

BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



# COMMUNITY LIVING MANUAL

## New Member Guide



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# WELCOME TO BIG SKY!

This mountain community is unique in many ways. New residents may have a lot to learn about day-to-day life in Big Sky, but in your hands is the BSOA Community Living Manual. Think of it as the Big Sky 101 – answers to the many questions that inevitably arise as new residents arrive, but of course more questions may come to mind. Please feel free to call us at 406-995-4166, or stop by our Meadow Village office with any other inquiries you may have.

We're happy to acquaint you with your community!

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## HISTORY

In the beginning, US Highway 191 leading to Big Sky was an Indian and wildlife thoroughfare: a rough route following steep grades and requiring several fords of the Gallatin River. A road from the Gallatin Valley to Taylor Fork was finally completed in August of 1898. In 1902 Augustus Crail set up his homestead which marked Big Sky as a ranch area. It stayed that way for the next 70 years, until Chet Huntley, the NBC newscaster, opened Big Sky Resort and shaped the community into the ski town it is today. The BSOA was created when the covenants of the three original Big Sky area subdivisions were recorded in 1971. BSOA has assumed many roles in its 40 year history that reflect the growth and development of the community.



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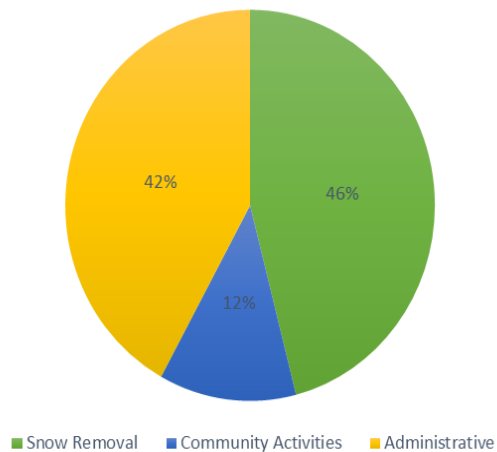
# ABOUT BSOA

The Big Sky Owners Association (BSOA) is Big Sky's largest and oldest homeowners association with over 2,300 properties encompassing over 8,000 acres and located in both Gallatin and Madison Counties. The non-profit 501(c)(4) corporation is governed by an elected board of nine volunteers who are supported by staff. The purpose of the BSOA is to maintain common areas and govern the homeowner community in accordance with the provisions of applicable legal documents.

## MEMBERSHIP

As a member there are certain dues that must be paid in order for the organization to continue providing the services and benefits that it does. The annual assessments are mailed once per year to the membership and provide all the funding necessary to operate the BSOA. Annual assessments are used to provide public services and community support, including winter road maintenance, street lights, speed control, road signs, weed and pest control, architectural review and landscape design, as well as oversee the management on compliance issues as they pertain to their governing documents.

**Expense Breakdown**



As a member there are certain benefits that come with being in the BSOA jurisdiction. The assessments all members pay are used to provide you and your neighbors snow removal on over 23 miles of roads in Big Sky, provide architectural review and many other activities!

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

The Big Sky Architectural Review Committee is charged with providing owners guidance and approval for quality and thoughtful design and construction of property improvements in the BSOA. Visit their website at <http://bigskymt.org/architectural-review/> before any home improvement projects.

### NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

Landowners are responsible for noxious weed control on their own individual lots as stated in the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act and according to the Gallatin County Weed Management Plan. BSOA is only responsible for noxious weed control in common areas within our jurisdiction. For more info on noxious weeds, please visit our website.



## BUSINESS SERVICES

While the Big Sky lifestyle is all about leisure and fun, we realize business can't always take a break. The BSOA office is staffed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and we invite our members to stop by any time during business hours to take advantage of our office's resources. Members can utilize the printer and copier, can scan a document, fax something urgent, or even use the board room for meetings that just cannot wait.

## BEAR RESISTANT

In an effort to reduce human-bear conflicts, the BSOA Board approved a Trash Regulation Resolution in October 2014. All BSOA owners, tenants and guests will be required to use animal proof trash cans. Exterior refuse containers must be bear proof and concealed from view of other dwellings. No trash should be left curbside-before 5:00am on day of pick-up. The Association has the right to enforce these requirements, as well as issue fines against owners who are in violation.

