

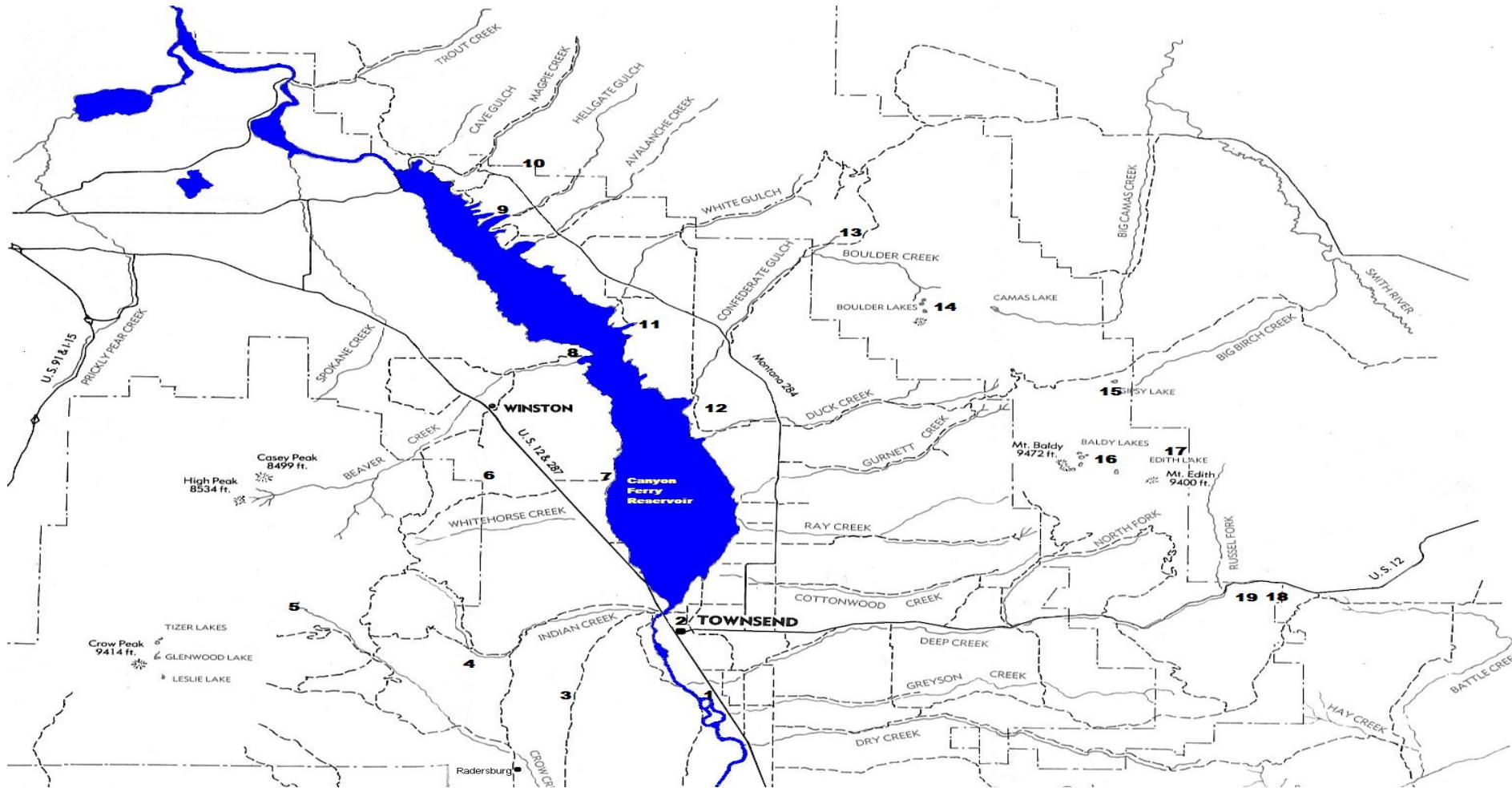
TOWNSEND

MONTANA

“Valley of Adventure”
www.townsendmtchamber.com



Looking East on Broadway



POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. York Fishing Access
2. Indian Creek Recreation Area
3. Old Woman's Grave
4. Hassell, old mining town
5. Crow Creek Falls
6. Year round antelope grazing
7. Silos Recreation Area & KOA Campground
8. White Earth Recreation Area
9. Hellgate Recreation Area
10. Hellgate Indian Paintings
11. Goose Bay Marina
12. Confederate Recreation Area
13. Diamond City, old mining town
14. Boulder Lakes
15. Gypsy Lake
16. Baldy Lakes
17. Edith Lake
18. Skidway Campground
19. Grassy Mountain



January Perch Derby

FISHING

There are dozens of waterways, including spectacular Canyon Ferry Reservoir which holds trout, perch, walleye, and ling. Ice fishing derbies are held annually and the largest Walleye Tournament in Montana is held in June. There are numerous high mountain lakes and creeks in addition to the Missouri River that offer fishing for rainbow, brook, and cutthroat trout.



DIVERSITY AND HARMONY

In the heart of Montana's historic gold country, Broadwater County is where recreation and industry are balanced in harmony with nature. With only one stoplight, Townsend offers all the services and amenities found in much larger cities. Two magnificent mountain ranges and the blue waters of Canyon Ferry Reservoir are sources of community pride. This is a community of unspoiled charm, dignity, and old-fashioned hospitality.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Townsend Schools K-12 System has 637 students and is one of Montana's most progressive institutions of public education. The latest computer technology, science, and mathematics classes compliment the arts, speech, drama, writing, and athletic programs.

<http://www.townsend.k12.mt.us/>

