

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a vast, open landscape. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grass. In the middle ground, there are rolling hills covered in sparse vegetation and small evergreen trees. In the background, a range of mountains is visible, with the highest peaks covered in snow and partially obscured by soft, white clouds. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day.

# TOP 5 DAY HIKES

Bozeman, MT

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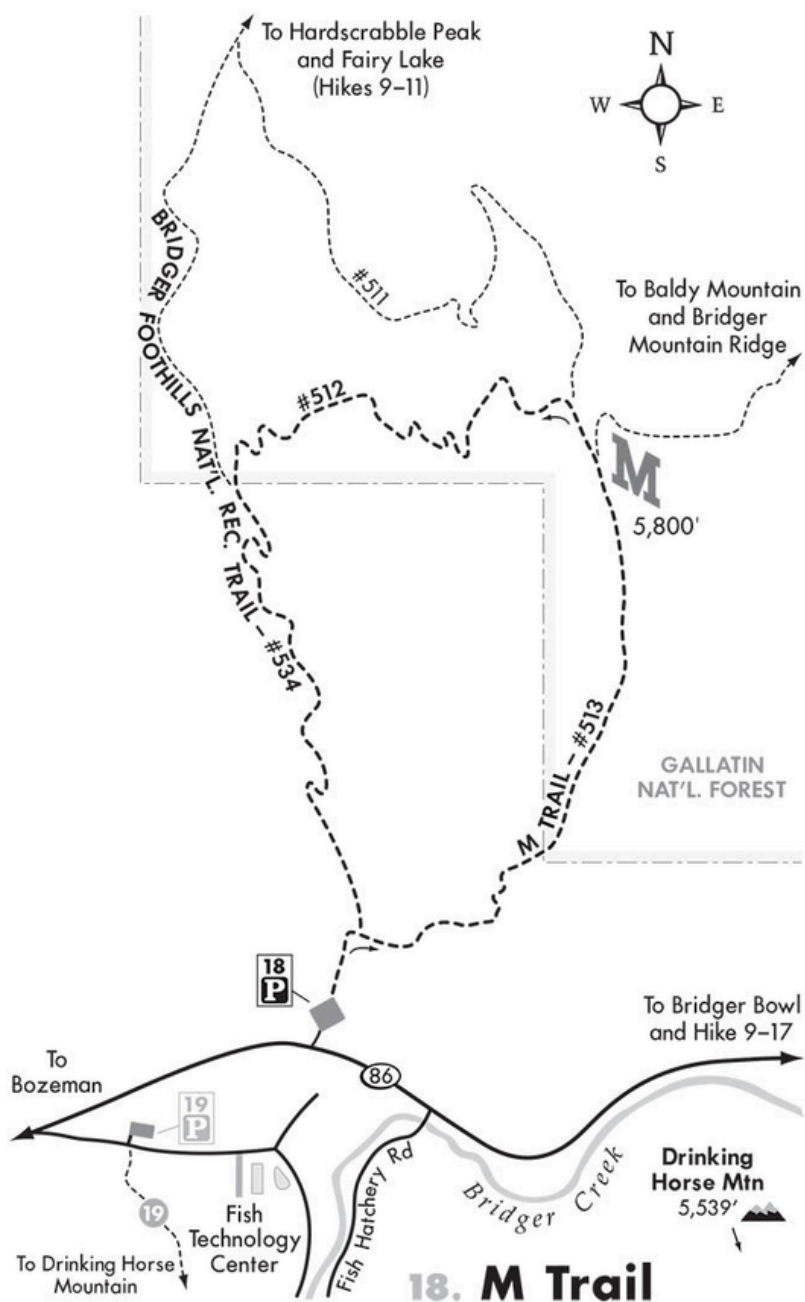
Bozeman, Montana, offers some of the best hiking experiences in the region, with trails that cater to all levels of hikers. From challenging summit treks to leisurely walks with stunning views, Bozeman's hiking trails showcase the natural beauty of the area. Here are the top five day hikes in Bozeman, along with highlights and links for more information.

# M Trail

This iconic hike features two routes: a steeper, shorter path and a longer, more gradual ascent. Both routes lead to the large "M" on the mountainside, offering stunning views of the Gallatin Valley. It's a popular hike close to downtown Bozeman, making it a favorite for locals.

