



Seeley Lake Area

Recreation Opportunities

Seeley Lake Ranger Station is located on the north end of Seeley Lake about 3 miles north of town, on Highway 83. The public is always welcome to visit the ranger station to acquire information or ask questions about Forest Service activities.

Office hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
We are closed on all Federal Holidays.

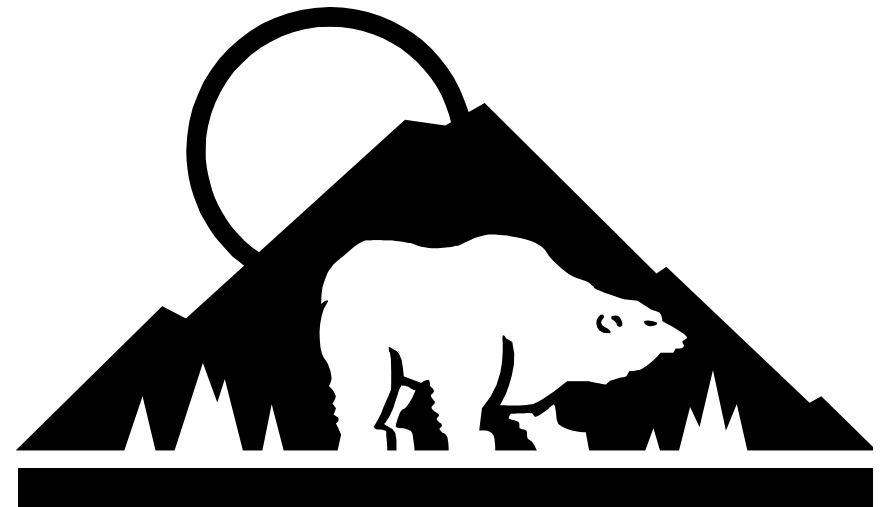
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Seeley Lake Ranger District
Lolo National Forest
Northern Region



Forest Service

Developed Recreation Sites

The following regulations are not intended to be all inclusive. For further information contact the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 406-677-2233.

- These and other regulations are posted at all developed recreation sites.
- This is **BEAR COUNTRY!** Special orders are in effect, designed to minimize bear and human conflicts. **All food & beverages (including canned food, pop and beer), grease, garbage, livestock and pet food (except hay and water), and scented or flavored toiletries must be stored in a bear resistant manner at all times specifically when your camp or picnic site is unattended during daylight hours and during nighttime sleeping hours.**
- **Your options are:** Store in trunk of your car or cab of your vehicle (with windows up!); hang your food up in a tree at least 10 feet up and 4 feet out from the bole of the tree; leave someone in attendance at the camp at all times (NOT sleeping!); or store your food /beverage & toiletry stuffs in certified bear resistant containers.
- No stock is allowed in developed recreation sites.
- 14-day stay limit
- Each unit contains a picnic table and fire ring.
- Family camping unit limits at developed campgrounds:
10 people & only as many vehicles as will fit on the “pad” going into the unit.
- Overnight parking in day-use areas of developed campgrounds is not permitted.
- Some sites can be reserved for group camping and group picnics, call the Seeley Lake Ranger Station for more information at 406-677-2233.
- Day-use areas are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Wheel-chair accessible facilities are listed at each site, if they are available.
- Toilet facilities are provided at all **developed** sites.
- Garbage hauling services and potable water are provided at developed sites during peak season. (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
- Where garbage hauling services are not available, visitors must pack out their own trash.
- **Electric, water and sewage hook-ups are not available** in any of the Forest Service campgrounds in the Seeley Lake area.
- Pets must be leashed or under some form of physical control at all developed sites and are not allowed in designated swimming areas.

Forest Service Campgrounds

8 RIVER POINT CAMPGROUND

SEASON OF USE:

Camping: Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend
Day-Use/Fishing: Year-round

FEES:

Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend
Camping
Group Picnic Reservations - 1 area available
For information on Group Picnic Reservations, please call the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 406-677-2233.

FACILITIES:

27 Family Units
Day-Use Area - Beach, Swimming Area (no lifeguard), Picnic Area
Group Picnic Area - group fire rings, horseshoe pits*, sand volleyball court*, walking path (*must provide own equipment)
Toilets - vault (wheelchair accessible in day-use/group picnic area)
Potable Water
Garbage Dumpsters & Recycling Bin (aluminum cans only)

SERVICES:

On-Site Volunteer Campground Hosts
Daily Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 14.2 miles. Turn west on Boy Scout Road 77, and go 2.5 miles. The campground is located on the north side of the road.