## LONE MOUNTAIN SKI PASS

The BSOA works together with Lone Mountain Ranch to offer discounted season passes to utilize the Ranch's professionally groomed scenic and diverse 85 km trail system. Each homeowner is eligible to purchase passes annually at a discounted rate of \$66.95 (including the Resort Tax). Stop by the BSOA office to purchase your passes.

## SNOWFLOW

BSOA provides snow plowing for all public designated roads. Parking lots, driveways and internal roads are plowed by the individual condominium or property management companies.

## NEWSLETTERS

The BSOA sends out an informational newsletter once a month via email to inform our members of Big Sky happenings and any new compliance issues that we need to share.





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# COMMUNITY SERVICES



## ATMS & BANKING

Whether you're setting up a new account, applying funds or withdrawing cash, there are several banks located in the Meadow and Town Center area that will be of service. American Bank, Big Sky Western Bank and First Security Bank are the only banks located in Big Sky.

ATM's are located in several locations throughout Big Sky. There are ATM's at each bank and additional ATM's are located at the Conoco, Hungry Moose in the meadow. On the mountain, Huntley Lodge, Mountain Mall, Summit Hotel, Moonlight Lodge, Moonlight Basin, and the Yellowstone Club all host ATM's.

## POST OFFICE

Getting the mail is a little different here in Big Sky. Most residences do not have home mail boxes, therefore residents will need to visit the local post office, located in Meadow Village Center, to set up mail service. There are a limited number of PO Boxes, so general service mail may be your best option. Mail boxes can be checked 24/7, but some larger packages may need to be picked up during regular business hours.

### RESORT TAX

Within Big Sky Resort Area District, there is a 3% tax on any item, or service not considered a necessity of life. This money is appropriated to services that provide for public health, safety, and welfare within Big Sky to help make the community the great place that it is. For more information go to [www.resorttax.org](http://www.resorttax.org).

### PACKAGE DELIVERY

Packages are often required to be shipped via UPS, or FedEx if you want them dropped off at your doorstep. When ordering packages, it's always a good idea to include your physical address as well as your P.O. Box. That way, no matter how your package is being shipped, it will arrive one way or another.

### NEWSPAPER

Big Sky is serviced by two newspapers, Big Sky Weekly and the Lone Peak Lookout. Both are free papers which may be found in newsstands and in businesses in the Village and on the Mountain. Additional paid newspapers include Bozeman Daily Chronicle, which covers Bozeman, Gallatin County and Big Sky, and The Madisonian, which covers the Madison & Ruby valley areas.

### PET STATIONS

As you wander around the Big Sky community, you may notice pet pickup stations on the trails and in community areas. Each station is equipped with doggy waste bags for you to use. It is the responsibility of the owner to pick up after their pets. Please help keep the trails and community areas in Big Sky clean.

### PUBLIC WIFI

Free Wi-Fi is available at many local shops and restaurants, as well as the Library (located at the Ophir School). Complimentary Wi-Fi is available at the BSOA office as well, so just stop in and ask for the password!

### SNOW REPORT

During winter it is very important to keep up to date on current weather and snow conditions. Big Sky Ski Resort supplies residents and visitors alike with the necessary information through their Snow Report. You can receive the updates by either email, or podcast.





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# CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

## ARTS COUNCIL OF BIG SKY

Since its inception in 1989, Arts Council of Big Sky has had a long, colorful history as Big Sky's premier non-profit cultural organization. At various events throughout the year, the ACBS provides the Big Sky community with a wide variety of offerings to please both residents and visitors alike.

## BIG SKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

With over 390 businesses and organizations that support our community, the Chamber offers information for anyone looking into the area of Big Sky. Formed over 20 years ago, the Chamber of Commerce focuses on connecting businesses and services to folks who are here to live, work and play.

## BIG SKY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

The BSCFB helps Big Sky residents in need of emergency food assistance. They help with supplying pantry staples, refrigerated items like meat and dairy, and fresh produce.

## BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sisters of Gallatin County offers a variety of volunteer experiences. By becoming a Big Brother, Big Sister, Big Couple or Big Family you can truly influence the life of a child, and all will be forever changed by the experience.

## BIG SKY COMMUNITY CORPORATION

The BSCC was created in 1998 to promote, acquire, preserve, and maintain land, parks, trails and easements for the use of the Community and general public. The BSCC owns and maintains the Big Sky Community Park, Kircher Park, Ousel Falls Park, and several miles of trails.

