

Wilderness Regulations

General Use



- 15 people is the maximum daily group size
- 16 days at one camp site or 32 days at multiple sites within the calendar year, is the maximum camp stay limit.

- No camping/campfires within:
 - 200 feet of a lake or
 - 100 feet of flowing water
- No use or possession of motorized vehicles, motorboats, chainsaws, bicycles, wagons, carts, hang gliders, drones or other mechanized equipment
- Dispose of human waste properly. Pack out waste and toilet paper during winter travel.
- Use Leave No Trace techniques for building a fire and fire rings. Please minimize your campfire impact
- Dropping/picking up material from aircraft and helicopters is prohibited
- Cannot cache or store equipment, personal property or supplies
- Natural and historical items must be left for others to discover



Avalanche Safety

Recognize Red Flags



1. Recent avalanches
2. Signs of unstable snow as you travel
3. Heavy snowfall or rain in the past 24 hours
4. Wind blown snow
5. Significant warming or rapidly increasing temperatures
6. Persistent weak layers



Understand Avalanche Terrain

- Slope angle – most often slides occur on slopes 35 to 50 degrees.
- Terrain traps – anything that increase the consequences of being caught in a slide; cliffs, trees and rocks; flat transition or a gully means a deeper burial.
- Common Trigger Points – under certain conditions avalanches may be triggered from flatter areas in the runout zone or along ridge crests.
- Aspect – which way does the slope face in relation to sun and wind? Avalanche problems may only exist on certain aspects.



Travel Tips

- We ask that all users use the appropriate lanes for recreation: skate ski, classic Nordic ski, fat bike, snowshoe, hiking, dog walking and snowmobile use.
- Bring layers to stay dry and warm: windbreaker jacket and pants, breathable base layers, warm mid layer fleece, extra socks, gloves, and warm hat.
- Pack high calorie foods and water.
- Emergency kit: waterproof matches, headlamp, fire starter, nylon cord, emergency blanket, knife, plastic tarp, first aid kit, duct tape for repairs, metal cup to melt snow, map, compass, and hatchet.
- Ski under control.
- Match trail difficulty and length of trip to your physical condition and ability.
- Stay on safe routes.
- Beware of snow bridges when crossing creeks and streams.
- Always be mindful of others and respect the resources.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

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Cross Country Ski Trails

Trail Numbers
102, 2A



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In the winter, the gates across the road act as a winter trailhead. Dogs must be kept on leash at developed sites. Please pick up after your dog, there is a waste bin for your convenience at the winter trailhead.

Silver Run Trail #102

Elevation: 6,500- 6,930

Distances:

Loop 1:	2 miles
Loop 2:	3.1 miles
Loop 3:	4.1 miles
Loop 4:	4.8 miles

Directions from district office:

Drive north on US Hwy 212 towards Red Lodge for 0.3 miles. Turn west (left) onto the West Fork Rd and drive 2.8 miles. Stay to the left (follow signs) and continue on the West Fork Rd. Drive 1.6 miles and turn left into the Silver Run parking lot. Cross the bridge and park in the parking lot. Walk up forest road #2476 for a short distance until you see the trail, on your right.

Winter gate closed on West Fork Road at Wild Bill Lake. The road is groomed by BRTA from the gate to Camp Senia summer homes, and Basin Campground.

Side Trails:

Ingles Creek and the Silver Run Plateau Trail offer a longer and more challenging loop.

Lower Lake Fork Trail #2A

Elevation: 6,840- 7,200

Distances:

