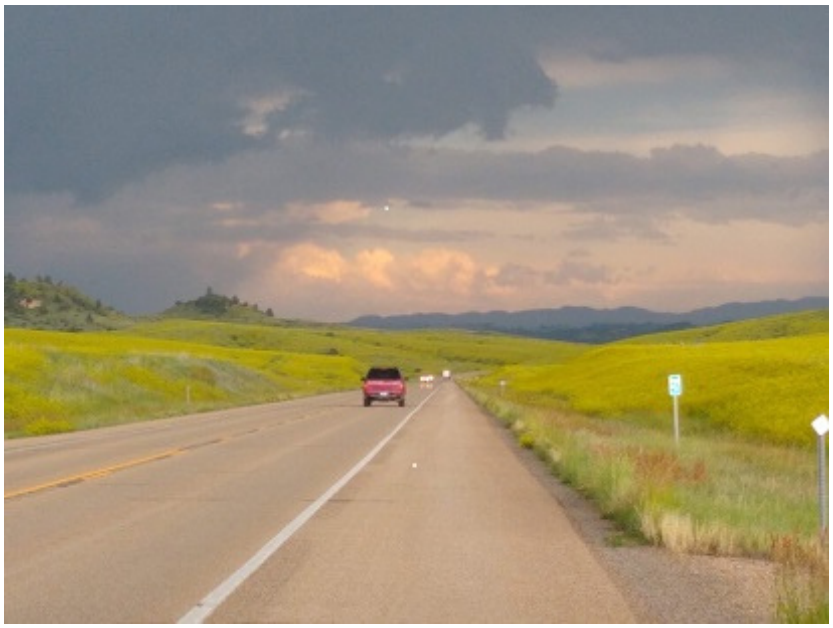
YOUR VISIT TO ST. LABRE INDIAN SCHOOL

Trip Planning Guide



Heading east on US Hwy 212 via the Crow Reservation

Navigating your way to St. Labre!

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Because we want you to get the most out of your experience, we provide the following to help you prepare for your trip and to inform you of what to expect during your visit.

We're open for visitors! *Before you visit, please call to check our hours of operation.*

Call us in advance for exact times, because our hours change twice a year, as well as in the event of an emergency.

Hours | Academic Year

late August to June

Monday thru Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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Hours | Summer

June to late August

Monday thru Thursday
7:00 am to 5:30 pm

Friday - Closed

Holiday & Emergency Closures

St. Labre observes the following Holidays. Our offices will be closed: New Years Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day (as well as the day before or the day after Christmas Day...depending upon when in the week Christmas Day falls).

When the safety of the children and our staff are at risk via fire, flood, frigid temperatures, or unforeseen forces, we close our school on short notice. *Please call us in advance if you plan to visit.*

Our Location

Our campus is only one mile from the town of Ashland, MT. With a population of 783 people, Ashland is located in Rosebud County on the eastern boundary of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in the Tongue River Valley.