## BIG SKY NATURAL RESOURCE COUNCIL

The BSNRC provides sustainable solutions for natural resource issues in the Big Sky community through a collaborative ecosystem approach. The BSNRC hosts several educational events each year on topics ranging from bear awareness to wildfire safety.



### BIG SKY PTO

The Big Sky PTO, is a parent-teacher organization that provides direct funding to teachers for purchases for their classroom, pays for specialized activities like cross-country and downhill skiing, swimming, field trips, library programs, helps bring visiting artists to the school, transportation, the Booster Club, and more.

### BIG SKY SKI EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The BSSEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer-based organization founded in 1993 to offer recreational and competitive ski programs to the community. BSSEF's mission is to provide an opportunity for kids to become great skiers, engage in healthy competition, exhibit good sportsmanship, and develop an appreciation for the spirit skiing.

### BLUE WATER TASK FORCE

The Blue Water Task Force promotes public stewardship of aquatic resources in the Gallatin River Watershed through community education, citizen involvement in water quality monitoring, and scientific data collection. The Task Force is governed by a board of community members representing a wide variety of stakeholders.

### GALLATIN/BIG SKY NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

The mission of the Gallatin/Big Sky Weed Committee is to protect natural resources in the Gallatin River Watershed, including the Big Sky area, by promoting the management of invasive exotic plant species (noxious weeds) through integrated pest management.

### ROTARY OF BIG SKY CLUB

The Rotary Club includes professionals and business leaders from around the greater Big Sky area who volunteer to promote world understanding and peace. They encourage high ethical standards by carrying out humanitarian projects to address issues such as poverty, health, hunger, education and the environment.

### WOMEN IN ACTION

Women in Action is dedicated to enriching the lives of the children and families in the community of Big Sky. Through ongoing volunteer activism and fundraising activities, their goal is to provide our underserved rural community with access to affordable health, family and educational services.

# GOVERNMENT

## DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

New residents are required to register their vehicle in Montana within 60 days of establishing residency. Registration for Big Sky residents is either at the Gallatin County Treasures office, or the Madison County office depending on which county you reside. You will need to complete the vehicle registration application, show proof of insurance, present your vehicles title, turn in the registration certificate from your previous state and pay all fees. You may attain a Montana driver's license, at any driver exam station.

## BIG SKY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Comprised of five local residents, the committee is charged with reviewing all local zoning and planning issues that go before Gallatin County Planning and Zoning Commission. Gallatin County property owners who may be interested in knowing about the area planning and zoning regulations and how they apply to homeowners.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Register to vote in your county of residence at your county election office where you will need identification including, a Montana Drivers License as well as proof of your address (rental agreement, utility bill, etc.).

## GALLATIN & MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

As an unincorporated community spanning two Montana counties, Big Sky is governed by both Madison and Gallatin County Commissioners. If you are interested in meeting your locally elected commissioners, you may visit their websites and send them an email!



# EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

## BIG SKY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The district is home to 225 students in grades K-12. A student's K-12 experience includes experiential "place-based learning," service learning, expeditions and real world application. An afterschool program is also available for those in need. A new, elementary only, facility is presently in the construction phase and is scheduled to open in 2015. For enrollment information please call 406-995-4281 or visit the district website.

## BIG SKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library, while housed within the school, does offer community hours for non-students. Community hours are Sunday from 1-5, Monday from 10—6 (pre-school story hour is at 10:30) and on Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 4—8 p.m. Above and beyond lending books, the library also offers movie rentals and access to computers and the internet. Call 406-995-4281 for more information.



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### DAYCARE & PRE-SCHOOL

Morningstar Learning Center is Big Sky's only full-time, year-round, state-licensed childcare center. Infant and pre-school opportunities are available. Call 406-995-2565 for more info.

Big Sky Resort offers several daycare options. Lone Peak Playhouse offers childcare while you are skiing and the Kids Club is available for after hours opportunities and special event activities for children throughout the year. Private child care may be found by using websites such as Care.com or in the local newspapers and postings on community bulletin boards.

### CAMP BIG SKY

Camp Big Sky was created in order to provide safe, fun and enriching activities for local and visiting children during the summers. It serves children entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Volunteer and paid opportunities are available for middle and high school aged children who would like to assist with the camp. For more info call 406-993-2112.

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

## AEDS

These potentially life-saving devices are located around the community at Big Sky Resort, the Big Sky School District, the Big Sky Post Office, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, Roxy's Market, Lone Mountain Ranch, Ophir School and Buck's T-4 Lodge. For a complete list of AED locations, contact the BSOA office.

