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## nebraska

### Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

World-renowned quarries containing numerous concentrated, well-preserved Miocene mammal fossils representing an important chapter in the evolution of mammals.

**Address:** c/o Scotts Bluff National Monument, Box 427, Gering, Nebr. 69341.

### Chimney Rock National Historic Site

Landmark and campsite on the Oregon Trail—the great migration route to the West. Chimney Rock also served as a guide for “mountain men” on their seasonal travels between the Rocky Mountains and the Missouri River trading posts.

**Address:** c/o Scotts Bluff National Monument, Box 427, Gering, Nebr. 69341.

### Homestead National Monument of America

Site of one of the first claims filed under the Homestead Act of 1862, which allowed every citizen to claim 160 acres of unappropriated Government land and accelerated settlement of the western plains.

**Notes:** Lodging and food near park.

**Address:** Beatrice, Nebr. 68310.

### Scotts Bluff National Monument

Noted by prehistoric Indians and a landmark on Oregon Trail; chiefly remembered for its association with mass migrations across the Great Plains between 1843 and 1869.

**Notes:** Lodging and food near park.

**Address:** Box 427, Gering, Nebr. 69341.



Grand Teton Natl. Park

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## north dakota

### Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

Major hub of American fur trade for almost half a century; associated with Indian affairs, steamboat navigation, and related military activity.

**Address:** c/o Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, Medora, N. Dak. 58645.

### Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park

Memorializes Roosevelt's part in developing the open-range cattle industry of the northern Great Plains and his contributions to the conservation of the Nation's resources. Includes badlands along Little Missouri River and part of Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch. Covers three units: the South Unit, the North Unit, and the Elkhorn Ranch site.

**Notes:** Guided tours, camping, hiking, horseback riding; lodging and food near park.

**Address:** Medora, N. Dak. 58645.

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## south dakota

### Badlands National Monument

Window to an accumulation of 40 million years of prehistoric animal fossils in a world of brilliantly colored, steep-walled canyons, sharp ridges, gullies, pyramids, and knobs.

**Notes:** Guided tours, camping, hiking; lodging and food.

**Address:** Box 72, Interior, S. Dak. 57750.



Yellowstone Natl. Park



Mount Rushmore Natl. Memorial

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## south dakota

### Jewel Cave National Monument

Small, but beautiful, limestone caverns connected by narrow passages; boxlike cavities along walls and ceilings covered with fine crystal encrustations, ranging from light brown to deep chocolate.

**Notes:** Guided tours.

**Address:** c/o Wind Cave National Park, Hot Springs, S. Dak. 57747.

### Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Colossal sculptures carved on the face of Mount Rushmore delineate the features of four great Presidents who upheld the rights and dignities of the common man: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.

**Notes:** Food.

**Address:** Keystone, S. Dak. 57751.

### Wind Cave National Park

Limestone caverns in scenic Black Hills, decorated by beautiful boxwork and calcite-crystal formations; bison herd, antelope, prairie dog towns, elk, and deer.

**Notes:** Guided tours, camping, hiking.

**Address:** Hot Springs, S. Dak. 57747.

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## utah

### Dinosaur National Monument

See listing under Colorado.

### Flaming Gorge Recreation Area

Ninety-mile-long lake formed by Flaming Gorge Dam, which rises 502 feet above bedrock in the Red Canyon of the Green River on the flanks of the Uinta Mountains.

**Notes:** Camping, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, swimming, boating, fishing, other water sports, winter sports; lodging and food.

**Address:** Box 188, Dutch John, Utah 84023.

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## wyoming

### Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

See listing under Montana.

### Flaming Gorge Recreation Area

See listing under Utah.

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## wyoming

### Devils Tower National Monument

A stump-shaped cluster of rock, evidence of volcanic activity that occurred millions of years ago, rises 865 feet above its wooded base and 1,280 feet above the Belle Fourche River.

**Notes:** Camping, mountain climbing; food.

**Address:** Devils Tower, Wyo. 82714.

### Fort Laramie National Historic Site

Originally a fur trading post established in 1834, Fort Laramie later became a military post guarding the wagon trails to Oregon and California, a way station for the Pony Express and Overland Stage, and a base in the conquest of the Plains Indians.