9 SEELEY LAKE CAMPGROUND

SEASON OF USE:

Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend

FEES:

Camping
Group Picnic Reservations - Call the Seeley Lake Ranger District at 406-677-2233
(Group Picnic Reservations are only available on weekdays due to heavy traffic congestion on weekends)

FACILITIES:

29 Family Units
Day-Use Area - Beach, Swimming Area (no lifeguard), Picnic Area
Boat Ramp and Boat Trailer Parking
Toilets - flush and vault (some are wheelchair accessible)
Potable Water
Garbage Dumpsters & Recycling Bin (aluminum cans only)
Pay Phone

SERVICES:

On-site Volunteer Campground Hosts
Daily Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 14.2 miles. Turn west on Boy Scout Road 77, and go 3.5 miles. The campground is located on the east side of the road.



10 BIG LARCH CAMPGROUND

SEASON OF USE:

Camping/Day-Use/Fishing: Year round, but dependent on road conditions in winter.

FEES:

Memorial Day Weekend to September 30
Camping
Group Camping Reservations - 2 Units Available
Group Picnic Reservations - 2 Areas Available
For information on Group Reservations, please call the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 406-677-2233.

FACILITIES:

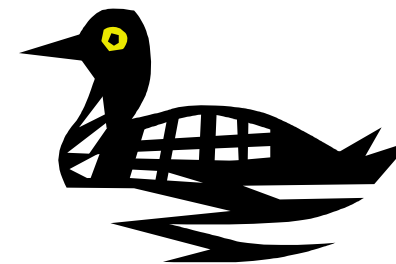
48 Family Units (1 is wheelchair accessible)
Day-Use Area - Beach, Swimming Area (no lifeguard), Picnic Area
Boat Ramp and Boat Trailer Parking
Toilets - vault (some are wheelchair accessible)
Potable Water - Summer only (1 is wheelchair accessible)
Garbage Dumpsters - Summer only (1 is wheelchair accessible)
Recycling Bins (aluminum cans only)
Pay Phone
Interpretive Area and Nature Trail

SERVICES:

On-site Volunteer Campground Hosts
Daily Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 15.9 miles. The campground is located on the west side of the highway. (1 mile north of the town of Seeley Lake)



16 LAKE INEZ CAMPGROUND

SEASON OF USE:

Late Spring/Summer/Fall (Winter - Dependent on road conditions)

FEES: None at this time - Planned for 2006

FACILITIES:

4 Family Units & 1 Group Unit
(Group Unit by reservation & fee in 2005, for information, please call the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 677-2233 for more information)
Small Boat Ramp with limited Boat Trailer Parking

SERVICES:

Patrolling Volunteer Campground Hosts & Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 24.1 miles. The campground is located on the west side of the highway.

17 LAKESIDE CAMPGROUND (OLD ALVA)

SEASON OF USE:

Late Spring/Summer/Fall (Winter - Dependent on road conditions)

FEES: None at this time - Planned for 2006

FACILITIES:

7 Family Units
Toilets - Vault (3 Wheelchair Accessible)

SERVICES:

Patrolling Volunteer Campground Hosts & Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 24.9 miles. The campground is located on the west side of the highway. This campground is on the south half of Lake Alva.

18 LAKE ALVA CAMPGROUND

SEASON OF USE:

Camping/Day-Use/Fishing: Year round but dependent on road conditions in winter.

FEES:

Memorial Day Weekend to September 30
Camping
Group Camping Reservations - Call the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 406-677-2233

FACILITIES:

39 Family Units
Group Camping Reservations - 2 Units Available
For information on Group Reservations, please call the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 406-677-2233.
Day-Use Area - Beach, Swimming Area (no lifeguard), Picnic Area
Boat Ramp and Boat Trailer Parking
Toilets - vault (some are wheelchair accessible)
Potable Water (summer only)
Garbage Dumpsters (summer only)
Recycling Bin (aluminum cans - summer only)

SERVICES:

On-site Volunteer Campground Hosts & Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 26.1 miles. The campground is located on the west side of the highway.



19 RAINY LAKE CAMPGROUND

SEASON OF USE:

Late Spring/Summer/Fall (Winter - Dependent on road conditions)

FEES: None at this time

FACILITIES:

6 Primitive Campsites (Tent camping)
General Parking Area for 6 to 8 vehicles
Toilet - vault (1 Wheelchair Accessible)

SERVICES:

Patrolling Volunteer Campground Hosts & Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 27 miles. Turn west on Road 4357 and go 0.5 miles to parking area. Walk in to campsites.