## PHARMACY

Bozeman Deaconess Pharmacy at Big Sky is the only full service pharmacy in the area. The pharmacy carries prescription medication, over-the-counter items, and some retail items including health and beauty products, gifts and cards. Located in Meadow Village Center.

## WILDFIRE PREVENTION

Big Sky is a Firewise Community and participates in FireSafe Montana and the Ready, Set Go fire prevention programs, among other efforts. Residents are encouraged to take individual responsibility for preparing their homes from the risk of wildfires.

## FIRE

The Big Sky Fire Department is a full service combination department. They provide ALS transport emergency medical services, structural and wild land fire suppression, hazardous materials incident response and rescue services. In addition, the BSFD performs building and development plan review and inspection, first aid and CPR education, fire prevention and fire safety education by providing defensible space education for properties in our wildland urban interface environment. Firehouse stations are located in Town Center and just north of the Mountain Village.

## MEDICAL

A new medical facility, the Bozeman Deaconess Big Sky Medical Center, is slated to open in December of 2015. The Center will offer full range services including 24/7/365 ER, lab service, diagnostic imaging, pharmacy, physical therapy and primary care services. Currently there are two clinics available for your medical needs: Gallatin Family Medicine and the Big Sky Medical Clinic. Those needing serious medical attention may need to be transported to the Bozeman Deaconess emergency room in Bozeman.



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## WELLNESS

Due to its location Big Sky is limited in its healthcare services. Other than the medical centers, Big Sky has one dental office, Mountain Pearls Dentistry, as well as one physical therapist in town, Lone Peak Physical Therapy. For those looking to work out indoors, there are also several gyms in the community.

## POLICE

Police services are provided by the Gallatin County Sheriff's—Canyon Office which has a post in Big Sky. Resident deputies of Big Sky are sworn officers with Gallatin County, the Park Service, and Madison County. Of course, please call 911 with any emergency. To speak with a local deputy about an issue call 406-995-4880.

## SEARCH & RESCUE

The BSSAR volunteers are Big Sky's local heroes. They selflessly give of their time and resources to help those in need, any time of day or night in all weather conditions. Dial 911 for emergencies; otherwise, contact the BSSAR office at 406-995-3911, or [bssar.org](http://bssar.org) for more information.



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# LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

Residing near wildlife is one of the many draws of the Big Sky community and though worth it, there are some challenges that accompany it. With our close proximity to Yellowstone National Park, we share many of the same species as that diverse ecosystem. Grizzly and black bears, moose, elk, bighorn sheep, mule deer, and many more, can be spotted around the area. There are a few guidelines to ensure that you, and your wild neighbors, can live together safely.

## SAFETY TIPS

- Watch for animals on the roads, some like big horn sheep will not move out of your way
- Wild animals, especially females with their young, are unpredictable and dangerous.
- Keep a safe distance from all wildlife. If you cause an animal to move, you are too close.
- When hiking stay on the trails.
- Pack out what you pack in.
- Store trash in a secure building
- Feed pets inside.
- Clean grills.
- Take only pictures—leave only footprints.

## BEAR SMART BIG SKY

A community led program of Big Sky Community Corporation that started in January 2013. The goal of Bear Smart Big Sky is to take steps to reduce bear-human conflicts through better waste management, regulations & enforcement, and outreach & education. All BSOA members are required to have animal proof trash receptacles.

## BEAR SPRAY

If you hike anywhere around Big Sky, bear spray is a necessity. Never heard of it? It's basically a super-sized canister of pepper spray to be used when encountering an aggressive bear. You may purchase bear spray at local sporting goods stores.

# ENTERTAINMENT & CULTURE

## TOWN CENTER EVENTS

No matter the time of the year there is always something going on in Big Sky Town Center. Every Wednesday from June until September you can find the Farmers Market here, on Thursdays during the summer Big Sky Arts Council hosts Music in The Mountains and bulls will be bucking at the Big Sky PBR Rodeo. You are sure to find something to do in Town Center.

## WARREN MILLER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Located in Gallatin Canyon, at Big Sky's Ophir School Campus, WMPAC is a collaborative initiative to maintain an artistic infrastructure to inspire artists and audiences alike. Named in honor of ski movie icon Warren Miller, and his wife Laurie, due to their involvement in the community and his legacy. The venue hosts both national acts and local art and education events, including the Big Sky Community Theatre.