**Address:** Fort Laramie, Wyo. 82212.

### Grand Teton National Park

Most scenic part of the Teton Range; glaciers, lakes, streams, extensive forests, and an almost level basin—the sagebrush-carpeted Jackson Hole.

**Notes:** Guided tours, camping, hiking, horseback riding, mountain climbing, swimming, boating, fishing, other water sports, winter sports; lodging and food.

**Address:** Box 67, Moose, Wyo. 83012.

### Yellowstone National Park

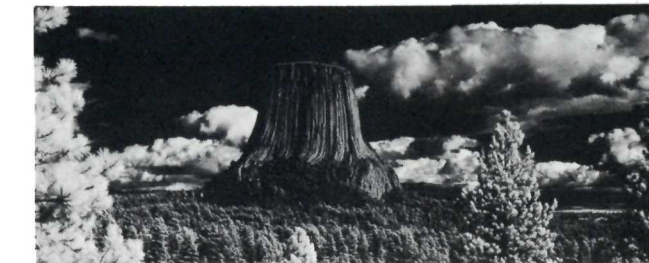
One of the world's greatest thermal areas, about 3,000 geysers and hot springs; spectacular waterfalls and canyon of Yellowstone River; wildlife; lakes; wilderness.

**Notes:** Guided tours, camping, hiking, horseback riding, swimming, boating, fishing; lodging and food.

**Address:** Yellowstone National Park, Wyo. 83020.



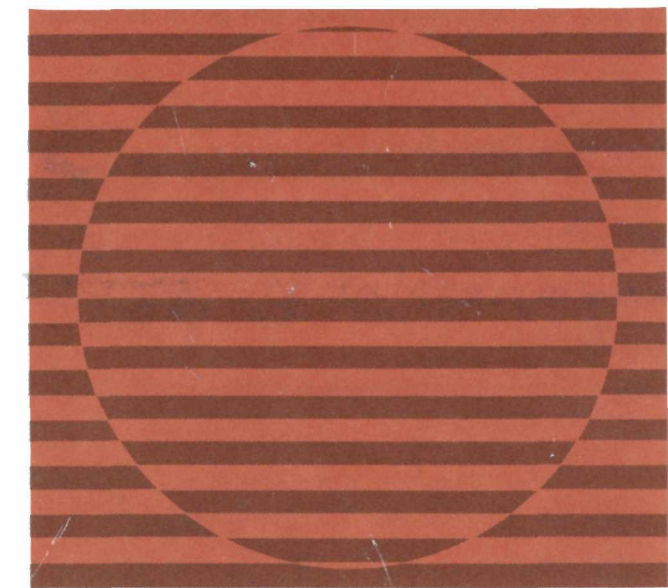
Badlands Natl. Monument



Devils Tower Natl. Monument

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## national parks of the midwest





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## colorado

### Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site

Significant center of the fur trade—the leading industry west of the Mississippi in the early 1830's—when the Rocky Mountain trade was at its height.  
**Address:** Box 581, La Junta, Colo. 81050.

### Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument

Spectacular Gunnison River gorge, notable for its narrowness, depth, ruggedness, and great expanses of sheer walls; its shadowed depth accentuates dark, ancient rocks of obscure origin.  
**Notes:** Camping, hiking.  
**Address:** 334 South 10th St., Montrose, Colo. 81401.

### Colorado National Monument

Colorful, spectacular erosional forms—massive ramparts, sheer-walled canyons, and delicately sculptured monoliths and spires.  
**Notes:** Camping, hiking.  
**Address:** 334 South 10th St., Montrose, Colo. 81401.

### Curecanti Recreation Area

Three water areas to be formed by Morrow Point, Blue Mesa, and Crystal Dams. The surface of Blue Mesa Lake, first of the areas to be available for recreation, will cover 9,180 acres.  
**Notes:** Camping, hiking, hunting, swimming, boating, fishing, other water sports.  
**Address:** 334 South 10th St., Montrose, Colo. 81401.

