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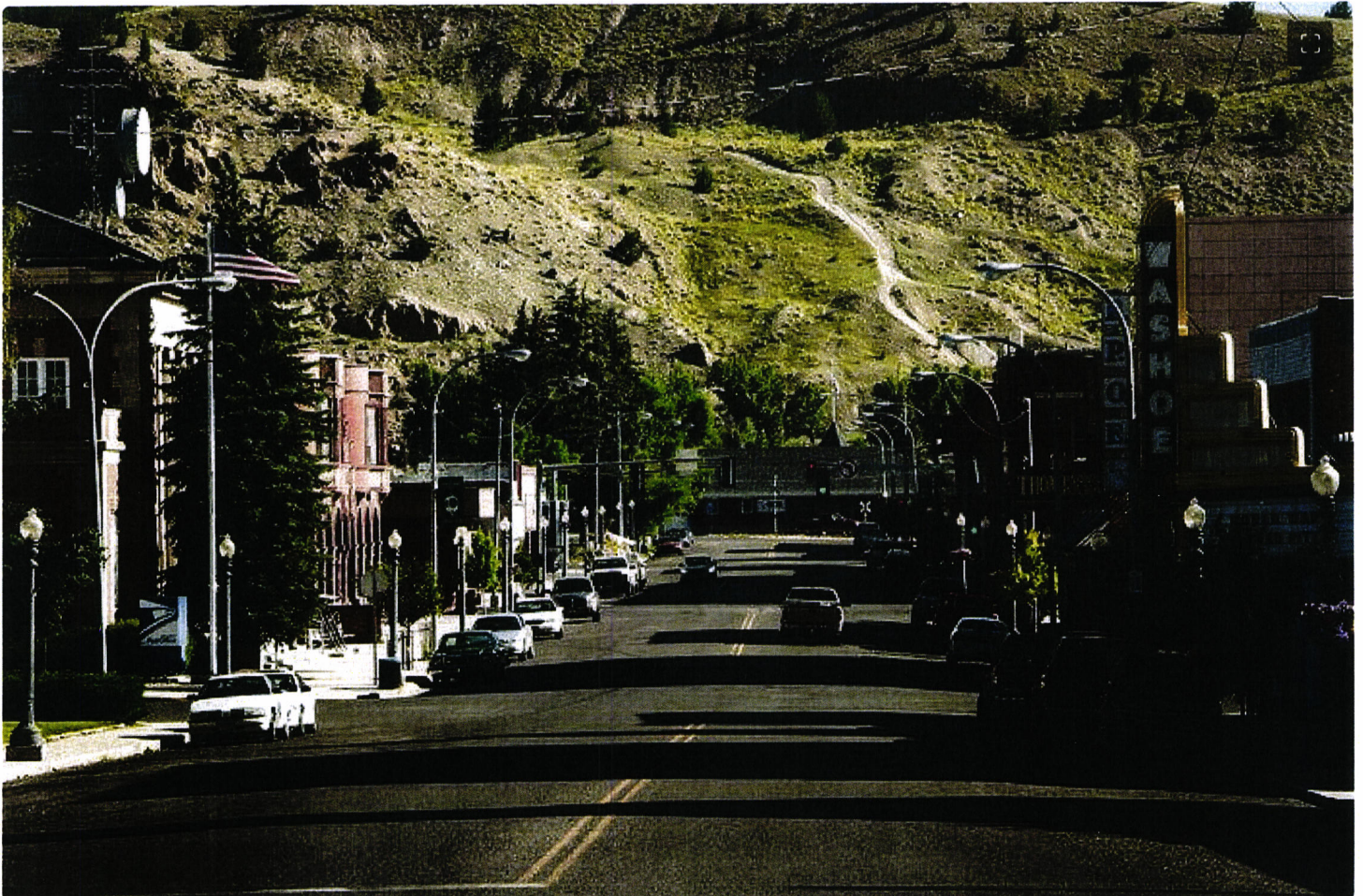
There Is A Nature Trail And A History Lesson Hiding In The Small Town Of Anaconda, Montana

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You may not have ever heard of the small town of Anaconda, with a population of a little over 9,000. It is located in southwest Montana, about 25 miles west of Butte, and nestled at the foot of the Anaconda Range. This, of course, makes it a great place in Montana for taking in nature! Let's take a look at two places where you can enjoy the outdoors and learn a little history, too!

The town and its four historic districts keep its overall setting historic but current. You'll find Western building fronts offering modern facilities and options.



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But it's not so much the town that really brings people here. It's the surrounding landscape and natural beauty that residents and visitors can take in so easily.

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Located about 12 miles outside of downtown Anaconda, Lost Creek State Park is 502 acres and sits at an elevation of 6,211 feet. It was established in 1957.



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Between the pink and white granite formations and the gray limestone cliffs of this area lies a canyon about 1,200 feet below.



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Located in the park's northwest corner, you'll walk just .1 miles to Lost Creek Falls.



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Along the way, keep your eyes peeled for an assortment of Montana wildlife native to this area like bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and even little pikas.

This waterfall has an impressive 50-foot drop. It's one of the easiest and most convenient ways to see a waterfall in Montana along a nature trail.



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While this short walk is the only real listed trail here, there is a Forest Service trail that you can access north of the parking area for the falls. This trail is 11.2 miles long and will provide endless opportunities for views and vistas of the mountains, meadows, and forest. It's a great spot for a longer walk or to take your mountain bike out for a spin.



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Other activities here at Lost Creek State Park include camping, bird watching, picnicking fishing, and bicycling.

About 11 miles from Lost Creek State Park is Anaconda Smoke Stack State Park. Here, you'll find a great deal of history and some really interesting features, all with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest around it.