## RESTAURANTS

Big Sky may not be a metropolitan city, but that does not mean you can't find amazing food here. Restaurants in the area serve up everything from ethnic cuisine and five-course meals, to good old fashioned burgers and fries. Big Sky even has its own brewery, Lone Peak Brewery, located in Meadow Village. Just like the community itself, fine dining and family-friendly fare go hand in hand in this easy-going community.

## SHOPS

Featuring everything from local crafts and art galleries, designer clothing, outdoor gear, and t-shirt shops, Big Sky has a little bit of everything to satisfy your shopping needs.

## MOVIE THEATER

Big Sky's first and only movie theater, Lone Peak Cinema shows 3 films daily between its two theaters. The small theater, holding only 200 people between the two screening rooms, is more inviting than most with a chandelier and fireplace gracing the lobby. The cinema even has a full bar and nightly happy hour for those who are of age.



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# RECREATION

## BIG SKY COMMUNITY PARK

Free to all visitors, the Community Park offers softball/little league fields, a skate park, tennis and basketball courts, practice boulders for rock climbing, a disc golf course, play ground, and a pavilion for outdoor barbequing and picnicking.

## BIG SKY RESORT

Big Sky Resort, located between Bozeman, Montana and Yellowstone National Park, is the adventure headquarters for summer and winter. Known as the Biggest Skiing in America, the resort has virtually endless terrain over 5,800 skiable with 4,350 vertical drop where skiers lap runs with hardly a wait over an annual 400" of snowfall. Explore summer with Zipline Tours, Lone Peak Expedition to 11,166 feet, three scenic lifts, hiking, mountain biking, mountain top dining, and more activities for family fun. An 18-hole, Arnold Palmer designed public golf course sits below Big Sky Resort in the Meadow Village.

## FIREARMS

Permits are not required for the possession, or sale of handguns or rifles in the state. However, permits are required if you would like to carry a concealed weapon. There are several shooting ranges available in the area.

## FISHING

Fishing in Montana is well known far and wide. Montana is divided into several fishing districts, each with their own rules and regulations. Big Sky falls into the Central District and it is important to know the requirements in whichever district you plan to fish in. Please be advised, a Montana fishing license does not entitle you to fish in Yellowstone National Park. A special permit is required for any fishing within the Park. For YNP fishing guidelines, visit the national park website.

## FIREWORKS

Due to the wildfire-prone nature of the Big Sky community, the Big Sky Fire Department requests that residents refrain from the use of fireworks. Check with your homeowners association, as many have firework restrictions of their own. Firework lovers needn't fret: the Arts Council of Big Sky holds an annual Fourth of July Celebration, complete with fireworks and Big Sky Resort also features fireworks on several occasions during the year.



## GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Located in south central Montana, there are over 2,290 miles of hiking trails, multiple picnicking areas, plenty of camp grounds, and even some cabins to rent. The Gallatin National Forest consists of six mountain ranges and over 4,000 miles of streams and rivers to fish.

## HIKING & BIKING

The most popular local hikes include the 1.7-mile loop to and from Ousel Falls, or the more strenuous hike into postcard-perfect Beehive Basin. Mountain bikers are permitted on some, but not all trails within the Forest Service. Popular trails include Porcupine Creek, accessed from the Gallatin Canyon, and Yellow Mules that can be accessed from the Ousel Falls trailhead. Bikers and hikers alike can also find lift-accessed mountain biking and hiking (for a fee) at Big Sky Resort. The Big Sky Community Corporation offers a free Community Trails map that BSOA members are welcome to pick up at the BSOA office.

## HISTORIC CRAIL RANCH

Crail Ranch is home to some of the oldest establishments in the Big Sky area dating around the early 1900's. The ranch holds the story of the Crail family and their ventures to becoming ranchers. In the late 1960's Crail Ranch housed the employees who were building Big Sky Resort and the golf course. There were originally 10 buildings but after the years, only two remain. Crail Ranch offers tours on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer time and is closed during winter.

## HUNTING

The best resource for hunting in Montana is the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks website. There you can find details on the types of permits available, links to online applications, rules, regulations, statistics and much more. Hunting is available on certain government managed areas.

## HORSEBACK RIDING

Nearby National Forest land is your best bet for hitting the trail on horseback. Guided tours are available through numerous outfits in Big Sky. Most guides will take groups out to places within Moonlight Basin area, or on trails located in the Gallatin Canyon stretch of the community.

