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**Indian Education for All**  
**Montana State Parks Lesson Plans**  
**Teacher's Guide**  
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In 2009, the Montana's State Parks Division revised or re-created 21 lesson plans for place-based education regarding Montana's Indian tribes. Each of these lessons focuses on one of Montana's state parks and the tribe or tribes who historically or presently occupy or use that area and its resources. The content areas of these lessons range from Social Studies (history, tribal history, government, economics, current events) to Art, Science, Reading, Media Literacy, Speaking and Listening, and Technology.

All of the lessons meet at least two of the Essential Understandings regarding Montana's Indians as stated by the Office of Public Instruction and several benchmarks in multiple content areas. Grade levels of these lesson plans range from elementary to high school levels. When applicable, companion or compatible curricula are listed in the lesson plans, along with suggestions for ways to integrate these lessons into existing curriculum. Most of the lessons will take 2 to 3 fifty-minute class periods to complete, and most lessons for middle school and high school grades include homework assignments.

## Resources

These lesson plans are available online through the Office of Public Instruction and Montana's State Parks Division. These websites are listed here for your convenience, as are other recommended websites for resources that are utilized in many of these lesson plans (Montana and tribal maps, websites containing tribal historical and cultural information, state agencies with useful resources, etc.). Each state park has its own web-page, which can be linked to from the general state parks website. Teachers are encouraged to review the Indian Education for All lesson plans listed on the OPI website for additional compatible or supplementary lessons.

**Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Indian Education Division** is available at:

<http://opi.mt.gov/programs/indianed/> includes maps, Indian Education for All resources, curricula, lesson plans, and a list of Indian Education resources provided to school libraries. This site also has links to Montanatribes.org, tribal websites, and other relevant current websites.

**Montana State Parks** main page: <http://stateparks.mt.gov/> (Education pages, state park pages, Indian Education for All lesson plan links)

**Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks**, main page: <http://fwp.mt.gov>  
(Contains links to Fieldguide, Education Pages)

**Montana Historical Society**, main page: <http://mhs.mt.gov>  
(Contains links to Montana history textbook, *Montana, Stories of the Land*, and MHS Educational Footlockers. *Montana, Stories of the Land* has compatible lessons online and excellent supplementary materials that are

useful to build context for many of the FWP Indian Education for All lessons. Some of these lessons will incorporate materials from either or both of these sources.)

**Montana Historical Society Footlockers**, <http://mhs.mt.gov/education/footlocker/default.asp>

**Montana State Historic Preservation Office, archaeology and education link:**

<http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/archaeology/default.asp>

**State of Montana Highway Map (paper copy)** Free copies of this map are available from the Montana Department of Transportation, 1-800-847-4868, or use the online order form at

[http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment\\_form.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml) See also: <http://mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/maps/>

**Montana online state map** --An excellent “zoomable” online map of the state of Montana is available at the Montana Department of Transportation website. This map can add features such as counties, rivers, etc.

[http://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/maps/montana\\_map.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/maps/montana_map.shtml)

**Montana Department of Transportation Online Highway Map** is located at the following URL:

<http://mt.gov/images/mapmontana.gif> Notice: (1) the map’s size may be manipulated; (2) reservations are marked with a yellow outline.

**Map of Lewis and Clark routes** through Montana,

<http://www.nps.gov/lecl/planyourvisit/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=76427> Zoom in to see more detail of any specific area.

*Montana, Stories of the Land*, by Krys Holmes, Montana Historical Society Press, Helena Montana, 2008.

Entire book, lesson plans, teacher resources and extension activities are on the web at:

<http://mhs.mt.gov/education/textbook/textbookmainpage.asp> (Contact the Montana Historical Society at 406-444-4789 for a teacher password to access tests and answer keys.)

**Map: “Tribal Territories in Montana, 1855”** from *Montana, Stories of the Land*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, online at

<http://mhs.mt.gov/education/textbook/chapter7/Chapter7.pdf> (Scroll down to page 124.)

**Montanatribes.org educational website**, <http://montanatribes.org/main.php?page=intro> (maps, tribal histories and cultures, links to tribal resources)

**Trail Tribes website**, <http://www.trailtribes.org> (maps, tribal histories, cultural information, Lewis and Clark’s encounters with regional tribes, links to tribal websites. Not all Montana tribes are included.)

**Map of Lewis and Clark trail:**

<http://www.nps.gov/lecl/planyourvisit/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=76427>

**Treaties:** Treaties are included in several of these lesson plans. Text of treaties may be obtained by searching for the specific treaty (e.g., “Fort Laramie Treaty 1868”) at the following websites:

<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/kappler/> or <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/search.htm>

**“Student Narrative on Treaties, Reservations & Allotment,”** pp. 32-36. *A New Way to Learn: User Guide*. Montana Historical Society Education Office. Website URL:

<http://mhs.mt.gov/education/footlocker/ToLearn.pdf>

**“Teacher Narrative on Treaties, Reservations & Allotment,”** pp. 22-27. *A New Way to Learn: User Guide.*  
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