

Hays, MT

Hays is a village (pop. 700) in north-central Montana on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, a grassland with predominantly Assiniboine and Gros Ventre people. The closest large town is 90 miles away. This is a closed reservation with only 5% non-Native American people. Hays is located at the base of the "Little Rockies" within walking distance of Mission Canyon with its powwow grounds and its non-Native leach gold mine carved out of the Indian lands. The Volunteers live and work at St. Paul's Mission, with the old mission church standing near the center of the compound. This placement is remote, isolated, difficult, and beautiful. JVs here must bring an open and respectful attitude, and patience. This is the oldest JVC placement in Montana.

