Missoula, Montana

Joys of Missoula

The Riverfront Trail, conveniently near the JV house, provides a scenic path for moving your body and connecting with the community. JVs enjoy visiting the Roxy Theater, a community-run nonprofit with first-run showings and community events. Free Cycles helps JVs live into the values of simple living and social and ecological justice by learning about bike maintenance and repair, and they host local bands! First Fridays are monthly nights on the town, where local businesses welcome neighbors in to celebrate creators of all kinds. With plenty of bakeries, coffee shops, ice creameries, and eateries, you'll be sure to find something that suits your fancy.

About Missoula

Located in western Montana at the confluence of three rivers and in Bitterroot Valley, Missoula is the ancestral and current home of the Pend D'Oreille/ Kalispel People, the Ktunaxa People, and the Salish People. About 19.7% of the population lives below the federal poverty line, and due to a lack of emergency housing and supportive services in rural areas, people with mental illness and people experiencing houselessness often travel to Missoula from across the state. There is an ongoing need for shelter services, crisis response, and advocacy for survivors and victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. With a population of about 77K, Missoula is a hub for culture and recreation, providing ideal conditions for skiing, mountain biking, river floating, and hiking throughout the year. The city has a vibrant music and arts scene and many opportunities for JVs to engage with the local community.