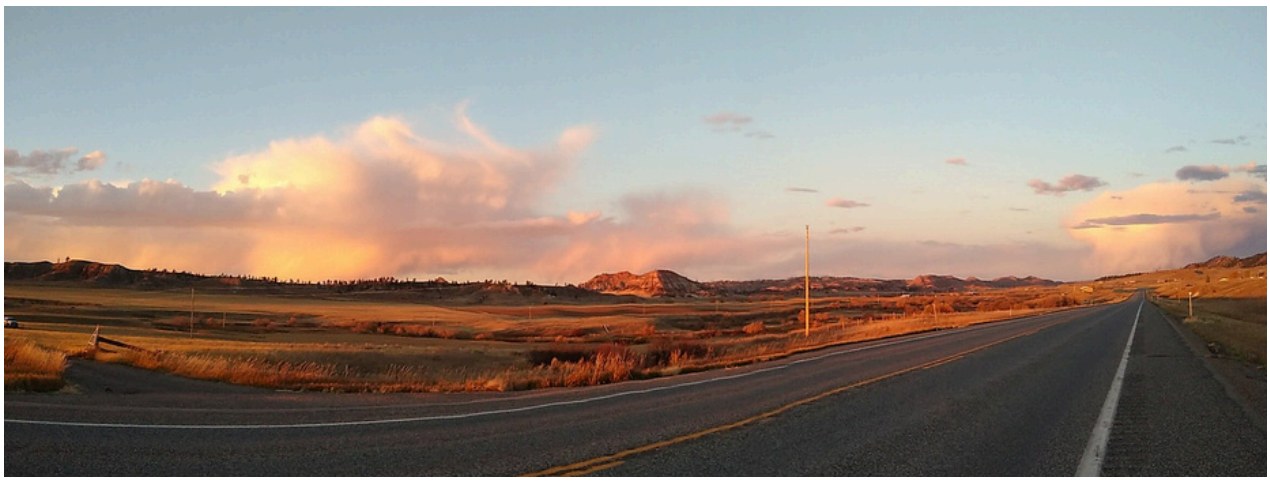
GPS Our Address

112 St. Labre Campus Drive, Ashland, MT 59003

Technology isn't perfect. GPS may only recognize our old address: 1000 Tongue River Road/ or Tongue River Road, Ashland, MT 59003. We are just under a mile off of US Highway 212. **You can also search us on your GPS by name: St. Labre Indian School.** *See driving directions, page 3.*

Transportation

Driving through southeastern Montana always means traveling on remote stretches of highway for long distances, with small towns interspersed along the way. Though it varies from town to town, many of these towns have limited services, such as gas stations with public restrooms, grocery stores, restaurants, and hotels.



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You may travel from your location **via car** or opt to **fly** into one of the following airports. If you are **flying**, reserve a rental car for the two to three and a half hour (2 to 3 ½ hr) drive to St. Labre Indian School, as well as your return trip back to the airport.

BILLINGS LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Distance to St. Labre: 2 h 10 min - 125.8 mi, *head East*
1901 Terminal Cir
Billings, MT 59105

RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT

Distance to St. Labre: 3 h 28 min - 207.5 mi, *head West*
4550 Terminal Rd
Rapid City, SD 57703

TRAVEL AND LODGING

St. Labre's on-campus guest quarters are not available for Graduation weekend. Please conduct your research for hotels in one of the following towns and consult online/Internet reviews to determine the hotel that best suits your needs and preferences. St. Labre does not provide shuttles, travel, or lodging assistance.

Ashland, MT - Population 783
Distance to St. Labre: 5 min - 1.1 mi, *N*

Billings, MT - Population 109,642
Distance to St. Labre: 2 h 4 min - 123 mi, *E*

Broadus, MT- Population 481
Distance to St. Labre: 50 min - 46.4 mi, *W*

Colstrip, MT - Population 2,311
Distance to St. Labre: 51 min - 43.8 mi, *SE*

Hardin, MT - Population 3,837
Distance to St. Labre: 1 h 23 min - 77.7 mi, *E*

Rapid City, SD - Population 74,421
Distance to St. Labre: 3 hr 14 min - 196.3 mi, *SW*

Sheridan, WY - Population 30,210
Distance to St. Labre: 1 h 47 min - 102.6 mi, *NE*

TRAVEL TIP
Fuel, food, and restroom facilities are available in these towns.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS | HEADING WEST FROM RAPID CITY, SD TO ASHLAND, MT

DISTANCE
3 h 28 min - 207.5 mi, *W*

Along the way - The towns below provide fuel, food, and restrooms:

Sturgis, SD | Belle Fourche, SD | Alzada, MT (Unreliable public facilities) **| Broadus, MT**

From **I-90 W, take Exit 23 at Whitewood**, **go right on SD-34 W to Belle Fourche, SD** (approx 25 min, 19.8 miles). In **Belle Fourche, SD** follow signs to take **US Highway 212 W**. **Follow US-212 W to Ashland, MT** (approx. 2 hr 20 min, 141 miles). Once in Ashland, you will pass through town. Before the Conoco Station, **take a right** (r.) onto **Tongue River Road**--you will see a state road sign for **MT HWY 447**. **Cross the river**, and **take the next right** (r.) onto **St. Labre's campus**. The Administration Building is located to the right of the teepee-shaped St. Labre Parish Catholic Church.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS | HEADING EAST FROM BILLINGS, MT TO ASHLAND, MT

