



Deer Lodge Circle Tour

Turn left at the east end of Milwaukee Ave (beyond the underpass)
 Approx. 7 miles to Emery - Spring Crk. Rd. junction.
 Approx. 12 miles on Spring Creek Emery Road to Orofino Rd. jct.
 Approx. 11 miles on Orofino Rd back to Deer Lodge
TOTAL TRIP APPROX. 30 MILES - Time: 1 1/2 hours to half a day.

The purpose of this tour is scenic enjoyment. By following the map you will travel across the floor of the Deer Lodge Valley, ascend through the benchland and enter typical scenery of this area. From several places you will have a panoramic view of the entire valley. As you circle back to town, you will be driving almost on the rim of the Continental Divide and will have a close unbroken view of the valley.

How Deer Lodge got its Name

At Warm Springs, 17 miles south of Deer Lodge, there is an ash colored mound resembling a huge haystack. A hot spring made the mound by depositing minerals which hardened into cement.

The Snake Indians called the hot springs, "The White Tailed Deer Lodge," because there were many deer in nearby swamps, and the steaming mound resembled an Indian lodge with campfire smoke rising from it.