



## Western Wildlands Region Overview and FAQ

The Western Wildlands office is based in Missoula, MT. Nestled in mountainous western Montana, and surrounded by seven wilderness areas and at the confluence of three rivers, Missoula is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. You can kayak, raft, or tube right through the city or take a relaxing hike in 60,000 acres of wilderness minutes from the heart of downtown. With the added bonus of the University of Montana, many alumni find themselves pursuing higher education after their term of service with MCC. Whether it's recreation or education, MCC'ers will find everything they need in this vibrant town.

The below information is specific to this regional office; for more general information about your position, please refer to the "AmeriCorps Crew Leader FAQ."



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- Learn more about your regional staff and public lands around Missoula here!

Learn more about the Missoula Community <u>here</u>! Learn more about local events and things to do in Missoula <u>here</u>!

## HOUSING IN MISSOULA

Members serving in Missoula will need to rent their own room in town. There are also several crews in our Missoula office that are entirely based in Idaho for their season, and are provided housing on their days off (more information below). While camping is an option, dispersed camping is hard to come by in the Missoula Valley, and we really recommend renting a place in town. Your regional staff will connect you with other members serving in your area so you can search together. If you do choose to camp on your days off around Missoula, note that much of the dispersed camping is a ways out of town, so be prepared to drive!

Learn more about housing options and community resources in Missoula <u>here</u>! Learn more general information about housing and transportation in Missoula <u>here</u>!

## BASECAMPS

**Moose Creek:** This option is for our Selway-Bitterroot Immersion Crew. This is a Wilderness basecamp, 25 miles from the nearest road. Members remain in the Wilderness for all but one weekend. The crew will come out one time together for 5-7 days once mid-season, late July or early August. Members can go wherever they want on their weekends but generally stay in the Wilderness given the distance to town and the very nice setting and facilities at Moose Creek. There are showers, bunk spaces, pit toilets, and kitchen facilities. There is no cell service.

**Krassel Work Center:** This is located at a remote work-station roughly 2 hours by car from McCall, ID. We prefer and recommend that members who live at Krassel have access to their own transportation due to the distance to town. This is not required and members generally carpool when they don't have a car. Members who are over 21 may be approved to drive the MCC vehicle if they do not have their own and can use the MCC truck for resupply. There are showers, bathrooms, laundry & kitchen facilities. There is spotty cell service.

## MORE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU LEARN ABOUT MCC

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