



Adventures above the rest.

## 4-day Wilderness Adventure Trip

4 days, 3 nights

4 or more people or families with children - \$1500 per person

2-3 people - \$1800 per person

Custom Trips Available Upon Request

**TRIPS BEGIN JUNE 15 AND RUN THROUGH AUGUST 31**

### Rise to the adventure.

This adventure is a 4-day backcountry trip into the magnificent Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness. Your destination will be Independence, a tent camp on private land surrounded by wilderness and accessed by either ATV or horseback. Possible adventures during your trip would be horseback riding, hiking, exploring, semi-guided fishing, ATV tours, old mine tours, wilderness survival and "leave no trace" education. Evenings include relaxing by the campfire, sharing stories under a star-filled sky, delicious meals provided by our camp cook, and comfortable tent accommodations. If you are here to experience Montana, this is a trip you will remember.

Our guides are well acquainted with the areas where you will be riding, hiking, fishing, and exploring. They are experienced outdoorsmen and flexible to your needs. Whatever your endeavor, our guides are there to assist you every step of the way. Our string of horses and mules are dependable. Previous riding experience is helpful but not required.

The weather from mid-June through August is usually very comfortable. Daytime temperatures range from 60 to 80 degrees. On clear nights the temperatures can range from 20-40 degrees. However, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness weather is variable. Prepare for the changing mountain weather. Be sure to check ABO's suggested Clothing & Equipment List.

**The most important thing to remember is a great attitude. Be ready to enjoy an adventurous trip and the special things the mountains have to offer.**



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# Deposit, Payment and Refund Policy

A deposit of 50% of the trip is required to book your reservation.

This deposit is non-refundable.

The balance of the trip is due 30 days prior to the trip date and is nonrefundable.

Trips not fully paid by this date will be considered canceled.

We recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance. Montana Outfitters & Guides Association suggests Global Rescue travel insurance.

<http://www.montanaoutfitters.org/travelersinsurance/>

We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks

Make Checks Payable to: Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

## What's Included

### **The rates for 4-day adventure trips include:**

- Caravanning to and from the trailhead (leaving from and returning to ABO Headquarters in Big Timber) You may be driving your vehicle to the trailhead.
- In the backcountry, use of horses, mules, tack, all camp accommodations
- All meals, and non-alcoholic beverages
- Experienced Guides

## What's Not Included

### **The rates for 4-day adventure trips do not include:**

- Accommodations and meals for incoming and outgoing nights prior to and after your trip.
- Transportation to Montana
- Montana fishing licenses
- Fishing equipment including rods and flies
- Sleeping bags
- Any additional transportation costs
- Gratuities for guides, cook and wrangler



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# Travel Arrangements

## Wilderness 4-Day Adventure Trip

Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters is headquartered in Timber, Montana. You will meet at ABO Headquarters to depart for the mountains.

### **DIRECTIONS TO ABO HEADQUARTERS AND LODGE**

**Address:**

[1263 Hwy 10 West](#)

[Big Timber, MT 59011](#)

**From Bozeman** take Interstate 90 to Big Timber. Take the 1st Big Timber Exit and go left under I 90 to the light. \*

**From Billings** take I 90 to Big Timber. Take the 2nd Big Timber Exit and go right to the light. \*

**\*At the light turn left on the frontage road.** You will be heading west. Go approximately one mile. Turn right at the first place you can cross the railroad tracks. Cross the railroad tracks and follow the ranch road to the brown barn.

**Guests Driving:** Big Timber is located off Interstate 90 between Bozeman and Billings. Bozeman to Big Timber is 60 miles, driving time 1 hour. Billings to Big Timber is 90 miles, driving time 1½ hours.

**Guests Flying:** Plan to fly into the **Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport** (BZN) the day before your trip begins. The following airlines service Bozeman:

Delta 1-800-325-1999

United 1-800-864-8331

Southwest 1-800-435-9792

Alaska 1-800-252-7522

American 1-800-433-7300

The service is usually very good into Bozeman. However, this is a college town, home to Montana State University, so make your reservations early. Keep in mind Bozeman is on Mountain Time.

**If you are flying** and staying in Big Timber the evening you return from the mountains, do not make your outbound flight **too early**. Remember, **you are an hour and 15 minutes from Big Timber to the Bozeman airport. Add 1 ½ to 2 hours for airport check-in and rental car return.** Plan on leaving Big Timber 3 hours before your flight time. If you need



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to leave early due to connecting flights we recommend you stay in Bozeman the evening you return from the mountains.

**We recommend you rent a car or use the limo service listed below.** Pick up and delivery to the airport is one service we cannot offer as all of our guides and staff are busy preparing a great adventure for you. **Most major rental car companies are available at the airport.** It is an easy drive from the Bozeman airport east on Interstate 90 to Big Timber. Make your rental car or limo reservations as soon as you have booked your flight to avoid car shortages. **Classic Limo** offers an excellent roundtrip service from Bozeman to Big Timber. Last year it was cheaper than renting a car. **Classic Limo - 406-585-5466**

For your incoming and outgoing nights, we recommend the following accommodations, food and shops.

