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## CAMPGROUND OPENINGS ANNOUNCED

Officials of the Lewis and Clark National Forest announced that most campgrounds on the forest will be open by Memorial Day weekend. Individual National Forest campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a 14-day stay limitation in place. The maximum stay limitation applies to dispersed-campsites in the backcountry as well as in developed campgrounds.

Along the Rocky Mountain front, camping is not permitted at most trailheads.

Campgrounds in the area include:

- Benchmark Campground - \$6 per unit per night.
- South Fork Campground - \$8 per unit per night.
- Wood Lake Campground - \$6 per unit per night.
- Home Gulch Campground - \$6 per unit per night.
- Mortimer Gulch Campground - \$8 per unit per night.
- Mill Falls Campground - No water; no fee charged. Open as weather conditions allow.
- West Fork Campground - \$6 per unit per night. Open as weather conditions allow.
- Elko Campground - No water; no fee charged.
- Summit Campground - \$10 per unit per night. \*\*\*No drinking water available. Group site available. \*Campground opens as weather conditions allow.
- Cave Mountain Campground - \$6 per unit per night. Group site available.

To avoid problems with attracting bears, the PACK IT IN/PACK IT OUT policy for trash disposal is in effect at all these campgrounds. All food and garbage must be stored inside a hard-sided vehicle or camper or stored in a bear resistant manner when a camp is left unattended.

On the eastern side of the forest, campgrounds include:

In the Highwood Mountains –

- Thain Creek Campground – **CLOSED** until further notice.

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## 2/CAMPGROUNDS

### In the Castle Mountains –

- Richardson Campground - No fee.
- Grasshopper Creek Campground - \$10 per unit per night. One group site available.

### In the Little Belt Mountains –

- Aspen Campground - \$10 per unit per night.
- Many Pines Campground – \$10 per unit per night.
- Jumping Creek Campground - \$10 per unit per night. Group site available for day use.
- Moose Creek Campground - \$10 per unit per night. Group site available for day use.
- Logging Creek Campground – \$10 per unit per night.
- Dry Wolf Campground - \$5 per unit per night. One group site available. Some construction is occurring.
- Indian Hill Campground - No fee. (Group site fee)
- Hay Canyon Campground - No fee. (Group site fee)
- Spring Creek Campground – CLOSED FOR RE-CONSTRUCTION.
- Kings Hill Campground - \$10 per unit per night. Group site available for day use. Campground opens mid-to-late June or as weather allows.

### In the Big Snowy Mountains –

- Crystal Lake Campground - \$10 per unit per night. One group site available. Campground opens mid-to-late June or as weather allows.

To avoid problems with attracting wildlife, all food and garbage should be stored inside a hard-sided vehicle or camper or stored in a wildlife-resistant manner when a camp is left unattended.

Some group campsites are available for groups or organizations and may be reserved if arrangements are made two weeks in advance. Call or stop by local Forest Service offices for more information on a particular site.

Campers are advised to get a Forest Travel Plan Map prior to trips into the forest. The map can be invaluable to forest users since it lists effective dates and types of restrictions in effect on forest travelways. There are two Lewis and Clark Forest Visitors maps that sell for \$6 and \$7 each and can be purchased from any Forest Service office.

For more information, call your local Forest Service office: Great Falls, 791-7700; Choteau, 466-5341; Augusta, 562-3247; White Sulphur Springs, 547-3361; Neihart, 236-5511; Harlowton, 632-4391; and Stanford, 566-2292.