



Dear Friend:

Enclosed please find a relocation packet and information about Polson, Flathead Lake and the Mission Valley. Our area of Montana has much to offer. We certainly hope that you decide to relocate to our little corner of paradise.

An hour north of Missoula, an hour south of Kalispell, Polson is located at the south end of Flathead Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. There's plenty to see and do in Polson year-round. In the summer there's water sports, golf, hiking, horseback riding, and theatre. In the winter, snowmobiling, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, or downhill skiing at Blacktail Mountain, just 45 miles north.

Our area boasts several museums including The Miracle of America Museum and the Historic Polson Flathead Museum in Polson and The People's Center Salish & Kootenai Museum in Pablo. Million-dollar scenery coupled with a small-town atmosphere make Polson a great place to live, winter or summer.

Should you require more information or have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chamber of Commerce at (406) 883-5969. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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"Doing Things Most People Think Just Happen!"

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THINGS TO DO IN POLSON

Go shopping!

Polson offers a variety of shopping that fits every fancy, from fine galleries and gifts, to souvenirs and novelties.

Get a bite!

Restaurants to spare, one can find almost anything to wet the palate. Fast food that caters to the kid in all of us or fine dining for the more mature tastes, you can find great food in Polson.

Have a picnic!

Boettcher Park on Flathead Lake near the Polson Golf Course: Includes picnic tables, shelters, swimming area, playground, restrooms, concessions stand, volleyball court, and horseshoe pits.

Ducharme Park on Highway 93: Outstanding lake views, picnic tables.

Kerr Dam Field: Includes soccer fields, softball fields, basketball court, playground, picnic tables, shelter, and restrooms.

Sacajewea Park on Flathead Lake north of the bridge: Includes picnic tables, benches, and restrooms.

Riverside Park on Flathead River south of the bridge: Includes swimming area, boat launch ramp, playground, picnic tables, shelter, benches, volleyball court, and restrooms.

Go pioneering!

Visit the Polson-Flathead Historical Museum on Main Street and share in the heritage of the Mission Valley and Flathead Lake. Take a few minutes or a few hours and rub elbows with Flathead history, finding fascinating displays of the hardy valley homesteaders, steam boaters, cattle ranchers, the development of Polson, as well as a pictorial history of the construction of Kerr Dam, area wildlife, and Indian artifacts.

Visit the Miracle of America Museum on highway 93 and see the Paul Bunyan, a logging tow that operated for many years on Flathead Lake. Step back in time and walk through early 1900's homesteads, farms, mercantiles, and old school houses preserved in their original state.

Visit The People's Center in Pablo and experience the life of the original "Made in Montana" by encountering the ways of the region's original creators of fine arts, crafts, and culture – the Salish, Kootenai, and Pend d'Oreille people of the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Take a hike!

Blacktail Mountain: 45 miles north of Polson, Blacktail Mountain is worth the drive. Set in over 1,000 northeast-facing acres of National Forest with eye-popping views of the Rocky Mountains and the Flathead Valley, Blacktail's ski slopes are the perfect place to hike in the summer.

Kerr Dam: Located seven miles out of town, Kerr Dam boasts beautiful views of Flathead River with a breathtaking viewpoint and trail.

Lands of the Flathead Reservation: Visit the Tribal Natural Resources Department on Main Street for maps and hiking trails.

The National Boise Range in Moiese: Established in 1908, the National Bison Range is one of the oldest Wildlife Refuges in the nation. The Range consists of prairie, forests, wetlands, and streams providing a wide range of habitats for wildlife. Elk, deer, pronghorn, black bear, coyote, and ground squirrels are just some of the mammals that share the area with bison and over 200 species of birds.

Wildhorse Island: You will need a boat to get there but Wildhorse Island won't disappoint! Framed by the shimmering glacial waters of Flathead Lake and the high-rising peaks of the Mission Mountain, the island is a rare image of the peaceful rhythms of nature.

Float the river!

The beautiful and mighty Flathead River flows through the towering rock walls of the Flathead Canyon. With water levels ranging as high as 45,000 cubic feet per second, this river pulses through the canyon with a power that inspires awe as well as adrenaline. Contact the Flathead Raft Company at 406-883-5838 or 800-654-4359 or visit their website at www.flatheadraftco.com to make your reservation today!

