

## What's on the Menu in Shelby?

Whether you are visiting Shelby for a few hours or a few days, we have a delectable smorgasbord of venues, events and experiences.

*Here are our daily delights...*

### Culture/Heritage

- **Visit the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Information Center ~ 100 Montana Avenue.** You'll find great information about our community and our region. Take a free Self-guided Walking Tour of Shelby or Toole County Audio Tour CD. [www.shelbymtchamber.org](http://www.shelbymtchamber.org)  
Open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.
- **Visit the Marias Museum of History & Art ~ 1129 1<sup>st</sup> Street North**  
View wonderful exhibits and displays of local history and culture.  
June – August: Monday – Friday from 1-7pm; Saturdays 1-4pm  
September – May: Tuesdays from 1-4pm and by appointment.  
Call (406) 424-2551. <https://www.facebook.com/p/Marias-Museum-of-History-Art-100054369168565>
- **Visit the Toole County Library** ~ View an incredible collection of Native American artifacts. [www.toolecountylibrary.org](http://www.toolecountylibrary.org)  
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday from 1-5pm & 7-9pm; Tuesdays from 10-5pm & 7-9pm; Fridays from 12-12pm & 1-5pm; Saturdays from 1-4pm.
- **Champions Park** ~This outdoor interpretive park is located at 450 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Stop down to read about the infamous fight; the coming of the railroad; homesteading; and the discovery of oil/gas in North Central Montana and so much more.
- **Veteran's Memorial Flag Park** ~ The flag sits proudly at the intersection of US Highway 2, known as the 163<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment Heritage Highway and I-15, the First Special Forces Memorial Highway between Helena, Montana and Lethbridge, Alberta as a tribute to all who served. The memorial park below the flag features a steel silhouette replica of the infamous raising the flag on Iwo Jima. The 20 foot tall by 12 foot wide "blue collar bronze" was created locally by hand. A 12 foot pentagon stands at the heart of the memorial with a cast iron eagle perched atop. The stand features metal representations of the five armed services. Flanking the Iwo Jima silhouette are two display stands with bricks

recognizing veterans and supporters of the memorial project.

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- **Baker's Massacre** ~ East of Shelby approximately 1.5 miles on Highway 2 is signage on the south side identifying the Baker's Massacre. Not the actual site of the massacre which was along the Marias River nearby it tells the tragic story of events of January 23, 1870.
- **Sweetgrass Hills** ~ The Sweet Grass Hills, located on the plains of north central Montana between the Canadian border and the Milk River, are one of Montana's outstanding spectacles to view as it seems to take forever to reach them when driving closer. Three distinct butte complexes with scattered grassy hill connecting them, an afternoon drive will bring you closer to these prominent landmarks.  
<https://centralmontana.com/specialinterest/daytrips/sweetgrasshills>

## Shopping

Browse our charming downtown business district as well as shops and businesses along Roosevelt Highway. Everything from books to coffees; quilting to western wear, you'll find what you're looking for and so much more! Pick up a Business Directory or visit the Chamber Member Directory on-line at [www.shelbymtchamber.org](http://www.shelbymtchamber.org) for listings.

## Exercise/Recreation

- **Marias Valley Golf Course** ~ Located along the Marias River 5 miles south of Shelby off Exit 358 along Interstate 15. This 18-hole championship course has a full service pro shop with food & beverages available. Call (406) 434-5940. <https://mvgcc.com>
- **Roadrunner Recreation Trail** ~ The 5+ mile trail loop begins at the intersection of Main Street and Coyote Pass, heading north but you can access at several locations. A great parking area is at North Lake Sheloole Drive. Leave your car and walk a couple miles on the paved trail enjoying Lake Sheloole; natural prairies; and great views. Interpretive signage along the way share the history and heritage of Shelby through the years.
- **The Hills Mountain Bike Trail** ~ The 3-mile trail is named for the Sweetgrass Hills, once sacred grounds to the Native American tribes that roamed the front range of the Rocky Mountains. The first loop, West Butte was cut in 2021. There are multiple access points with the official trailhead at the top of the Lake Shel-ooole Dam. Crossing the dam, you

ride into multiple switchbacks through the coulees – crisscrossing the Roadrunner Recreation Trail at several points.

- **Shelby Swimming Pool and Splash Park** ~ Located at 105 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue No., the indoor pool and splash park are open June through August. Call 434-5311 for pool hours; special events; and lessons.
- **Shelby Tennis Courts** ~ Located in Aronow Park on the west side of Marias Avenue and Valley Street. Three courts free and open to the public.
- **Carousel Rest Area of Shelby** ~ This beautifully restored 1936 Herschell Carousel is located at 441 11<sup>th</sup> Ave North (behind Pizza Hut). Besides the carousel, they also offer plasma cars, rocking horses and more! Montana-made Wilcoxsin's Ice Cream is served! Call (406) 424-8090 for hours. <https://www.facebook.com/shelbycarousel>
- **Lake Shel-oole** ~ Located north of Shelby following Oilfield Avenue. The watershed project allows for fishing, hiking and bird watching. A small fishing dock allows anglers to get their line out there! To the south of Lake Shel-oole is a campground area and baseball complex.
- **Shelby Park System**
  - Aronow Park**~ Marias Avenue and Valley Street: Play structure; tennis courts; horseshoe pits; volleyball sand court & picnicking
  - City Park** ~ Main Street East: Play structure; gazebo; picnicking
  - Johnson Park** ~ 105 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. No.: Play structure; picnicking; Shelby Swimming Pool and Splash Park
  - Meadowlark Park/Krysko Skate Park** ~ Main Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Public restroom; play structure; zipline; basketball court; skate park & picnicking
  - Lincoln Park** ~ Ash Ave. & 10<sup>th</sup> St. So.: Play structure; picnicking
  - Williamson Park** ~ Along the Marias River 7 miles south of Shelby. Day picnicking; camping but no hook-ups; river access
- **Marias River** ~ Located 7 miles south of Shelby along the Frontage Road, you can fish, float, camp, picnic in Williamson Park.
- **Lake Elwell/Tiber Reservoir** ~ Less than an hour from Shelby, Lake Elwell provides excellent angling. The area also boasts 50 miles of shoreline, a marina, boat ramps and campgrounds.

## **Food/Fun/Entertainment**

Whether you're in the mood for a delicious serving of Montana beef, pizza, sandwiches...even Chinese cuisine, Shelby has a terrific assortment of eating establishments. And if you need something cool to drink or a fun place to shoot a game of pool or shuffleboard, visit one of Shelby's after hour establishments. Pick up a Business Directory or see the Chamber Member Directory by visiting [www.shelbymtchamber.org](http://www.shelbymtchamber.org) for listings.