MONTANA'S FISHING ACCESS SITES

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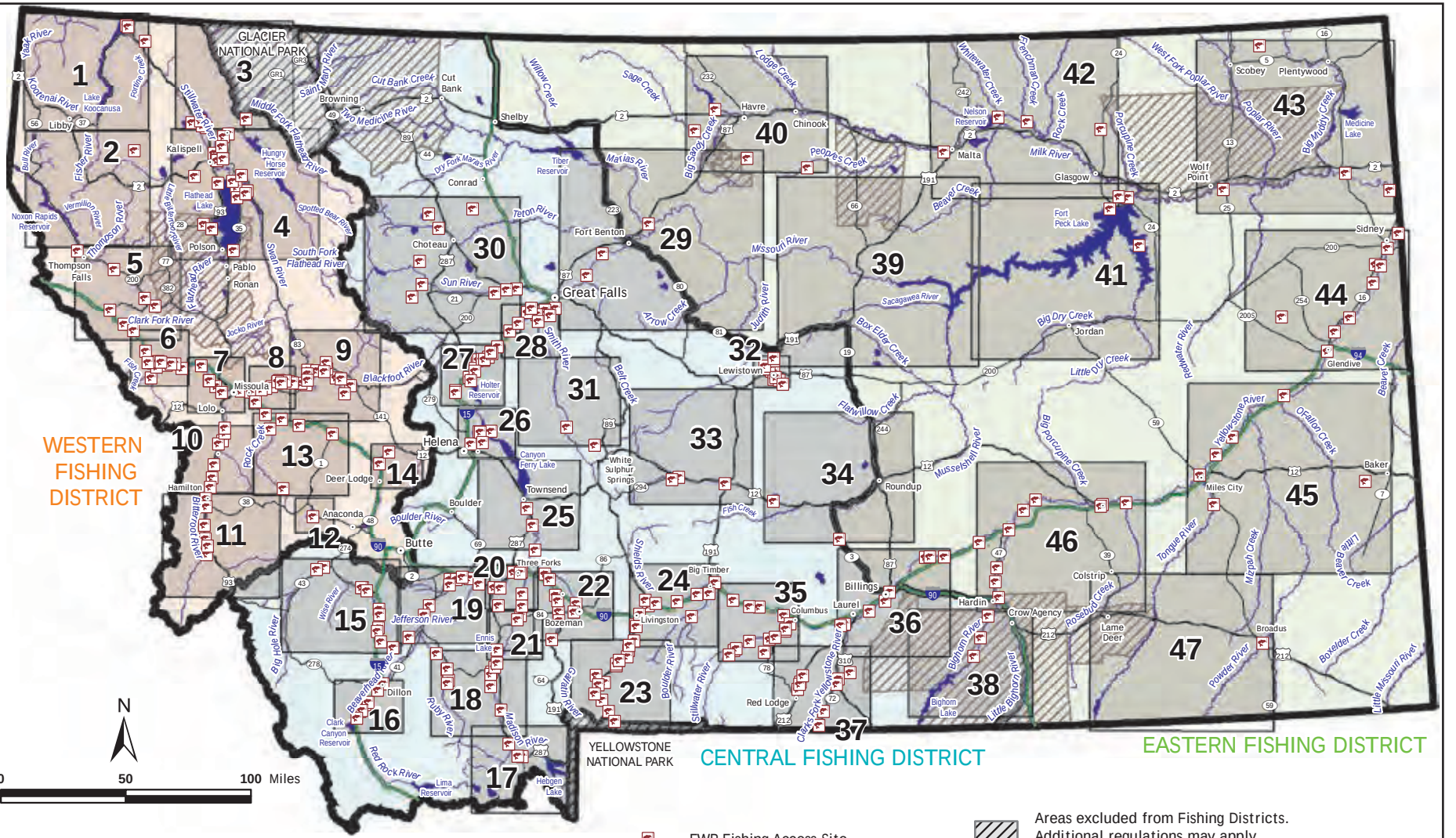

FWP Fishing Access Site

Areas excluded from Fishing Districts.
Additional regulations may apply.
Other federal or tribal permits may be required.

See map number for more detail

Western District=Orange Central District=Blue Eastern District=Green

*Non-FWP site information is from other agencies and may not be current, comprehensive or accurate.

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BOATERS ★ ANGLERS ★ WATER USERS

MUSSEL ALERT

You MUST stop at watercraft inspection stations

NO INSPECTION? DON'T LAUNCH!

CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.

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STOP

EXPECT to encounter more roadside watercraft inspection stations. **You must stop!** It's the law.

EXPECT new decontamination requirements at Tiber Reservoir and Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.

