

— VISIT BOTH —

**BANNACK  
STATE PARK**

**GRANT-KOHR'S  
RANCH NHS**

Roughly one hundred fifteen miles separate the goldfields of Bannack from the golden grasslands of the Deer Lodge Valley, but their shared history places them much closer in the saga of Montana's gold rush and the open range cattle era.

During 1862, Hank Crawford, Montana's first territorial sheriff, hired Conrad Kohrs to drive three heifers from Johnny Grant's ranch in Deer Lodge to Bannack where Crawford owned a butcher shop. Ultimately Kohrs came to own the meat shop and the cattle ranch in Deer Lodge. And so the story began, the link between some of the richest gold deposits in Montana, the miners who worked it, and the cowboys who drove the cattle that were raised on some of the best grasses anywhere in the west.

To better understand the history and the significance of the western expansion, please visit both Bannack State Park and Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site.



**IN THE LATE 1800's  
LONGHORNS, SHORTHORNS, & HEREFORDS  
ROAMED THE OPEN RANGE**

Great tasting jerky comes from these lean breeds, including today's GK Jerky. Cattle, born and raised on the rich grasses of the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, are packaged locally in Montana without any added hormones, antibiotics, steroids or MSG, for a distinctive, high quality beef jerky.

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## BANNACK STATE PARK

THE TOWN OF BANNACK SPRANG UP AFTER  
**GOLD** WAS DISCOVERED  
IN GRASSHOPPER CREEK  
DURING JULY OF **1862**

By spring 1863, its population exceeded 3,000. The town seemed poised to be a major city with the first Territorial Legislature meeting there in 1864. Gold mining was hard, backbreaking work leading many fortune seekers to pursue their wealth instead by providing goods and services to miners. Stores, butcher shops, saloons, hotels, restaurants, ranching and freighting flourished. Gold flowed freely and some unsavory characters, unwilling to earn an honest living, robbed unsuspecting miners of their hard-earned gold. Vigilante activity in 1864 put a stop to much of the lawlessness.

Bannack's boom and bust history is preserved as a National Historic Landmark. Open year-round, Bannack is one of the best-preserved ghost towns in America, with over 60 structures still standing, of which many are open for you to experience history up close.

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## GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH NHS

DREAMS OF WEALTH **LURED**  
THE FIRST CATTLEMEN  
TO **MONTANA** INCLUDING  
JOHNNY GRANT & CONRAD KOHR'S

the G & K of our brand. Grant began wintering cattle in western Montana valleys in the 1850s. The range was open and unfenced, and he could fatten cattle on the native grasslands. In 1866, Conrad Kohrs purchased the Grant home and 365 head of cattle. In time, 'Montana's Cattle King' shipped 10,000 head annually to the Union Stock Yards in Chicago and supplied his shops in MT with high quality, grass-fed beef.

As the home ranch of Kohrs' 10 million acre cattle empire, Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site is a 'working landscape', commemorating the skills and traditions that the cowboys and cattle industry played in shaping American history.

Open year-round, Grant-Kohrs Ranch has 88 historic buildings, an 1860s 9,000 square foot ranch house, and, of course, Longhorns, Shorthorns, Herefords, horses, and cowboys.

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