Community education is also available for adults.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

As the ghost towns of the gold rush era, evidence of much-earlier activities can be found in various locations in Broadwater County. Ancient teepee rings, campsites, underground ovens, arrow, and spear heads are found throughout the region, some 10,000 years old. There is a collection of artifacts on display at the museum which is open May 15 – Sept 15 and offers a variety of rotating displays and a library of historical information. Contact: 406-266-5252 – bwcomuseum@mt.net

www.broadwatercountymuseum.com

RAISED ON RAILS

Townsend was established in 1883 as a Northern Pacific Railway stop between Minneapolis and Seattle and is at the intersection of U.S. Highways 12 and 287. It remains a popular rest stop for travelers, especially those touring between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

HUNTING



As one of Montana's premier elk, deer, bear, and antelope areas, Broadwater County draws many hunters each year. Local outfitters take hunters into the finest, most tucked away elk country in the West. Waterfowl and upland birds are also plentiful. The Townsend office of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is happy to provide more information at 266-3367.

GOLD RUSH HISTORY

Prospectors flocked to the gulches of the upper Missouri after four ex-soldiers of the Confederacy discovered gold in a creek bed that was later named Confederate Gulch. Mining brought life to Toston, Winston, and Radersburg, which served as early prospector supply posts. Diamond City, which emerged in Confederate Gulch, was the hub of the area's gold activity and became one of Montana Territory's most populated early communities before slipping into history. Weekend prospectors and some commercial placer miners still work the area.