27 MONTURE CREEK CAMPGROUND

SEASON OF USE:

Late Spring/Summer/Fall (Winter - dependent on road conditions)

NO STOCK ALLOWED IN CAMPGROUND

FEES: None at this time

FACILITIES:

6 Family Units
Toilets – vault (1 Wheelchair Accessible)
Campground located adjacent to Monture Creek Trailhead where corrals are available for public use.

SERVICES:

Patrolling Volunteer Campground Hosts & Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel east on Hwy 200 for 12.5 miles. Turn north on Monture Road 89 and go 7.5 miles. The campground is located along Monture Creek on the east side of the road. This campground is adjacent to Monture Trailhead.

32 BIG NELSON CAMPGROUND

SEASON OF USE:

Late Spring/Summer/Fall

FEES: None at this time

FACILITIES:

6 Units - limited tent camping - sites are located on a side-hill, are small in size, some being less developed than others, vehicle parking in general area only.
General Parking Area for approximately 8 vehicles
Boat Ramp
Toilet - vault

SERVICES:

Patrolling Volunteer Campground Hosts & Law Enforcement Patrols

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel east on Hwy 200 for 21.5 miles. Turn north on North Fork Blackfoot Road and go 5 miles. Continue east on Road 9938 directly to the campground. The campground is located on Coopers Lake. (Watch for small directional signs along this route.)



Dispersed Campsites

- This is **BEAR COUNTRY!** Special orders are in effect, designed to minimize bear and human conflicts. **All food & beverages (including canned food, pop and beer), grease, garbage, livestock and pet food (except hay and water), and scented or flavored toiletries must be stored in a bear resistant manner at all times specifically when your camp or picnic site is unattended during daylight hours and during nighttime sleeping hours.**

Your options are: Store in trunk of your car or cab of your vehicle (windows up!); hang your food up in a tree at least 10 feet up and 4 feet out from the bole of the tree; leave someone in attendance at the camp at all times (NOT sleeping!); or store your food /beverage & toiletry stuffs in certified bear resistant containers.

- **Weed Seed Free Feed is required** on all national forest lands in the state of Montana.

- 14-day stay limit
- There may or may not be facilities at these sites.
- Visitors supply their own drinking water.
- Visitors must haul out their own trash.
- Minimum impact use techniques are highly encouraged.
- There are no formal services to these sites.

- Sites are generally open year round for camping and recreation, but under certain weather conditions, may not be accessible by motorized vehicles (i.e. winter). Others may be closed seasonally. Please be familiar with forest and district travel plan regulations and special orders.

- Volunteer Campground Hosts & Law Enforcement Officers patrol these sites on a regular basis.

6 HIDDEN LAKE

FACILITIES:

5 Primitive Campsites with Fire Rings

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 10.1 miles. Turn west onto Placid Lake Road 349 and go 8.5 miles. Turn north on Road 17662 and go .25 miles. The campsites are located northeast of the road, close to the lake.

24 COTTONWOOD LAKES

FACILITIES:

5 Primitive Campsites with Fire Rings
Boat Ramp (non-surfaced) for lightweight fishing/trolling type watercraft; parking for approximately 2 vehicles and trailers.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 15 miles. Turn east on Cottonwood Lakes Road 477 (small green street sign says Morrell Creek). Go 8.1 miles to the boat ramp on the south side of the road. The campsites are located 0.4 miles further down the road on the north side of the road.

4 SPOOK LAKE

There are no facilities located at Spook Lake. Neither the access road nor the area is signed. 4-Wheel Drive vehicles are highly recommended. Tent camping is allowed although there are no designated sites.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 approximately 10 miles. Turn west on Placid Lake Road 349 and go 4 miles. Turn south on Vaughn Creek Road 4337 and go 10 miles to lake. **Expect difficulty locating Spook Lake.**

14 LAKE ELSINA

FACILITIES:

3 Primitive Campsites with Fire Ring
General Parking Area for approximately 3 vehicles
Lake Dinah Trail #12, a moderate 2 mile hike into Lake Dinah

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 19.6 miles. Turn west on Boy Scout Road 77 and go 1 mile. Turn north on Road 4349 and 5.5 miles. Turn northwest onto Forest Rd. 465 and go 6 miles. Continue west at the "T" and go 2 miles to the parking area. Walk to the campsites just past the end of the road, close to the lake.

