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VISIT LAKE COMO FOR FREE THIS SATURDAY

Hamilton, MT. – This Saturday, June 14th is National Get Outdoors Day (GO Day) and the Bitterroot National Forest is celebrating by waiving all day use fees at Lake Como. GO Day which started in 2008, encourages healthy, active outdoor fun. Primary goals of the day are reaching first-time visitors to public lands and reconnecting our youth to the great outdoors. Dozens of national forests and grasslands are participating in the event by offering free recreational and educational activities.

“National Get Outdoors Day provides a great opportunity for families and kids of all ages to explore and enjoy their national forests,” said Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor Julie King. “We hope people take advantage of Saturday’s free day at Lake Como and also the many camping, sightseeing and hiking opportunities which we enjoy here on the Bitterroot throughout the year.”

The forest will also be participating in the GO Day events from 9am-noon at the Florence Park. Activities include Art in the Park, bike rides & helmet swap, bird identification, family fun run, fly casting clinic, hiking information, pony rides, and more.

Saturday’s fee waiver applies only to Lake Como’s day use sites including the beach, picnic areas, boat launch, and trailhead; not to campgrounds, group overnight use or rental cabin fees. Lake Como is the most utilized recreation site in the Northern Region of the Forest Service visited annually by more than 250,000 people. For more information contact the Darby Ranger District at (406) 821-3913.

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