

# **Montana Historical State Parks**

Lewis and Clark Caverns

Madison Buffalo Jump

Granite Ghost State Park

Chief Plenty State Park

Lewis and Clark Caverns is a cave that was discovered by non-Native Americans while they were camping within site of the Caverns. In 1898 Williams finally decided to explore the Caverns. There ended up being a war against the railroads and Willems group. The railroads won and in 1908 the railroads gave the land to federal government.

Madison Buffalo Jump is a big cliff that the Native Americans would chase buffalo off so the buffalo would break their ankles. After the buffalo broke there ankles the Native Americans would kill them. They would use the buffalo for food, coats, and tepees.

Granite Ghost State Park is a ghost town from the 1090s sliver boomtown. This was the richest mine on Earth at the time. The silver panic in 1893 word came to shut the mines down. The mine was deserted for 3 whole years and once had a population of 3,000 miners.

Chief Plenty State Park is a park that brought cultures together. The park is about 4,033 feet in elevation and encompasses 195 acres. The Crow arrived in very early time and stayed there. When they arrived in 1700s they were constantly challenged by strong tribes.