

Information

The Recreation area

Bass creek is an low elevation easily accessible area mid-way between Missoula and Hamilton. Bass Creek has a grouping of facilities that provide an overnight or day use outdoor experience. Favorite activities include camping picnicking, hiking, mountain biking, and horse back riding.

How to get there

Bass Creek Recreation Area is located 5 miles NW of Stevensville, Turn West from Highway #93 on Bass Creek road and travel 2 miles to the Forest Boundary. If approaching from the North, Bass Creek road is 4 miles South of Florence.

Pets

For the safety of dogs horses and people, **PLEASE** keep all dogs on a leash, there is too much activity in the area to allow dogs to run free. Pet clean up bags are available from the camp hosts at Charles Waters camp.

Camping and Campfires

Camping and Campfires are allowed only in designated areas within C. Waters or the Larry Cr camp areas. CFR 261.58 (a) and (e)

Camping

Charles Waters Campground

The Camp is open from Mid April through September. With water, refuse services provided mid may through September. Camping fees are charged.

Larry Creek Group Camp

Larry Creek group camp is an open camp that can be reserved for groups . There is a 75 person limit. Facilities include; a picnic shelter, tables, fire rings and a hand pump for water. The site can be reserved by contacting National Recreation Reservations at 877 444-6777, or ReserveUSA.com

Picnic area

There is a 4 unit picnic area just north of the Charles Waters Campground.

Camping, or camp fires in the Bass Creek Recreation area must be in a designated developed site.

Hunting and Shooting

Hunting and shooting is allowed from October 1 through the regular rifle hunting season throughout the area. The Bass Recreation Area is closed to shooting from December 1 through September 30. due to the heavy recreational use. Shooting is never allowed "within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area. or across a National Forest System road...". **36 CFR 261.10 (d)**

Paintball shooting is not appropriate in the recreation area. Please call the district office for information on areas for paintball games.

Trails All trails in the area are for non-motorized use.

Bass day use trail

A 7.5 mile loop starts at the day use parking area. Shorter loops are also available.

Fire Ecology Trail

A 2.5 mile loop with a brochure describing fire ecology

Nature trail

A 1/4 mile loop trail that has some trees and plants identified.

Fitness Trail

A 1/4 mile loop with exercise stations.

Bass Creek trail #4

Leads from the Bass Creek trailhead to Bass lake in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and beyond.

Little St Joe Trail

A steep climb starting at the upper end of road 1136 and travels up the ridge to the peak of Little St Joe.

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