When we transport water in our boats we can spread destructive mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

DIY tips for a fast watercraft inspection

1. Remove high-risk elements: water, mud and vegetation
2. Remove boat plugs and drain
3. Open and towel dry all compartments and live wells
4. Drain ballasts and bilge, wipe bilge areas dry if possible
5. Lower engine/motor to allow coolant water to drain
6. Drain ballasts on wake boats and speed boats
7. Clear through-hull fittings

Monitoring and sampling for aquatic invasive species:

Scientists working May through October will prioritize water sampling, doubling collections to more than 1,500 from more than 200 waterbodies and boost website and online data availability.

Partial list of aquatic invasive threats to Montana:

Eurasian water milfoil

Flowering rush

Curlyleaf pondweed

New Zealand mudsnail

Fragrant waterlily

Zebra/Quagga mussels

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Introduction to Montana's FWP Fishing Access Sites

This guide describes 332 Fishing Access Sites (FASs) located on Montana's streams, rivers, and lakes that vary in size from less than one acre to several hundred acres that are managed by the Fisheries program. New sites, added to the FAS program each year, will be posted on the FWP website as they are opened for use. Montana's FAS Program provides public access to high quality waters for angling, boating, rafting, and other recreation opportunities. In addition, FASs are often popular areas for hunting, wildlife viewing, hiking, bird watching, picnicking, etc. The funding to purchase, develop, and maintain these important sites comes from the sale of sportsman's licenses, state motorboat registration fees, and federal Sport Fish Restoration fees, and a portion of the Light Vehicle Registration fee.

FEES: There are no day use fees for Montana's FAS program; however, where overnight camping is allowed, a camping fee is charged at some sites (see pages 8-9). The revenue from the camping fees is used to offset the additional expenses involved in operating and maintaining these higher use sites.

COMMERCIAL USE: A permit is required to conduct commercial activities at Fishing Access Sites. Please contact the Regional FWP administrative office or the FWP website for more information.

CAMPING: Many of the FASs are managed as day use only, but camping is allowed at 99 locations. Please refer to the specific site information in this brochure and also reference the table in the back of the brochure for a list of the sites where camping is permitted. An overnight camping fee is charged at many of the sites. FAS camp sites cannot be reserved.

- FASs are primitive or semi-primitive sites. Most sites do not have electricity, running water, or dump stations. Not all sites are designed for access by larger recreational vehicles. It may be necessary to physically inspect the facility before pulling in if the parking area is not visible from the access road.
- Additional camping opportunities with higher levels of development are available at Montana's State Parks and at other locations throughout the state. Please refer to stateparks.mt.gov for a list of State Parks with campgrounds.

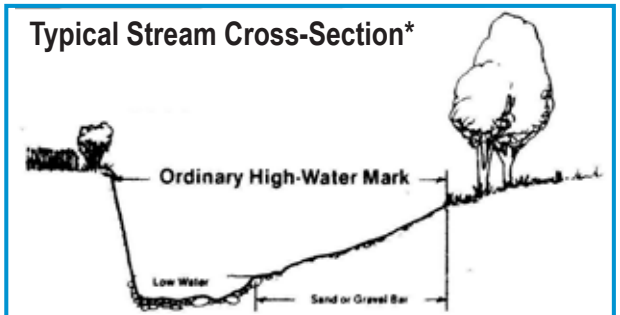
WEAPONS/FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS: The discharge of paintball guns, trap and target shooting, plinking, and similar activities are not allowed at any time within an FAS.

The use of firearms/weapons at an FAS for the purpose of hunting is established on a site-by-site basis. Where hunting is allowed, weapons restrictions may apply. Some sites are closed to hunting for safety concerns. Where hunting is allowed, the general hunting regulations apply for the district in which the FAS is located. Furthermore, additional weapons/firearms/hunting restrictions, rules and regulations may be posted on-site or specified in this guide on a site-by-site basis. Please check the site specific information in the guide for details. A key to the Weapons Restrictions is found on page 6.

THE MONTANA STREAM ACCESS LAW

- The law states that, when legal access is gained to a stream or river, recreationists may legally go up and down the stream from that point as long as they stay within the normal high water mark. The law does not apply to recreational use of lakes. Consequently, the river/streambed above and below the boundaries of the Fishing Access Sites listed in this brochure is available for recreational use providing there is room to walk/wade below the normal high water mark of the stream.
- Anglers and other recreationists cannot, however, take short cuts across private property or walk above the high water mark when following the stream/river or entering or exiting the stream/river without prior landowner permission. Following these simple rules of etiquette is critical to maintaining good sportsman/landowner relationships.
- For more detailed information on the Stream Access Law please refer to the Stream Access brochure available at Montana FWP offices.

Typical Stream Cross-Section*



* Although this is typical of some stream cross-sections, many other situations exist. Also, vegetation such as grass, sedges or willows can exist within the ordinary high-water marks. When in doubt, refer to the definition of ordinary high-water mark.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks encourages responsible outdoor recreation through the national Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics program. You can help preserve Montana's recreational heritage and minimize social and resource impacts occurring on our public lands by practicing the 7 principles of Leave No Trace.

