

North Fork of the Flathead River

Regulations

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.58,
36 CFR 261.53



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Regulations

North Fork	Waste Disposal (1)	Campfire Allowed (2)	Camping Allowed (3)	Stay Limit (4)	Motor Boats 10 h.p. (5)
Border River Access	N	**	Y	3	N
Abbott Flats	Y	R	Y	14	N
Wurtz	Y	R	Y	14	N
Sonderson	Y	R	Y	14	N
Ford River Access	N	**	Y	14	N
Ford Dispersed	N	R	Y	14	-
Polebridge River Access	N	**	Y	3	N
Coal Creek	Y	R	Y	14	N
Camas Dispersed	Y	R	Y	14	N
Big Creek River Access	N	Y	In Campground Only	Day Use Only * Fee *	Y
Great Northern	N	Y	Y	3	Y
Glacier Rim River Access	N	**	Y	3	Y

Fee - Use Fee is charged at Big Creek River Access and Campground

Other dispersed areas along the river not listed above are available for overnight use. Overnight Dispersed Floaters must pack out solid human waste, a fire pan/blanket is recommended, and the camping stay limit is 14 days.

Boundaries between Federal Agencies

GNP is on river left and FNF is on river right with the boundary being the middle the active deepest channel. The rules and regulations differ greatly between GNP and FNF. For example, in GNP pets are not allowed, backcountry camping requires a permit, and all bear attractants must be stored in approved containers. Please research specific GNP regulations if you plan to go ashore on river left.

For the purpose of these regulations the corridor refers to the legislative Wild and Scenic River Boundary.

(1) WASTE DISPOSAL

Y - Solid human waste must be **self-contained** and packed out to an approved disposal site during **overnight** stays at locations without toilet facilities.

This applies whether you are part of a traditional float party or vehicle supported party. Self-contained means, (1) using a washable, leak-proof, reusable toilet system - the contents must be disposed of at a proper waste facility such as an RV dump station, OR (2) a disposable biodegradable bag toilet system that is approved for landfill disposal. Bags must be self-contained within a leak or spill proof container until they are properly disposed of. The system must be adequate for the size of the group and length of trip. Dumping solid human waste on National Forest System lands or into a vault toilet is prohibited. **N** - sites with public toilet facilities.

(2) CAMPFIRE ALLOWED

Y- required metal fire pan, blanket or provided metal ring. **R** - Recommend fire pan or blanket. Ash may be disposed of on site within the river corridor. **N** - Campfires prohibited. ****** - Campfires are prohibited in the parking lots within the developed river access sites.

(3) CAMPING ALLOWED

Y - Camping allowed. **N** - Camping prohibited. If vehicle supported, contact the Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District for information about motorized use in the river corridor.

(4) STAY LIMIT

Stay Limit in number of days. **Day use hours** are from sunrise to sunset.

(5) MOTOR BOATS

Y - Motor boats allowed, 10 horse power or less. **N** - Motor boats prohibited.

DISPERSED SITE - a site without developed facilities such as toilets or fire rings.