DISTANCE
2 h 10 min - 125.8 mi, *E*

Along the way - The towns below provide fuel, food, and restrooms:

Hardin, MT | Crow Agency, MT at the intersection of I-90 & Hwy 212, Exit 510 via Battlefield of the Little Bighorn

From **I-90 E, take exit 510 to US Highway 212 E** (approx 60 min, 61.7 miles)--this is the **same exit** for **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**. **Follow US Highway 212 E to Ashland, MT** (approx. 1 hr 8 min, 63 miles). **Take a left** (l.) after the Conoco Station, onto **Tongue River Road**--you will see a state road sign for **MT HWY 447**. **Cross the river**, and **take the next right** (r.) onto **St. Labre's campus**. The Administration Building is located to the right of the teepee-shaped St. Labre Parish Catholic Church.

Food for the Road

Because your accessibility to food and water will be limited during the drive to St. Labre, you may want to consider packing a supplemental cooler of beverages and snacks, especially if you have a medical condition that requires regimented times for eating or taking medication.

Most of our local businesses will be closed on Sundays, or will have limited hours of business. The only food/snack sources in town have varying hours of operation on Sunday, the Warrior Grocery, Michelle's Munchies, Conoco gas station, Western Pump gas station.

Your Arrival at St. Labre Indian School

HERE'S WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

Your First Stop | Our Admin Building

OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS AND REQUEST A CAMPUS TOUR

Once you arrive on campus and park, please advance to the Reception Desk in the Administration building located to the right of our teepee-shaped St. Labre Parish Catholic Church. At the desk, please request a Visitor Pass and a guided campus tour.

Left: The yellow arrow points you in the direction of the doors that lead to our Administration building.

We apologize that our museum and gift shop are currently under renovation and are closed for an indeterminate time.

Left: The door to our Administration building.

Guest/ Visitor Protocol

WHEN YOU WANT TO GREET THE CHILDREN

We enjoy welcoming guests to our campus! However, the only way to tour our campus is by obtaining a Visitor Pass at our reception desk in our Administration building and requesting a guided tour.

While on your guided tour, you may see our school children at play on the playground or on our Quad moving from one building to another between classes. We understand how our guests hope to interact with the children. Please be mindful that they may feel uncomfortable with close personal contact. However, your wave and a warm "hello" will undoutedly bring a big smile!

Just a few more things...

BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY & MEDICAL SERVICES

You are welcome to bring your own wheelchair. All buildings at St. Labre are wheelchair accessible. Additionally, men and women's restrooms include a stall that meets handicap standards.

There will be no medical personnel on staff or medical services available on Graduation Day.

OUR SECURE CAMPUS

St. Labre is a secure campus, 24 hours a day/365 days of the year, and employs a security team. Security checks may be conducted at the discretion of campus security and/or local law enforcement. Alcohol, drugs, all tobacco products, and firearms are prohibited on campus. There are no designated smoking areas. *You must exit campus to use tobacco products.*

PACKING FOR YOUR TRIP OUR RECOMMENDATIONS...

Weather conditions in May can vary drastically between warm and dry, to windy and cold, to windy and rainy (and on occasion, even snowy). Mornings and evenings at this time of year are likely cool.

Before you travel, check weather forecasts for Ashland, MT 59003.

Pack your clothes with the intention of layering warmer weather clothing with a sweater, fleece jacket, windbreaker, or raincoat.

Typical temperatures during this time of year range from 48 degrees F to 67 degrees F.

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT US...

Should you have additional questions about your visit to St. Labre Indian School, please contact us by telephone at 1 (866) 753-5496, or by e-mail at info@stlabre.org.

We look forward to seeing you! Safe travels!