



A PRAIRIE HOME VACATION Clockwise from top left: Guest tipis and a picnic shelter; tending the fire; en route to Heart Butte Mountain in Glacier National Park; the dining hall and arts workshop.

LODGEPOLE GALLERY & TIPI VILLAGE

BROWNING, MONTANA

Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo—and a herd of Spanish mustangs—still roam. Canvas guest tipis at this camp on Blackfoot land face east to welcome the sun and block westerly winds. At night, a fire will warm your family as you sleep on the ground (in sleeping bags atop cushioned mats). By day, learn how to craft a parfleche (rawhide tote), rattle, and drum with the camp's owner, Darrell Norman, a Blackfoot artist. Then head to adjacent Glacier National Park for some hiking, trout fishing, and horseback riding. Or go on a history hunt with Norman. He'll show you medicine rocks—sacred sandstone guideposts for the nomadic tribe—and ancient bones embedded in the earth beneath the Two Medicine River “buffalo jump,” a cliff over which hunters drove their prey. Back at the lodge, Norman and his wife, Angelika, serve a traditional feast of roasted buffalo, Anasazi beans, acorn squash, and soup made from blueberry-like saskatoons. Stick around for fireside singing and storytelling—and the chance to beat your own drum.



406/338-2787; blackfeetculturecamp.com; two-night packages \$395 for two adults, plus \$96 per child, including meals, outings, and entertainment.