



# Three Forks, Montana Lifestyle Guide

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From a Local Mom of Three  
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# Welcome to Three Forks

Three Forks is a historic Montana community where the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin Rivers meet to form the Missouri River. The town sits about 30 miles west of Bozeman and is known for its small-town charm, outdoor recreation, and tight-knit community.

Lewis and Clark explored this area in 1805 and camped near the river confluence, now preserved as Missouri Headwaters State Park. Today, Three Forks is one of the fastest-growing communities in Montana for people craving

- More land
- Affordable homes compared to Bozeman
- Access to fishing, hunting, and recreation
- A strong sense of community



Population

**5,404** According to [censusreporter.org](https://censusreporter.org)



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# Restaurants & Local Dining

Three Forks may be small, but the food scene is surprisingly great.

## Local Favorites

### ● **Bridger Brewing**

Bridger Brewing is one of the go-to gathering spots in Three Forks, offering a perfect mix of great food, craft beer, and community-driven atmosphere. Known for its Montana-inspired brews and laid-back vibe, it's a place where locals and visitors come together to relax, grab a bite, and enjoy everything from casual dinners to live music nights website: <https://www.bridgerbrewing.com/three-forks>

### ● **Busy Bee's Bakery**

Scratch-made comfort food and homemade pastries

### ● **Pompey's Grill – Sacajawea Hotel**

Upscale steakhouse dining inside the historic hotel.

### ● **Sac Bar – Sacajawea Hotel**

Casual bar food, cocktails, and live music.

### ● **Three Forks Café**

Local diner serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner with homemade daily specials.

## Nearby Dining Worth Mentioning

- Land of Magic Steakhouse (Logan)
- Wheat Montana Bakery & Deli
- Willow Creek Café & Saloon
- LaHood (Cardwell)
- The Pony Bar (Pony, MT)





## Coffee Shops & Bakeries

### ● **Jamocho Junction**

Drive-through coffee shop known for specialty espresso drinks, breakfast burritos, and pastries. Comfort food and homemade pastries

### ● **The Shoppe Pastry & Coffeehouse**

A local bakery café with specialty drinks and desserts. Amazing sandwiches, salads and soups.

### ● **Wheat Montana Bakery**

Local wheat farm bakery famous for breads and sandwiches

### ● **Smitty's Coffee**

Drive-Through coffee shop

### ● **Remuda Coffee**

Drive through and walk-in coffee shop

## Breweries & Drinks

### ● **Sawdust & Steel Brewing**

Local brewery hosting events, live music, and community gatherings.

### ● **Bridger Brewing**

Brewery and grill offering locally sourced "street-style" meats, award-winning craft beer, and a world-class outdoor concert venue with on-site camping.

### ● **Frontier Club**

Classic Montana bar known for burgers, drinks, and events

### ● **Town Club**

Known for its classic Montana bar atmosphere and friendly local vibe

### ● **The Plaza**

Known for its friendly, small-town Montana atmosphere and affordable drinks.



A photograph of the Three Forks Market building, a large, light-colored structure with a green roof and a prominent sign that reads "THREE FORKS MARKET". The building is surrounded by a parking lot with several cars. In the foreground, there is a sign for "WELCOME TO THE RODEO FARM" and another for "PEPSI 7.99 BOTTLED". A tall signpost on the right side of the image features a sign for "THREE FORKS MARKET" and another that says "YOUR HOME TOWN GROCER".

# Grocery & Everyday Essentials

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- **Three Forks Market**

- **Town Pump**

Gas and convenience store.

- **Family Dollar**

- **Wheat Montana Farms & Bakery**

- **Old Town Farm stand:**

From seasonal produce and homemade baked goods to unique gifts and pantry staples, everything here feels intentional and locally rooted.

Throughout the year, Old Town Farmstand also hosts classes, workshops, and seasonal events that bring the community together in a meaningful way. Website: [www.oldtownfarmstand.com](http://www.oldtownfarmstand.com)

- **Legacy Trading:**

A charming local shop offering gifts, Montana Made Products, home décor, and unique finds, Legacy Trading is a favorite stop in Three Forks for both locals and visitors. website: <https://www.facebook.com/LegacyTrading34ks/>

- **Nearby grocery options:**

- Belgrade Albertsons
- Bozeman Costco
- Bozeman WinCo
- Town & Country Foods (Belgrade and Bozeman)





# Banks & Financial Services

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## ● **First Security Bank**

First Security Bank is a major regional bank and a division of Glacier Bank, primarily serving Gallatin County with a focus on personal and business banking.

