

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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Fall Campground Closures

Hamilton, Montana (September 14, 2015) – Fall officially arrives next week and along with all the seasonal changes, the Bitterroot National Forest is announcing the following campground and recreation site closures and updates:

Darby Ranger District – (406) 821-3913

- Lake Como Recreation Area (no drinking water available)
 - Lower Como Campground = Closing on September 21st. Current fees - \$16/night.
 - Three Frogs Campground = Open with services and nightly fees through September 20. Current fees - \$8/night. Will remain open through October with no services and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ garbage and free of charge.
 - Lake Como Day Use Sites (Picnic Area, Trailhead, Beach, Boat Launch) = Open with no fees and no services, ‘pack it in, pack it out’. Open year-round.
 - Rock Creek Horse Camp = Open with services and nightly fees through September 20. Will remain open until closed by snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’.
 - Wood’s Cabin = The historic cabin on the north shore of Lake Como is available to rent this winter. \$60 per night. To reserve your dates visit www.recreation.gov. (Cabin closed November 14-20th).

- 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.

Stevensville Ranger District: (406) 777-5461

- Bass Creek Recreation Area:
 - Charles Water Campground – Open with services (water and trash) and nightly fees through September 20. Current fees - \$10/night. Will remain open after Sept. 20th with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ garbage until closed by snow.
 - Larry Creek Group Site – Last day of reservations is Sept. 26. Will remain open on a first come, first serve basis with no fees, no services, ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.

- Blodgett Campground – Open with 7 campsites until December 1. No water. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage.
- 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. 20. Current fees - \$8/night. Will remain open after Sept. 20 with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ garbage until closed by snow.
- Alta Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 20. Current fees - \$8/night. Will remain open after Sept. 20 with no fees, no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it’ out until closed by snow.
- Sam Billings Campground – Open with 12 campsites and no fees until closed by snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage.
- Slate Creek Campground – Front loop open until closed by snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage. Back loop closed Sept. 30.
- Fales Flat Campground - Open until closed by snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage.
- Beaver Point, Raven Creek, Indian Creek, Paradise Campgrounds open until closed by snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage.
- Magruder Road Corridor is currently open between Darby and Elk City, Idaho. Contact the West Fork office for road updates.

Sula Ranger District: (406) 821-3201

- Spring Gulch Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 22. Current fees - \$12/night. Campground will close on Sept. 23rd
- Indian Trees Campground - Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 22. Current fees - \$10/night. Campground will close on Sept. 23rd
- Martin Creek Campground - Open with no services and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Crazy Creek Campground – Open with 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
- Warm Springs Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 22. Current fees - \$8/night. Campground will close on Sept. 23.
- McCart Lookout – Reservations open through Sept. 21.
- East Fork Guard Station – Open year-round. Reservations available at www.recreation.gov
- Two Good Cabin – Closed Oct. 12-Nov. 30; open for reservations from Dec. 1 through Dec. 31. Reservations available at www.recreation.gov.

For more information on campground closures and road and trail information, contact your local Ranger District.

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