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Anaconda Pintler Wilderness

Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Bitterroot National Forests

The Anaconda Pintler Wilderness is 159,086 acres of rugged mountains straddling the Continental Divide. It is located in southwestern Montana and is known for its high, rugged mountain scenery and pristine conditions. Elevations range from 5400 feet in the lower reaches to 10,793 feet on West Goat Peak. It was originally designated due to its outstanding physical and biological characteristics.

Features

The Anaconda Pintler Wilderness contains the headwaters of Rock Creek and upper branches of the Bitterroot and Big Hole rivers. The wilderness has spectacular cirques, U-shaped valleys and glacial moraines. It also contains numerous sparkling streams fed by high mountain lakes and perpetual snow banks above timberline. Wildlife includes deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and black bear and the occasional grizzly. Cutthroat and rainbow trout are found in most of the lakes and streams.

Access

Wilderness trailheads may be accessed via Forest roads off of major highways serving the area, including State Highway No. 93 on the west, State Highway No. 38 and No. 1 on the north and State Highway No. 43 on the east and south.

What you should know

- ◆ Lakes normally remain frozen until the first week of July. Mountain passes are commonly snow-packed until mid-July.
- ◆ Weather can be variable. Be prepared for snow any month of the year.
- ◆ Stock forage is limited. If packing feed, certified weed free feed is required.
- ◆ Wilderness is for non-motorized, non-mechanized recreation. Leave your bikes at home.



- ◆ All water for human consumption should be treated. Filters are recommended.
- ◆ Always practice Leave No Trace skills when visiting. This will help preserve the integrity of wilderness for future generations.

Regulations

- ◆ Registration forms are located at the trailheads and are required for entry into the wilderness.
- ◆ Group size is limited to 12 head of stock and 12 people.
- ◆ Campfires are prohibited within 1/4 mile of the following lakes: Oreamnos, Sawed Cabin, Upper Phyllis, Upper Carpp, Surprise, Bear, Buck, Emerald, Lost Lakes, Lower Phyllis, Park Lakes, Sauer, Continental, The unnamed Lake below Queener Mountain, and the unnamed lake west of Warren Lake.
- ◆ Camping is prohibited between Trails #96 and #111 and the lakeshore of Johnson Lake.
- ◆ The maximum permitted campsite occupancy for any site is 16 days on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and 14 days on the Bitterroot National Forest.
- ◆ Certified weed seed free feed is required for stock.
- ◆ Grazing or tethering of stock within 200 feet of any lake is prohibited.
- ◆ Hope Trail #424 is closed to stock travel.
- ◆ Use of stock on the Pintler Ranger District is prohibited from April thru July 1.
- ◆ Camping with stock is prohibited within 1/4 mile of Sawed Cabin, Oreamnos and Ripple Lakes.
- ◆ Stock is prohibited within 200 feet of Big Johnson Lake except on designated trail.

Keeping the "Wild" in the Wilderness

Wilderness areas were designated to protect and preserve the natural conditions and to ensure that increasing population and growing mechanization does not occupy and modify all areas. Wilderness areas are primarily affected by the forces of nature, have outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive and unconfined recreation. These areas are special places to preserve for future generations to enjoy and experience wilderness.

Campsites

- ◆ Locate campsites at least 200 feet from water and trails.
- ◆ Fires leave lasting impacts. Consider using a camp stove or fire pan and use existing fire rings when present.
- ◆ Pack out all of your trash and remember aluminum and plastic do not burn, pack them out.
- ◆ Practice Leave No Trace camping.

Travel

Prevent erosion by staying on trail and not cutting across switchbacks.

Stock Use

Graze and rest stock well away from campsites, lakes and streams. To prevent tree damage, tie stock to trees for only short periods. Use hobbles, pickets, and high lines for longer periods. Move stock frequently to reduce overgrazing and trampling. Scatter manure to hasten decomposition.

Sanitation

Prevent water pollution. Do not wash in lakes or streams. Dispose of wash and dish water well away from campsites, lakes and streams. Pack out all unburnable food waste, containers and foil. Bury human waste well away from campsites, lakes and streams.

Courtesy

Be considerate of other users. When encountering stock, avoid spooking the animals, maintain communication with the rider and step off the trail. Respect other people's experience and keep noise levels down. Leave no trace.

We hope these suggestions will help you and others enjoy your stay in the great outdoors.



For more information contact or stop by one of the following offices Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Philipsburg, MT 59858
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Wise River Ranger District

PO Box 100
Wise River, MT 59762
(406) 832-3178

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Wisdom Ranger District

PO Box 238
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Bitterroot National Forest Headquarters

1801 North 1st Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
(406) 363-3131

West Fork Ranger District

6735 West Fork Road
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