### **Services:**

Personal and business checking, savings, and local loans (auto, HELOC, and small business).

### **Direct Link:**

[www.ourbank.com](http://www.ourbank.com)

## ● **Opportunity Bank of Montana**

A full-service community bank that has proudly served Montanans since 1922, Opportunity Bank focuses on building strong local relationships and providing tailored financial solutions. Their Three Forks branch is known for its "people-first" approach and support for community programs like the FFA.

### **Services:**

Full-service personal and business banking, including specialized mortgage and agricultural lending solutions.

### **Direct Link:**

[www.opportunitybank.com/three-forks](http://www.opportunitybank.com/three-forks)

## ● **Manhattan Bank**

Manhattan Bank is a true "hometown" bank that has been serving the Gallatin Valley for over 100 years. Their Three Forks branch offers a high standard of personal service and integrity, specializing in agricultural and business financing rooted in local history.

### **Services:**

Competitive rates on personal and recreational vehicle loans, plus deep expertise in agricultural and business lines of credit.

### **Direct Link:**

[www.manhattanbank.bank](http://www.manhattanbank.bank)



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# Medical & Healthcare: In Town



## Three Rivers Medical Clinic

Category: Medical clinic

Direct Link: [www.trmc-mt.com](http://www.trmc-mt.com)



## Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks

Category: Chiropractor

Direct Link: [www.threeforkschiropractor.com](http://www.threeforkschiropractor.com)



## Gallatin Valley Vision

Category: Eye Health

Direct Link: [www.gallatinvalleyvision.com](http://www.gallatinvalleyvision.com)



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## Three Forks Family Dentistry: Chad D. Russell D.M.D

Category: Dentist

Direct Link: [www.threeforksdental.com](http://www.threeforksdental.com)



## Be Ready Performance and Physio

Category: Medical clinic

Direct Link: [www.bereadypt.com](http://www.bereadypt.com)



## Three Forks Physical Therapy, Inc.

Category: Physical therapist

Direct Link: [www.facebook.com/ThreeForksPhysicalTherapyInc](https://www.facebook.com/ThreeForksPhysicalTherapyInc)



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# Medical & Healthcare: Nearby



## Bozeman Health Deaconess Regional Medical Center

Category: Medical Center

Direct Link: [www.bozemanhealth.org](http://www.bozemanhealth.org)



## B2 UrgentCare Main Street

Category: Medical clinic

Direct Link: [www.b2cares.com](http://www.b2cares.com)



## Bozeman Health Belgrade Clinic

Category: Medical clinic

Direct Link: [www.bozemanhealth.org](http://www.bozemanhealth.org)



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## **Billings Clinic Bozeman**

Category: Medical Center

Direct Link: [www.billingsclinic.com/bozeman](http://www.billingsclinic.com/bozeman)

# Veterinary Services



## **Headwaters Veterinary Hospital**

Category: Veterinary care

Direct Link: [www.headwatersvet.com](http://www.headwatersvet.com)



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# Schools

## Three Forks Public Schools (District J-24)

The Three Forks school system is the heartbeat of the community, known for its "Home of the Wolves" pride and a deep-rooted commitment to student success both in and out of the classroom.

- **A Community-Driven Campus:**

The district prides itself on being a hub for local life. Through the Three Forks Education Foundation and a very active Parent Action Council (PAC), the community heavily invests in student scholarships, teacher grants, and modernizing campus facilities.

- **Renowned FFA & Agriculture Program:**

Agriculture is part of the town's DNA, and the Three Forks FFA Chapter is one of the most successful in the state. Students engage in hands-on learning—from greenhouse design and vet science to culinary arts using locally sourced meats—regularly bringing home top honors from state and regional competitions.

- **Strong Music & Fine Arts:**

The district maintains a vibrant music program featuring High School Band, Choir, and Jazz Band. These ensembles are community favorites, performing at local events like the Christmas Stroll and holding regular seasonal concerts that draw large local crowds.

- **Adult & Community Education:**

Learning doesn't stop at graduation. The district offers a dedicated Adult Education program with seasonal registration for classes ranging from fitness and hobby-based skills to professional development, ensuring the school serves residents of all ages.

- **Summer Enrichment:**

A robust 6-week summer program (K-6) is offered to keep students engaged year-round, featuring breakfast/lunch programs and mentorship opportunities for older students.

