Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, in partnership with the Office of Public Instruction, has created 21 model lesson plans for K-12 teachers that each feature a Montana State Park.

While the students’ knowledge and personal experience would be enhanced by an actual visit to the State park, the lesson plans stand-alone in the classroom. They are written for multiple grade levels, cover various content areas, and offer a rich resource that teachers can adapt to their classroom’s needs.

**Bannack**
*Title:* Contradictory Worldviews: Placing Montana’s Gold Rush into a Tribal Historical Perspective  
*Contact Areas:* Social Studies, Science  
*Grade Level:* 6th – 8th (suitable for 9th – 10th with corresponding high school benchmarks)

**Beaverhead Rock**
*Title:* In Her Own Lands: Sacagawea and the Lewis & Clark Expedition in Southwestern Montana  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies; History; Geography  
*Grade Level:* 6th – 8th (adaptable for 9th – 12th)

**Beavertail Hill**
*Title:* What's in a Name?  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies; Geography; Montana History  
*Grade Level:* 4th – 5th

**Brush Lake**
*Title:* A Cultural and Land-Use Study of the Prairie Ecosystem in Northeastern Montana  
*Content Area:* Science; Social Studies; Speaking and Listening  
*Grade Level:* 9th – 12th

**Chief Plenty Coups**
*Title:* Plenty Coups, Leadership and the Vision Quest  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies  
*Grade Level:* 9th – 12th

**Clarks Lookout**
*Title:* Cultural Vantage Points: Salish Perspectives on the Lewis and Clark Expedition  
*Content Area:* Social Studies; History; Geography  
*Grade Level:* 6th – 8th (adaptable for 9th – 12th)
**Council Grove**
*Title:* Council Grove: Site of the Hellgate Treaty of 1855  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies (History; Geography; Government; Tribal History)  
*Grade Level:* 9th – 12th

**First Peoples Buffalo Jump**
*Title:* Buffalo and the Blackfeet  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies; Reading  
*Grade Level:* 3rd – 5th (Benchmarks listed here are 4th grade)

**Fort Owen**
*Title:* Fort Owen: Cultural Crossroad of the Bitterroot Valley  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies; Reading; Speaking and Listening; Writing  
*Grade Level:* 9th – 12th

**Giant Springs**
*Title:* Montana’s Little Shell Tribe and the Struggle for Federal Recognition  
*Content Area:* Social Studies (Government; U.S. History; Tribal History; Current Events)  
*Grade Level:* 11th – 12th

**Lone Pine**
*Title:* Indigenous Uses of Fire in Western Montana  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies; Science; Listening and Speaking  
*Grade Level:* 3rd – 5th (Benchmarks listed herein are for 4th grade)

**Madison Buffalo Jump**
*Title:* Buffalo Past and Present  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies; Writing  
*Grade Level:* 9th – 12th

**Makoshika**
*Title:* Dinosaur Trails and Dinosaur Tales  
*Content Areas:* Science; Social Studies; Literature; Art  
*Grade Level:* 2nd – 4th (could be simplified for K – 1st grades)

**Medicine Rocks State Park**
*Title:* Shared Destinies: Tribal Cultural Resources and Cultural Survival  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies (History; Government; Economics; Montana’s Indian Tribes; Federal Indian Policy; Current Events); Science  
*Grade Level:* 11th – 12th

**Missouri Headwaters State Park**
*Title:* Introduction to Ethnobotanical Uses of Native Plants Along the Missouri River  
*Content Areas:* Social Studies, Science; Speaking and Listening; Reading  
*Grade Level:* 5th – 8th

**Pictograph Cave**
*Title:* Pictographs: Images of Art and History  
*Content Areas:* Art; Reading; Social Studies  
*Grade Level:* 3rd – 4th
Rosebud Battlefield
Title: Understanding the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 and the Battle of the Rosebud 1876
Content Areas: Social Studies (History); Reading
Grade Level: 6th – 8th (adaptable for high school)

Smith River
Title: Occupation, Use and Settlement of the Smith River and the Impacts on the Blackfeet Tribe in Montana
Content Areas: Social Studies (U.S. History; U.S. Government; Montana History; Blackfeet History)
Grade Levels: 9th – 12th

Tower Rock
Title: The Old North Trail – An Ancient Highway System
Content Area: Social Studies
Grade Level: 5th – 8th

Travelers’ Rest
Title: Tmsli, the Place of No Salmon
Content Area: Social Studies; Reading; Literature; Art* (*See “Related Curriculum and Suggestions”)
Grade Level: 4th (suitable for 2nd – 4th)

Wild Horse
Title: Scarred Trees Tell the Story
Content Areas: Social Studies (History, Geography, Cultural Archaeology); Science
Grade Level: 7th – 8th (suitable for 9th – 10th grades with corresponding benchmarks)