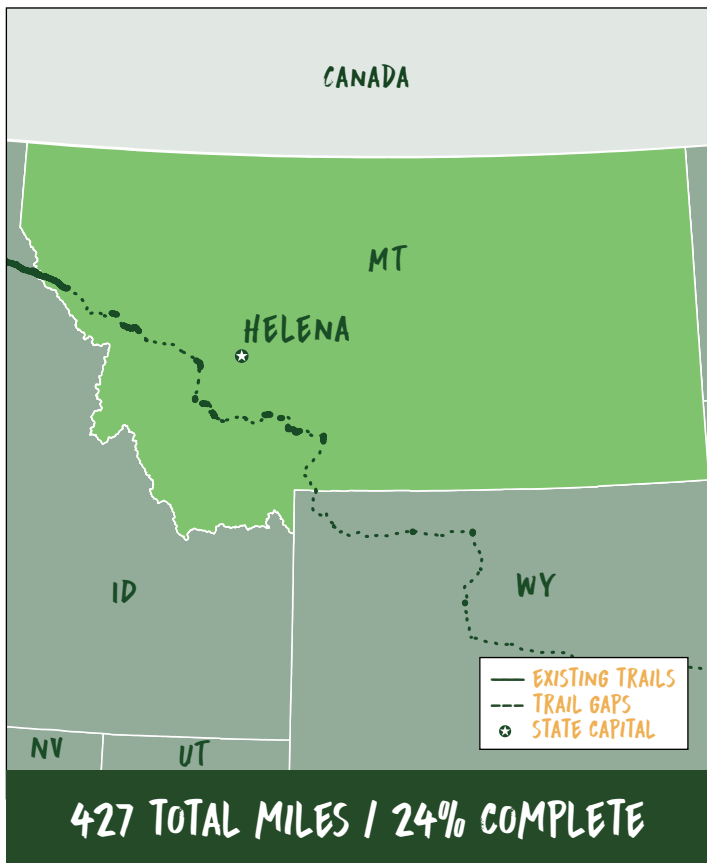


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The preferred route of the Great American Rail-Trail® through Montana will connect communities already well-known for their outdoor recreation assets—including Livingston, Bozeman, Three Forks, Butte, and Missoula. History abounds along the route as well: The area around the state’s Great American gateway trail—the developing Headwaters Trails System in Three Forks—has a history stretching to Sacajawea and the 1804–1806 Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition; and in Livingston, the Highway 89 South Pedestrian Trail travels through the original gateway town for the country’s first national park: Yellowstone.



The Route of the Olympian travels 30 miles over former rail grades in Mineral County, Montana. As the region’s economy transitions from timber to tourism, the completion of the Great American Rail-Trail will create new opportunities to attract visitors and residents.

“As our region’s economy changes, it will become even more important to have multiuse trails connecting our towns, drawing visitors, and creating opportunities for recreation. As an employer, more trails will help me attract customers and talent.”
 -Brooke Lincoln
 Owner, the 50,000 Silver Dollar

In Montana, the trail is expected to generate annually:

\$800,000
 in new
 tax revenue

\$9.8M
 GDP contribution

\$16.0M
 in visitor
 spending

1,100,000
 trips

210
 new jobs

\$7.0M
 in labor income