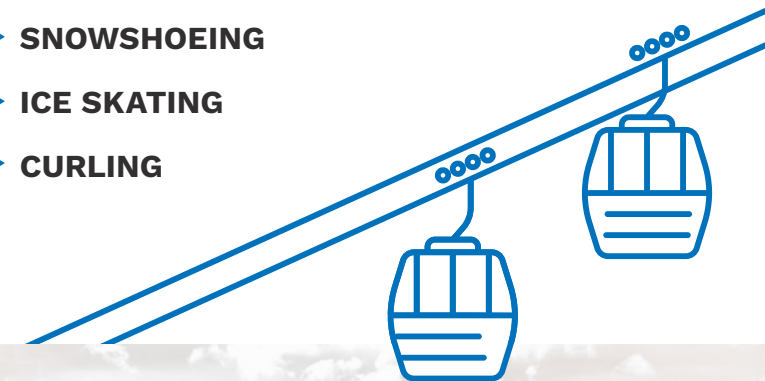
## SUMMER

- ▶ **FARMERS MARKET**  
Wednesday nights in Town Center
- ▶ **MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS**  
Free concerts on Thursday nights in Len Hill Park
- ▶ **HIKING**
- ▶ **BIKING**
- ▶ **HORSEBACK RIDING**
- ▶ **WHITEWATER RAFTING**
- ▶ **ZIP-LINING**
- ▶ **BIG SKY COMMUNITY PARK**
- ▶ **CRAIL RANCH**
- ▶ **SOFTBALL LEAGUE AND SOCCER**



## WINTER

- ▶ **DOWNHILL SKIING/SNOWBOARDING**
- ▶ **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**
- ▶ **SNOWSHOEING**
- ▶ **ICE SKATING**
- ▶ **CURLING**



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# VOLUNTEERING

To find out about other volunteer opportunities besides the ones below please visit <https://volunteerbigsky.galaxydigital.com/>

## ARTS COUNCIL OF BIG SKY

The Arts Council of Big Sky was founded in 1989 to provide cultural experiences to residents and visitors to Big Sky. They've grown to be one of the leading non-profit arts organizations in Southwest Montana by combining our ability to produce high-quality events with our desire to make Big Sky an art-centric community.

## BIG SKY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

The Big Sky Community Food Bank exists to help Big Sky become a stable and livable year-round community for all. They help Big Sky Residents in need of emergency food assistance or other social services. They can help you fill your shelves with pantry staples, and your refrigerator with meats, dairy, and fresh produce. They also have a free computer lab, community coatroom, meeting and conference space, kitchen, and washer and dryer.

## BIG SKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Friends of the Library (FOL) meet bi-monthly to perform crucial tasks, such as shelving books and preparing new materials for the collection of books. It is the FOL's mission to promote a greater appreciation of literature and lifelong learning by providing special programs throughout the year, for both adults and children.

## BIG SKY SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK ORGANIZATION (SNO)

Big Sky SNO works on identifying sustainability issues in several key components of everyday life in Big Sky, looking for solutions to both big and small challenges that we face as a dynamic growing community. Our goal is to engage the community, identify ways that both residents and visitors can contribute to a more sustainable community, identify resources, and implement tactics that will help us all achieve a more mindful path to moving Big Sky forward.

## BIG SKY FUTBOL CLUB

Give every player, coach, and referee the opportunity to develop their skills to the best of their ability. Provide a healthy, safe, and enjoyable soccer environment for all participants. Foster and promote sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, and goodwill within the soccer community. Be a positive role model and provide leadership to the sports community.

## BIG SKY THRIFT

The Big Sky Thrift Store is a volunteer retail store that accepts and sells quality, affordably priced, donated goods. The goal is to provide accessibility and an affordable shopping option to our community with an eco-friendly focus through the reuse and recycling of goods while also building relationships through volunteerism. Sales revenue is then distributed back into the community through a committee-led grant process under the guidance of the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation.

## GALLATIN RIVER TASK FORCE

The Gallatin River Task Force utilizes the Watershed Approach to resource conservation. In general, the Watershed Approach is tied to a distinct land area or hydrologic boundary, ensures broad stakeholder involvement and inclusivity, is community-based and community-driven, relies on local leadership, encourages collaboration with partners, strives for consensus, and avoids litigation as a conservation strategy.

## THRIVE

Become a CAP Mentor. Mentors volunteer with the same student for an hour a week, only during the school year and during school hours. Our CAP Coordinators work hard to support you and make sure your volunteer time works with your schedule. CAP is now proven to improve academics, and student attendance, and positively impact students' participation in their school community.

# WINTER SAFETY TIPS

It's easy to head out into the winter wonderland with nothing but excitement, but it's also important to think of your safety as well. Here are some winter safety tips to make sure you have a safe and wonderful winter here in Big Sky.



### STAY DRY.

Layer outfits while hiking, skiing or exploring. Synthetic fabrics for a base layer can limit the absorption of sweat. Choose waterproof fabric for your outer layer.



### BUDDY SYSTEM.

Let people know where you're going and when you plan on being back. Having a partner while out exploring is helpful as a support system in case of emergency.



### HAVE THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT.

Wear sun protection, as snow can reflect up to 80% of the sun's ultraviolet rays. Wear shoes with a good fit and a rubber sole to provide traction in the snow.



### ALTITUDE.

Altitude Sickness is a physical condition common among new visitors not used to being at high altitude. It can lead to headaches, nausea, fatigue, shortness of breath, dizziness, and difficulty sleeping. **Giving yourself time to acclimate, staying hydrated and avoiding alcohol can help reduce altitude sickness.**

# THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

We hope this guidebook helps you to navigate the area and enjoy some of what Big Sky has to offer. If you have any questions, or need assistance not provided by your employer or this resource guide, please feel free to reach out to us at [info@bigskychamber.com](mailto:info@bigskychamber.com). Welcome to Big Sky Country!

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