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks Recreation Sites

2 SALMON LAKE STATE PARK

SEASON OF USE:

May 1 - September 30 (Day Use open until December 1)

FEES:

Camping
Entrance (Includes Day-Use and Boat Launching)

FACILITIES:

21 Family Campsites (1 is wheelchair accessible)
Day-Use Area - picnic sites with fire rings
Potable Water
Garbage Cans & Recycling Bins (aluminum cans only)
Amphitheater
Boat Ramp and Dock - parking for vehicles and boat trailers

SERVICES:

On-site Campground Hosts
Daily Law Enforcement Patrols
Showers - Coin Operated
Evening Interpretive Programs

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 6.4 miles. The Boat Ramp entrance is on the west side of the highway. Continue up the highway for 0.6 miles to the campground. The campground is located on the west side of the highway.

5 PLACID LAKE STATE PARK

SEASON OF USE:

May 1 - September 30 (Day Use open until December 1)

FEES:

Camping
Entrance (Includes Day-Use and Boat Launching)

FACILITIES:

41 Family Campsites (1 is wheelchair accessible)
Day-Use Area - picnic area
Potable Water
Garbage Cans & Recycling Bins (aluminum cans only)
Amphitheater
Interpretive Display on historic logging in the Clearwater River Valley
Boat Ramp and Dock - parking for vehicles and boat trailers

SERVICES:

On-site Campground Hosts
Daily Law Enforcement Patrols
Showers - Coin Operated
Evening Interpretive Programs

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 10.1 miles. Turn west on Placid Lake Road 349 and go 3 miles. Campground is located on the southeast side of the road.



1 HARPERS LAKE STATE FISHING ACCESS

SEASON OF USE:

Late Spring/Summer/Fall (Winter - Dependent on road conditions)

FEES:

Camping

FACILITIES:

12 Family Campsites
Garbage Cans
Toilets (wheelchair accessible)
Fishing Pier (wheelchair accessible) and non-motor Boat Launch

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 1.4 miles. Turn west on entrance road. Day-use and Camping sites are posted.



25 LAKE UPSATA STATE FISHING ACCESS

SEASON OF USE:

Late Spring/Summer/Fall (Winter - Dependent of road conditions)

FEES:

None at this time

FACILITIES:

5 Family Campsites
Boat Ramp
Toilet
Garbage Can

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel east on hwy 200 for 5.9 miles. Turn north on Woodworth Road 67 and go 3.3 miles. Turn east and go 1 mile to the lake.

Plum Creek Timber Company Lands



15 MARSHALL LAKE

FACILITIES:

1 Primitive Campsite
General Parking Area at end of road
Boat Ramp (Very Primitive - dirt, not maintained)

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 24.4 miles. Turn west on West Fork Clearwater Road 552 and go 2.2 miles. Continue south on Road 9973 and go 1 mile. Turn west on Marshall Lake Road 463 and go 2.9 miles to the campsite. The campsite is located on the outlet of Marshall Lake.

Forest Service Trailheads

12 CLEARWATER RIVER CANOE TRAILHEAD

This is a unique site on the Seeley Lake Ranger District. It is a trailhead staging area for visitors wishing to canoe along the Clearwater River Canoe Trail 7777A and into Seeley Lake. A canoe landing is located at the Ranger Station from which visitors can hike back to the canoe trailhead to retrieve their vehicles.

FACILITIES:

Parking Area for approximately 6 vehicles
Toilet - vault

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 18.7 miles. Turn west on Road 17597 and go 0.7 mile to trailhead.

13 WILDLIFE VIEWING BLIND

The Seeley Lake Wildlife Viewing Blind overlooks a portion of the lake's marshes on the north end of the lake. Waterfowl, songbirds, raptors, and small mammals, can be observed year-round at this site. Located on the Seeley Lake Ranger Station compound, the blind is accessible by a short trail (0.3 miles). A trailhead is available for vehicle parking on the compound just south of the office building.

FACILITIES:

Parking Area for approximately 8 vehicles
Toilet - vault (wheelchair accessible)
Trail (wheelchair accessible - moderate to difficult)

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 17.9 miles. Turn west at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station entrance, follow signs to parking area.

20 SEELEY CREEK TRAILHEAD

Winter Recreation Trailhead

This trailhead serves as a staging area for snowmobilers, mushers and other winter recreationists for trails on the eastside of the Seeley Lake Ranger District.

