

West Fork Stillwater #90

Elevation: 6,200- 9,400ft



Distance to:

- Breakneck Park Meadows: 8 miles
- Lake Diaphanous: 15 miles
- Wounded Man Lake: 16 miles
- Jordan Lake: 19.5 miles
- Stillwater Trail (#24) junction: 26 miles

Side Trails:

- Rainbow Lakes Trail (#44): 1 mile
- Fish Lake Trail (#43): 1.1 miles
- Pinchot Lake Trail (#91): 0.8 miles
- Columbine Pass Trail (#97): 3.7 miles

Directions from district office:

Drive north on US Hwy 212 for 2.1 miles. Turn left (west) onto MT-78 and drive 30 miles. Turn left (west) onto MT-419 towards Fishtail. Drive through Nye and continue for a total of 25.9 miles. Immediately after the Stillwater Mine, turn right (west) onto the West Fork Stillwater Rd (FR 2846). Drive 8 miles to the trailhead.

Rabbit Gulch #20

Elevation: 6,400- 9,000ft



Distance to:

- Lake Plateau: 8 miles

Directions from district office:

Drive north on US Hwy 212 for 2.1 miles. Turn left (west) onto MT-78 and drive 30 miles. Turn left (west) onto MT-419 towards Fishtail. Drive through Nye and continue for a total of 25.9 miles. Immediately after the Stillwater Mine, turn right (west) onto the West Fork Stillwater Rd (FR 2846). Drive 5.3 miles and turn left onto Forest Road 28465. Drive a very short distance to the trailhead.

National Forest Land

Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

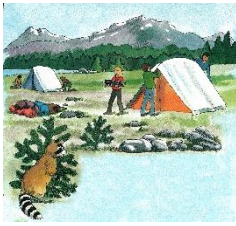
Wilderness Boundary

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.

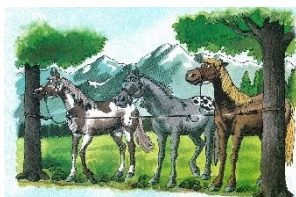
- Do not cut across ("shortcut") trail switchbacks. This causes erosion and damages the trail. Switchbacks serve a functional purpose in trail construction and maintenance.

- 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.

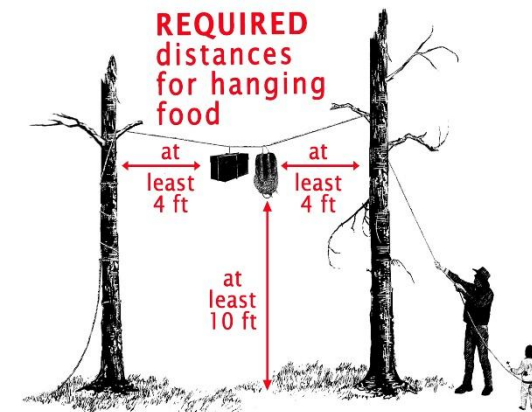


BE BEAR AWARE

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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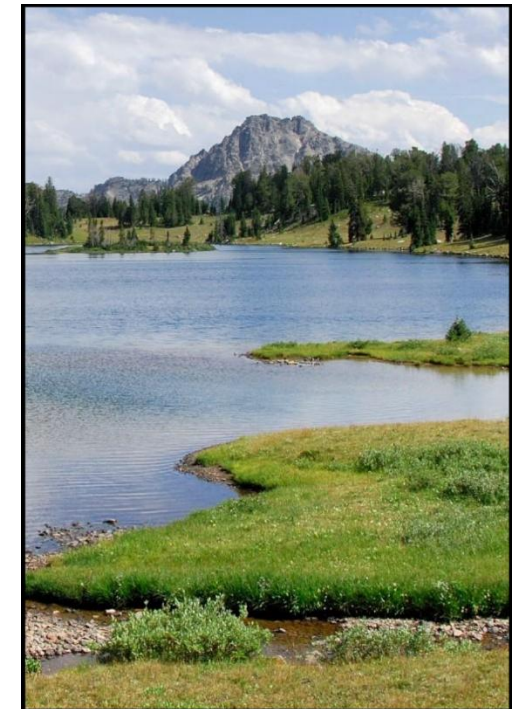
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Lake Plateau Trails

Trail Numbers 22,
43, 44, 90, 91, & 97



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