Rules and Regulations for the Use of Montana Recreation Sites

1. Discharge of firearms, air or gas weapons, fireworks or arrows is prohibited except for lawful hunting. Additional hunting restrictions may apply. Discharge of paint guns is prohibited at all times.
2. Pets must be under control at all times.
3. Motorized vehicle use restricted to authorized roads.
4. All vehicles must obey posted speed limits and other traffic regulations.
5. Camping and parking is allowed in designated areas only.
6. An established camp, camping vehicle, other vehicle or equipment may not be left unattended for more than 48 hours - unless posted otherwise.
7. Camping is prohibited at day-use sites. Camping is limited to 7 days in any 30 day period unless posted otherwise.
8. Shelter buildings and picnic shelters for generally for day use only – camping is not allowed unless posted otherwise.
9. Fires may be built only in established, manufactured fireplaces, grills or fire rings. Do not dump ashes in the grass.
10. Fires must be attended at all times and completely extinguished when users leave an area.
11. Cutting or damaging trees and shrubs is prohibited. Damage, removal, or defacing any property is prohibited.
12. Removal or disturbance of topsoil, including holes dug by pets, is prohibited. Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
13. Disorderly conduct, such as, but not limited to, quarrelling, fighting; using threatening, profane or abusive language; drunkeness, blocking vehicular or pedestrian travel, public urination; operation of a motor vehicle in a manner as to create a nuisance or any annoyance or danger to others; noisy behavior; is prohibited. In addition to other penalties, the offender(s) may be expelled from the area.
14. Where group use/camping is provided, you must call the Region to determine availability and obtain any required permits.
15. Checkout time for posted fee camping areas is 2:00 pm. Day-use only recreation areas are open from sunrise to sundown, unless otherwise posted.
16. Camping fee must be paid immediately upon occupying an established camp site.
17. Lands and waters shall not be polluted or littered in any manner.
18. The use of glass bottles and containers is not permitted on the Blackfoot River and lands within the corridor and as posted at other FAS's.
19. No commercial or political signs shall be posted.
20. Boats may be launched only at established launching areas, where provided unless it is a hand carried raft, canoe or kayak.
21. Swim in designated swimming areas if provided. Do not disturb buoys.
22. Power boats may not approach closer than 50 feet to any swimmer or fisherman, except in an emergency or life-saving situation or when aiding water skiers.
23. Power boaters may not tow water skiers closer than 50 feet from any swimmer or fisherman.
24. Unless posted to allow mooring, boats and other watercraft may use public boat docks for loading and unloading only. Boats may not be left unattended at public docks.

The above is a synopsis of the regulations and may not be applicable to every site. For a copy of the complete regulations, contact the nearest Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks office.

In order to insure areas are safe and to provide an enjoyable experience, the above listed rules and regulations must be observed and will be enforced.

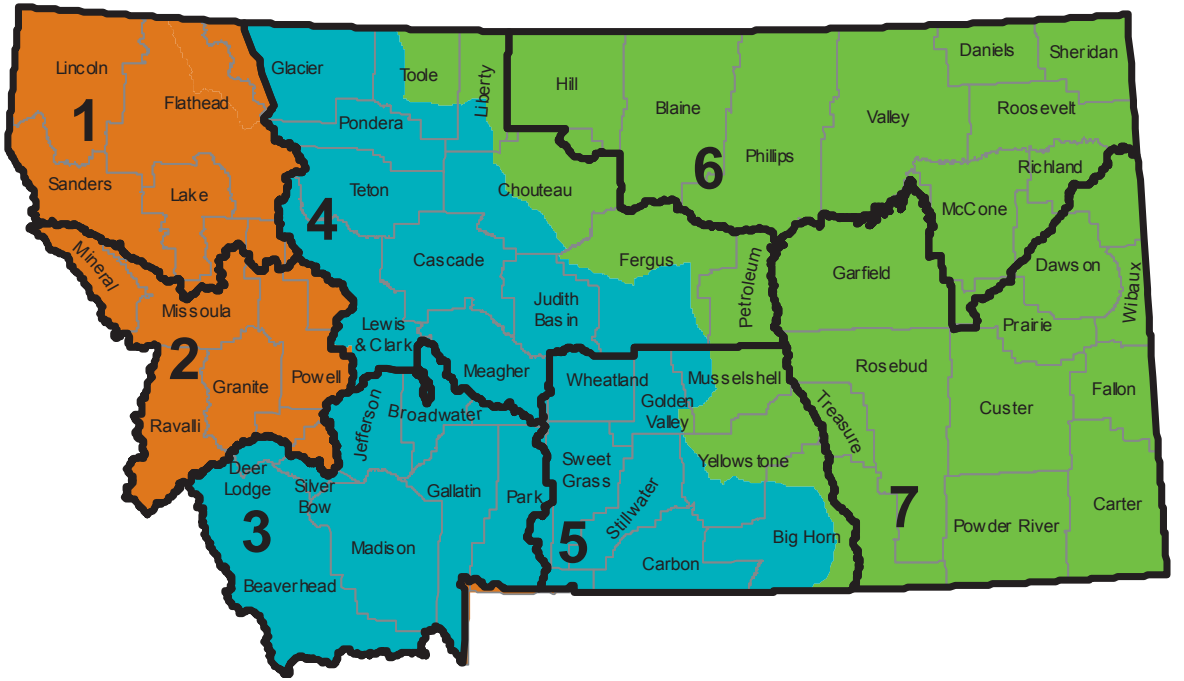
Thank you for your cooperation.

MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks Encourages You to Use Leave No Trace Principles

*Plan ahead & prepare.
*Travel & camp on durable surfaces.
*Be considerate of other visitors.
*Minimize campfire impacts.
*Dispose of waste properly.
*Leave what you find.
*Respect wildlife.

LEAVE NO TRACE OUTDOOR ETHICS

FWP Administrative Regions with Fishing Districts in Color



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Contact FWP

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TELEPHONE DEVICE FOR THE DEAF
711 or 1-800-253-4091

GENERAL AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT INFORMATION
406-444-2604

REGION 1 (R1)
490 North Meridian Road
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-752-5501

REGION 2 (R2)
3201 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804
406-542-5500

REGION 3 (R3)
1400 South 19th Avenue
Bozeman, MT 59718
406-994-4042

HELENA Area Resource Office (HARO)
930 Custer Avenue West
Helena, MT 59620
406-495-3260

BUTTE Area Office Resource (BARO)
1820 Meadowlark Lane
Butte, MT 59701
406-494-1953

REGION 4 (R4)
4600 Giant Springs Road
Great Falls, MT 59405
406-454-5840

LEWISTOWN Area Resource Office (LARO)
215 W Aztec Dr
PO Box 938
Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-4658

REGION 5 (R5)
2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105
406-247-2940

REGION 6 (R6)
54078 Hwy 2 West
Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-3700

HAVRE Area Resource Office (HvARO)
2165 Hwy 2 East
Havre, MT 59501
406-265-6177

REGION 7 (R7)
352 I-94 Business Loop
PO Box 1630
Miles City, MT 59301
406-234-0900

How to use this Field Guide to FWP Fishing Access Sites

This booklet provides a guide to the FWP managed Fishing Access Sites in Montana as of December 1, 2016.

- **The guide is organized by map sheets (see map index on inside of front cover) that correspond with Montana's Fishing Regulations.**
- **For each map, waterbodies are listed alphabetically.**
- **The major fish species found in a waterbody are listed following the water body name in the light blue rows in each table.**
- **The FAS sites on streams are listed by river mile beginning at the headwaters. Mile 0 is measured at the mouth and miles increase toward the headwaters. Side-of-river is given as you are facing downstream.**
- **FAS sites for lakes, reservoirs or ponds are listed alphabetically.**
- **ADA accessible FAS's are listed in the table on page 7.**
- **Camping opportunities at FWP FAS's are listed in the table on pages 8-9.**

All FWP Fishing Access Sites are listed alphabetically in the Index on pages 106-107.

Fishing Districts

The Western Fishing District includes all waters in Montana west of the Continental Divide.
For additional information about fishing in this district, please call the following regional headquarters Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.:

Kalispell 406-752-5501
Missoula 406-542-5500
TTY (Telephone Device for the Deaf).....7-7-7 or 1-800-253-4091

Cyr Bridge FAS - west of Missoula

Dearborn FAS - north of Helena

The Central Fishing District includes all waters in Montana east of the Continental Divide, (including the Belly and St. Mary's River drainages) and west of the following described boundary: Interstate 15 from the Montana-Canada border south to its junction with Hwy 2 at Shelby, then east on Hwy 2 to Chester, then south on Hwy 223 to State Hwy 80 at Fort Benton, then southeasterly along State Hwy 80 to its junction with State Hwy 81, then easterly on State Hwy 81 to its junction with U.S. Hwy 191, then northeasterly along U.S. Hwy 191 to its junction with State Hwy 19, then south on State Hwy 19 to its junction with U.S. Hwy 87 at Grassrange, then south on U.S. Hwy 87 to its junction with U.S. Hwy 12 at Roundup, then west on U.S. Hwy 12 to its junction with State Hwy 3 at Lavina, then south on State Hwy 3 to its junction with Interstate 90 at Billings, then easterly and southerly on Interstate 90 to the first crossing of the Little Bighorn River, then southerly along the west bank of the Little Bighorn River to the Montana-Wyoming border.
Note: Roadways that are used as boundaries between the Central and Eastern Fishing Districts are interpreted to be in the Central Fishing District.