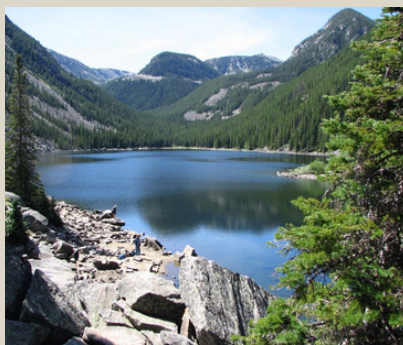
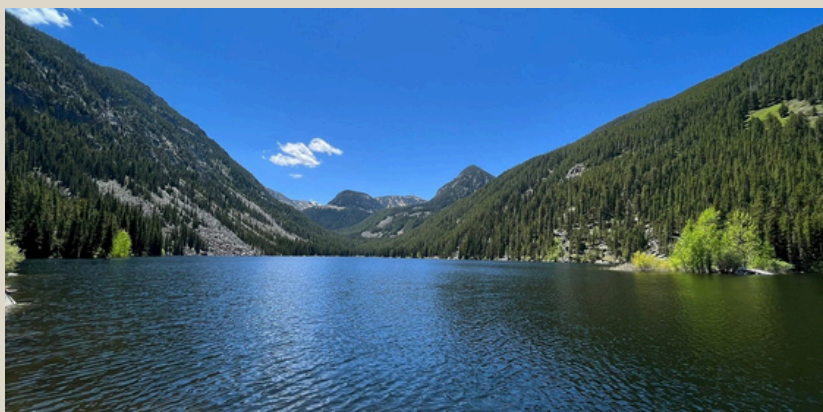


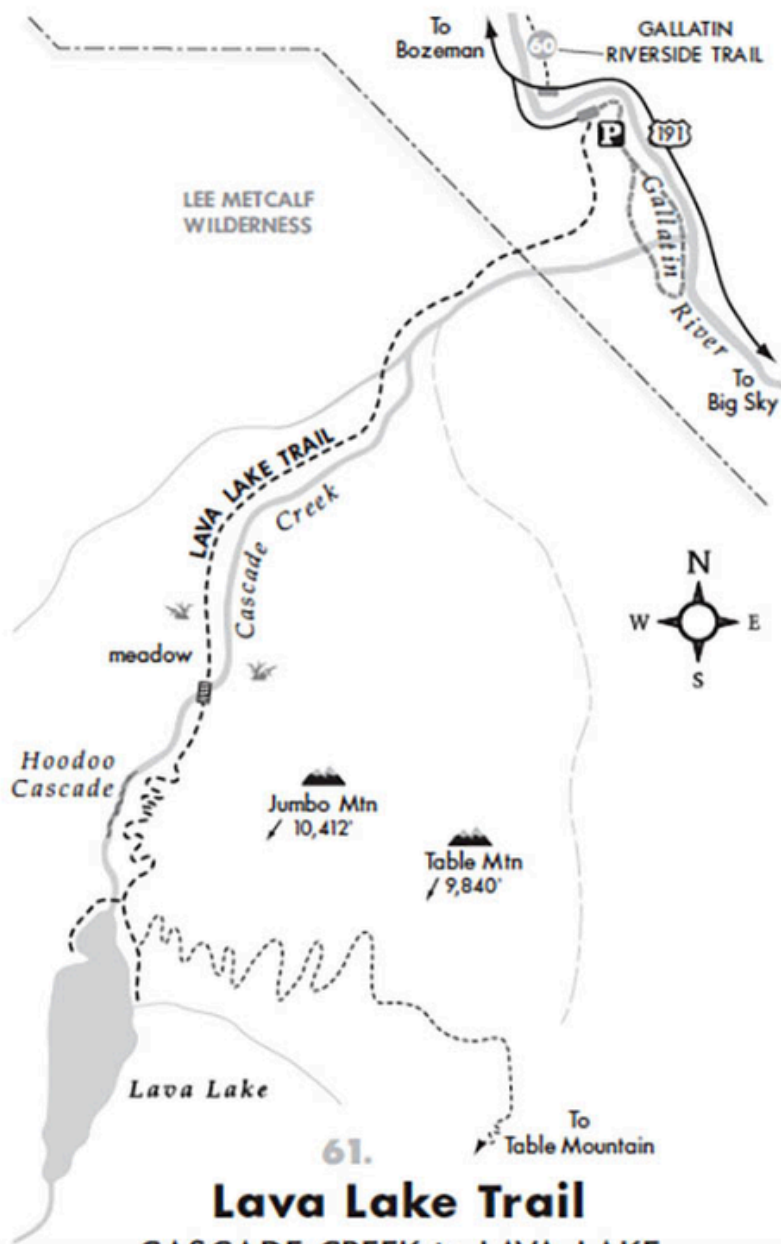




# Lava Lake Trail

Located in the Gallatin Canyon, this moderate hike is about 6 miles round-trip. The trail follows Cascade Creek through a dense forest and leads to the beautiful Lava Lake. It's a great spot for fishing and enjoying the scenic views of the surrounding mountains.





