

Additional Access Restored Across Colville National Forest Recreation Site Update 07/01/2020 (final special update for the season)

Current conditions available at <https://bit.ly/cnf-rec>.

Staff continue to work with regional and state authorities to determine what recreation services we have the capacity to provide to forest visitors this season. We are following USDA, CDC, and local guidance and orders to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

- Most developed campgrounds will begin charging fees July 2 and now offer overnight access with restroom service. Water access is being restored at some Forest Service-operated campgrounds. Trash service is being restored at some campgrounds in the coming weeks.
- Even though staff will be cleaning facilities as often as possible to minimize risk to public health, our facilities will only be as clean as the last person who used them and we cannot guarantee a coronavirus-free environment.
- Most concessionaire-operated campgrounds have opened. These campgrounds offer full services and charge fees when they open. See below for latest conditions and access.
- All trailheads across the Colville National Forest that are snow free are available for the public to use for parking and to access our trail systems.
- Visitors should come prepared to be self-reliant (bring extra water, toilet paper, garbage bags, soap, hand sanitizer).
- [Store food and garbage properly](#).
- If trash cans or restrooms are not available, pack out all trash, food scraps, and human waste.
- Do NOT bury feces in developed campgrounds or within 200 feet of water!
- Campers should follow the requirements in Phase 3 of the State's Safe Start plan relating to outdoor recreation that limits the number of people recreating together to 50 or fewer.
- Visitors should wear masks and maintain physical distancing when recreating in crowded areas of the forest.
- If developed recreation areas are crowded, consider camping in undeveloped forest areas, also known as [dispersed camping](#).





Trailheads: All trailheads across the Forest that are snow free are available for the public to use for parking and to access our trail systems. Toilet facilities have not been cleaned and remain unavailable for public use as we do not have the required PPE to safely clean these facilities. Trail registers will not be available for public use to reduce potential transmission of coronavirus from one visitor to the next.

Toilets, Water Systems, Garbage Service: These amenities will be available at open concessionaire operated campgrounds located on the Newport/Sullivan Lake Ranger District and at campgrounds along the Little Pend Oreille Chain of Lakes on the Three Rivers Ranger District.

***Water is now available at Long Lake Campground on the Republic RD. Water is expected to be available at Swan Lake Campground on the Republic RD and at Pierre Lake Campground on the Three Rivers RD. However, both systems are experiencing technical difficulties that are being worked through this week. We expect the water to be on, but bring extra water in case one or both systems need to remain offline while repairs continue.

Toilet facilities will be available at all FS operated fee campgrounds (except for 10 Mile CG) on the Republic and Three Rivers RDs. Existing facilities will be cleaned at fee campgrounds on the Three Rivers RD. Existing facilities may be cleaned at fee campgrounds on the Republic RD or portable toilets will be delivered to Swan, Long, and Ferry Lake campgrounds. In addition, a portable toilet will be delivered to Bead Lake Boat Launch until the appropriate PPE arrives to clean the existing facility. All other toilet facilities across the forest will not be serviced until further notice as we do not have the required PPE or staff to safely clean and operate these facilities at this time.

Fees: Fees will continue to be charged at open concessionaire operated campgrounds and day-use areas.

Fees will be charged at all FS operated fee campgrounds (except for 10 Mile Campground) starting on July 2nd. All rules regarding use of the National Forest remain in effect including food storage, dogs on leash, quiet hours, keeping your vehicles and trailers on designated roads and parking spurs, sanitation, OHV use, etc.

Self-reliance is critical: Visitors should still come prepared to be self-reliant at all Forest Service operated recreation sites (water, toilet paper, garbage bags, soap, hand sanitizer) and should only plan on using developed campgrounds if they have a self-contained toilet facility (either an RV or a self-contained, portable camping toilet). Even though staff will be cleaning our facilities as often as possible to minimize risk to public health, our facilities will only be as clean as the last person who used them and we cannot guarantee a coronavirus-free environment. Campers should follow the requirements in Phase 3 of the State's Safe Start plan relating to outdoor recreation that allows for groups up to 50 people. In addition, visitors should be encouraged to wear masks and maintain physical distancing practices when recreating in high-use (crowded) areas of the forest.





Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger District

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Site Status</u>
Bead Lake Boat Launch	Boat launch access and parking area is available. A portable toilet and garbage service will be available starting July 2 nd . Fees will be charged. Parking for boat launch users only. Trail users need to park in the trailhead ¼ mile up on Bead Ridge Road 3215.
Browns Lake CG and Boat Launch	Overnight use and day-use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Cooks Lake	Lake access and dispersed campsites are available. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed.
Crescent Lake Campground	Lake access is available. Campground is available for use. Food storage boxes have been cleaned and sanitized for initial use. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed. Garbage service will be available. Three campsites. Suitable for tents, vans, campers, or very small RVs. Parking spurs are very short.
East Sullivan Campground, Day-Use, and Boat Launch	Overnight use and day-use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Edgewater CG and Boat Launch	Overnight use and day-use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Mill Pond Campground	Overnight use at this site is available with full services provided by the concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Mill Pond Historic Site (Day-Use)	Closed. Reconstruction work is on-going.
Mystic Lake	Lake access is available for day-use. Walk-in access only. Road is gated closed. No overnight camping. Toilets will not be cleaned and remain closed.