Loop:	3.2 miles
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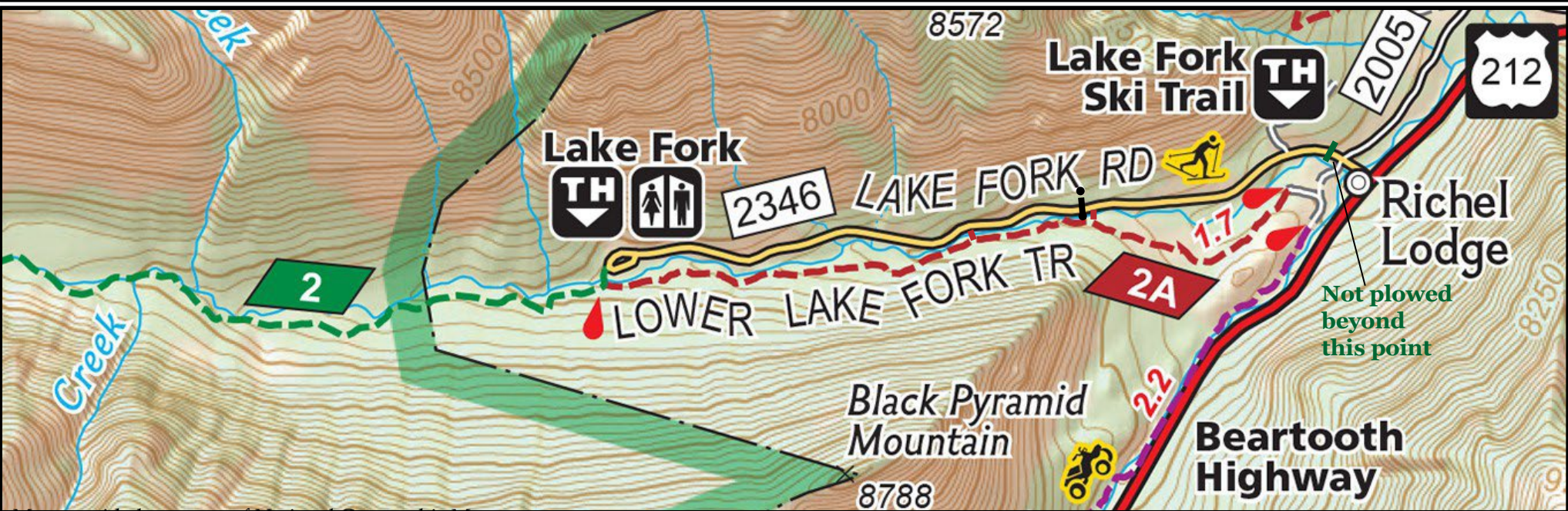
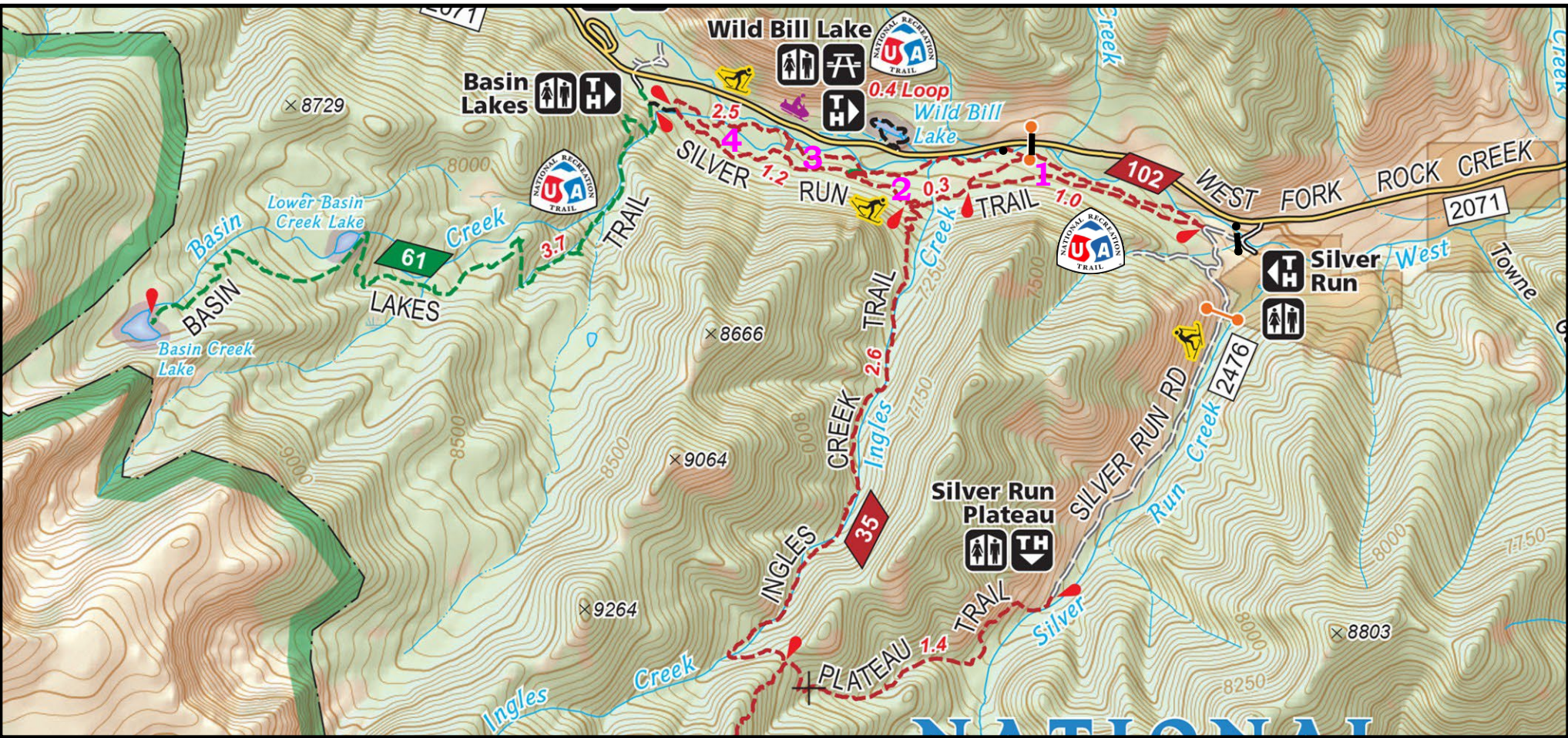
The Lake Fork Road is gated in the winter for recreation. The road and the Lower Lake Fork Trail create one loop for skiing options.

Directions from district office:

Drive south on US Hwy 212 towards Cooke City, MT for 9.1 miles. Turn west (right) onto the Lake Fork Rd. Drive .5 miles to gate.

Side Trails:

The Lake Fork Trail (#2) offers an out-and-back option with beautiful views along an ice-filled river. *Please be advised the trail next to the highway, has multiple washouts from flood damage.*



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