### **BIG TIMBER, MONTANA**

**The Grand Hotel** ([www.thegrand-hotel.com](http://www.thegrand-hotel.com)) (406-932-4459).

**The Grand Hotel Bed and Breakfast** is a charming and beautifully renovated historical hotel in downtown Big Timber. It has recently been purchased and is undergoing another renovation but is still in operation. Each room is unique. A well-stocked vintage bar is popular with the locals and serves lunch and dinner.

**Note: Due to labor shortages, please check the hotels website for updates on hours and food service.**

**The Super 8 Motel** ([www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com)) (406-932-8888).

**The Super 8 Motel** has comfortable rooms with small refrigerators and serves a light breakfast. For a heartier breakfast, the Bakery, located on McLeod Street in downtown Big Timber opens at 6:00 AM.

### **BOZEMAN, MONTANA**

**The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Bozeman West** ([www.holidayinnexpress.com](http://www.holidayinnexpress.com)) (406-582-4995).

The **Holiday Inn Express** is a small, friendly hotel conveniently located at 2305 Catron Street. The Inn has a breakfast bar that opens at 5:30 each morning, comfortable rooms, pool and exercise facility. They provide shuttle service to the airport. Make your reservations early. The summer is a busy time for tourists while the fall is filled with college related activities.



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**The C'mon Inn** ([www.cmoninn.com](http://www.cmoninn.com)) (406-587-3555).

The **C'mon Inn's** heavy timbered look with Montana's big game animals perched on rocks and above waterfalls has the charm and feel of a mountain lodge. Comfortable rooms, an indoor pool, several hot tubs, a breakfast bar and shuttle service to the airport leave you wanting for little. The Outback Steakhouse is conveniently located next door. The C'mon Inn is located off Interstate 90 at Exit 305 on East Valley Center Road.

## **Big Timber and Bozeman are delightful old western towns.**

**Big Timber** - Check out McLeod Street for fun and unique shops with great prices. Don't miss **Gusts Department Store** (it will take you back in time), **Cinnabar Creek** for a great espresso and gifts, and **the Bakery** for breakfast, lunch and yummy treats. Stop for a delicious sandwich and cookie at **EarthWise General Store** and browse their unique health and Made in Montana products. **Sweet Cast Angler** is a good place to pick up any extra flies or fishing supplies. **The Fort** offers any last-minute needs from sleeping bags, hunting & fishing gear, gifts, food and "spirits" to name a few. Take in the real flavor of Montana at **The Timber Bar** with its delicious "made in house" food and top it all off with a broad assortment of both local and national refreshing craft beers. For pizza and salads, check out **Iron Star Pizza Co.** and don't miss Big Timber's own microbrewery, **Circle T Taproom**.

**Bozeman** has great restaurants, wonderful art galleries, the Museum of the Rockies, a fabulous shop on Main Street called **Head West** and many other fun places to shop and visit. If you need libations for your mountain trip, you will not want to miss a visit to **Single Barrel Liquor & Bar**. This unique boutique liquor store with an attached cozy cocktail bar offers a great assortment of "refreshments" as well as fun gift items. It is located on the West side of Bozeman and is a local favorite. **4535 Valley Commons Drive, Suite 101, Bozeman, MT 59718** [singlebarrelbozeman.com](http://singlebarrelbozeman.com) 406-577-2163

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If you plan to extend your trip for a few days and would like to take time for a float trip on the Yellowstone River or an assortment of other activities offered by ABO in Big Timber, we recommend you check out our **Stay a While, Play a While Information Packet**.



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# Equipment and Clothing List

## Wilderness 4-Day Adventure Trip

Recommended personal gear for 4-day wilderness trips

Weather may vary during the summer months from very warm to very cold, so be prepared for everything. We recommend the layered system of dressing.

- wading shoes/sandals (Preferable on warm summer days)\*\*\*
- water resistant hiking/riding boots (like Danner)
- wool socks—at least 2 pairs
- cotton or regular socks
- 2 complete changes of clothes
- lightweight shorts, jeans and t-shirts
- personal toiletries (toothbrush, glasses/contacts/personal medications etc.)
- towel
- WARM SLEEPING BAG and Pillow
- warm coat (we recommend wool)
- light coat/fleece vest
- rain gear (jacket w/ hood or poncho)
- hat and gloves
- flashlight or headlamp
- sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent
- water bottle **w/water filtration system**

### OPTIONAL OR LUXURY ITEMS

Float tubes (You must bring a life jacket to use float tubes.)

Binoculars, GPS, Range Finder, Cell phone, Camera/extra film

Spirited beverage if desired

**LIMIT WEIGHT OF GEAR TO 50 LBS OR LESS IN DUFFEL BAGS AND KEEP MULTIPLE BAGS EQUAL IN WEIGHT.**

**\*\*\* We ask that all footwear worn into Montana's waters has non-slip rubber bottoms, NO FELT. This is due to the potential for aquatic invasive species (non-native invasive species). Cleaning the bottom of your rubber sole sandals, waders and wading boots with 409 is an excellent way to protect against spreading non-native invasive species.**