

NATURE in Our Own Backyard Prizes

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Grand Prize – Nature Contest



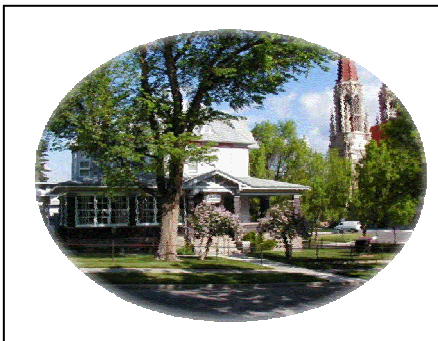
Grand prize is a fully guided 3-day float for two on the spectacular Wild and Scenic Missouri River with **Missouri River Canoe Company**. www.paddlemontana.com This 48 mile quiet, remote stretch of the river parallels the expedition of Lewis and Clark. Along the journey, which starts at Coal Banks (near Virgelle, Montana) and ends at Judith Landing, you'll camp at two sites used by Lewis and Clark, and stretch your legs on short hikes through the badlands of central Montana. All meals, canoe, camping gear, river shuttle, and local guide are provided. In addition, the trip includes an overnight prior to the start of the float at the historic **Virgelle Mercantile B&B**, followed by a hardy breakfast before launching. www.paddlemontana.com

Individual Category Prizes



One night's lodging for two at the historic **Pollard**, Red Lodge, Montana. <http://www.thepollard.net> The Pollard once served such notable characters as Buffalo Bill Cody and Calamity Jane. Red Lodge anchors one end of the scenic Beartooth Highway which leads to Yellowstone National Park. In addition, the winner will receive a \$50 certificate to the **Bridge Creek Backcountry Kitchen and Wine Bar** in Red Lodge. www.eatfooddrinkwine.com

One night's lodging for two at the **Bigfork Mountain Lake Lodge**, overlooking Flathead Lake in northwest Montana. Within a five minute drive you you'll be in the heart of Bigfork, chosen as "One of the 50 Great Towns of the West" and designated "One of the 100 Best Small Art Towns of the Nation. In addition, the winner will get a \$50 gift certificate to **Terra Steakhouse**, located on property. www.mountainlakelodge.com.



One night's lodging for two at the historic **Barrister Bed & Breakfast**. <http://thebarristermt.tripod.com/> This 1874 Victorian three-story mansion, listed on the National Register of Historical Places, is centrally located in Helena's historic district adjacent to the magnificent Saint Helena Cathedral. In addition, the winner will get a \$50 gift certificate to **On Broadway** in downtown Helena. www.onbroadwayinhelena.com