### Dinosaur National Monument

Semiarid wilderness plateau cut by great gorges; smooth water and rapids; tilted strata that represent millions of years of geologic processes; rich skeletal deposits of prehistoric reptiles.  
**Notes:** Camping, hiking, horseback riding, mountain climbing, boating, fishing.  
**Address:** Box 101, Dinosaur, Colo. 81610.



Rocky Mountain Natl. Park



Glacier Natl. Park

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## colorado

### Rocky Mountain National Park

Scenic part of the Front Range of Rocky Mountains, with 95 named peaks from 10,000 to 14,256 feet elevation; outstanding displays of glaciated features and alpine tundra. The 50-mile Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous automobile road in the United States reaching an elevation of 12,183 feet, links the east and west sides of the park.  
**Notes:** Guided tours, camping, hiking, horseback riding, mountain climbing, fishing, winter sports.  
**Address:** Estes Park, Colo. 80517.

### Shadow Mountain Recreation Area

Shadow Mountain Lake and Lake Granby Reservoir in scenic mountain and forest setting.  
**Notes:** Guided tours, camping, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, swimming, boating, fishing, other water sports; lodging and food near park.  
**Address:** c/o Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colo. 80517.

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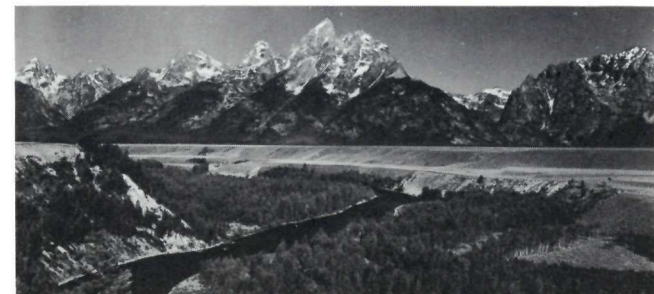
## iowa

### Effigy Mounds National Monument

Outstanding Indian burial mounds and panoramic overlooks in upper Mississippi River Valley—earthen shapes of birds and animals built by men many centuries ago to honor their dead.  
**Address:** Box K, McGregor, Iowa 52157.

### Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

Birthplace cottage and grave of the 31st President of the United States. Includes the Presidential Library, the replica of the blacksmith shop of Hoover's father, and a restored Quaker meetinghouse.  
**Address:** Box B, West Branch, Iowa 52358.



Grand Teton Natl. Park

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## kansas

### Fort Larned National Historic Site

Established by the U.S. Government in 1859, Fort Larned played a significant role in development of trans-Mississippi West. It first served to protect the eastern segment of the Santa Fe trail and later as a base for military operations against hostile Plains Indians as well as distribution point for Indian annuities.  
**Notes:** Guided tours.  
**Address:** Box 49, Larned, Kans. 67550.

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## minnesota

### Grand Portage National Monument

Nine-mile portage on a principal route of Indians, explorers, and fur traders into the Northwest interior; includes a reconstruction of the important Grand Portage post of the North West Company.  
**Address:** Box 666, Grand Marais, Minn. 55604.

### Pipestone National Monument

Site of red pipestone quarries used for at least three centuries by the Plains Indians to produce ornaments and ceremonial pipes. Traditionally, the site is held sacred by the Indians.  
**Address:** Box 727, Pipestone, Minn. 56164.



Bighorn Canyon Natl. R. Area



Grand Portage Natl. Monument

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## missouri

### George Washington Carver National Monument

The eminent Negro botanist, agronomist, and pioneer conservationist was born into slavery on a small farm on this site. Included are a visitor center with exhibits; a self-guiding trail, the birthplace cabin site; statue of Carver as a boy; relocated Moses Carver dwelling; and the rock-walled Carver family cemetery.  
**Address:** Box 38, Diamond, Mo. 64840.

### Jefferson National Expansion Memorial National Historic Site

The Gateway Arch, 630 feet high, commemorating westward expansion of the United States following the Louisiana Purchase; site of the 18th-century French village of St. Louis; and restored Old Courthouse. Historic Old Cathedral is adjacent.  
**Notes:** Guided tours; lodging and food near park.  
**Address:** 11 North Fourth St., St. Louis, Mo. 63102.

