

The Kootenai National Forest has cabin and lookout rentals, group day use sites and two campgrounds that offer some sites for reservations. These sites can be reserved online:

[www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov)  
1-877-444-6777

For more information on rentals see: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai/>

or contact Cabinet Ranger District at 406-827-3533



## BE BEAR AWARE

For your safety PLEASE keep a clean camp. Proper Storage of Food and Sanitation Required.



The safety of others depends upon you!

For Wildlife Information Visit [www.lwwf.org](http://www.lwwf.org)  
[www.bebearaware.org](http://www.bebearaware.org)  
[www.lgbonline.org](http://www.lgbonline.org)

## Debris Burning Information

### State of Montana Burning Permits and Airshed Restrictions

Month	Burning Permit Information	Air Quality Information
January-February	Burning Season Closed No Debris Burning Allowed	Airshed Closed No Debris Burning Allowed
March- April	Burning Permit NOT Required	Log onto <a href="http://www.smokemu.org">www.smokemu.org</a> Check Airshed 1 (AS1).
May – September	Burning Permit Required	May – August Log onto <a href="http://www.smokemu.org">www.smokemu.org</a> Check Airshed 1 (AS1). September Call 1-800-225-6779 Listen for Airshed 1.
October –November	Burning Permit NOT Required	Call 1-800-225-6779 Listen for Airshed 1.
December	Burning Season Closed No Debris Burning Allowed	Airshed Closed No Debris Burning Allowed

Always Check Air Quality Before You Burn

To Obtain a State of Montana Burning Permit Please Call:  
Cabinet Ranger District  
406-827-3533

From March 1 through August 31 debris burners are responsible for determining favorable air quality conditions if they conduct a debris burn. From March 1 through August 31 please use the [www.smokemu.org](http://www.smokemu.org) website to help determine favorable air quality conditions. From September 1 through November 30 please call the Airshed Hotline at 1-800-225-6779 before burning.

Seasonally Designated Roads		
Route Numbers	Legend	Dates Allowed
2214	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only with Seasonal Designation	12/01 - 10/14
2222, 2223, 2233, 2246, 2257, 2265, 2710, 2734	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only with Seasonal Designation	07/01 - 10/14
2706	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only with Seasonal Designation	12/01 - 08/31
1162, 1162A, 1162B, 1162C, 1162D, 1163, 1164, 1942, 1942A, 2200, 2200A, 2200B, 2225, 2225A	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only with Seasonal Designation	05/01 - 11/30



## Help Prevent Wildfires

Smoky Says:



NEVER leave your CAMPFIRE UNATTENDED. Make sure your CAMPFIRE is DEAD OUT before leaving it.



Please remember a SHOVEL and BUCKET are REQUIRED when using a CAMPFIRE.

## Bull River Guard Station



The cabin is located in the scenic Bull River valley just minutes from the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness. Hiking, fishing, hunting and rafting are some of the activities awaiting you. The cabin is a two story building, containing 700 square feet. It is equipped with period furniture including three full beds and two single beds including mattresses. It has a sitting room with chairs, a kitchen / dining room with a hutch, table and chairs, and electric range. It is heated with a forced air electric furnace, and contains cleaning supplies. The cabin is not plumbed for water and has an outdoor toilet. The cabin sleeps 8 comfortably and can be rented for \$55.00 per night.

## Gem Peak Lookout



The Gem Peak lookout is equipped with two single beds & mattresses, table and chairs, bench, wood heating stove, firewood, bucket and cleaning gear. The lookout is not wired for electricity and has an outdoor toilet. There are no potable water sources available at the lookout; we do recommend bringing your own. This location has cell phone coverage. Due to the 30 foot tower height we discourage bringing children or pets. Firewood is supplied and stored at the base of the tower. The lookout rents for \$35.00 per night.

## Sex Peak Lookout



The Sex Peak Lookout is equipped with two single beds and mattresses, chairs, bench, wood heating stove, bucket and cleaning gear. Firewood is stored in the basement of the structure. The lookout is not wired for electricity and has an outdoor toilet. There are no potable water sources at the lookout, we recommend bringing your own water as all open water is considered contaminated. The lookout can be rented for \$35.00 per night.

