

2019 Water & Natural Resources Tour
Organized by the Nebraska Water Center and
The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District

Day 1, Sun., Sept. 15

6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Assemble at Best Western Plus/Kelly Inn, Billings, Mont., (4915 Southgate Dr., (406) 256-9400) for tour check-in and informal meet-and-greet/reception.

Day 2, Mon., Sept. 16

8:00 a.m. Depart motel via motor coach for University of Wyoming Extension Research Station, Powell, Wyo.

9:45 a.m. Arrive UW Extension Research Station

11:45 a.m. Depart for Park County Fairgrounds in Powell, for lunch

1:00 p.m. Depart for Cody, Wyo., and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West (Smithsonian Institute affiliate); Buffalo Bill, Firearms, Natural History, Western Art, and Plains Indian museums at one location

3:30 p.m. Depart for Buffalo Bill Dam & Reservoir and Visitor Center

5:00 p.m. Return to Cody for lodging at Best Western Sunset Inn

6:00 p.m. Dinner at Buffalo Bill's Irma Hotel & Restaurant

Day 3, Tues., Sept. 17

7:30 a.m. Depart for Yellowstone National Park; tour group will have all day to explore the park with assistance from tour guide Shane Doyle.

12 noon Picnic lunch in the park.

5:00 p.m. Depart Yellowstone Park for lodging in West Yellowstone, Wyo.

6:00 p.m. Dinner at Bullwinkle's, 115 Canyon St., West Yellowstone

Day 4, Wed., Sept. 18

7:30 a.m. Depart through Gallatin Canyon area for Big Sky, Mont

8:15 a.m. Arrive Big Sky County Water & Sewer District No. 363

11:00 a.m. Depart for Big Sky Meadow Village, an area of shops and restaurants that makes up much of Big Sky (other than the ski resort itself).

12 noon Lunch at Olive B's Big Sky Bistro in the village

1:00 p.m. Depart for meeting location to visit with Ilene Casey and Mick Seeberg of the Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators

TBD Meet with representative from the Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation for discussion of Montana water issues (name of person and site TBD)

- 4:00 p.m. Depart for Bozeman, Mont., and lodging at Country Inn & Suites by Radisson
- 6:00 p.m. Board motor coach and travel to dinner at Bar3BBQ, 119 E. Main St., Belgrade, Mont.

Day 5, Thurs., Sept. 19

- 7:30 a.m. Board bus for travel to Headwaters State Park
- 8:45 a.m. Arrive Headwaters State Park, the headwaters of the Missouri River, (includes the Three Forks of the Missouri National Historic Landmark, designated such as a site where the Lewis and Clark Expedition camped in 1805).
- 9:45 a.m. Depart for Big Timber, Mont.
- 11:15 a.m. Arrive Big Timber along the Yellowstone River to meet with representatives from Applied Geomorphology, Inc.; World Wildlife Fund; and Musselshell Watershed Coordination Council
- 12 noon Lunch at site in or near Big Timber
- 12:45 p.m. Continue discussions with above speakers
- 2:00 p.m. Depart Big Timber for Billings
- 3:30 p.m. Arrive Billings, lodging at Best Western Plus/Kelly Inn
- 4:00 p.m. Optional excursion to Pompey's Pillar (National Monument where William Clark of Lewis & Clark Expedition fame carved his name (still visible) and the date of his visit, on a rock bluff next to the Yellowstone River.
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Montana Rib & Chop House

END TOUR

Day 6, Fri., Sept. 20

Tour group returns home from Billings (own travel arrangements).