

West Fork & Lake Fork Trails

Trail Numbers 1 & 2



Custer Gallatin National Forest
Beartooth Ranger District



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.

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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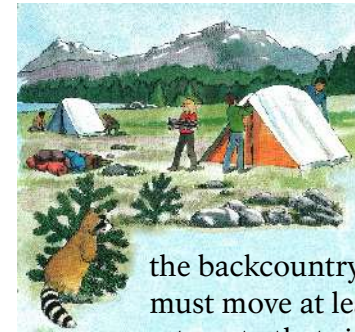
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Wilderness Regulations

General Use



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

- **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 or other mechanized equipment
- **Dispose of human waste properly.** Either pack out waste and toilet paper or dig a hole 6-8 inches deep for disposal. Do not just cover with a rock
- 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



- **Food storage** order for wilderness travel means all food/attractants must be hung in a tree 10ft off the ground and 4ft from the trunk, in a certified bear-resistant container, or protected with a product found on the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Approved Bear Resistant Products List. www.igbconline.org

- No shortcutting on trail switchbacks
- Cannot cache or store equipment, personal property or supplies
- Natural and historical items must be left for others to discover
- Open fires are **PROHIBITED** in the Black Canyon drainage off of the Lake Fork Trail and in the Fossil Lake/Twin Outlets Lake area of the East Rosebud Trail

Livestock:

- East Unit- 15 people/ 15 horses, no grazing allowed

- West Unit- 15 people/ 25 horses, grazing is allowed



- **Horses and pack stock are restricted on some trails:**
 - * No stock allowed year-round on Woodbine Falls Trail (#93) and Glacier Lake Trail (#3)
 - * No stock allowed on Basin Lakes Trail (#61) and West Rosebud Trail (#19), except during hunting season
- **No tying, tethering or picketing within 200ft of lakes and 100ft of flowing water**
- Feed (processed grain, cubed hay and pellets) must be certified weed free



West Fork Trail #1

Elevation: 7,919 - 11,045ft



Distance to:

- Calamity Falls: 1.3 miles
- Sentinal Falls: 1.8 miles
- Quinnebaugh Meadows
(Lake Mary junction #1B): 4.5 miles
- Sundance Lake: 8 miles
- Sundance Pass: 11 miles

Side Trails:

- Lake Mary (#1B) 1.4 miles

Directions from district office:

Drive north on US Hwy 212 towards Red Lodge for 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. At 4.5 miles, the pavement ends and the road becomes a dirt road. Continue another 5.5 miles to the West Fork TH.

Lake Fork Trail #2

Elevation: 7,202- 11,045ft



Distance to:

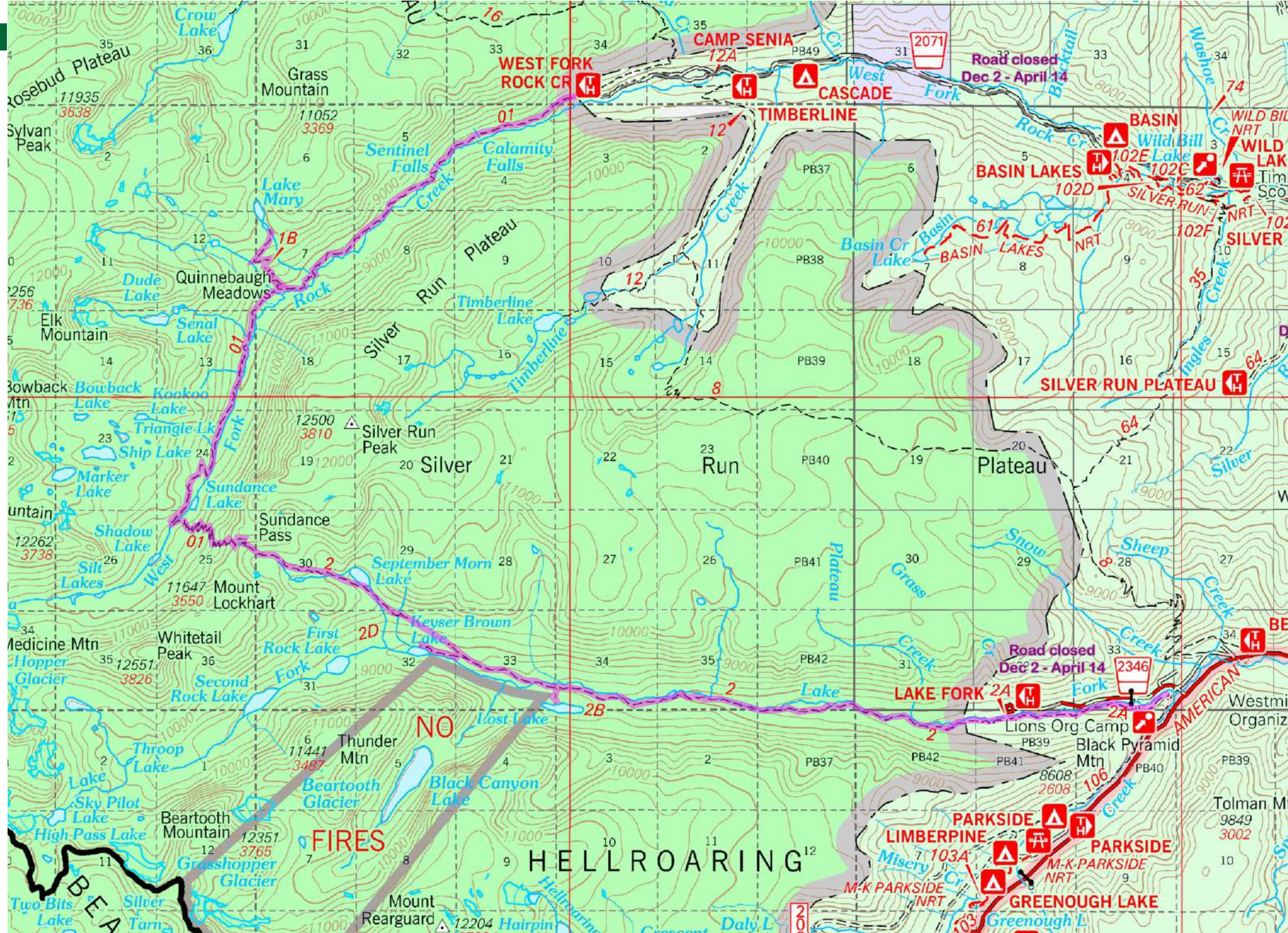
- Broadwater Lake: 3.75 miles
- Lost Lake junction: 5 miles
- Keyser Brown Lake junction: 6 miles
- September Morn Lake: 8 miles
- Sundance Pass: 9.5 miles

Side Trails:

- Lost Lake (#2B): .3 miles
- Keyser Brown (#2D): .6 miles

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 1.9 miles to the trailhead.



Lower Lake Fork Trail #2A

Distance to:

- Lake Fork Trail (#2) junction: 2 miles
- The Lower Lake Fork Trail parallels the Lake Fork Rd between Hwy 212 and the Lake Fork TH.



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