



DAY TRIP TO GRANITE

From Philipsburg · Granite County, Montana



SILVER MINING



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OPEN IN SEASON

A Montana state park with no residents, open Memorial Day to September 30 in daylight (Montana FWP park page, read October 29, 2026). Day-use fee for nonresidents.

Granite is a half-day trip from Philipsburg in summer: about 34 minutes each way by the route, an hour or two among the ruins, and back to town for lunch. Montana FWP opens the park from Memorial Day to September 30, in daylight only, and says the road needs a high-clearance vehicle. There are no services on the mountain.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ Morning | Leave Philipsburg on Granite Road and climb about four miles to the park. |
| ☐ Late morning | Walk to the Miners Union Hall, the superintendent's house and the bank vault, then the cabins and mine dumps above them. |
| ☐ Early afternoon | Drive back down slowly and have lunch in Philipsburg. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The Miners Union Hall.** Its stone base and brick walls stand open to the sky; shoot up through the window openings.
- **The dirt street and cabins.** The street runs between weathered cabins with the mountains behind.
- **The view.** The town sits close to the top of the mountain, with the Philipsburg valley below.



USGS topographic map, 1908 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	4 mi, about 34 min each way from downtown Philipsburg. From Missoula: 79 mi, about 2 h 02 min.
OPEN	Memorial Day to September 30, daylight hours only (Montana FWP, read October 29, 2026). Snow sometimes blocks the road into late May.
ADMISSION	Nonresidents: \$8 a vehicle, \$4 walking or on a bicycle, or free with a nonresident entrance pass. Montana residents: covered by the \$9 state parks fee paid with vehicle registration.
VEHICLE	High clearance necessary, by the park. The road is narrow, steep and winding; be ready to pull over for oncoming traffic. No RVs or buses.
FACILITIES	Pack-in, pack-out is the only amenity the park page lists. Bring water and food from Philipsburg.
TIME ON SITE	An hour or two to walk the townsite.
CONTACT	Park manager, 406-224-0833.
WEBSITE	fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/granite-ghost-town

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Stay out of mine shafts, tunnels and unstable buildings.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 46.31750, -113.24444 · 46°19'03"N
113°14'40"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/montana/granite/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.