Fort Benton Museums

Museum of the Upper Missouri
Old Fort Benton (guided tour)
Museum of the Northern Great Plains
Upper Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center
Homestead Village and Hornaday Gallery

Season: Last Friday in May to first of October

For tours or appointments at all venues -
Phone (406)622-5316 or Email fbmuseums@mtintouch.net

Library and Archives

The Schwinden Library houses the Joel F. Overholser Historic Research Center specializing in the early history of the Northern Plains, the Canadian West, Fort Benton and Chouteau Co., particularly Missouri River steamboats and Blackfoot culture.

It contains homestead records, farm equipment and machinery information since the facility is the State of Montana's Museum of Agriculture.

Library open every Tuesday with staff, and by appointment on other days.
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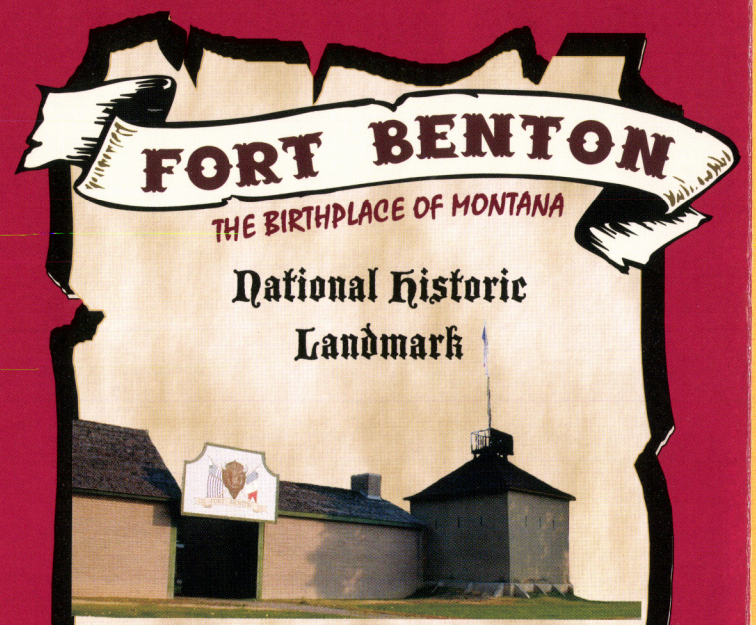
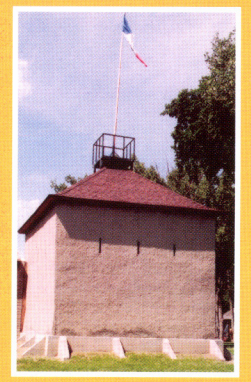
www.fortbenton.com/museums



Come, See and Hear
STORIES of
Scamps & Scalawags
Blackfoot & Buffalo
Steamboats & Gold Rush
Fur Trade & Whiskey
Lawmen & Outlaws
Cowboys & Homesteaders

OLD FORT BENTON

Fort Benton was founded in 1846 by the American Fur Company at the head of navigation on the Missouri River. It was the premier Blackfoot trading post in the Northwest.