## JACK CREEK PRESERVE

Jack Creek Preserve is a protected 4,600 acre haven for nearly every species of wildlife in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem located in between Big Sky and Ennis. The preserve has two rustic cabins (one on the northern and one on the southern side), an archery range, guided hiking tours, and education programs. There is limited access to the Jack Creek Preserve; visitors must get a pass to use the road.

## SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

With 5,750 skiable acres at Big Sky Resort you will find endless ways to navigate the mountain. There are 22 chairlifts and 7 surface lifts that help you access the biggest skiing in America. Lifts lines are not a problem here! For you Nordic skiers, Lone Mountain Ranch has over 52 miles of groomed trails. There is a groomed cross country ski trail in Meadow Village that navigates its way around town, through the golf course, and open spaces.

## SNOWMOBILING

There are several highly recommended rental companies located in the Gallatin Canyon that offer guided tours of the area. Tours often take groups to Buck Ridge, a popular snowmobile trail system located just south of Big Sky on Highway 191, or the 123-mile Big Sky Snowmobile Trail that connects Bozeman to West Yellowstone. The trails surrounding West Yellowstone, as well as in Yellowstone National Park are another great option. Two and four stroke machines are both acceptable, and off-trail play is permitted in the National Forests.

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Big Sky is a short drive away from the West Entrance into Yellowstone National Park. Home to the world's largest collection of geysers, diverse wildlife, and the core of one of the last intact natural ecosystems in the temperate zone, Yellowstone offers something for everyone to enjoy. Camping, boating, hiking, and picnicking are just a few of the many things to do in the park. Different locations and facilities throughout the park have varying opening and closing times, so make sure to check the National Park Service website before traveling to into the Park. Ranger Stations are located throughout the Park if any questions should arise.



## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

There are two chapels in Big Sky for worshippers to attend. The inter-denominational Soldiers Chapel, in Gallatin Canyon, holds Sunday services at 11:00 a.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day. Big Sky Chapel in the Meadow, holds service year round. A Catholic service is offered at 8 a.m., a shared Episcopal/Lutheran service at 9:30 a.m. and a Christian Fellowship service at 11 a.m. Big Sky resort also holds Mass on the mountain during the ski season, as well as for special holidays and observances.



# TRANSPORTATION

## AIRPORT TRANSFER

There are several companies specializing in transports to and from Big Sky and Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. Costs usually start at \$100/person. Visit the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce's website for a list of available services. Rental cars available through several agencies at the airport. Visit <http://www.bozemanairport.com/> for more information.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

The Skyline bus system provides year-round service throughout Big Sky with schedules varying depending on the time of year. Busses can take you from hotels and restaurants in the Gallatin Canyon all the way to Big Sky Resort. It is free to ride Skyline, unless you are traveling on The Link Express between Bozeman and Big Sky. Bus passes for The Link can be purchased in several locations in both Bozeman and Big Sky, including at the BSOA office. For a list of locations selling passes and for the current route schedules and stops visit the Skyline website at <http://www.skylinebus.com/>.

## PARKING

Big Sky is fortunate to have uncrowded streets and parking areas, but there are parking rules that all visitors and residents must abide by. Please heed all "No Parking" signs found around Big Sky. Local deputies can and will issue citations for any illegal parking. Trailer parking outside of a garage, or lean-to is not allowed within the BSOA jurisdiction. Many of the 100-plus HOAs within Big Sky also prohibit trailer, camper and boat parking. Please keep these items stored away appropriately.

## SPEED LIMITS

Limits are posted around town for the safety of drivers, pedestrians and wildlife. There are many neighborhood streets, so watch for lower speed limits in residential areas. Speeds are typically lower along the more curvy roadways too. Local deputies and state troopers patrol the area watching for travelers speeding and creating a dangerous driving environment. Always keep your eyes open for wildlife on and near the road.

# UTILITIES

## INTERNET & TV

The only internet provider in town at this time is 3 Rivers Communications. They offer temporary internet service to vacationers by the day, week or month. For residents, direct line service is available for a monthly fee. Visit [www.3Rivers.net](http://www.3Rivers.net) for more information. Satellite internet is available from multiple providers including Exede, WildBlue and HughesNet.

If you are purchasing TV service from any provider, inquire about bundled packages which include internet, Television and possibly home phone service. 3 Rivers Communications is the only provider of cable TV service. DirecTV and Dish Network serve the area as well with satellite television.