SEASON OF USE: Winter Months - Closed the remainder of the year

FACILITIES:

Pavilion/Open Warming Hut (wheelchair accessible) with 2 large grill/firepits - you must provide your own firewood.
Toilet - vault (wheelchair accessible)
Large Parking Area

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 15 miles. Turn east on Cottonwood Lakes Road 477 (small green street sign says Morrell Creek). Go 1.1 miles to the trailhead. The snowmobile/dog sled trailhead is located on the south side of the road.

Nordic Ski Trailhead

This trailhead is designated for Nordic skiing and accesses several loops of trails in varying lengths and levels of difficulty. These trails may also be used for hiking and mountain biking during the summer months. The ski trail area is closed year round to motorized vehicles.

SEASON OF USE: Year-round

FACILITIES: Toilet - Vault (wheelchair accessible) & Large Parking Area

DIRECTIONS:

The same as above except the Nordic Ski Trailhead is located on the north side of the road.

NOTE:

Dogs are not allowed on the ski trails during the winter months when trail grooming is occurring.

33 WESTSIDE TRAILHEAD

Winter Recreation Trailhead

This trailhead serves as a staging area for snowmobilers, mushers and other winter recreationists for trails on the westside of the district.

SEASON OF USE: Winter Months

FACILITIES:

Toilet - Vault & Large Parking Area

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for approximately 19 .1 miles. Turn west on Boy Scout Road 77 and go 1 mile. Turn north on Road 4349 and go about 1 mile to the trailhead. The parking area is located on the east side of the road. These toilet facilities are unavailable during summer months.

21 MORRELL FALLS

This is the trailhead entry point for the Morrell Falls National Recreation Trail 30, easily hiked by family groups. Morrell Falls is a series of falls and cascades that come down a narrow drainage from the Grizzly Basin area (a roadless and backcountry area directly adjacent to the Bob Marshall Wilderness). The largest of the falls is located at the end of the maintained trail and is approximately 90 vertical feet. From the trailhead, go 2.5 miles to the falls.

FACILITIES:

Parking Area for approximately 15 vehicles

Toilet - vault

NO Water available at this facility

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 15 miles. Turn east on Cottonwood Lakes Road 477 (small green street sign says Morrell Creek) and go 1.1 miles. Turn north on West Morrell Road 4353, and go 6 miles. Turn east on Pyramid Pass Road 4381, and go .25 miles. Turn north on Morrell Falls Road 4364, and go 1 mile to the trailhead.

22 PYRAMID PASS

This trailhead is a popular entrance point to the Bob Marshall Wilderness via Trail 416. It's a steady climb of 1600 feet elevation to the "pass". From the trailhead it is approximately 4.5 miles to the Bob Marshall Wilderness boundary.

FACILITIES:

Toilet - vault (wheelchair accessible)

Stock Loading Ramp

2 Holding Corrals

NO Water available at this facility

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 15 miles. Turn east on Cottonwood Lakes Road 477 (small green street sign says Morrell Creek) and go 1.1 miles. Turn north on West Morrell Road 4353 and go 6 miles. Turn east on Pyramid Pass Road 4381 and go 3 miles to the trailhead.

26 McCABE CREEK TRAIL

Located on the east side of the Seeley Lake Ranger District, this trailhead serves as a portal to some of the roadless and proposed wilderness areas such as Little Red Hills and East Spread Mountain. There are **NO trailhead facilities**. Parking of vehicles and trailers is allowed on the shoulder of the road; however, you must not block the road. McCabe Trail 1404 starts in a creek bottom at 4800 feet elevation continuing up the creek 4 miles, gaining 1200 feet in elevation. Continue on the East Spread Mountain Trail 435, and go 2 miles to summit of East Spread Mountain to where an early 1900's style fire lookout tower once stood. (Gain in elevation of 1900 feet) The view provides an opportunity to photograph the 1988 Canyon Creek Fire to the north, northeast and east, as well as the Ovando Valley and distant peaks to the south.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel east on Hwy 200 for 12.5 miles. Turn north on Monture Creek Road 89 and go 4.5 miles. Turn east on Road 5401 and 3 miles to trailhead.

28 MONTURE CREEK

This trailhead is a popular entrance point to the Bob Marshall Wilderness area via Monture Creek Trail 27. A short distance up the trail you will begin to see the effects of major wildfires that occurred back in 2000. The Spread Ridge Fire covered 3731 acres and the Monture Creek Fire covered 23,802 acres. The awesome power of Mother Nature, lightning and drought conditions combined to result in a changed landscape that you will see while traveling through this area.