## Bull River Pavilion



The pavilion offers an excellent view of the Bull River and surrounding areas. It is equipped with seven covered tables, two uncovered tables, a water faucet, two standing double cooking grills and power. This site is ADA accessible.

The Pavilion is located through the Bull River Campground, which has 26 camp sites. The campground offers potable water, flush toilets, a boat ramp, dock, and fishing access to Cabinet Gorge Reservoir. The Pavilion can accommodate up to 100 people and rents for \$30.00 a day for 1-50 people, \$60.00 a day for 51-100 people. Overnight camping is allowed at the pavilion for \$7.00 per carper night. Contact the District to make arrangements.



The TIP-MONT (Turn in Poachers Montana) program was established in 1985 to protect Montana's fish, wildlife, parks, and forest resources. This program gives you an opportunity to help protect these resources. If the information you provide leads to an arrest, you could be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000.

Resource violations are serious crimes and you can help stop them. Violators, such as poachers and vandals deplete the fish and wildlife populations and destroy precious, natural habitat. Anyone can help Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks by using our toll-free number: (800) TIP-MONT (800-847-6668).

Other useful numbers:  
Game Warden 406-250-1872  
Montana FW&P Kalispell 406-752-5501  
MT Highway Patrol 1-800-525-5555  
Report a Fire 911  
Montana Road Information 511

## Food Storage and Sanitation

**Your safety is important!** Proper food storage will help keep you and others safe by avoiding encounters with animals and preventing animals from being attracted to areas frequented by people.

All items that might attract animals should be stored where animals cannot access them at night and during the daytime. Someone should be physically present within 100 feet and in direct sight of the food.

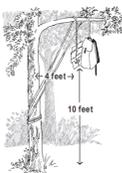
**These items must be properly stored:** Human food, (including canned food, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages), harvested game animals, pet food, processed livestock feed and grains, and personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste and deodorants. This also includes garbage and empty food and beverage containers.

**Proper storage methods:** Proper storage include placing food and other items in:

- bear resistant containers
- hard-sided vehicles
- suspending them at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet from any vertical support.

**Bear resistant containers:** Bear resistant containers include the heavy metal boxes placed in campgrounds and other approved containers such as bear resistant horse panniers and backpackers' containers that are certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program.

**NOTE: Plastic or metal food coolers, backpacks and leather or canvas horse panniers are NOT bear resistant.**



## Why Are Noxious Weeds a Problem?

Noxious weeds degrade the environment and wildlife habitat by reducing native forage, and other native plants. They also can increase soil erosion, and lower water quality. Although many weeds are pretty, their negative effects on the environment and the economy are substantial. Because most noxious weeds have come from other countries, there are few, if any natural controls to keep weed populations from taking over once they get established.

### What can you do to reduce the spread of weeds?

- 1) Keep your vehicle and recreation gear clean of weeds and seeds.
- 2) Don't drive through or park in weed patches. Weeds or their seeds can get caught in the undercarriage, grill, bumper or tires and transported to new locations.
- 3) Don't take vehicles behind locked gates, or off-road (this is illegal, too).
- 4) Use weed seed free feed for your stock.
- 5) Don't pick weed seeds off your clothes or pets and throw them on the ground. Dispose of them properly.
- 6) Don't pick weed "bouquets" and take them home or to your campsite.

### Your help is appreciated!

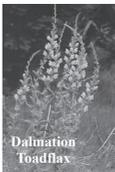
For more information contact: Cabinet District at (406) 827-3533



Leaf Spurge



Houndstongue



Dalmatian Toadflax



Yellow Flag Iris



Hairy Ragwort



Rush Skeletonweed

## Please don't Spread Invasive Aquatic Weeds!

You may be helping the enemy...

Purple loosestrife, Eurasian watermilfoil and yellow flag iris are three invasive species that may be unknowingly transporting from one place to another. These harmful species can cling to boats, motors, waders, fishing equipment, and watercraft. Anything that touches the water has the potential to pick up these unwanted travelers.