## PHONE

The only home phone service provider in Big Sky is 3 Rivers Communications. Cell phone service is spotty throughout the area, but most locals agree that Verizon has the most consistent reception. There is no cell phone reception in parts of the canyon between Big Sky and Bozeman.

## POWER

Northwestern Energy will be your provider for electric. To set up service, call 888-467-2669.

## PROPANE

You have several options for propane delivery in Big Sky including Amerigas 406-848-7271, Northern Energy 406-646-7417 and Heritage Propane 406-646-7346.

## WATER & SEWER

The majority of Big Sky's public water comes from the Big Sky Water and Sewer District. For more information, call 406-995-2660.

# WASTE REMOVAL

## TRASH COLLECTION

The BSOA strongly encourages that no trash, or trash receptacle should be placed curbside for trash pick-up prior to 5 a.m. on the day of scheduled pick-up. This important safety measure ensures that our local wildlife, bears especially, will not get into your trash. All exterior refuse disposal containers must be bear proof and screened and concealed from view of other dwellings. All construction dumpsters at construction sites, and animal-proof trash can must be available for the disposal of food item and beverages consumed by workers on site. Republic Services handles weekly trash collection.

## RECYCLING

Currently, curbside recycling is not available in Big Sky. There is a county-subsidized public recycling drop off located in the Town Center. Big Sky residents wishing to recycle can drop off plastics #1-7, cans, newspaper and cardboard. Glass is not recyclable at this location, nor anywhere else in Big Sky. Bozeman has numerous recycling drop offs if you would prefer to take your recyclables with you the next time you take a trip down the mountain.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

We strive to keep our environment healthy, and urge our members to do the same. The Bozeman Convenience Site located at 2143 Story Mill Road in Bozeman accepts oil, antifreeze and batteries during regular business hours. The site holds a free Household Hazardous Waste Event from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Call 406-587-7890 for more info.

The Logan Landfill also accepts oil, antifreeze and batteries. In addition the landfill will take propane tanks and cylinders, as well as pesticide and bear spray containers.



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## GUIDE CONTACTS

NAME	WEBSITE	PHONE/EMAIL
Bear Safe Big Sky	<a href="http://www.bsccmt.org/about/bear-smart/">www.bsccmt.org/about/bear-smart/</a>	
Big Sky Architectural Review	<a href="http://www.bigskymt.org/architectural-review/">www.bigskymt.org/architectural-review/</a>	
Big Sky Post Office		(406) 995-4540
Resort Tax	<a href="http://www.resorttax.org">www.resorttax.org</a>	
Snow Report	<a href="http://bigskyresort.com/the-mountain/snow-report-and-conditions">http://bigskyresort.com/the-mountain/snow-report-and-conditions</a>	
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS		
Arts Council of Big Sky	<a href="http://www.bigskyarts.org">www.bigskyarts.org</a>	(406) 995-2742
Big Brothers/Big Sisters		(406) 587-1216
Big Sky Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.bigskychamber.com">www.bigskychamber.com</a>	
Big Sky Community Corporation	<a href="http://www.bsccmt.org/">www.bsccmt.org/</a>	(406) 993-2112
Big Sky Community Food Bank	<a href="http://www.bigskyfoodbank.org">www.bigskyfoodbank.org</a>	(406) 995-3088
Big Sky Natural Resource Council	<a href="http://www.bigskynrc.org">www.bigskynrc.org</a>	(406) 209-0344
Big Sky PTO		<a href="mailto:j.e.oconnor@hotmail.com">j.e.oconnor@hotmail.com</a>
Big Sky Ski Education Foundation	<a href="http://www.bssef.com">www.bssef.com</a>	(406) 993-2773
Blue Water Task Force	<a href="http://www.bluewatertaskforce.org">www.bluewatertaskforce.org</a>	(406) 993-2519
Gallatin/Big Sky Noxious Weed Committee	<a href="http://www.bigskyweeds.org">www.bigskyweeds.org</a>	(406) 209-0905
Rotary of Big Sky Club	<a href="http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Club/ClubInfoPage.aspx?ac-countid=50013&amp;ClubId=1837">www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Club/ClubInfoPage.aspx?ac-countid=50013&amp;ClubId=1837</a>	
Women in Action	<a href="http://www.wiabigsky.org">www.wiabigsky.org</a>	(406) 209-7098

