



Forest Service News Release

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Fall Campground Closures

Hamilton, MT, September 20 – Fall officially arrives on Thursday and along with all the seasonal changes, the Bitterroot National Forest is announcing the following campground and recreation site closures and updates:

Darby/Sula Ranger District – (406) 821-3913

- Lake Como Recreation Area
 - Lower Como Campground = Open with services and nightly fees through September 25th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$25/night. Campground will close on September 26th.
 - Three Frogs Campground = Open with services and nightly fees through September 25th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$15/night. Campground will close on October 10th.
 - Lake Como Day Use Sites (Picnic Area, Trailhead, Beach, Boat Launch) = Day use fees no longer required, no services, 'pack it in, pack it out'. Open year-round.
 - Rock Creek Horse Camp = Open with services and nightly fees through September 25th. Current fees - \$12/night. Campground will remain open after Sept. 25th until closed by snow. No services. 'Pack it in, pack it out', free of charge.
 - Wood's Cabin = The historic cabin on the north shore of Lake Como is available to rent in the fall and winter. \$100 nightly (peak season) and \$60 nightly (non-peak season). To reserve your dates, visit www.recreation.gov
 - Three Sisters Group Site = Open and available for reservations through Oct. 24th. To reserve, visit www.recreation.gov
- Black Bear Campground - Open until closed by snow with 6 campsites. No water. 'Pack it in, pack it out' garbage.
- Lost Horse Road & Schumaker Campground – Open until closed by snow. No services. 'Pack it in, pack it out' garbage.

- Skalkaho Pass (State Highway 38) is currently open. For latest road information visit www.mdt.mt.gov or Dial 511.
- Gird Point Lookout – Closed. Reservations for Summer 2023 can be made 6 months in advance at www.recreation.gov
- Spring Gulch Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$15/ night. Campground will close on Sept. 26th.
- Indian Trees Campground - Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$15/ night. Campground will close on Sept. 26th.
- Martin Creek Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th. Current fees - \$12/ night. Remain open after Sept. 25th with no fees, no services and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Warm Springs Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th. Current fees - \$12/night. Campground will remain open after Sept. 25th through November with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’.
- Crazy Creek Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th. Current fees - \$12/ night. Remain open after Sept. 25th with no fees, no services and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Crazy Creek Horse Camp – Open with no services and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow
- Jennings Camp – Open with no services and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow
- McCart Lookout – Closed for the season. Reservations for Summer 2023 can be made 6 months in advance at www.recreation.gov
- East Fork Guard Station – Reservations open year-round. Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov
- Medicine Point Lookout – Closed for the season. Reservations for Summer 2023 can be made 6 months in advance at www.recreation.gov
- Two Good Cabin – Open for reservations through Oct. 15th. Reservations resume from Dec. 1 through Dec. 31. Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov

Stevensville Ranger District: (406) 777-5461

- Bass Creek Recreation Area:
 - Charles Waters Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through September 25th, (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping.) Current fees - \$15/night. Campground will remain open after September 25th with no fees/services and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ through October.
 - Larry Creek Group Site – Reservations open through Sept. 30th; from Oct 1 – Nov. 30, available on a first come, first serve basis with no fees, no services, ‘pack it in, pack it out’.
- Blodgett Campground – Currently closed due to the Blodgett Lake Fire.
- Gold Creek Campground – Open with 5 campsites until closed by snow. No water. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage.

West Fork Ranger District: (406) 821-3269

- Rombo Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th (water will be winterized Sept. 19th). Current fees - \$15/night. Remain open after Sept. 25th with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Alta Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th (water will be winterized Sept. 19th). Current fees - \$15/night. Remain open after Sept. 25th with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Sam Billings Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th. Current fees- \$10/night. Remain open after Sept. 25th with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Slate Creek Campground – Both loops open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 25th (water will be winterized Sept. 19th). Current fees - \$10/night. Back loop closes Sept. 25th. Front loop will remain open after Sept. 25th with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow
- Fales Flat Campground - Open with no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Beaver Point, Raven Creek, Indian Creek, Deep Creek, Observation Point, Paradise Campgrounds open until closed by fire activity or snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage. Contact the West Fork RD regarding fire activity and road closures in this area at (406) 821-3269.
- Magruder Ranger’s House – Reservations currently unavailable.

- Magruder Road Corridor is currently open between Darby, MT. and Elk City, ID. There are 12 wildfires burning in the Wilderness areas on the West Fork Ranger District. Please contact the Ranger District regarding fire activity and road closure updates.

Water systems may be winterized earlier than specified depending on weather conditions, so please contact the appropriate Ranger District for updates.

For more information on fall conditions, campgrounds, road and trails, and recreation rentals contact your local Bitterroot National Forest office, visit www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot or Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DiscoverBitterrootNF.

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