### Ozark National Scenic Riverways

About 140 miles of the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers noted for float trips. Outstanding springs dot the region, including Big Spring—one of the world's largest.  
**Notes:** Camping, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, swimming, boating, fishing, other water sports.  
**Address:** Van Buren, Mo. 63965.

### Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Park

Site of climactic Civil War battle on August 10, 1861, in struggle between Confederate and Union forces for the control of Missouri.  
**Address:** c/o George Washington Carver National Monument, Box 38, Diamond, Mo. 64840.

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## montana

### Big Hole National Battlefield

Site of important battle along the retreat route of Chief Joseph and his Nez Perce Indians in 1877.  
**Address:** c/o Yellowstone National Park, Wyo. 83020.

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## montana

### Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

A 71-mile long reservoir formed by Yellowtail Dam across the Bighorn River in the heart of the Crow Reservation. Lower 47 miles lie within a rugged, steep-walled canyon.  
**Notes:** Camping, hiking, hunting, swimming, boating, fishing, other water sports.  
**Address:** Box 485 YRS, Hardin, Mont. 59035.

### Custer Battlefield National Monument

Where the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne Indians killed Lt. Col. George A. Custer and 260 others of his 7th Cavalry in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.  
**Notes:** Lodging and food near park.  
**Address:** Box 416, Crow Agency, Mont. 59022.

### Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

See listing under North Dakota

### Glacier National Park

Superb Rocky Mountain scenery, glacier-sculptured mountains, lakes, clear streams, waterfalls, and glaciers; 1,000 miles of trails; part of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.  
**Notes:** Guided tours, camping, hiking, horseback riding, mountain climbing, swimming, boating, fishing, other water sports; lodging and food.  
**Address:** West Glacier, Mont. 59936.

### Yellowstone National Park

See listing under Wyoming.



Glacier Natl. Park



Colorado Natl. Monument



## the midwest

Among the mountains and plains of the Midwest, where great rivers wind their way to the Mississippi, lie some of the most spectacular parklands of America. Everywhere the eye turns in this heartland of the nation, from the massive delicacy of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis to the green meadows and geyser basins of Yellowstone, one sees eloquent proof of America's fierce determination to protect the land's integrity—to preserve its heritage, its beauty, and its natural treasures.

If the Midwest had no trading posts, military forts, or Indian battlefields, it would still speak an incredible history of uncharted vastness and complexity. If its earth never revealed a single dinosaur fragment or fossilized plant, it would still be dominated by the Rocky Mountains, that great prehistoric upheaval of earth and rock that extends from the canyons of Colorado to the glaciers of Montana. And spread between this awesome barrier and the placid waters of the Mississippi is America's breadbasket—the broad plains of wheat and corn that testify to man's ingenuity and industry. This amazing juxtaposition of ancient history and modern technology, barren lands and fertile fields, draws millions of visitors each year from the metropolitan centers to the Midwest and its increasingly popular vacationlands.

One of the most memorable sights in crossing the higher western plains from the east is the gradual unfolding of the jagged snow crests of the Rockies on the horizon. Even today, as more and more tourists come to know these mountains, glaciers secretly continue their ancient role of endless carving—a process of geological evolution that has, through untold centuries, created surely one of the earth's most abundant refuges of scenic grandeur. Alpine forests and meadows, icy streams and waterfalls, silent stands of lodgepole pine and cottonwood, elk herds, solitary moose, sleek trout and foraging bears—these are but a few of the immeasurable wonders of Rocky Mountain, Grand Teton, and Glacier National Parks.

