

## About Missoula

**M**issoula serves as a center for education, medicine, retail and the arts. Located at the base of Mount Sentinel and the hub of five valleys is The University of Montana. The 200-acre campus is home to 12,000 students, and a National Champion football team, the Grizzlies. Missoula offers a variety of recreation opportunities. Three major rivers run through the area: the famous Blackfoot River to the northeast, the beautiful Bitterroot River to the south and the Clark Fork of the Columbia River, which flows through the city. Fly fishermen, rafters, kayakers and canoers thrive on the waters of western Montana. Missoula attractions include Art Museum of Missoula, Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Visitor Center, The Smokejumper Visitor Center, and the Montana Natural History Center. The conference is downtown, which offers unique shops, galleries, fine dining, cultural activities and an exciting nightlife. For more information about Missoula area attractions please contact the Missoula Chamber at 406-543-6623 or [www.missoulachamber.com](http://www.missoulachamber.com). Additionally, visit Missoula County Convention and Visitors Bureau [www.missoulacvb.org](http://www.missoulacvb.org)

## Climate

September weather in Missoula is mild with the average high temperature around 70 degrees F and the average low temperature around 40 degrees F. However, as with most locations, weather can vary drastically depending on the year. Be sure to check the weather forecast at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) a few days prior to your arrival.

## Meeting Venue and Lodging

*The Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park*, located along the scenic banks of the Clark Fork River in downtown Missoula, is the site of the 2008 Raptors Research Foundation Annual Conference and is just a 10-minute drive from Missoula International Airport. The Holiday Inn has been recently remodeled and offers 200 guest rooms and suites overlooking a beautiful atrium and meeting area. An indoor pool and exercise area are available to guests as well as a business center and complimentary parking. Room amenities include a LED flat panel TV with complimentary HBO, hairdryer, ironing board, and complimentary high speed wireless internet access to help you stay connected. Please log onto [www.himissoula.com](http://www.himissoula.com) for more information about *The Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park*. Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. and check-out is at 12:00 p.m. **A block of rooms will be held for attendees until August 23** after which rooms will be made available to the public. Conference attendees must **make their own** room reservation and may receive a special rate of \$98 (single/double occupancy) at the Missoula Holiday Inn by referencing "Raptor Research Foundation Conference." Additionally, there are room blocks set up under the same reference name at the following local hotels. After the expiration date the rooms will be released to the public. **We strongly suggest that you make reservations well in advance, as a home Grizzly Football game on Saturday will put rooms at a premium. It may not be possible to find a room in downtown Missoula.**

Hotel	Address	Phone	Rate	Expiration Date
<b>Holiday Inn</b>	200 South Pattee St.	800-399-0408 406-721-8550	\$98 single/double	8/23/08
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	1021 East Broadway	800-465-4329 406-549-7600	Fri./Sat. \$139 Other Night \$104	9/8/08
<b>Double Tree</b>	100 Madison	800-222-TREE 406-728-3100	\$159 Single \$169 Double	8/28/08
<b>Red Lion Inn</b>	700 W. Broadway	800-RED-LION 406-728-3300	\$80 Single \$90 Double	8/23/08

<b>C'mon Inn</b>	2775 Expo Parkway	888-989-5569 406-543-4600	\$110	9/3/08
<b>Courtyard Marriot</b>	4559 N Reserve St	800-321-2211 406-549-5260	\$119	8/26/08
<b>Campus Inn</b>	744 E. Broadway St.	800-232-8013 406-549-5134	\$60-\$70 wk-days \$85-90 wk-end	8/31/

## Arrival by Air

Missoula International Airport (MSO) serves Allegiant Airlines, Big Sky Airlines, Delta, Horizon/Alaska Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Skywest Airlines, and United Airlines. Flight schedules, buses, shuttles, and rental car information (Alama Rent-A-Car, Avis, Budget, Hertz, National) and other information can be found at [www.flymissoula.com](http://www.flymissoula.com) or by calling 406-728-4381. Travel arrangements can be booked through *Wide World of Travel*, Tracy @Voice: (406) 721-4110, Fax: (406) 721-4114, Toll-free: (800) 735-7109 [kamanac@aol.com](mailto:kamanac@aol.com). The pick-up area for the Airport Shuttler and hotel shuttles is located on the airport terminal roadway on the baggage claim and departure level. The Double Tree Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and Holiday Inn Parkside all provide shuttle service to and from the airport. For a complete list of hotels with shuttle service visit [www.flymissoula.com](http://www.flymissoula.com). Additionally, the Airport Shuttler is available for Door-to-Door pick up and drop off. Advanced reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 406-543-9416.

## Arrival by Bus

Greyhound has a bus station at **1660 W Broadway St, Missoula, MT 59808** with a local phone number of **(406) 549-2339**. For information about hours of operation or tickets visit [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com) or call **1-800-231-2222**.

## Arrival by Car

### From I-90 West

**VAN BUREN ST EXIT 105.**

**LEFT** onto N VAN BUREN ST / US-12.

**RIGHT** onto E BROADWAY ST / US-12.

Continue on E BROADWAY ST

**LEFT** onto N PATTEE ST.

End at **Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown At The Park:**

200 South Pattee, Missoula, MT 59802, US

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### From I-90 East

Take the **ORANGE ST exit- EXIT 104.**

**LEFT** onto W FRONT ST.

**RIGHT** onto S PATTEE ST.

End at **Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown At The Park:**

200 South Pattee, Missoula, MT 59802, US

### From Northbound US-93

**US-93** turns into **BROOKS ST**

**Continue on BROOKS ST** through town for about 1.5 miles

**LEFT** onto S HIGGINS AVE / US-12.

Continue to follow S HIGGINS AVE.

**RIGHT** onto E FRONT ST.

**RIGHT** onto S PATTEE ST.

### From Southbound US-93

Merge onto **I-90 E**

Take the **ORANGE ST- EXIT 104**

**LEFT** onto W FRONT ST.

**RIGHT** onto S PATTEE ST.