

West Fishtail Trail (#37)

Elevation: 5,700- 6,400

Distance: 2 miles

Directions from district office:

Drive north on US Hwy 212 for 2.1 miles and turn left (west) onto MT-78. Drive 30 miles and turn left (west) onto MT-419 towards Fishtail. Drive 13.9 miles to the town of Dean and turn left (south) onto Benbow Rd (forest road 2414). Drive 2.4 miles to the Benbow jeep trail (forest road 2415) on your left.

This road is very rocky and can be difficult even in high clearance vehicles. It is advised to park at the junction of forest road 2414 and 2415, especially if you have a horse trailer, and walk up the road to the trailhead (approx. 1.5 miles).



East Fishtail Trail (#37A)

Elevation: 5,600- 6,200

Distance: 3 miles



Island Lake Trail (#37B)

Elevation: 6,000- 6,200

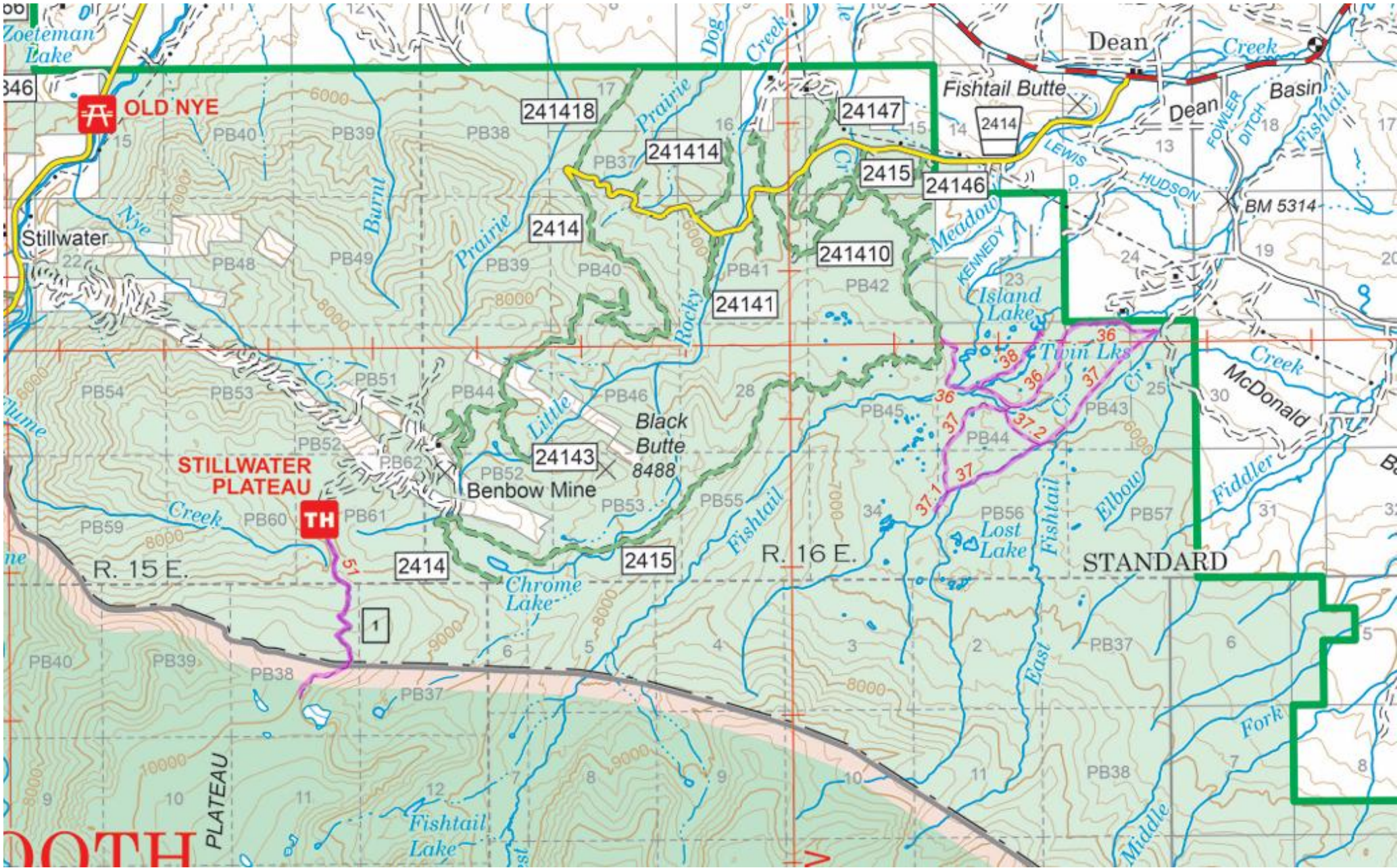
Distance: 1.25 miles



E. Fishtail Spur Trail (#37C)

Elevation: 6,200- 6,450

Distance: 1.5 miles



Stillwater Plateau Trail (#51)

Elevation: 9,100- 10,100

Distance: 2.6 miles

Directions from Dean, MT:

Turn left (south) onto the Benbow Rd (2414) and drive 12.8 miles. Turn left onto an unmarked ridge top road. Drive 2 miles to trailhead.

