



TWO DAYS ON THE WATER IN HELENA

A LOCAL WEEKEND ITINERARY BY LANNY HUBBARD

① DAY ONE

Sunrise Adventure

Start your morning hiking or mountain biking on Mount Helena. [Choose an accessible trail or a more challenging route](#) and enjoy sweeping views of the Helena Valley, Missouri River, and surrounding mountain ranges.

 **Parking:** Reeder's Village or Le Grande Cannon Boulevard

Lunch Downtown

Grab lunch at Fire Tower Coffee House before strolling Last Chance Gulch to explore Helena's locally owned shops.

Afternoon on the Missouri

Make the scenic 45-minute drive to Craig for an afternoon of world-class fly fishing on the Missouri River. Whether you're floating with a guide or launching your own boat, Helena is the perfect home base for a day on the water.

Evening

Return to Helena for dinner at one of downtown's local restaurants, like Mount Ascension Brewing Company, and unwind with a craft beer or evening stroll.

Since You're Staying the Night...

Re-Pack your backpack and car; tomorrow is the perfect day to experience Canyon Ferry Lake.

Local Tip: Helena is an excellent place to use as a "base" for outdoor [activities like fishing](#). The relatively short commute to fishing access is very convenient when you are not into camping out.

② DAY TWO

Breakfast

Start your morning at Steve's Café, No Sweat Café, or grab coffee from General Mercantile before heading to the lake.

Spend the Morning on Canyon Ferry

Enjoy one of Montana's premier recreation lakes, [Canyon Ferry](#), by sailing, boating, paddleboarding, fishing, or simply relaxing on the water.

Lunch

Pack a picnic from Park Avenue Bakery or enjoy lunch back in downtown Helena.

One Last Adventure

Before heading home, choose one more Helena experience:

- Explore the trail system maintained by Prickly Pear Land Trust
- Visit the [Montana Heritage Center](#)
- Tour the Montana State Capitol
- Relax at a local brewery patio

WHY YOU'LL LOVE HELENA

Helena offers the perfect balance of outdoor adventure and downtown charm. Spend the morning on the trail or the water, enjoy lunch at a locally owned café, and finish your evening with great food, local beer, and Montana hospitality, all without ever feeling rushed.



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Plan your weekend. Stay out on the water a little longer. Discover your Helena.

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