These uniquely Midwestern wonders were first discovered and reported by the early frontiersmen who made their living in the virgin wilderness. Perhaps more enthusiastic than articulate, they sent home stories of stupendous canyons, waterfalls higher than Niagara, and steaming geysers that belched tons of water into the air. The eastern press was incredulous and called the men "champion liars." One editor rejected the manuscript of an early Yellowstone visitor with the words, "Thank you, but we do not print fiction!" The marvels had been revealed, however, and soon the way was opened for exploration, settlement, and, ultimately, the beginnings of the conservation movement. The restless Americans who relentlessly pushed westward in their search for new goals, new lands, and a new life, paused long enough to consider generations yet to come, for on March 1st, 1872, Yellowstone National Park was officially established through a visionary concept of conservation and preservation, a concept upon which the National Park Service is based.

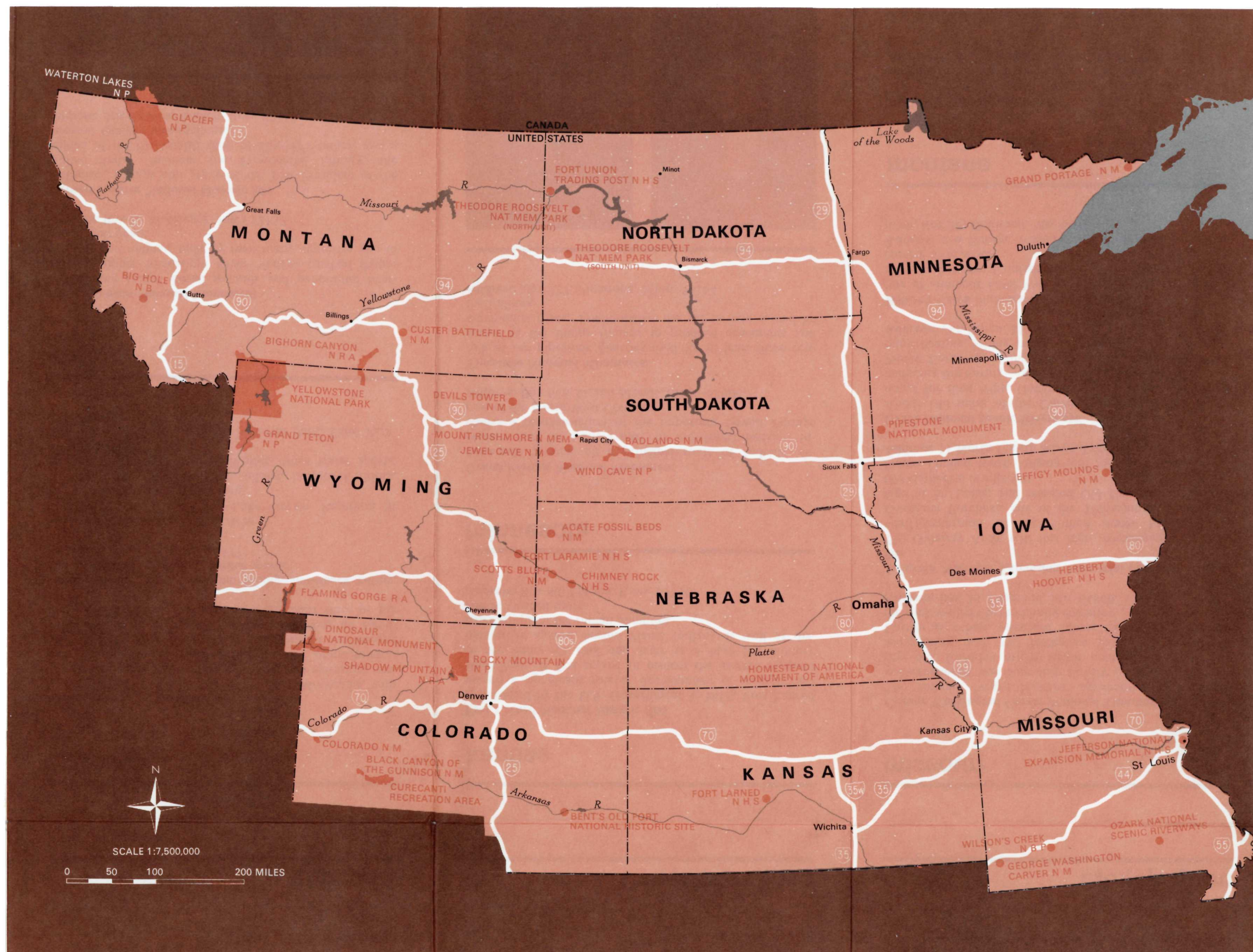
And so man fought his way across the land as the new nation expanded westward. His trail can be found from the rivers of the east to the mountain passes of the Continental Divide. Monuments to his intrepid spirit stand in all 10 states of the midwest region, such as Fort Union Trading Post, which sits on the border of North Dakota and Montana; Bent's Old Fort in Colorado; Fort Laramie, Wyoming, on the Oregon Trail; and Fort Larned, Kansas, on the Santa Fe Trail. Today the ruts of wagon trails west remain clearly visible on the prairies, and the battlefields at Big Hole and Custer serve as constant reminders of the price paid for westward expansion and the growth of the nation.

