

## 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's 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 purchase a Toole County Audio Tour CD. Pick up the chamber's business directory and map and see the mountain lion that roamed through Shelby the summer of 1996. [www.shelbymtchamber.org](http://www.shelbymtchamber.org)  
September – April: Monday – Friday from 9am – 12pm  
May – August: Monday – Friday from 9am- 6pm; Saturday from 1-6pm.
- **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. [www.toolecountymt.gov/museum](http://www.toolecountymt.gov/museum)
- **Visit the Toole County Library** ~ View an incredible collection of Native American artifacts. [www.toolecountylibrary.com](http://www.toolecountylibrary.com)  
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. The park is under development, but stop down to read about the infamous fight; the coming of the railroad; homesteading; and the discovery of oil/gas in North Central Montana.  
[www.championsparkmt.com](http://www.championsparkmt.com)
- **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.

[www.shelbymtchamber.org/vets\\_memorial](http://www.shelbymtchamber.org/vets_memorial)

- **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.

[www.mdt.mt/gov/travinfo/docs/roadsigns/sweetgrass.pdf](http://www.mdt.mt/gov/travinfo/docs/roadsigns/sweetgrass.pdf)

## 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. [www.mariasvalleygolf.com](http://www.mariasvalleygolf.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.
- **Heights Trail** ~ A new shared-use pathway is under development on the South side of Shelby. Many residents walk 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 5<sup>th</sup> Street South out to the Frontage Road enjoying the spectacular view of the Rocky Mountains; listen to the Meadowlarks sing; and walk-jog-bike in the Montana sunshine.

- **Shelby Swimming Pool and Splash Park** ~ Located at 105 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue No., the indoor pool and newly built 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 beautiful courts free and open to the public.
- **Ten Pin Alley** ~ Located at 962 Oilfield Avenue, this bowling center, pizza kitchen and casino offer bowling for all ages. Open daily.  
[www.facebook.com/tenpinalleyshelbymt](http://www.facebook.com/tenpinalleyshelbymt)
- **Lake Sheloole** ~ Located north of Shelby following Oilfield Avenue. The watershed project allows for fishing, hiking and bird watching. To the south of Lake Sheloole 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
  - 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.