For additional information regarding the boundaries in this fishing district, please call the following regional headquarters Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Lewistown M-F 10:00am - 2:00pm; Butte M-F 9:00am - 12:45pm):

Billings.....406-247-2940
Bozeman.....406-994-4042
Butte Area Office.....406-494-1953
Great Falls.....406-454-5840
Helena Area Office.....406-495-3260
Lewistown Area Office.....406-538-4658
TTY (Telephone device for the deaf).....7-7-7 or 1-800-253-4091

The Eastern Fishing District includes all waters lying east of the Central Fishing District. For the boundary description, see Central Fishing District.
Note: Roadways that are used as boundaries between the Central and Eastern Fishing Districts are interpreted to be in the Central Fishing District.

For additional information regarding the boundaries of this district, please call the following regional headquarters Monday-Friday 8:00 am. - 5:00 pm. (Lewistown and Havre M-F 10:00am - 2:00pm):

Billings 406-247-2940
Glasgow..... 406-228-3700
Great Falls..... 406-454-5840
Havre Area Resource Office..... 406-265-6177
Lewistown Area Office..... 406-538-4658
Miles City..... 406-234-0900
TTY (Telephone device for the deaf).....7-7-7 or 1-800-253-4091

Farwest FAS - west of Miles City

General Information

How to use this Guide

Map sheets are organized by Fishing District. Fishing Access Sites are listed alphabetically by waterbody (also listed alphabetically) in the table opposite the map. The District identifies which fishing regulations to refer to in the current Montana FWP Fishing Regulations. Details for FWP managed fishing access sites include side of river and river mile for sites along rivers, camping availability and whether fees are charged, boat ramp type, directions and address when available, miscellaneous information, toilet facilities and weapons restrictions. ADA accessible sites are listed in the table on page 7. Camping details are found in the table on pages 8-9.

Identify FWP Fishing Access Sites

FWP managed fishing access sites (FAS) can be easily identified by this sign:

Camping

FWP managed FAS's that allow camping is provided in the table on pages 8-9. Sites are listed alphabetically and include the map number and page, Region, waterbody, number of campsites, whether trailers are recommended and the maximum advisable length of trailers.

Sites not included in the list are for day use only. Fees are charged at some sites (indicated in tables by the $ sign). Fees are listed in the following table:

FEE*	Requirement
$12 per night	Montana fishing license holder
$6 per night	Montana fishing license holder (Montana Residents: disabled or 62 years or older)
$18 per night	Non- license holders
$9 per night	Non- license holders (Montana Residents: disabled or 62 years or older)

* Fees may change. Check the web at **http://www.mt.gov/fishing/** choose "Visit a Fishing Access Site"

Key to Weapons Restrictions

Discharge of firearms is prohibited on any FAS at all times except during established hunting seasons when some exceptions may apply (see FAS details for site specific hunting and weapons restrictions).

Not allowed <u>at any time</u> within any FAS:

- **target practice or sighting-in of weapons**
- **discharge of paintball guns, trap shooting, plinking, and similar activities**

Code	Weapons Restriction
ARCHERY	Open during established hunting seasons with archery equipment only
CLOSED	Hunting and/or discharge of weapons prohibited
NO RIFLE	Hunting weapons restricted – rifles prohibited
OPEN	Open during established hunting seasons with no weapons restrictions
OTHER	See "Additional Information" column in tables for site specific restrictions
PERMISSION	Permission from landowner required for all hunting and weapons discharge activities.
POSTED	Discharge of weapons restricted as posted on-site
RESTRICTED	Discharge of weapons restricted – rifles prohibited. Shotgun, muzzleloader, traditional handgun, crossbow and archery only unless posted otherwise.

Key to Boat Ramp Types

Boat Ramp Code	Boat Ramp Description
C	Concrete Ramp
G	Gravel Ramp
H	Hand Launch
NO	No developed boat ramp
S	Raft Slide Launch

FWP Fishing Access Sites with ADA Accessible Facilities

Facilities that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements are available in some Fishing Access Sites. The sites listed in the table on this page are rated 4 -5 using the following scale. This scale is also used to rate accessibility to toilets in the tables listing FAS details (pages 11-103).

1	not applicable
2	not accessible - accessibility for persons with disabilities is impossible or very difficult.
3	partially accessible - not to current standards. Accessibility is possible, but there are problems.
4	accessible - may need additional improvements
5	fully accessible to current standards

There are many other sites that are moderately accessible but don't meet the full ADA criteria. For more information regarding individual sites, contact the managing Regional Office listed on page 4.