- ❖ **Climate:** 12 in. rain a year, 48 in. snowfall a year, average daytime temperatures vary from 28 degrees in January to 84.5 degrees in July.
- ❖ **County Population:** 3,380 in 1990; 4,385 in 2000 and 5,612 in 2010 Censuses
- ❖ **Elevation:** 3,813 ft. in Townsend, 9,472 ft. on top of Mount Baldy
- ❖ **Area:** 842 square miles in Broadwater County
- ❖ **City and Towns:** Townsend Pop 1,878 (2010 Census), Winston, Radersburg, and Toston
- ❖ **Popular Recreation Activities:** Fishing, hunting, bird and wildlife watching, photography, golf, tennis, swimming, boating, ATV & motorcycle riding, ice boating, hiking, community events, horseback riding, & scenic auto touring.
- ❖ **Business Community:** Grocery store, boat sales, motels, cafes, bars, gas stations, veterinary clinic, pharmacy, hospital, real estate agencies, nursing homes, car dealers, banks, hair styling salons, barber, flower shop, automotive repair, weekly newspaper, liquor store, sporting goods, specialty stores, tire stores, RV parks and more.
- ❖ **Churches:** Holy Cross Catholic Church, United Methodist Church, Alliance Bible Church, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, Townsend Christian Fellowship, Faith Baptist Church, Seventh Day Adventist, Elkhorn Community Fellowship, New Hope Lutheran Church, Word of Life Fellowship and Trailhead Christian Fellowship.
- ❖ **Government Offices:** U.S. Forest Service, USDA Soil Conservation Service, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Dept Of Transportation, Extension Service, County Courthouse, and City Hall.
- ❖ **Nearby Cities:** Helena 34 miles north, Three Forks 34 miles south, and Bozeman 68 miles southeast.
- ❖ **Income:** Median Household Income is \$39,694
- ❖ **Montana Population:** 989,415 (2010 Census)
- ❖ For More Information, contact the **Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 947, Townsend MT 59644 (406) 266-4101, townsendchamber@outlook.com – www.townsendmtchamber.com**

CATTLE DRIVE CULTURE

In 1991, a group of ranchers and outfitters launched the Montana High Country Cattle Drive. Tourists from around the world join local wranglers in the movement of cattle onto summer range lands. The event has continued to grow and offers evening activities along the trail which are open to the public.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Broadwater Health Center operates a 6 bed Critical Access Hospital (24 hr Emergency Dept staffing), 19 bed nursing home and provides appropriate care for all who need it. The professional, caring staff provides both Inpatient and Outpatient services. Other services are ambulance, physical therapy, laboratory, radiology (x-ray), colonoscopy, mental health, public health; WIC, dentist, chiropractors, optometrist, pharmacist and many other specialties have regularly scheduled clinics.

www.broadwaterhealthcenter.com

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or email townsendchamber@outlook.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Hardly a month goes by without a community-wide event or celebration in Townsend. The largest events include

Broadwater Rodeo and Fair, Walleye Tournament, Fall Fest, and Christmas Stroll. Hundreds of local visitors gather for fun, food, prizes, parades, and other activities including softball tournaments, talent shows, theatre in the park, musical performances and calf roping most weekends in the summer at the fairgrounds. For more information visit:

www.townsendmt.com

GOLF



With the Big Belt Mountain Range as a scenic backdrop, Old Baldy Golf Course is a challenging 9-hole facility providing fun and leisure northeast of Townsend.

WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

Broadwater County offers the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area just north of Townsend a great place to find hundreds of species of birds. Ospreys, bald eagles, yellow-throated warblers, herons, great horned owls, and pelicans are some of the species. This area also boasts several big game species including deer, moose and antelope.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Dozens of campgrounds and picnic sites are around Canyon Ferry Reservoir including Indian Creek



Campground, Silos Recreation Area & KOA, White Earth Recreation Area, Confederate Bay, and Goose Bay Marina and Campground. In

Townsend many parks, a heated swimming pool, tennis courts, soccer fields, softball and baseball fields are available.

HIKING

The mountains and forests surrounding Townsend are crisscrossed with foot trails maintained by the U.S. Forest Service. A variety of elevations, make trails



accessible to hikers of all levels. From Deep Creek east of Townsend, a trail system follows the Big Belts past towering Mount Baldy and Mount Edith,

offering access to some of the area's most beautiful high-country lakes. Trails take hikers into the Tizer Basin region and the rugged country along Crow Creek near Radersburg. For more information, contact the Townsend Ranger District office or visit the website

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena/>

AIRPORT

The airport located 2 miles NE of town is capable of handling private aircraft. Pilots will find a smooth runway with a bright lighting system, in accordance with the FAA standards. Commercial flights are available nearby in Helena or Bozeman.

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