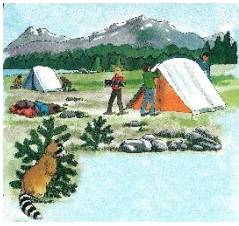


Benbow is a popular place to ride ATV and UTVs. For this type of recreation, please consult our Motor Vehicle Use Map to know which roads are legal to drive on. Please drive only on designated roadways. Your ATV or UTV must be licensed and highway legal to ride on forest roads. For more information on how to be highway legal, contact Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

- National Forest Land
- Wilderness Boundary
- Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness
- USFS Trail

Wilderness Regulations

General Usage



- 15 people is the maximum daily group size.

- No camping/campfires :
 - 200 feet from a lake or
 - 100 feet from flowing water

- 16 days at a camp site is the maximum stay limit per camp site within the backcountry. After this time, you must move at least 5 miles and not return to that site for 7 days.

- Open fires are **PROHIBITED** in two areas of the Beartooth R.D.:

- In the Black Canyon drainage off of the Lake Fork Trail.
- From the western side of Fossil Lake to the eastern side of Twin Outlets Lake on the East Rosebud Trail/"The Beaten Path".

- Use Leave No Trace methods for building a campfire and fire rings. Use existing fire rings when possible. Digging a fire pit is preferred to building a fire ring. Naturalize campfire site when you leave: disperse rocks and ashes, or fill and hide pit. Do not burn trash or food scraps.



- No use or possession of motorized vehicles, motor-boats, chainsaws, bicycles, wagons, carts, hang gliders or other mechanized equipment.

- Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), a Food Storage Order is in effect annually from March 1 to December 1 on all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Beartooth, Bozeman, Gardiner, Hebgen Lake, and Yellowstone Ranger Districts of the Custer Gallatin National Forest. See "Be Bear Aware" section for food storage guidelines

- Do not cache or store equipment, personal property or supplies.
- Natural and historical items must be left for others to discover.

- Dispose of human waste properly. Either pack out waste and toilet paper or dig a hole at least 6 inches deep for disposal. Bury completely. Packing out toilet paper is preferred, especially at high elevations and alpine/subalpine terrains.

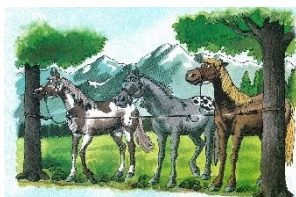
- Do not cut across ("shortcut") trail switchbacks. This causes erosion and damages the trail. Switchbacks serve a functional purpose in trail construction and maintenance.

- Dropping/picking up gear or supplies from aircraft and helicopters is prohibited.

Livestock & Pack Stock

- East Unit:
 - Covers the entire wilderness portion of the Beartooth R.D.
 - 15 people/15 horses, no grazing allowed.
- West Unit:
 - Extends from the western boundary of the district to the western boundary of the wilderness.
 - 15 people/25 horses, grazing is allowed.

- Feed (processed grain, cubed hay and pellets) must be certified weed-free.



- No tying, tethering, or picketing within 200ft of lakes or 100ft of flowing water.

- Horses and pack stock are restricted on some trails and in certain areas; some restrictions are year-round, some are seasonal. Call the local ranger district to confirm stock regulations at your destination.

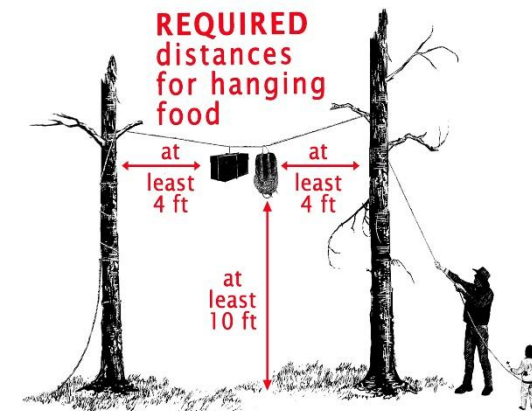


BE BEAR AWARE

Please keep your camp clean and free of all attractants. This means all food and beverages, items with food odors (including garbage), toiletries and cosmetics, pet food and stock feed, and coolers.

Proper food storage is mandatory. This means that all food/attractants must be stored in a hard-sided vehicle, in the campground bear boxes, in a certified bear-resistant container, hung from a tree (see diagram), or protected by a product on the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee's certified product list: <https://igbconline.org/>

The minimum fine for leaving food or other attractants unattended is \$225. The maximum fine is \$5,000 or six months in jail.



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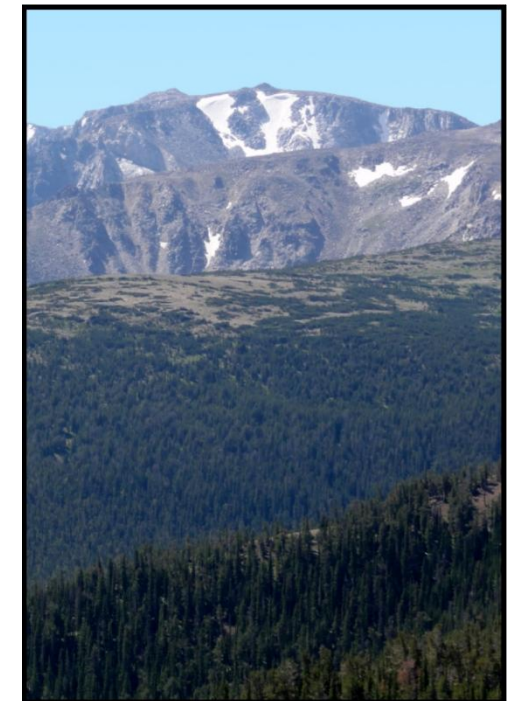
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Benbow Area Trails

Trail Numbers 37 (37A, 37B, 37C) & 51



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