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District	Region	Site Name	Map # (page)	Waterbody
C	3	**Axtell Bridge**	22 (p 53)	Gallatin River
E	6	**Bearpaw Lake**	40 (p 89)	Bearpaw Lake
W	2	**Beavertail Pond**	13 (p 35)	Beavertail Pond
C	4	**Big Casino Creek Reservoir**	32 (p 73)	Big Casino Creek Reservoir
W	1	**Bigfork**	4 (p 17)	Flathead Lake
C	5	**Bighorn**	38 (p 85)	Bighorn River
C	3	**Bozeman Pond**	22 (p 53)	Bozeman Ponds
E	5	**Captain Clark**	46 (p 101)	Yellowstone River
C	4	**Causeway**	26 (p 61)	Hauser Reservoir
C	5	**Cliff Swallow**	35 (p 79)	Stillwater River
C	3	**Dailey Lake**	23 (p 55)	Dailey Lake
E	6	**Duck Creek**	41 (p 91)	Fort Peck Lake
W	1	**Flatiron Ridge**	5 (p 19)	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
E	6	**Fort Peck Dredge Cut Pond**	41 (p 91)	Fort Peck Dredge Cuts
E	6	**Fresno Tailwater**	40 (p 89)	Milk River
E	7	**Gartside Reservoir**	44 (p 97)	Gartside Reservoir
W	2	**Harpers Lake**	9 (p 27)	Harpers Lake
C	3	**Harrison Lake**	20 (p 49)	Willow Creek Reservoir
C	3	**Meadow Lake**	21 (p 51)	Ennis Lake
W	1	**Pine Grove Pond**	4 (p 17)	Pine Grove Pond
E	7	**Roche Jaune**	45 (p 99)	Yellowstone River
W	1	**Shady Lane Pond**	4 (p 17)	Flathead River
W	1	**Somers**	4 (p 17)	Flathead Lake
C	3	**Three Forks Ponds**	20 (p 49)	Three Forks Pond
E	7	**Twelve Mile Dam**	45 (p 99)	Tongue River
C	4	**York Bridge**	26 (p 61)	Hauser Reservoir
C	3	**York's Islands**	25 (p 59)	Missouri River

Off–Highway Vehicles (OHVs)

Residents – OHVs (ATV, UTV, Dirtbike) must be registered and display a current Off-Highway decal to be used for off-road recreation on public lands (trails, frozen lakes, reservoirs). To be used on roads (County, Forest Service, etc.), an OHV must have a license plate and street-legal modifications. Register your OHV with the County Treasurer. *NEW* **Nonresidents** – OHVs from another state must purchase a nonresident permit to operate (anywhere) in Montana. Idaho and North Dakota residents are exempt. Permits are good for one calendar year, cost $27 and can be purchased from local vendors (**stateparks.mt.gov**, OHV Program) or online at **app.mt.gov/als**. Contact Montana State Parks OHV Program at 406-444-7642 or **eproctor@mt.gov** with questions.

Report vandalism!
Help Protect Montana's Fishing Access Sites
Make the call: **1-800 TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668)**

FWP Fishing Access Sites with Camping

Region	Waterbody	Site Name	Map # (page)	Boat Ramp Type*	Dock	# Campsites ($=fee charged)*	Trailers	Trailer Length in feet
Western District								
2	Bitterroot River	**Chief Looking Glass**	10 (p 29)	H	NO	17 ($)	YES	28
		Hannon Memorial	11 (p 31)	H	NO	5 ($)	YES	25
2	Blackfoot River	**Corrick's River Bend**	8 (p 25)	G	NO	9 ($)	YES	25
		Ninemile Prairie	9 (p 27)	NO	NO	4 ($)	YES	25
		River Junction	9 (p 27)	G	NO	6 ($)	YES	25
		Russell Gates Memorial	9 (p 27)	G	NO	12 ($)	YES	25
		Thibodeau	8 (p 25)	NO	NO	8 ($)	YES	20
2	Browns Lake	**Brown's Lake**	9 (p 27)	C	NO	12 ($)	YES	20
2	Clark Fork River	**Forest Grove**	6 (p 21)	C	NO	4 ($)	YES	20
2	Clearwater River	**Clearwater Crossing**	9 (p 27)	H	NO	6 ($)	YES	30
2	Fish Creek	**Big Pine**	6 (p 21)	NO	NO	7	YES	23
2	Georgetown Lake	**Stuart Mill Bay**	12 (p 33)	G	NO	16 ($)	YES	30
2	Harpers Lake	**Harpers Lake**	9 (p 27)	G	NO	14 ($)	YES	28
1	Island Lake	**Island Lake**	2 (p 13)	G	NO	4 ($)	YES	20
2	Monture Creek	**Monture Creek**	9 (p 27)	H	NO	3 ($)	YES	28
2	North Fork Blackfoot River	**Harry Morgan**	9 (p 27)	G	NO	4 ($)	YES	25
2	Upsata Lake	**Upsata Lake**	9 (p 27)	G	NO	7 ($)	YES	25
2	West Fork Fish Creek	**Forks**	6 (p 21)	H	NO	5	YES	25
Central District								
3	Big Hole River	**Brownes Bridge**	15 (p 39)	G	NO	5	YES	20
		Fishtrap Creek	15 (p 39)	C	NO	20 ($)	YES	28
		Glen	15 (p 39)	C	NO	7	YES	30
		Salmon Fly	15 (p 39)	C	NO	6 ($)	YES	20
		Sportsman's Park	15 (p 39)	H	NO	20	YES	20
5	Bighorn River	**Bighorn**	38 (p 85)	C	NO	5 ($)	YES	20
		Mallard's Landing	38 (p 85)	C	NO	1	YES	20
		Two Leggins	38 (p 85)	C	NO	1	YES	20