**Fun Fact:** The high school's Culinary Arts program recently added a specialized outdoor cooking space featuring professional-grade grills, allowing students to master "ranch-to-table" techniques right on campus.

Link: [tfschools.com](https://www.tfschools.com)

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# Multi-Sport & Regional Programs

## ● Gallatin Valley YMCA (Bozeman)

A staple for young families. They offer a huge variety including basketball, flag football, cheerleading, dance, and soccer.

**Sign-ups: \* Winter Sports (Jan–Feb):** Register Oct–Dec.

- **Spring Sports (Mar–May):** Register Jan–Feb.
- **Summer Camps:** Register starting in March.

**Link:** [gallatinvalleymca.org](http://gallatinvalleymca.org)

## ● Next Level Football (Bozeman):

Highly popular flag football league known for a "pro-style" experience with great jerseys and high energy.

**Season begins Mid/Late March**

**Sign-ups: \*** Mid to late October for returning players

**General Signups:** November.

**Link:** [nextlevsports.com](http://nextlevsports.com)

## ● AYSO Soccer (Bozeman/Region 300):

The primary recreational soccer league for the valley

**Sign-ups: \*** Spring Season: Opens mid-February.

- **Fall Season:** Opens mid-May (Early Bird often ends June 30th).

**Link:** [ayso.org](http://ayso.org) (Search for Bozeman Region 300)

## ● Headwaters Lacrosse (Bozeman):

Serving the entire Gallatin Valley, this is the main hub for youth lacrosse (K-8).

**Sign-ups: \*** Spring Season: Closes late February.

- **Fall Ball:** Opens in August.

**Link:** [headwaterslacrosse.org](http://headwaterslacrosse.org)





# Baseball & Softball

- **Three Forks Baseball:**

This is your local league (Little League/Babe Ruth style).

**Sign-ups:** Typically open **February 1st – late February.**

**Link:** [Three Forks Baseball Facebook](#) (Check here for TeamSnap links).

- **Gallatin Valley Baseball (All-Stars):**

For players looking for a more competitive, travel-based environment after the local Three Forks season.

**Tryouts:** Usually held in early May at Magris Field in Three Forks.

**Link:** [gallatinvalleybaseball.org](http://gallatinvalleybaseball.org)

- **Three Forks Baseball:**

**Sign-ups:** Typically open **February 1st – late February.**

**Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/TForksFastpitch>



# Basketball & Wrestling

- **Little Wolves Basketball (Three Forks):**

The local youth basketball program for younger kids (3-6). It is highly community-driven and often runs during the winter months.

**Sign-ups:** Typically October/November for the winter season

**Link:** Watch the Three Forks Schools bulletin and local community Facebook groups.

- **Three Forks Wrestling (Missouri River Rumble):**

Three Forks has a very strong youth wrestling culture (AAU/USA Wrestling).

**Sign-ups:** Winter season registration usually starts in November.

**Note:** Three Forks hosts the "Missouri River Rumble" every February/ March, which is a major regional event.



# Important Tip for Relocating Families

Most sports communication in Three Forks happens via Facebook community groups or the School's Weekly Bulletin. I recommend joining the "Three Forks Community" page to catch the exact date announcements for the local leagues like Little Wolves and local Baseball.

## Parks & Outdoor Recreation

Three Forks is surrounded by world-class outdoor recreation.

- **Missouri Headwaters State Park**  
Where three rivers meet to form the Missouri River. Popular for fishing, kayaking, hiking, and camping.
- **Madison Buffalo Jump State Park**  
Historic Native American hunting site with hiking trails and incredible valley views.
- **Three Forks Pond**  
Popular for swimming, paddle boarding, fishing, and kayaking.
- **Headwaters Golf Course**  
9-hole public course with views of the Tobacco Root Mountains. Great clubhouse vibes, golf simulators and wrap around deck. Great place to enjoy drinks and pizza.
- **Headwaters Trail System**  
12+ mile Walking and biking trails throughout town.  
**Copper City Trails**



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# Outdoor Activities Near Three Forks

## Residents enjoy:

- Fly fishing (Madison River, Gallatin River)
- Hunting
- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Snowmobiling
- Cross-country skiing
- Camping
- Floating rivers

## Nearby recreation:

- Tobacco Root Mountains
- Gallatin Canyon
- Yellowstone National Park (1.5 hours)

## Historic Sites:



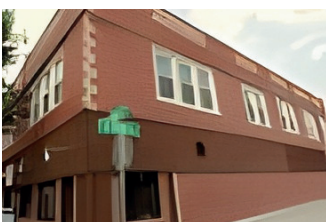
### **Sacajawea Hotel**

Historic hotel built in 1910 that once served railroad travelers.



