Tread Lightly!  
ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND

Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted. Stay on roads and trails. Motorized, wheeled, cross country travel is not allowed on Forest Service system lands.

Respect the rights of hikers, horseback riders, skiers, campers and others so they can enjoy their activities undisturbed.

Educate yourself. Obtain visitor maps and regulations from public agencies, comply with signs and barriers, and ask owners’ permission to cross private property.

Avoid streams, lake shores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, wildlife, and livestock.

Drive responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy your vehicle on wildlands.

Information

Flathead National Forest
Supervisor’s Office
650 Wolfpack Way
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 758-5204
www.fs.usda.gov/flathead

Hungry Horse/Glacier View
Ranger District
10 Hungry Horse Drive
P.O. Box 190340
 Hungry Horse, MT 59919
(406) 387-3800

Spotted Bear Ranger District
10 Hungry Horse Drive
P.O. Box 190340
Hungry Horse, MT 59919
Summer (406) 758-5376
Winter (406) 387-3800

Swan Lake Ranger District
200 Ranger Station Road
Bigfork, MT 59911
(406) 837-7500

Tally Lake Ranger District
650 Wolfpack Way
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 758-5204

Campground Concessionaire
Flathead Valley Campgrounds
(406) 752-7924
www.flatheadvalleycampgrounds.com

Campground Reservations
(877) 444 6777
www.recreation.gov
Welcome
to the Flathead National Forest. We hope you enjoy your visit and we ask you to help keep campground and picnic areas clean.

Respect Other Visitors
• Keep noise levels down.
• Become familiar with the regulations posted on bulletin boards when using developed areas. The rules are there to protect you, other visitors, and the forest environment.
• Keep your pets leashed and do not leave pet food unattended. It attracts wild animals.

Know Before You Go
• Plan ahead and prepare for your trip.
• Use maps and other references to find out about the area you will be visiting.
• Drinking water is not always available at all campgrounds. Bring your own water. If you use water from a lake or stream, boil or chemically treat it before drinking.
• Pay all fees required before using the site or facility.
• There is a 16 day maximum stay on National Forest lands.
• Cell phone use is limited. Fee campgrounds managed by the concessionaire have phones for emergency use only. Contact the campground host.

Storing Food In Bear Country
If your campsite is left unattended for any length of time you must store any food or refuse, including canned food and beverages, garbage, pet food and livestock feed, and any other attractants (such as food leftovers or bacon grease) in a bear resistant manner as follows:
• In a hard-sided camper, vehicle trunk or cab, or enclosed horse trailer.
• In an IGBC approved bear resistant container (most storage boxes are NOT bear resistant).
• Within an IGBC approved and operating electric fence.
http://igbconline.org/bear-resistant-products/
• In campsite food storage locker (if provided)
• Suspended 10’ up and 4’ out from a vertical support, like a tree, and at least 300’ from any sleeping area.

None of these materials shall be buried, discarded, or burned in an open campfire.

Choose the Right Path
To protect nature and your surroundings, use existing campsites and trails. Leave what you find in place for others to enjoy.

Be Careful With Fire
Obey fire restrictions and use existing fire rings within developed sites. Do not break branches from live trees. Instead, collect loose sticks and dead downed wood from the ground. Burn wood completely and extinguish fires completely. Never leave a fire unattended.

Possession of fireworks is not allowed on National Forest lands.

Trash Your Trash
Put your trash in the receptacles provided or pack it out if none are available. Use bathrooms when provided or keep 200 feet away from all water sources if none are available. Remember to always keep the water clean.

Respect Wildlife
Wild animals can be dangerous. Watch all wildlife from a safe distance without approaching, feeding or following them. Secure all food and trash. Keep pets leashed at all times while in developed recreation sites.