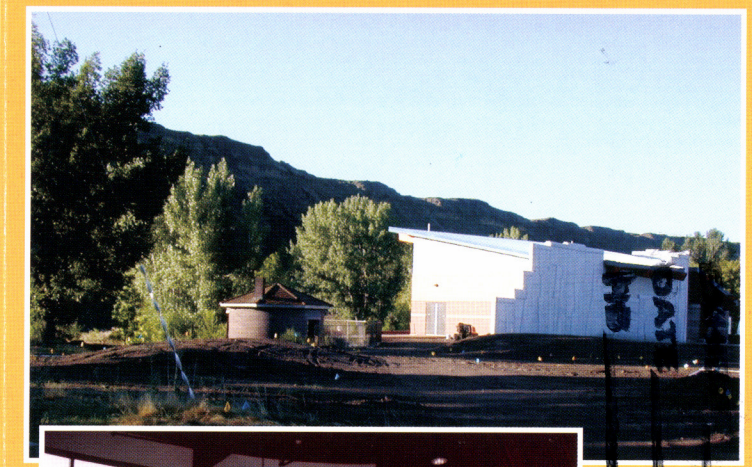


Montana's only remaining Fur Trade Post

Blackfoot Culture

Trade Store

Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center



Chief Joseph's Carbine

Bighorn & Steamboats

Freighting & Murphy Wagons

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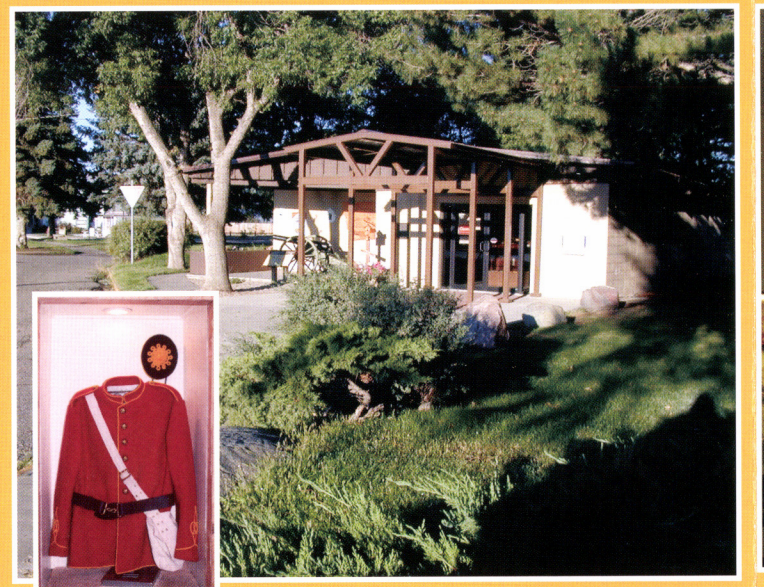
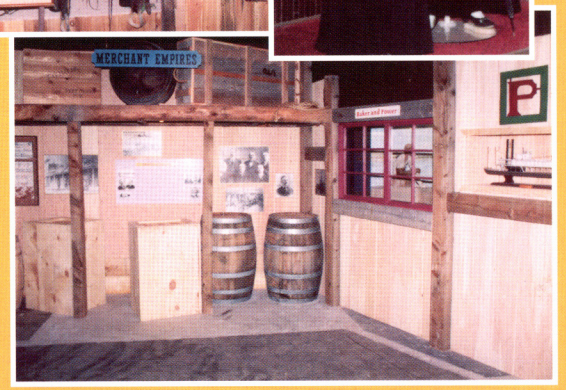


Twenty Tall Tales
on the Upper Missouri

Madames, Cowboys and Steamboats



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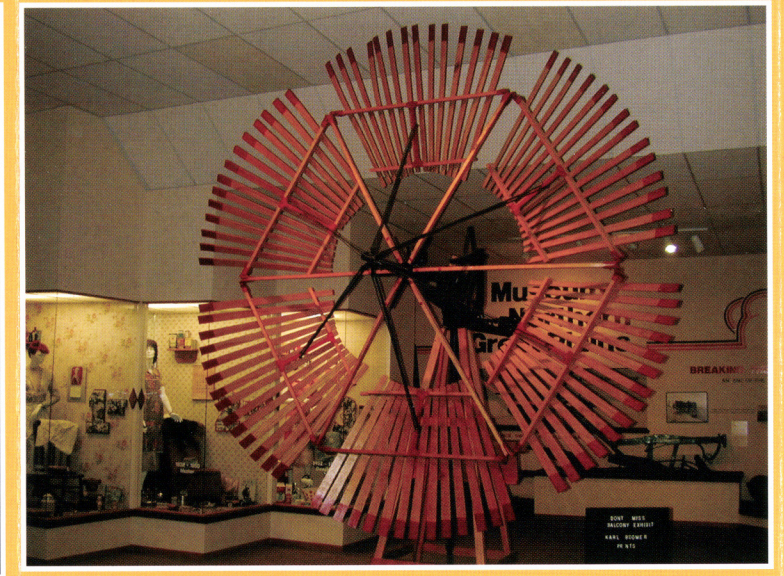


Montana's Museum of Agriculture

THREE GENERATIONS OF SETTLERS WHO OPENED THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS

5 Millionth International Tractor

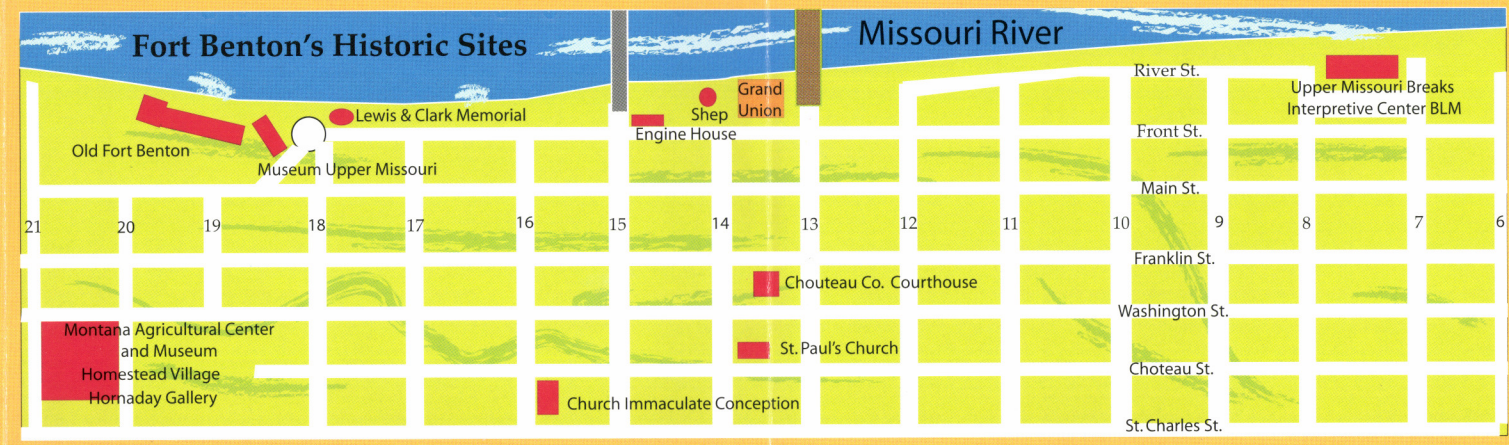
Gallery of Western Art and Taxidermy

Hornaday Gallery

Homestead Village

Businesses of the 1920's

These towns sprang up every fifteen or twenty miles at track-side to serve the homesteader; all dreamed of becoming a city.



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