

# Blackfoot Pathways Sculpture in the Wild International Sculpture Park July 16 & 17, 2020



**International Sculpture Park celebrates the rich cultural, environmental and industrial heritage of the Blackfoot Valley.**  
(See their website for additional information: [www.sculptureinthewild.com](http://www.sculptureinthewild.com).)

## **Art and Environment:**

Arts and culture have always been a part of important movements for change, and environmental sustainability is no exception. Increasing numbers of artists and arts organizations are engaging with environmental displays.

### **Blackfoot Pathways - Sculpture in the Wild:**

Celebrates the past, including its industrial heritage – timber, mining, and ranching. The celebration of the past helps open doors to a discussion about the future.

BPSW is a tangible representation that new economic initiatives can deliver dollars to local businesses - it doesn't just have to be about mining, timber, and ranching. Other avenues are possible and they can deliver sustainable use of the landscape and different income streams for the community.

### **The outline for this Newcomers Excursion includes the following:**

#### **July 16th:**

Depart Bozeman at about 7:30 am and travel to Deer Lodge where we will enjoy a tour of the Grant-Kohrs National Historic Site. The wide-open spaces call to many of us and this historical ranch represents the hard-working cowboy, his spirited cow pony and vast herds of cattle are among the strongest symbols of the American West. The headquarters of a 10 million acre cattle empire, this site preserve these symbols and commemorates the role of cattlemen in American history.

We will visit "A Carousel for Missoula" for a ride on their hand carved carousel horses and chariots and receive a carousel gift. We will also visit the Smokejumpers Visitor Center for a tour of this exceptional wildland fire fighting organization. We will learn about the development of smoke-jumping in America, the construction of the silk parachutes, and other forest fire related issues. Our next stop (if time allows) will be at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for a quick film about this influential organization and visit their wildlife museum.

We will enjoy an evening at Missoula's famed DownTown Tonight event with entertainment and several food truck options for a no host dinner. Our lodging location is the C'mon Inn with the many pools and hot tubs. Remember your swim suit for some pool side enjoyment.

### **July 17th:**

The day will begin early with breakfast and a forest walk at the Seth Diamond Interpretive Trail through the largest Western Larch trees in the United States! We continue the day by visiting the Blackfoot Sculpture Park with a no host lunch in the village of Lincoln.

We will return to Bozeman (about 6 pm) via Flesher Pass. We will make a few stops for photo opportunities and hopefully wildlife viewing as well. Remember your camera and binoculars.

### **This excursion includes the following:**

- Tour the Grant-Kohrs National Historic Site,
- Visit to "A Carousel for Missoula" and a free gift,
- Tour of the Smokejumpers Visitor Center
- Visit the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation,
- Entertainment at DownTown Tonight,
- Missoula lodging (taxes & fees) at the C'mon Inn,
- The Seth Diamond Trail,
- Blackfoot Sculpture Park, and Transportation (gas money).

**The cost** is \$170 per person double occupancy in Missoula.

Single supplement \$87 per person. Space is limited to 20 participants

Your reservation requires a \$85 non-refundable deposit. If you must cancel, we will attempt to fill your spot. If we are able to fill your spot a refund will be offered. Final payment will be payable on June 22<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up [on-line](#) where you will be able to note single or double occupancy / roommate, drive.

Once completed mail your deposit check payable to GVNC for \$85 to Karen Liechty, 217 Stubble Lane, Belgrade, MT 59717.

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