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Site Name	Site Status
Noisy Creek Campground, Day-Use, and Boat Launch	Overnight use and day-use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Noisy Creek Group Campground	Overnight use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
No Name Lake	Lake access is available for day-use. Walk-in access only. Road is gated closed. No overnight camping. Toilets will not be cleaned and remain closed.
Panhandle Campground and Boat Launch	Overnight use and day-use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Pioneer Park CG, Day-Use Area and Boat Launch	Overnight use and day-use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
South Skookum Lake CG and Boat Launch	Overnight use and day-use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Sullivan Lake Group Campground	Overnight use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
West Sullivan Campground and Day-Use Area	Overnight use and day-use at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.





Three Rivers Ranger District

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Site Status</u>
Big Meadow Lake Campground and Boat Launch	Boat launch, parking area, and fishing dock are available for public access. Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Toilets will not be cleaned and will remain closed. Campsites in the back (southern) loop may not be available if the trail contractor is present. Trail system is closed for reconstruction.
Big Meadow Lake Cabin Day-Use Area	Day-use access is available at this site. The cabin and outhouse are not being cleaned and we cannot guarantee a COVID-19 free environment. The toilet will remain closed.
Canyon Creek Campground	Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Toilets will be cleaned and available for use. Access to Sherman Creek Trail is available from the campground. Fees will be charged.
Chewelah Creek Camping Area	Dispersed camping is allowed. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed.
Davis Lake Campground and Boat Launch	Boat launch and parking area are available for public access. Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Toilets will not be cleaned and will remain closed.
Elbow Lake	Dispersed camping is allowed and access to the lake is available. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed.
Frater Lake	Boat launch access and parking area is available. Toilet facilities will not be cleaned and remain closed.
Frater Lake Cabin Day-Use Area	Day-use access is available at this site. The cabin and outhouse are not being cleaned and we cannot guarantee a COVID-19 free environment. The toilet will remain closed.
Gillette Campground	Overnight use within the campground is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Growden Heritage Site	Day-use and trail access is available. Toilets will not be cleaned and will remain closed. The historic changing station is not being cleaned and we cannot guarantee a COVID-19 free environment.





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Lake Ellen Campground and Boat Launch	Boat launch access and parking area is available. Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Toilets will be cleaned and available for use. Fees will be charged.
Lake Ellen East Campground	Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Toilets will be cleaned and available for use. Fees will be charged.
Lake Gillette Boat Launch	Day use access at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Lake Gillette Campground	Overnight use within the campground is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Lake Leo Boat Launch	Day-use access at this site is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Lake Leo Campground	Overnight use within the campground is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Lake Thomas Campground	Overnight use within the campground is available with full services provided by the Concessionaire. Fees will be charged.
Log Flume Heritage Site and Trail	Day-use and trail access is available. Toilets will not be cleaned and will remain closed.
Little Twin Lakes Campground and Boat Launch	Boat launch access and parking area is available. Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Toilets will not be cleaned and will remain closed. Boat dock is not accessible. Access ramp removed due to structural failure.
Pierre Lake Campground, Day-Use and Boat Launch	Boat launch and day-use access and parking is available. Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Potable water is expected to be available by July 2 nd . Toilets will be cleaned and available for use. The vandalism to the boat dock has been repaired and the dock is now safe to use. Fees will be charged.
Sherman Overlook	The interpretive trail and day-use area are open. The toilets will not be cleaned and will remain closed.





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<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Site Status</u>
Sherman Overlook Campground	Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Campground toilet will be cleaned and available for use. Fees will be charged.
Summit Lake	Dispersed camping is allowed and access to the lake is available. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed.
Trout Lake	Overnight use within the campground is allowed. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed. Access to Hoodoo Canyon Trail is closed for reconstruction in 2020.

Republic Ranger District

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Site Status</u>
Deer Creek Forest Camp	Closed. Reconstruction is ongoing.
Empire Lake	Lake access and dispersed camping is available.
Ferry Lake Campground and Boat Launch	Overnight camping is allowed and boat launch access and parking is available. Portable toilets may be available starting July 2 nd . If toilets are available, fees will be charged.
Lambert Creek Horse Camp	Overnight camping is allowed. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed.
Long Lake Campground and Boat Launch	Overnight camping is allowed and boat launch access and parking is available. Hand pump water system is available for use. Portable toilets may be available starting July 2 nd . If toilets are available, fees will be charged.
Snow Peak Cabin	This site will be opened to the public on July 2 nd . This facility will not be cleaned between users. Facilities will be cleaned and disinfected approximately every two weeks. The damaged wood stove door has been repaired and the wood stove can be used to heat the cabin. The toilet will be cleaned and disinfected approximately every two weeks and is available for cabin users only. Cabin is available by reservation only. Fees will be charged.





Republic Ranger District

Site Name	Site Status
Swan Lake Campground, Day-Use and Boat Launch	Overnight camping and day-use is allowed; boat launch access and parking is available. Portable toilets may be available starting July 2 nd . Water system is expected to be available for use. However we are experiencing technical difficulties with the generator. If the generator issues cannot be resolved, water will not be available. Bring extra water, just in case. Garbage service will be available starting July 2 nd . Fees will be charged if toilets are available.
Swan Lake Group Campground	Overnight camping is available by reservation only starting July 2 nd . All amenities available for Swan Lake will be available at the group site. Site is available by reservation only. Please do not block the gate with your vehicle. Fees will be charged.
Ten Mile Campground	Overnight camping is allowed. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed.
Ward Lake	Lake access and dispersed camping is available.
White Mountain Fire Overlook	Day-use access is allowed. Toilet will not be cleaned and will remain closed.