### Clean your gear to prevent their spread:

- Wash all equipment and gear, use hot water if you can. Allow it to dry out.
- Drain your live well, transom, bilge and areas that might contain contaminated water.
- Thoroughly clean your boat, water craft and trailer.



TO REPORT INVASIVE SPECIES CALL:  
Cabinet Ranger District  
406-827-3533

## Cabinet Mountains Wilderness

The following acts are prohibited within the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness on National Forest lands:

Traveling or engaging in activities by more than 8 persons unless authorized by permit (36 CFR 261.58(f)).

Traveling or engaging in activities with more than 8 head of stock or more than one and one-half head of stock per person unless authorized by permit. A person traveling alone is permitted two head of stock (36 CFR 261.55(c)).

Building, maintaining, attending or using an open fire or campfire at Lower Geiger Lake (36 CFR 261.52(a)).

Camping overnight at Leigh Lake (36 CFR 261.58(a)).

Possessing or using a saddle pack or draft animal on Trail #132 to Leigh Lake; Trail #924 from Upper Wanless Lake (Lake 4) to main Wanless Lake; Trail #646 within the St. Paul Lake Basin, and within the Big Bear Lake Basin (36 CFR 261.55(c)).

The possession or storage of hay, grain, straw, cubes, pelletized feed or mulch that is not certified as being noxious weed seed free by an authorized State Department of Agriculture; each individual bale or container must be tagged or marked as weed free (CFR 261.58(f)).

Possessing or using a bicycle, wagon, cart, or other vehicle (including "game carts") (CFR 261.57(h)).

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by fine of not more than \$5000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both, under authority of 16 USC 551.

### What can I do on National Forest Land?

Brochures and information on recreation opportunities, as well as rules and regulations specific to the Kootenai National Forest are available at all Forest Service offices.

#### Camping Stay Limits

Camping in undeveloped or developed areas in excess of 14 days at any one campsite within any 30-day period, or leaving any equipment unattended for more than 24 hours is prohibited. Any camp relocated within a 5-mile radius shall be considered the same camp for day limit restrictions.

Campgrounds on the Kootenai National Forest will continue to be open as in previous years. Many have gates that will be closed at the end of the summer-fall recreation season, and not re-opened until the next spring.

Wheeled motorized vehicle travel for camping is allowed within 300 feet of designated system routes as shown on the MVUM as long as: no new permanent routes are created; no damage to existing vegetation, soil or water resource occurs; travel off-route does not cross streams; or travel off-route does not cross riparian or wet areas.

#### Other Activities

Activities such as firewood gathering, mineral permits, and Christmas tree cutting are managed by a special permit system. If the permit does not specify that wheeled motor vehicles are allowed for that activity, then using a motor vehicle to carry out such activities is governed by the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

Firewood cutting is prohibited: within 100' of any running stream, pond, lake, marshy or wet area; in active timber sale units; in signed areas prohibiting it; on signed, tagged, or standing dead trees or down logs marked with paint.

#### FIREWOOD PERMITS

Personal use firewood permits are available for purchase at any District office & must be in your possession when cutting firewood on National Forest lands. You are required to keep roadways clear of debris so others may safely pass. It is your responsibility to obey all fire prevention regulations and carry with you all required safety equipment.

A permit is NOT required for gathering small amounts of firewood for incidental use while camping or transporting wood back to your campsite.

#### OHV LICENSE & REGISTRATION

All motorized users are responsible for knowing where, when and how they are authorized to travel on public lands. All motorized users should obtain the latest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for National Forest system roads, trails and areas designated open to wheeled motorized use. All OHV's operated on forest and county roads must be street legal and OHV's on designated trails must have an OHV decal. Please contact the Cabinet Ranger District for further details on motorized use.

#### NATIONAL FOREST STORE

The National Forest Store now offers secure on-line sales through our partner, the National Forest Foundation. You can purchase a map for any National Forest online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore/> or by calling 406-329-3024.