

## Billings, MT

Billings, with a population of 95,000, is Montana's metropolis and magnet for the nearby Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations in southeastern Montana, where JVs served 1972-1983. Billings is the oil refining, commercial, cultural, education and health care hub for the northern Rocky Mountain region (the Midland Empire) comprising eastern Montana, northern Wyoming, and western Dakotas. Magic City has a colorful history of railroads, agriculture, explorers and Native American battles culminating in the Battle of Little Big Horn, one of the few, which native peoples won against the invading US Army. Today, 12% of the population lives below the poverty line. At 3,500 feet on the border between the Rockies and the Great Plains, Billings has a semi-arid plains climate with cool winters and warm summers. From atop the Rims surrounding Billings on three sides, you can see five mountain ranges in four national parks and wilderness areas. JVC opened in Billings in 1997.