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EDUCATION		
Big Sky School District	<a href="http://www.bssd72.org/">http://www.bssd72.org/</a>	(406) 995-4281
Big Sky Community Library		(406) 995-4281
Camp Big Sky	<a href="http://www.bsccmt.org/about/camp-big-sky/">www.bsccmt.org/about/camp-big-sky/</a>	(406) 993-2112
Morning Star Learning Center	<a href="http://www.morningstarlearningcenter.com/">www.morningstarlearningcenter.com/</a>	(406) 995-2565
EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Fire Department	<a href="http://www.bigskyfire.org">www.bigskyfire.org</a>	(406) 995-2100
Gallatin Family Medicine		(406) 995-3111
Big Sky Medical Clinic		(406) 995-2797
Mountain Pearls Dentistry		(406) 200-8191
Lone Peak Physical Therapy		(406) 995-7595
Bozeman Deaconess Pharmacy at Big Sky		(406) 993-9390
Police		(406) 995-4880
Search & Rescue	<a href="http://www.bssar.org">www.bssar.org</a>	(406) 995-3911
Wild Fire Prevention	<a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a>	
GOVERNMENT		
DMV	<a href="http://www.dojmt.gov/driving/">www.dojmt.gov/driving/</a>	
Big Sky Advisory Committee	<a href="http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/Public_Documents/gallatin-comt_plandep/1BCC/bsac">www.gallatin.mt.gov/Public_Documents/gallatin-comt_plandep/1BCC/bsac</a>	
Gallatin County Commissioner	<a href="http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/">www.gallatin.mt.gov/</a>	
Madison County Commissioner	<a href="http://www.madison.mt.gov/">www.madison.mt.gov/</a>	
Voter Registration	<a href="http://www.sos.mt.gov/elections/Vote/index.asp#register">www.sos.mt.gov/elections/Vote/index.asp#register</a>	

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ENTERTAINMENT & CULTURE		
Town Center Events	<a href="http://www.bigskytowncenter.com/events-news/entertainment-events/">www.bigskytowncenter.com/events-news/entertainment-events/</a>	(406) 586-9629
Warren Miller Performing Arts Center	<a href="http://www.warrenmillerpac.org/">www.warrenmillerpac.org/</a>	(406) 995-6345
Lone Peak Cinema	<a href="http://www.lonepeakcinema.com">www.lonepeakcinema.com</a>	(406) 995-4478
RECREATION		
Big Sky Resort	<a href="http://www.bigskyresort.com/things-to-do/activities">www.bigskyresort.com/things-to-do/activities</a>	(406) 995-5769
Firearms	<a href="http://www.fwp.mt.gov/recreation/activities/shootingRanges/">www.fwp.mt.gov/recreation/activities/shootingRanges/</a>	
Fishing	<a href="http://www.fwp.mt.gov/fishing/">www.fwp.mt.gov/fishing/</a> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm">www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm</a>	
Gallatin National Forest	<a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/visit/destinations/86">www.fs.fed.us/visit/destinations/86</a>	
Historic Crail Ranch	<a href="http://www.crailranch.org">www.crailranch.org</a>	
Hunting	<a href="http://www.fwp.mt.gov/hunting">www.fwp.mt.gov/hunting</a>	(406) 444-2535
Horseback Riding	<a href="http://www.visitbigskymt.com/recreation">www.visitbigskymt.com/recreation</a>	
Jack Creek Preserve		(406) 995-7550
Snowmobiling	<a href="http://www.visitbigskymt.com/recreation">www.visitbigskymt.com/recreation</a>	
Yellowstone National Park	<a href="http://www.nps.gov/yell">www.nps.gov/yell</a>	(406) 307-344-7381
RELIGIOUS SERVICES		
Soldiers Chapel		(406) 995-4089
Big Sky Chapel	<a href="http://www.bigskychapel.com/">www.bigskychapel.com/</a>	(406) 995-3336

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TRANSPORTATION		
Airport Transfer	www.bozemanairport.com	
Public Transit	www.skylinebus.com	
UTILITIES		
Internet, TV, Phone	www.3rivers.net	(800) 796-4567
Power	www.northwesternenergy.com/	(888) 467-2669
Propane		Amerigas (406) 848-7271 Northern Energy (406) 646-7417 Heritage Propane (406) 646-7346
Water & Sewer		(406) 995-2660
WASTE REMOVAL		
Republic Services		(406) 586-0606
Bozeman Convenience Site		(406) 587-7890
Logan Landfill		(406) 582-2493







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