Minton Pass Trail #785
Clark Fork River Area (South side of the river)

OVERVIEW
Minton Pass Trail #785 follows Minton Creek which is a small side drainage to Trout Creek. The trail travels between two open road systems allowing users to either hike bottom-to-top or top-to-bottom.

LENGTH OF TRAIL
2.2 miles one way

ELEVATION
Beginning: 2862’  Ending: 3743’  Net gain: 881’

DIFFICULTY
Easy

FACILITIES
The lower trailhead is located adjacent to FSR 214 and has sufficient room for a couple vehicles. Be advised FSR 214 is very rough and only suitable to high clearance vehicles. Most stock users park at the Black Peak Trail #763 trailhead (junction of Hope Valley Road and Trout Creek Road) and ride Hope Valley Road/FSR 214 to the trailhead.

The upper trailhead is located at the end of FSR 2219 in the Minton Peak area. There is sufficient room at the trailhead for vehicles with trailers.

DIRECTIONS
Lower trailhead: From Trout Creek travel west on Pine Street for approximately 1.5 miles. Turn south on Trout Creek Road. Travel approximately 3 miles and turn west onto Hope Valley Road. Follow Hope Valley Road 1.5 miles until it turns into FSR 214. The trailhead is approximately two miles up FSR 214.

Upper trailhead: From Trout Creek, MT travel west on Pine Street for approximately 1.5 miles. Continue straight on Marten Creek Road for approximately 4.5 miles and turn left onto Minton Peak Road/FSR #322. Continue approximately 5.5 miles on FSR #322 to the junction with FSR #2219. The trailhead is at the end of FSR 2219.

TRAIL CONDITIONS
Minton Pass Trail #785 is a Trail Class 3 trail. The trail tread and corridor will be very well defined and visible. The trail is scheduled to be cleared every three years. Please contact Cabinet Ranger Station for current trail conditions.

USGS MAP(S)
Larchwood #109

TRAILHEAD LAT/LONG
Lower trailhead: 47.809 - 115.704  Upper trailhead: 47.825 - 115.716

STREAM CROSSINGS
The trail crosses Trout Creek at the lower trailhead. This crossing can be challenging during peak runoff.

RESTRICTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS
Motorized vehicles: Motorcycle use is allowed on Minton Pass Trail #785.

Properly possess and store all food, refuse, and other attractants pursuant to Kootenai National Forest Food Storage Order (CFR 261.58 (cc)).

Please Pack-in-Pack out and Leave-No-Trace.