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*Montana Fish,  
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## **Indian Education for All Units related to Montana State Parks**

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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, in partnership with the Office of Public Instruction, has created 21 model lesson plans for K-12 teachers that each feature a Montana State Park.

While the students' knowledge and personal experience would be enhanced by an actual visit to the State park, the lesson plans stand alone in the classroom. They are written for multiple grade Levels, cover various content areas, and offer a rich resource that teachers can adapt to their classroom's needs.

### **Bannack State Park**

**Title:** Contradictory Worldviews: Placing Montana's Gold Rush into a Tribal Historical Perspective

**Contact Areas:** Social Studies, Science

**Grade Level:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (suitable for 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> with corresponding high school benchmarks)

### **Beaverhead Rock State Park**

**Title:** In Her Own Lands: Sacagawea and the Lewis & Clark Expedition in Southwestern Montana

**Content Areas:** Social Studies; History; Geography

**Grade Level:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (adaptable for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

### **Beavertail Hill State Park**

**Title:** What's in a Name?

**Content Areas:** Social Studies; Geography; Montana History

**Grade Level:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Brush Lake State Park**

**Title:** A Cultural and Land-Use Study of the Prairie Ecosystem in Northeastern Montana

**Content Area:** Science; Social Studies; Speaking and Listening

**Grade Level:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Chief Plenty Coups State Park**

**Title:** Plenty Coups, Leadership and the Vision Quest

**Content Areas:** Social Studies

**Grade Level:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Clarks Lookout State Park**

**Title:** Cultural Vantage Points: Salish Perspectives on the Lewis and Clark Expedition

**Content Area:** Social Studies; History; Geography

**Grade Level:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (adaptable for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

### **Council Grove State Park**

**Title:** Council Grove: Site of the Hellgate Treaty of 1855

**Content Areas:** Social Studies (History; Geography; Government; Tribal History)

**Grade Level:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park**

**Title:** Buffalo and the Blackfeet

**Content Areas:** Social Studies; Reading

**Grade Level:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> (Benchmarks listed here are 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

### **Fort Owen State Park**

**Title:** Fort Owen: Cultural Crossroad of the Bitterroot Valley

**Content Areas:** Social Studies; Reading; Speaking and Listening; Writing

**Grade Level:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Giant Springs State Park**

**Title:** Montana's Little Shell Tribe and the Struggle for Federal Recognition

**Content Area:** Social Studies (Government; U.S. History; Tribal History; Current Events)

**Grade Level:** 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Lone Pine State Park**

**Title:** Indigenous Uses of Fire in Western Montana

**Content Areas:** Social Studies; Science; Listening and Speaking

**Grade Level:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> (Benchmarks listed herein are for 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

### **Madison Buffalo Jump State Park**

**Title:** Buffalo Past and Present

**Content Areas:** Social Studies; Writing

**Grade Level:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Makoshika State Park**

**Title:** Dinosaur Trails and Dinosaur Tales

**Content Areas:** Science; Social Studies; Literature; Art

**Grade Level:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> (could be simplified for K – 1<sup>st</sup> grades)

### **Medicine Rocks State Park**

**Title:** Shared Destinies: Tribal Cultural Resources and Cultural Survival

**Content Areas:** Social Studies (History; Government; Economics; Montana's Indian Tribes; Federal Indian Policy; Current Events); Science

**Grade Level:** 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Missouri Headwaters State Park**

**Title:** Introduction to Ethnobotanical Uses of Native Plants Along the Missouri River

**Content Areas:** Social Studies, Science; Speaking and Listening; Reading

**Grade Level:** 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Pictograph Cave State Park**

**Title:** Pictographs: Images of Art and History

**Content Areas:** Art; Reading; Social Studies

**Grade Level:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Rosebud Battlefield State Park**

**Title:** Understanding the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 and the Battle of the Rosebud 1876

**Content Areas:** Social Studies (History); Reading

**Grade Level:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (adaptable for high school)

### **Smith River State Park**

**Title:** Occupation, Use and Settlement of the Smith River and the Impacts on the Blackfeet Tribe in Montana

**Content Areas:** Social Studies (U.S. History; U.S. Government; Montana History; Blackfeet History)

**Grade Levels:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Tower Rock State Park**

**Title:** The Old North Trail – An Ancient Highway System

**Content Area:** Social Studies

**Grade Level:** 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Travelers' Rest State Park**

**Title:** Tmsli, the Place of No Salmon

**Content Area:** Social Studies; Reading; Literature; Art\* (\*See "Related Curriculum and Suggestions")

**Grade Level:** 4<sup>th</sup> (suitable for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Wild Horse Island State Park**

**Title:** Scarred Trees Tell the Story

**Content Areas:** Social Studies (History, Geography, Cultural Archaeology); Science

**Grade Level:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (suitable for 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grades with corresponding benchmarks)