## administration

The National Parks of the Midwest are administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Each park is managed by a superintendent and staff whose address is listed elsewhere in this folder. Interpretive and informational folders for the individual parks may be obtained by writing directly to the park or to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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## midwest interstate tours: major highways and nearby parks, routes, and cities.

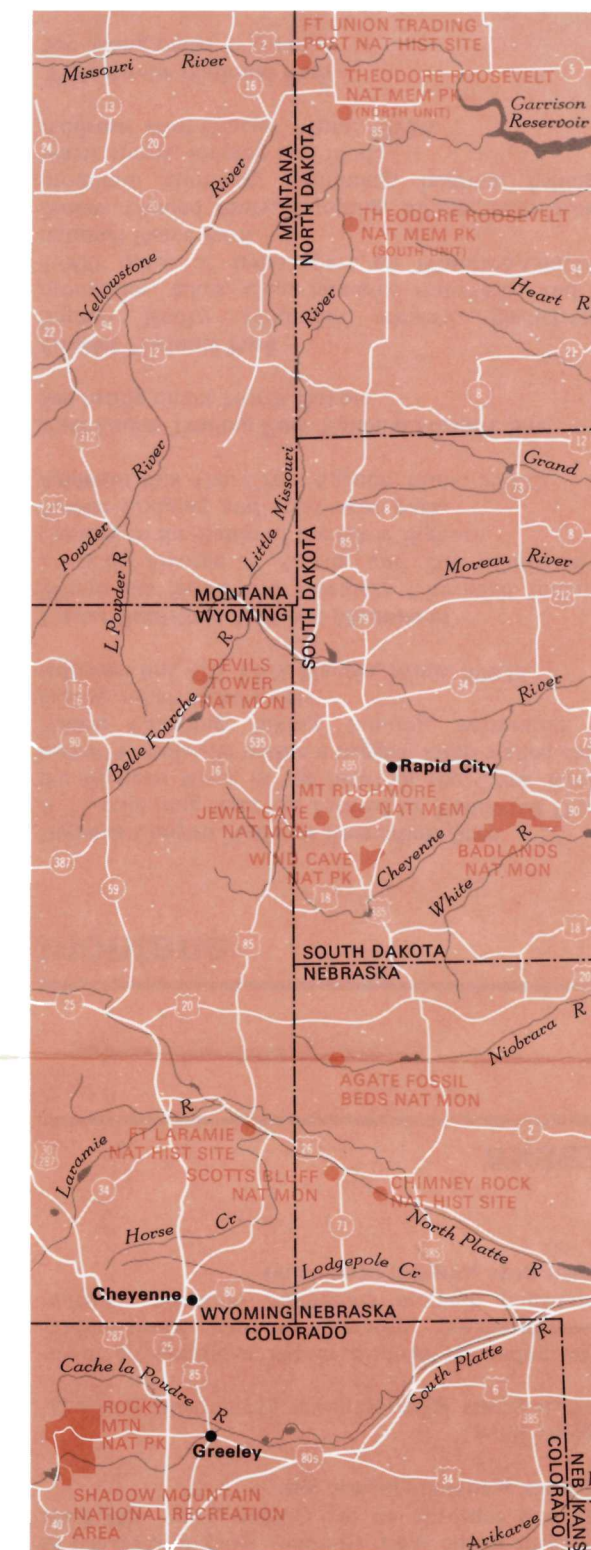
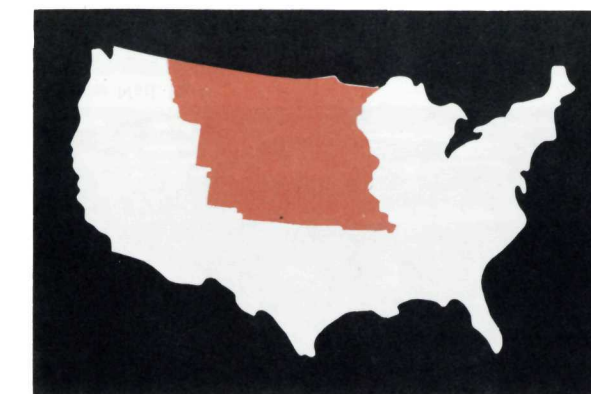
**Interstate 94 West**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
Theodore Roosevelt N. M. P., N. Dak., Medora, N. Dak. (South Unit); U.S. 85 North (North Unit).  
Fort Union Trading Post N. H. S., N. Dak., U.S. 85 North, U.S. 2 West.  
Billings, Montana