### **Headwaters Heritage Museum**

Local museum located in the historic Three Valleys State Bank building.



### **Adams Block**

Historic 1918 commercial building in downtown Three Forks.



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# Major Subdivisions in Three Forks

## ● Village at Elk Ridge:

A premier family-oriented community featuring a 6+ acre park, paved roads, and over 25 acres of shared open space. It is a covenant-controlled neighborhood known for its "Old-West" charm and spectacular views of the surrounding mountain ranges.

**Direct Link:** [pricehillshoa.com](http://pricehillshoa.com)

## ● Morning Sky Estates:

Located near the Copper City trails, this subdivision offers a rural lifestyle with expansive 3+ acre lots. It is managed by a local board and emphasizes preserving the natural beauty and quiet of the area.

**Direct Link:** [morningskyestates.com](http://morningskyestates.com)

## ● Rolling Glen Ranch:

This neighborhood offers a distinct ranch feel with larger acreage (typically 5+ acres) and specific allowances for horses. The community takes pride in its interior road maintenance and architectural standards to protect property values.

## ● Westside Trails:

A spacious development popular with outdoor enthusiasts and horse owners. The HOA focuses on stewarding open spaces and maintaining community standards while allowing for a more rural, open-land experience.

**Direct Link:** [westsidetrails.com](http://westsidetrails.com)

## ● Mountain Vista:

A quiet, established neighborhood managed by a professional association. It features 1.5+ acre lots and offers a customized residential experience with a focus on long-term relationship management among neighbors.

## ● Ponderosa Pines:

Located in the rugged hills near Clarkston, this area is the primary choice for those seeking off-grid living and maximum privacy.





# Annual Events

- **Three Forks Rodeo (Mid July):**

Held the third weekend of July, this NRA-sanctioned rodeo features professional cowboys, a Saturday morning parade ("Rodeo Dayz"), and a kids' Stick Horse Derby.

**Link:** [threeforksrodeo.com](http://threeforksrodeo.com)

- **Farmers Market (Thursdays, May–Sept):**

Every Thursday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Park (Depot Park), featuring local produce, crafts, and food vendors.

**Link:** [threeforksmontana.com/farmers-market](http://threeforksmontana.com/farmers-market)

- **Fourth of July Celebration:**

Typically centers around a community display; while Three Forks Ranch hosts private events, the town often gathers for fireworks near the high school or local parks

- **Downtown Trick or Treating (Oct 31):**

A "Main Street" tradition where local businesses hand out candy to costumed kids from roughly 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

- **Ladies Night (November):**

Usually held the week before Thanksgiving, local boutiques and restaurants stay open late with special discounts, drinks, and appetizers for shoppers

- **Christmas Stroll (Early Dec):**

A festive evening featuring a lighted parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, a tree lighting ceremony, and a visit from Santa.

**Link:** [threeforksmontana.com/events](http://threeforksmontana.com/events)





# Utilities & Services

## Electric & Gas

- **NorthWestern Energy:**

The primary provider for both electricity and natural gas for residential and business customers in town.

**Link:** [northwesternenergy.com](http://northwesternenergy.com)

- **Vigilante Electric Cooperative:**

A member-owned non-profit providing electricity primarily to rural areas surrounding Three Forks.

**Link:** [vec.coop](http://vec.coop)

## Propane

- **Madison River Propane:**

A locally rooted provider offering traditional delivery and unique "metered" propane services so you only pay for what you use.

**Link:** [madisonriverpropane.com](http://madisonriverpropane.com)

- **AmeriGas:**

A national provider with a local presence in Three Forks, offering residential heating and tank exchange services.

**Link:** [amerigas.com](http://amerigas.com)

- **Big Sky Propane:**

Based nearby in Belgrade, this locally owned company focuses on residential and commercial delivery throughout Gallatin County.

**Link:** [bigskypropane.com](http://bigskypropane.com)



## Internet Providers

### ● **Spectrum:**

Offers high-speed cable internet, TV, and phone bundles with the fastest speeds typically available within city limits.

