

MYTHS ABOUT BATS

No. 4: BATS WILL FLY AT YOUR HEAD AND BECOME ENTANGLED IN YOUR HAIR. AHHH!



BATS EAT INSECTS. INSECTS ARE ATTRACTED TO LIGHT. INSECTS ALSO HANG OUT OVER OPEN WATER - LIKE SWIMMING POOLS. IF YOU WALK THROUGH A FIELD AT NIGHT - YOU MAY DISTURB A BUNCH OF INSECTS.

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WHO ENJOYS OUR RECREATION CABINS!?

YOU THE PUBLIC, BUT ALSO OUR FRIENDS, THE BATS OF THE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

For generations, bats have been making their homes in the recreation cabins and surrounding areas on the Boise National Forest. Some recreation cabins have been retrofitted with bat entrances in the attic to keep bats separate from the public; most likely you won't even know if they are there! You may not see these quiet flyers or notice the great services they provide but they appreciate sharing the space. While you, your families, and friends enjoy the great outdoors these bats are hard at work snatching up insects. Many of the joys you find while recreating are made possible by local bats.

Share the space and enjoy the benefits of having great neighbors!

DID YOU KNOW...

- Bats provide an estimated \$3.7 billion/ year in insect control
- 1 bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquito sized insects per hour
- Insectivorous bats reduce the need for polluting insecticides in the agricultural community
- Less than 1% of bats carry the rabies virus

For more information about bats visit: <http://www.BatWeek.org>