## Lava Lake Trail

CASCADE CREEK to LAVA LAKE

# Drinking Horse Mountain Trail

This 2.1-mile loop trail is located just across from the M Trail. It offers a moderate hike with benches and scenic viewpoints along the way. The top provides fantastic views of the Gallatin Valley and Bridger Mountains, making it ideal for a quick hike near town.



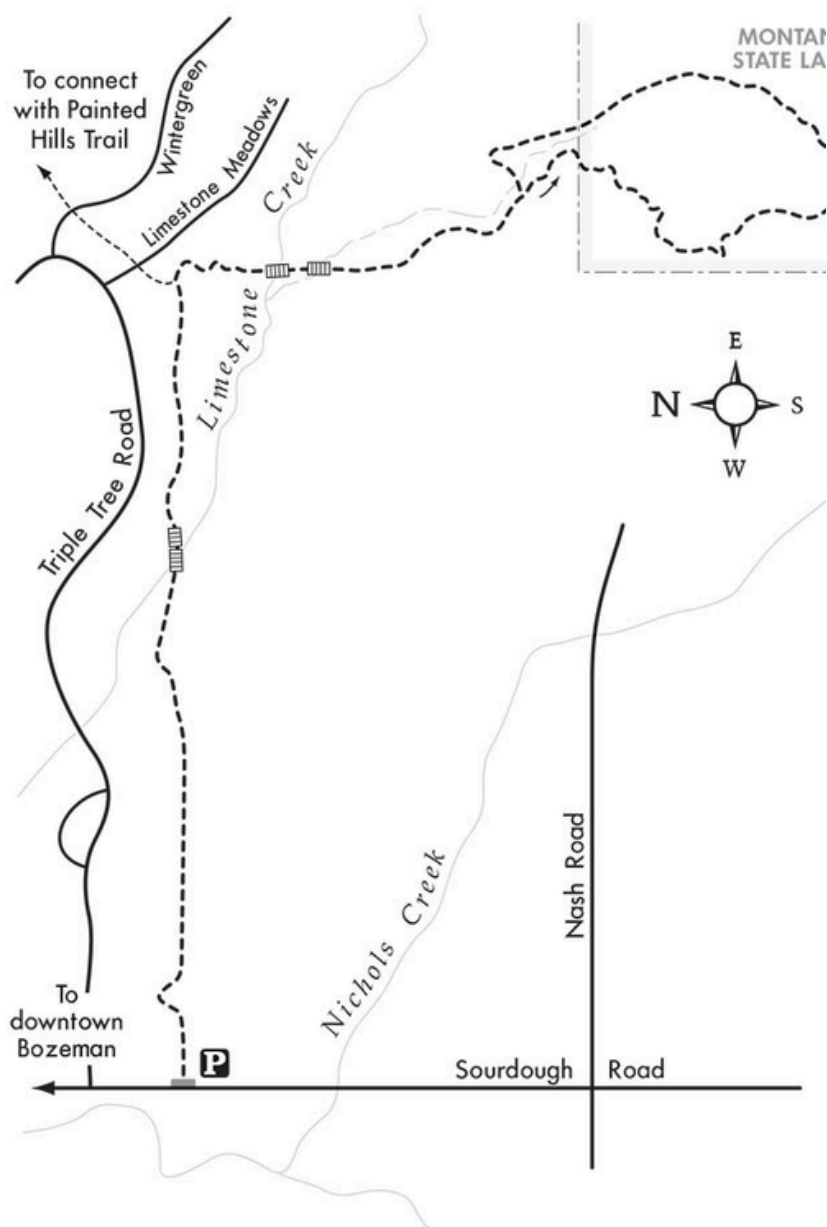




# Triple Tree Trail

This 5.4-mile loop trail is located south of Bozeman and offers excellent views of the town and Bridger Mountain Range. The trail passes through meadows and forests, making it a great hike year-round. Wildlife sightings, such as moose and black bears, are common.





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# Sourdough Canyon Trail

This popular trail near Bozeman is perfect for a moderate hike. The trail follows Sourdough Creek and offers beautiful views of the surrounding forests and meadows. It's a great trail for families, with options for shorter or longer hikes depending on your preference.







These hikes provide a variety of experiences, from challenging climbs to leisurely strolls, all showcasing the natural beauty around Bozeman.