FACILITIES:

Parking Area for about 20 vehicles

Stock Loading Ramp

Holding Corrals & Hitching Rails

Toilet - Vault (wheelchair accessible)

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel east on Hwy 200 for 12.5 miles. Turn north on Monture Creek Road 89 and go 7.5 miles to the trailhead.

29 DUNHAM CREEK TRAIL

This trail serves as a portal to proposed wilderness and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. There are **NO trailhead facilities**. Parking of vehicles and trailers is allowed only on the shoulder of the road near the old skid road heading up to the trail. Please do not block the road. This trail is not recommended for large pack strings but is well suited for hikers and/or light load horse riders. The trail is very rough in places and reflects a more primitive experience. The upper end of this trail was in the area affected by the Birk Fire of 2001 burning intensely in some spots and less so in others. However, once you go over the pass into the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, the Spruce Creek and Ross Creek drainages were burned intensely during that same fire. **Be prepared for rolling debris and sudden downfalls of standing burned timber.**

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel east on Hwy 200 for 12.5 miles. Turn north on Monture Creek Road 89 and go 9 miles. Turn on to Dunham Creek Road 4388 and go 5.5 miles to the signing along the roadway for the Dunham Creek Trail 400. No designated parking area is available for this trailhead. Parking along the shoulder of the road is allowed. Do not block the roadway and use caution.

30 LODGEPOLE CREEK TRAIL

This is a small trailhead providing access to proposed wilderness and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Wildfires were experienced in this area in 2000 (Monture Creek Fire) and 2001 (Birk Fire). You will see major evidence of the destructive force of wildfires while traveling through this area. Once getting over Young's Pass into the Bob Marshall Wilderness the Jenny Creek area was only scorched minimally. **Be prepared for rolling debris and sudden downfalls of standing burned timber.**

FACILITIES:

Parking Area for about 2 single vehicles plus 3 vehicles with trailers
Horse Loading Ramp

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel east on Hwy 200 for 12.5 miles. Turn north on Monture Creek Road 89 and go 9 miles. Turn onto Dunham Creek Road 4388 and go 9 miles to the end of the road trailhead.

31 NORTH FORK BLACKFOOT

This trailhead is one of the main entry points into the Scapegoat and Bob Marshall Wilderness Areas. A road-end facility is located on the North Fork Blackfoot River (above). You will see evidence of a wildfire that burned through this area back in 1988 (Canyon Creek Fire). There was also a large fire in the Cabin Creek drainage in 2001 located up the Dry Fork Trail 31. Every year there is continual blow down as a result of the burned timber. Be heads up especially in windy weather for rolling debris and falling trees.

FACILITIES:

Parking Area for approximately 50 vehicles
Toilets - vault (1 is wheelchair accessible)
Water Trough
Holding Corrals
Hitching Rails
Stock Loading Ramp (wheelchair accessible)

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel east on hwy 200 for 19.5 miles. Turn north on North Fork Blackfoot Road and go 2 miles. Continue going north on North Fork Trailhead Road 5550 and go 8.5 miles to the trailhead.





Wilderness Areas

SCAPEGOAT WILDERNESS

Approximately 78,000 acres of the Scapegoat Wilderness is located on the eastern portion of the Seeley Lake Ranger District. The remainder of this 230,000 acre wilderness is located on the Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forests.

DIRECTIONS:

The primary access to the Seeley Lake Ranger District portion of this wilderness is via the North Fork Blackfoot Trail 32, located northeast of Ovando.

BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS

This 1,009,356 acre wilderness is located on the Flathead and Lewis & Clark National Forests to the north and east of the Seeley Lake Ranger District.

DIRECTIONS:

Access to the Bob Marshall Wilderness from the Seeley Lake Ranger District is located through Pyramid Pass, Lodgepole Creek, Monture Creek and North Fork Blackfoot trailheads.

MISSION MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS

This 73,877 acre wilderness is located to the northwest of Seeley Lake Ranger District and on the west side of the Flathead National Forest. It lies on the east slopes of the Mission Mountains Range and is about 30 miles long and from 1 - 7 miles wide. Elevations range from 4500 feet to 9300 feet. The established and maintained trails are limited but this wilderness does offer a "bushwhack" opportunity to reach the interior of the wilderness over some very difficult terrain. The west slopes of the Wilderness are located on the Flathead Indian Reservation. Tribal Recreation Permits are required for all non-tribal members who wish to recreate there. Portions of the "tribal wilderness" are open only to Tribal members.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 37.1 miles. Turn west on Kraft Creek Road 561 to access a few of the main trailheads leading into areas such as Glacier Lake, Turquoise Lake and Hemlock Lakes.