**Link:** [spectrum.com](https://www.spectrum.com)

### ● **Global Net:**

A Montana-based provider offering both high-speed wireless and fiber-optic internet options (via Yellowstone Fiber).

**Link:** [theglobal.net](https://www.theglobal.net)

### ● **Little Apple Technologies:**

Based in Manhattan, MT, they specialize in high-speed wireless internet for "end of the road" rural locations without data caps.

**Link:** [littleappletech.com](https://www.littleappletech.com)

### ● **Starlink:**

A popular satellite-based choice for residents in more remote areas where cable or fixed wireless signals are unavailable.

**Link:** [starlink.com](https://www.starlink.com)

## Post Office and Shipping Services.

### ● **Three Forks Post Office:**

Located in the heart of town, this branch provides standard retail services, P.O. Box access, and money orders.

**Location:** 9 E Front St, Three Forks, MT 59752

**Phone:** (406) 285-3421

**Retail Hours:** Mon–Fri 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM;  
Sat 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

**Link:** [tools.usps.com](https://tools.usps.com)

### ● **Main Street Office:**

**Location:** 209 S Main St, Three Forks, MT 59752

**Phone:** (406) 285-4556



# Churches

## Three Forks Churches

### ● **Holy Family Catholic Church:**

A welcoming parish that is part of a dual community with St. John Vianney. They hold regular Mass and have an active community presence.

**Link:** [holyfamilymt.org](http://holyfamilymt.org)

### ● **Three Forks United Methodist Church:**

A historic church on 2nd Avenue East known for its "Greater Goods" thrift store outreach and active youth ministries.

**Link:** [threeforksumc.com](http://threeforksumc.com)

### ● **First Christian Church:**

A relationship-focused, non-denominational congregation that emphasizes sound Biblical teaching and community fellowship.

**Link:** [firstc.org](http://firstc.org)

### ● **Three Forks Bible Church:**

An independent, Bible-centered church that meets in the historic Ruby Theater on Main Street.

**Link:** [3forksbible.org](http://3forksbible.org)

### ● **Three Forks Christian Center (Assembly of God)**

A local congregation focused on Pentecostal worship and community service.

**Link:** [Facebook Page](#)

### ● **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Three Forks Ward):**

Provides Sunday worship services and various faith-based activities for families and individuals in the area.

**Link:** [Church Locator Profile](#)

### ● **Grace Bible Church (Three Forks Campus):**

The Three Forks campus of the larger Grace Bible network, focused on "being and making disciples" through local community groups.

**Link:** [gbcmt.org](http://gbcmt.org)

**Note:** Some of these churches share resources or combined services with nearby Willow Creek, so it is always a good idea to check their specific Sunday schedules.





# Beauty

- **Roots Hair Studio**

A local favorite for expert hair services and effortless style. Roots pairs top-tier cuts and color with a boutique featuring women's fashion, accessories, and the go-to spot for Three Forks Wolves gear created by Girl Be Happy.

- **Beyond Beauty**

Specializing in custom luxury spray tans, waxing, and eyelash extensions, Beyond Beauty delivers polished, confidence-boosting results in a welcoming space. A go-to for effortless glow and beauty essentials.

- **R&D Barbershop**

- **Bucking Bronze**

Custom spray tans with natural, streak-free results. Quick, flawless, and perfect for any occasion.



# Gyms & Fitness

Local fitness options include:

- **V-42 Fitness**

**Link:** <https://www.v42fitness.com/>

- **Fortitude Fitness**

**Location:** 237 Front Street, Three Forks

Class Based Functional Strength and Conditioning Gym. Also offering 1:1 Training



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## Moving to Three Forks Checklist

Set up utilities

Register vehicles in Montana

Transfer driver's license

Register kids in school

Explore local parks and trails

Introduce yourself to neighbors Three Forks is known for its friendly community where neighbors look out for each other.

## Why People Love Living in Three Forks

- Small town charm
- Quick access to Bozeman
- Outdoor recreation everywhere
- Family friendly community
- Affordable housing compared to Bozeman



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## Bio

Three Forks isn't just where I work—it's home. It's where I'm raising my family, building relationships, and truly doing life. Being part of this community has given me a deep appreciation for what makes it so special, from the people to the pace of life and everything in between.

Real estate, for me, is just an extension of that. When you genuinely love the community you're a part of, helping others find their place in it comes naturally. Whether you're new to the area or have been here for years, I'm always happy to be a resource and share what makes Three Forks such a great place to call home.



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