**Interstate 90 West**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin  
Pipestone N. M., Minn., U.S. 75 North.  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Badlands N. M., S. Dak., St. 40 South.  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
Mt. Rushmore N. M., S. Dak., U.S. 16 South.  
Jewel Cave N. M., S. Dak., U.S. 16 South.  
Wind Cave N. P., S. Dak., U.S. 16 South, U.S. 385 South.  
Devils Tower N. M., Wyo., U.S. 14 North, St. 24 North.  
Sheridan, Wyoming  
Bighorn Canyon N. R. A., Mont., U.S. 14A West or St. 313 South.

Custer Battlefield N. M., Mont., Crow Agency, Mont.  
Billings, Montana  
Yellowstone N. P., Wyo., U.S. 89 South.  
Butte, Montana  
Big Hole N. B., Mont., U.S. 10A West, St. 274 South, St. 43 West.  
Spokane, Washington

**Interstate 80 West**  
Davenport, Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa  
Herbert Hoover N. H. S., Iowa, West Branch, Iowa.  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Homestead N. M. of America, Neb., U.S. 77 South, U.S. 136 West.  
Chimney Rock N. H. S., Neb., U.S. 26 North.  
Scotts Bluff N. M., Neb., U.S. 26 North.  
St. Laramie N. H. S., Wyo., U.S. 26 North or Int. 25 North, U.S. 26 East.  
Cheyenne, Wyoming  
Rocky Mt. N. P., Colo., Int. 25 South, U.S. 34 West.  
Dinosaur N. M., Colo., St. 789 South, U.S. 40 West.  
Rock Springs, Wyoming  
Flaming Gorge R. A., Colo., St. 530 South.  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Interstate 70 West**  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial N. H. S., Mo., St. Louis, Mo.  
Kansas City, Kansas



Ft. Larned N. H. S., Kan., U.S. 281 South, U.S. 156 West.  
Bent's Old Fort N. H. S., Colo., St. 71 South, U.S. 50 East.  
Denver, Colorado  
Rocky Mt. N. P., Colo., Int. 25 North, U.S. 34 West.  
Shadow Mt. N. R. A., Colo., U.S. 40 North, U.S. 34 North.  
Grand Junction, Colorado  
Colorado N. M., Colo., Grand Junction, Colo.  
Black Canyon of the Gunnison N.M., Colo., U.S. 50 South, St. 347 North.  
Curecanti R. A., Colo., U.S. 50 South.

**Interstate 44 South**  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Mo., St. 68 South, St. 19 South, U.S. 60 East.  
Springfield, Missouri  
Wilson's Creek N. B. P., Mo., U.S. 60 South at Springfield, Mo.  
George Washington Carver N. M., Mo., U.S. 71A South.  
Joplin, Missouri