Region	Waterbody	Site Name	Map # (page)	Boat Ramp Type*	Dock	# Campsites ($=fee charged)*	Trailers	Trailer Length in feet
5	Boulder River	**Big Rock**	24 (p 57)	H	NO	5	YES	20
5		**Boulder Forks**	24 (p 57)	G	NO	5	YES	20
4	Bynum Reservoir	**Bynum Reservoir**	30 (p 69)	C	NO	4 ($)	YES	20
3	Dailey Lake	**Dailey Lake**	23 (p 55)	C	YES	18 ($)	YES	20
5	Deadmans Basin Reservoir	**Deadman's Basin**	34 (p 77)	C	NO	20 ($)	YES	20
3	Ennis Lake	**Meadow Lake**	21 (p 51)	NO	NO	9	YES	25
4	Eureka Reservoir	**Eureka Reservoir**	30 (p 69)	C	NO	8 ($)	YES	20
4	Eyraud Lake (Upper)	**Arod Lake**	30 (p 69)	G	NO	1	NO	0
4	Little Prickly Pear Creek	**Lichen Cliff**	27 (p 63)	NO	NO	2 ($)	NO	0
		Prickly Pear	27 (p 63)	NO	NO	1 ($)	NO	0
3	Madison River	**Ennis**	18 (p 45)	G	NO	17 ($)	YES	25
		Greycliff	20 (p 49)	G	NO	15 ($)	YES	25
		Raynolds' Pass	17 (p 43)	G	NO	6	YES	25
		Valley Garden	18 (p 45)	G	NO	8 ($)	YES	25
		Varney Bridge	18 (p 45)	C	NO	6 ($)	YES	20
4	Martinsdale Reservoir	**Martinsdale Reservoir**	33 (p 75)	C	NO	5 ($)	YES	20
4	Missouri River	**Craig**	27 (p 63)	C	NO	12 ($)	YES	20
		Dearborn	27 (p 63)	H	NO	1 ($)	NO	0
		Mid Canon	27 (p 63)	G	NO	6 ($)	YES	20
		Mountain Palace	27 (p 63)	C	NO	3 ($)	YES	20
		Pelican Point	27 (p 63)	C	NO	2 ($)	YES	20
		Prewett Creek	27 (p 63)	C	NO	7 ($)	NO	0
		Spite Hill	27 (p 63)	G	NO	1 ($)	NO	0
		Stickney Creek	27 (p 63)	C	NO	4 ($)	YES	20
		Wolf Creek Bridge	27 (p 63)	C	NO	5 ($)	NO	0
3	Missouri River	**York's Islands**	25 (p 59)	C	NO	10 ($)	YES	30
5	Musselshell River	**Selkirk**	33 (p 75)	H	NO	5	YES	20
4	Newlan Reservoir	**Newlan Creek Reservoir**	31 (p 71)	G	NO	20 ($)	YES	20

* See page 6 for a key to boat ramp types and camping fees. FAS campsites cannot be reserved.

FWP Fishing Access Sites with Camping

Region	Waterbody	Site Name	Map # (page)	Boat Ramp Type*	Dock	# Campsites ($=fee charged)*	Trailers	Trailer Length in feet
4	Nilan Reservoir	**Nilan Reservoir**	30 (p 69)	C	NO	6 ($)	YES	20
4	Pishkun Reservoir	**Pishkun Reservoir**	30 (p 69)	C	NO	8 ($)	YES	20
5	Rock Creek	**Beaver Lodge**	37 (p 83)	H	NO	2	NO	0
		Bull Springs	37 (p 83)	NO	NO	1	YES	20
		Horsethief Station	37 (p 83)	NO	NO	2	YES	20
		Water Birch	37 (p 83)	H	NO	8 ($)	YES	20
4	Smith River	**Fort Logan**	31 (p 71)	NO	NO	4	NO	0
5	Stillwater River	**Buffalo Jump**	35 (p 79)	H	NO	3	YES	20
		Castle Rock	35 (p 79)	H	NO	10 ($)	YES	20
		Cliff Swallow	35 (p 79)	C	NO	8	YES	20
		Moraine	35 (p 79)	H	NO	2	YES	20
		Swinging Bridge	35 (p 79)	H	NO	5	YES	20
		Whitebird	35 (p 79)	G	NO	10 ($)	YES	20
5	West Rosebud Creek	**Rosebud Isle**	35 (p 79)	H	NO	8	YES	20
3	Willow Creek Reservoir	**Harrison Lake**	20 (p 49)	C	NO	12 ($)	YES	20
4		**Willow Creek Reservoir**	30 (p 69)	C	NO	5 ($)	YES	20
5	Yellowstone River	**Bratten**	35 (p 79)	G	NO	5 ($)	YES	20
		Dan Bailey	23 (p 55)	NO	NO	3	YES	20
		Grey Bear	24 (p 57)	G	NO	10 ($)	YES	20
		Homestead Isle	35 (p 79)	NO	NO	OPEN	NO	0
		Indian Fort	35 (p 79)	G	NO	12 ($)	YES	20
3		**Loch Leven**	23 (p 55)	C	NO	10 ($)	YES	20
		Mallard's Rest	23 (p 55)	C	NO	8 ($)	YES	30
5		**Otter Creek**	24 (p 57)	C	NO	5	YES	20
5		**Pelican**	35 (p 79)	C	NO	3	YES	20

