



Flathead National Forest

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Memorial Day Weekend Recreation on Flathead National Forest

Nearly all campgrounds and recreation sites on the Flathead National Forest are open and accessible for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, although some sites at higher elevations may be inaccessible due to snow.

All hosted campgrounds are open for the weekend, and most of the non-fee sites are accessible. Visitors are recommended to call or visit their local Forest Service office to get the most up-to-date information on specific sites.

Swan Lake Campground will open for Memorial Day weekend only. The campground will be open from Friday evening at 5:00 p.m. until Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The boat launch and day-use area will remain closed throughout the weekend. After the weekend, both areas will continue to be closed for paving and asphalt resurfacing until their scheduled reopening date of June 30.

Fees are being charged at campgrounds with services such as drinking water, restrooms, and campground hosts. Overnight fees vary from \$10 to \$15. For those sites without garbage service, campers are responsible for removing trash as they leave the site.

There is a \$4.00 charge at Tally Lake, Big Creek, Lost Johnny Point and Emery Bay day-use sites. Season passes for day-use fee sites can be purchased from campground hosts for \$30.

On the Tally Lake District west of Kalispell and Whitefish, the following trails have been cleared: Finger Lake #802, Lagoni #811, Wall #803, Lupine #210, Stovepipe Canyon #196, and Tally Ridge #458.

In other areas of the forest, some of the trails at higher elevations are still covered with snow. Some of the lower elevation trails may be accessible, but the route may be muddy or scattered with downed trees. Please travel with caution and be mindful of resource damage when the ground is wet and in spring-breakup conditions.

Anyone recreating on or by rivers and streams should use caution due to high and cold waters, and increasing amounts of debris in the water.

Forest campers and visitors are reminded that all food, garbage, and food-related items should be stored in a bear-resistant manner. Flathead National Forest is home to grizzly and black bears, and responsible human actions will help with unwanted bear encounters.

Reservations for some campgrounds on Flathead National Forest are available at www.recreation.gov. Reservations are not necessary. All non-reserved campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about recreation opportunities, fees for campgrounds or day-use sites, or food storage regulations on the Flathead National Forest, please contact a local Forest Service office or visit www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead.

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