Scenic Drives

Most of the west side of the Seeley Lake Ranger District is well roaded. The forest visitor may find scenic views of both the Mission and Swan Mountain ranges from some of these roads. Forest management practices can also be viewed. Visitors should be extra cautious when encountering logging traffic. Inquire at the local ranger station for the latest information concerning roads with heavy logging traffic. **The cardinal rule when traveling forest roads is: Keep well to the right and be able to stop your vehicle within less than half of the visible distance.** The following are some suggested routes.



CLEARWATER LOOP ROAD

This is a very pleasant 14 mile loop which affords close-up views of the Swan Mountain range. Diligence and a good pair of field glasses help to spot deer, elk or bear on the open hillsides. It is a 10-15 minute hike down an easy trail to Clearwater Lake from Road 4370 approximately half way around the loop road. There is a seasonal road closure in the area on a portion of this road from April thru June.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 27.9 miles. Turn east on Morrell-Clearwater Road 4353 and go 3.1 miles. Turn north on Clearwater Lake Loop Road 4370 and follow the road 10.1 miles back to the highway. During the seasonal road closure you will need to access the Clearwater Lake Trail via the Morrell-Clearwater Road 4353 and exit the area the same way.



COTTONWOOD LAKES ROAD

Travel 19.9 miles from Seeley Lake to Monture Creek along this route. It is a pleasant drive providing views of Pyramid Peak, Cottonwood Lakes and the Woodworth area. The road travels through Lolo National Forest and Plum Creek Timber Company lands.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 15.0 miles. Turn east on Cottonwood Lakes Road 477 (small green street sign says "Morrell Creek") and go 19.4 miles to Monture Guard Station. Turn south on Monture Creek Road 89 and go 8 miles. Turn west on Hwy 200 and go 12.5 miles back to Clearwater Junction.



ARCHIBALD LOOP ROAD

This 12 mile loop provides examples of forest management practices and views of the Clearwater Valley and southern Swan Mountains.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 13.7 miles. Turn west on Riverview Drive and go 1.3 miles. Turn north on West Side Bypass Road 2190 and go 2.2 miles. Turn west on Archibald Loop Road 2192 and follow road back to West Side Bypass Road 2190. Travel north or south to return to the highway.



FAWN CREEK–PLACID CREEK LOOP ROAD

This is a longer drive through Lolo National Forest and Plum Creek Timber Company lands. Many examples of forest management practices can be observed along this 25 mile route. Views of the Swans and Belmont Peak area can be observed from various points. A portion of the loop overlooks Placid Lake.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 19.6 miles. Turn west on Boy Scout Road 77 and go 0.9 miles. Turn north on Fawn Creek Road 4349 and go 11 miles. Turn southeast on North Placid Lake/Jocko Lake Road 349 and go 15.5 miles. Continue south on Placid Lake Road 349, pass Placid Lake by the north and east shores. Follow road 2.8 miles back to the highway.



WOODWORTH ROAD

Although not within the Lolo National Forest, Woodworth Road provides a pleasant change of scenery. Woodworth is an historic area from railroad logging days. Along this route you'll see a mix of open meadow country and ponderosa pine and Douglas fir forested areas. It's a prime habitat for wildlife foraging, particularly elk winter range. This road borders the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range. Take along your binoculars to scan the meadows for a glimpse of the local wildlife!

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 7.3 miles. Turn east on Woodworth Road, and go 13 miles. Turn west on Hwy 200 and go 6 miles back to Clearwater Junction.



RICHMOND RIDGE ROAD

This 17 mile loop from the highway provides views of the Swan Range, Mission Mountains, Swan Valley and Clearwater Valley.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction travel north on Hwy 83 for 24.4 miles. Turn east on Richmond Ridge Road 667 and go 7.8 miles. Turn north on Road 4353 and follow road 7.4 miles back to the highway. (Sections of this road may be rough - higher clearance vehicles are recommended)



RICE RIDGE–SAWYER CREEK LOOP ROAD

This is a 15-mile loop offering views of the Clearwater Valley and the Mission Mountains. Several types of former logging areas can be observed along this route.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 16 miles. Turn east on Rice Ridge Road 720, and go 8.4 miles. Continue east on Sawyer Creek Road 685 and follow road 7.1 miles back to the highway.

