



Forest Service News Release

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Fall Campground Closures

Hamilton, MT, September 19 – Fall officially arrives on Saturday 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 24th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$25/night. Campground will close on September 25th.
 - Three Frogs Campground = Open with services and nightly fees through September 24th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$15/night. Campground will close on October 16th.
 - 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 24th. Current fees - \$12/night. Campground will remain open after Sept. 24th 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. 15th. 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 2024 can be made 6 months in advance at www.recreation.gov
- Spring Gulch Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 24th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$15/ night. Campground will close on Sept. 25th.
- Indian Trees Campground - Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 24th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$15/ night. Campground will close on Sept. 25th.
- Martin Creek Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 24th. Current fees - \$12/ night. Remain open after Sept. 24th 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. 24th. Current fees - \$12/night. Campground will remain open after Sept. 24th 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. 24th. Current fees - \$12/ night. Remain open after Sept. 24th 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 project work.
- 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 2024 can be made 6 months in advance at www.recreation.gov
- Two Good Cabin – Closed for season Oct. 15th. Reservations for the Summer of 2024 can be made 6 months in advance 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 24th, (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping.) Current fees - \$15/night. Campground will remain open after September 24th 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 – Open with no services through Oct. 31. Campground will close Nov. 1.
- 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. 24th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$15/night. Campground will remain open after Sept. 24th 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. 24th (water will be winterized sooner if temperatures start dropping). Current fees - \$15/night. Remain open after Sept. 24th 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. 24th. Current fees- \$10/night. Remain open after Sept. 24th 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. 24th. No water available. Current fees - \$10/night. Back loop closes Sept. 25th. Front loop will remain open after Sept. 24th with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Fales Flat Campground – Group site and 2 individual sites are open with no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow. Reservations for the group site can be made 12 months in advance of the Summer 2024 season at www.recreation.gov
- Beaver Point, Raven Creek, Pete Creek, Cayuse, Deep Creek, Observation Point, Magruder Crossing, Indian Creek, and Paradise Campgrounds are open until closed by snow. Limited services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage.

- Magruder Ranger's House – Reservations available through October 21st. Cabin water will be winterized October 1st. Contractors will be working in and around the Magruder Ranger Station area starting September 15th. Reservations can be made 6 months in advance for the summer of 2024 at www.recreation.gov.
- Magruder Road Corridor is currently open between Darby, MT. and Elk City, ID. until closed by snow. There are 5 small wildfires burning in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness area on the West Fork Ranger District. No road closures are currently in place.

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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