Go fishing!

Fishing with Shorty/A Able Fishing: Shorty's 28' and other boats can accommodate large groups and provides the best equipment, tackle, fully covered boats, and private facilities. Based out of Marina Cay in Bigfork, Shorty's average catch is 12 fish per trip! Contact Shorty at 406-257-5214 or www.ablefishing.com to make your reservation today!

LOCAL WEATHER RANGES

January

Average High: 28.3° F
Average Low: 13.6° F
Average Rainfall: 1.4 in.
Average Snowfall: 8.6 in.

February

Average High: 34.5° F
Average Low: 17.7° F
Average Rainfall: .98 in.
Average Snowfall: 4.1 in.

March

Average High: 43.0° F
Average Low: 24.1° F
Average Rainfall: .98 in.
Average Snowfall: 2.5 in.

April

Average High: 54.9° F
Average Low: 32.1° F
Average Rainfall: 1.1 in.
Average Snowfall: 0.3 in.

May

Average High: 64.6° F
Average Low: 39.7° F
Average Rainfall: 1.7 in.
Average Snowfall: 0.0 in.

June

Average High: 71.2° F
Average Low: 45.8° F
Average Rainfall: 2.3 in.
Average Snowfall: 0.0 in.

July

Average High: 81.1° F
Average Low: 49.7° F
Average Rainfall: 1.1 in.
Average Snowfall: 0.0 in.

August

Average High: 79.7° F
Average Low: 48.1° F
Average Rainfall: 1.2 in.
Average Snowfall: 0.0 in.

September

Average High: 68.3° F
Average Low: 40.1° F
Average Rainfall: 1.2 in.
Average Snowfall: 0.0 in.

October

Average High: 55.0° F
Average Low: 31.7° F
Average Rainfall: 1.1 in.
Average Snowfall: 0.1 in.

November

Average High: 38.9° F
Average Low: 24.3° F
Average Rainfall: 1.4 in.
Average Snowfall: 3.1 in.

December

Average High: 30.8° F
Average Low: 17.7° F
Average Rainfall: 1.5 in.
Average Snowfall: 6.9 in.

Get in some green time!

Golf was never *this* relaxing, but then again, no other course has *this* view! Stop by the Polson Country Club to play a few rounds or hit a few buckets. Green fees are around \$28 for 18 holes and \$15 for 9 holes, but may go up in late June or early July. Still, if you are a golfer, or thinking about becoming one, the Polson Country Club is not to be missed. Call 406-883-8230 to reserve your tee-time.

Rent a boat and explore Flathead Lake!

The best places on the lake to rent personal watercraft, including boats, kayaks, canoes, deck boats, or jet skis are Arrowhead RV Resort in Elmo (866-808-1902), Dayton Yacht Harbor in Dayton (800-775-2990). Whether you are into sightseeing along the shore or cutting some wakes on a jet ski, one of these businesses is sure to have what you are looking for.

Take a Lake Cruise!

Want to explore Flathead but don't want the hassle of renting your own boat? Why not take a cruise, sightsee, and relax while someone else does the work! Depart from the KwaTaqNuk marina on Princess Flathead Lake Cruise ship (800-882-6363). Want to create your own cruise? Take off from Dayton Yacht Harbor in Dayton (800-775-2990).

Take in a Show!

The Port Polson Players are now in their 32nd season! Throughout the summer the Players perform at the John Dowdall Theatre located on the shores of Flathead Lake in beautiful Boettcher Park. But this is not just a summer theatre group. The Players perform on the Polson High School stage the rest of the year! Check out their website, www.portpolsonplayers.com for a listing of upcoming performances or contact the Polson Chamber of Commerce!

This information is supplied by the Polson Chamber of Commerce located at 4 Second Avenue East on highway 93 in Polson. Stop by or contact us at 406-883-5969. Check out our website at www.polsonchamber.com.

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China Gate/South Shore Lounge
Junction of Hwy 93 & 35
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The Cove Deli
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Four B's Restaurant
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Hot Spot Thai Café
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