Points of Interest

7 DOUBLE ARROW LOOKOUT

A view of Clearwater Valley and Placid Lake is available from this site. The lookout is an unsafe structure and is closed to visitors.

Do Not Attempt Climbing the Lookout

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 13.7 miles. Turn west on Riverview Drive and go approximately 2.6 miles. Turn northwesterly on Road 696 and go about 1 mile to the lookout. The access road is steep and rough, 4WD vehicles are recommended.

23 MORRELL MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT

This lookout provides a view of the Blackfoot, Clearwater, Upper Swan Valley and southern Mission Mountain areas. The road can be traveled by passenger car but is narrow and steep in places. Higher clearance vehicles and 4WD are recommended.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 15.1 miles. Turn east on Cottonwood Lakes Road 477 (small green street sign says "Morrell Creek") and go 7.7 miles. Turn north on Road 4365 and go 8.3 miles to the gate and turn around area. Walk .3 miles to the fire lookout (7796 feet elevation). Heading north from the turn around visitors can also access Morrell Mountain Trail. This is not a designated or established trail. Walk from the turn around on the open ridgeline approximately 1.5 miles to the summit of Morrell Mountain (8161 feet elevation).

20 SUMMIT LAKE OVERLOOK

This is a roadside turnout providing a view across Summit Lake looking west toward the Mission Mountains. McDonald Peak is the highest peak in your sights at 9820 feet elevation.

DIRECTIONS:

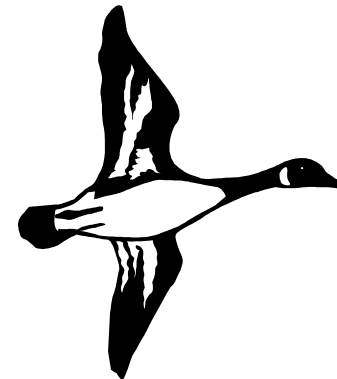
From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 30.5 miles. Turnout is located on the west side of the highway.

3 SALMON LAKE OVERLOOK

This is a roadside turnout with an interpretive wildlife sign on loons that commonly nest on the north end of Salmon Lake. This site also offers views of Salmon Lake and parking for small boat launching or shore fishing.

DIRECTIONS:

From Clearwater Junction, travel north on Hwy 83 for 8.8 miles. Turnout is located on the west side of the highway.



Additional Information



Emergency Services: 911

Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit/Ambulance
Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Missoula & Powell County Sheriffs
Montana Highway Patrol

Health Services: 677-2277

Medical aid is available at the Seeley Swan Medical Center located at the south end of the town of Seeley Lake, just off of Hwy 83

Dentist: 677-2235

Seeley Lake Dental Clinic is located in Seeley Lake, just off of Hwy 83

Chiropractor Service: 677-2111

Seeley Swan Chiropractic, 3027 Hwy 83 N - Seeley Lake

Physical Therapy Service: 677-3485

Seeley Swan Physical Therapy located in the Lazy Pine Mall
Seeley Lake

Wrecker Service: 677-3670

Clearwater Towing & Repair - Seeley Lake

Law Enforcement:

Missoula County Sheriff: 721-5700
Powell County Sheriff: 846-2711
Montana Highway Patrol: 543-6368 or 543-7766
Road Report: 1-800-332-6171
US Forest Service - Seeley Lake Ranger Station: 677-3933
Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks: 542-5500
Local Game Warden: 244-3628 (Home #)
Local State Parks Supervisor: 677-6804
Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation: 542-4300

Additional Information



To Report Wildfire: 911

Seeley Lake Ranger Station: 677-2233
Lolo National Forest Fire Dispatch: 829-7070
Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation: 244-5857
Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department: 677-2400

To Obtain Burning or Firewood Permits:

Seeley Lake Ranger Station: 677-2233
Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation: 244-5857
Plum Creek Timber Co.: 677-2320
Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department: 677-2400

Visitor Services:

Laundry/Showers: Filling Station Laundromat - downtown Seeley Lake
RV Sewage Dumping: Lindey's West - downtown Seeley Lake
& Montana State Rest Area junction Hwy 200 & Hwy 83

Lubrecht Experimental Forest – University of Montana

Forest Headquarters: 244-5524
Student Camp: 244-5569
Manager's Residence: 244-5589

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

Flathead Indian Reservation
Pablo, Montana 675-2700

Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce: 677-2880

Internet Address: www.seelelakechamber.com

Regional Avalanche Advisory:

Northwest Montana: 1-800-526-5329
Lolo & Bitterroot National Forests: 1-800-281-1030