Region	Waterbody	Site Name	Map # (page)	Boat Ramp Type*	Dock	# Campsites ($=fee charged)*	Trailers	Trailer Length in feet
Eastern District								
6	Bearpaw Lake	**Bearpaw Lake**	40 (p 89)	NO	NO	17 ($)	YES	20
5	Bighorn River	**General Custer**	46 (p 101)	C	NO	1	YES	20
		Grant Marsh	46 (p 101)	C	NO	1	YES	20
		Manuel Lisa	46 (p 101)	C	NO	5	YES	20
6	Cole Pond, NNW	**Cole Ponds**	42 (p 93)	G	NO	3	YES	20
6	Fort Peck Lake	**Rock Creek**	41 (p 91)	C	NO	4	YES	20
6	Glasgow Pond	**Glasgow Base Pond**	42 (p 93)	H	YES	4	YES	20
6	Milk River	**Fresno Tailwater**	40 (p 89)	G	NO	3	YES	20
6	Missouri River	**Snowden Bridge**	43 (p 95)	G	NO	1	YES	20
7	South Sandstone Reservoir	**South Sandstone**	45 (p 99)	C	NO	11	YES	20
7	Tongue River	**Twelve Mile Dam**	45 (p 99)	H	NO	8	YES	20
7	Yellowstone River	**Bonfield**	45 (p 99)	C	NO	2	YES	20
		Fallon Bridge	45 (p 99)	C	NO	1	YES	20
		Intake Dam	44 (p 97)	C	NO	20 ($)	YES	20
5		**Bundy Bridge**	36 (p 81)	G	NO	1 ($)	NO	0
		Captain Clark	46 (p 101)	C	NO	5 ($)	YES	20
7		**Far West**	46 (p 101)	C	NO	5	YES	20
		Myers Bridge	46 (p 101)	C	NO	5	YES	20
		Rosebud East	46 (p 101)	C	NO	18 ($)	YES	20
5		**Voyagers Rest**	36 (p 81)	G	NO	5 ($)	YES	20

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Western District=Orange Central District=Blue Eastern District=Green

WARNING! Floating over dams can be extremely dangerous! Do not attempt.

Low-head dams (diversion dams)

Low-head dams and irrigation check dams are generally small structures usually no more than 10 feet high. They often have no gates or built-in water control devices; water flows constantly over them. Because of their small size, they may not appear to be dangerous, especially when viewed from a boat or canoe upstream.

Regardless of their design or appearance, low-head and temporary diversion dams can be very dangerous. Torrents of water pouring over low-head dams can create a churning backwash or current. This "hydraulic," as it is often called, is really a recirculating current. The rolling water takes any object (including a person) to the bottom of the stream, releases it to the surface, sucks it back to the face of the dam, and pushes it back to the bottom. This cycle can continue indefinitely.

Branches and other debris trapped in the hydraulic pose an additional hazard to the victim. The victim has a hard time staying afloat, even if wearing a life jacket (PFD). Air bubbles mixing in the water decrease its buoyancy by one-third. These conditions create a nearly perfect drowning machine.

Watch the low-head dam simulation that shows how low-head dams are deadly traps of moving water online at:

http://www.boatingsidekicks.com/kidsknow/INWATER/lowdiagram.htm

An irrigation dam is another type of dam that can be very hazardous to recreationalists. These dams typically span the width of the river, and people who float over these structures (accidentally or intentionally) may experience a large drop, with sharp objects and rock at the bottom. With both types of dams, it is safer to portage around the structures or use appropriate bypass routes where provided.

Tongue & Yellowstone low head diversion dam on the Tongue River at low flows.

French-Grass Valley Diversion Dam on the Clark Fork just west of Missoula - diversion dams can be dangerous when flash boards are installed, creating a large drop and unpredictable conditions below.

Waco Dam installed on the Yellowstone River.

Sport Fish Consumption Guidelines

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) has issued advisories for the consumption of fish from certain Montana waters. Fish from some Montana waters contain levels of chemicals that may be especially harmful to young children, nursing mothers, and childbearing women or persons frequently consuming fish. Information, advice and additional details about fish consumption is available from the DPHHS, telephone 406-444-2837. This information is also available in a brochure titled "Montana Sport Fish Consumption Guidelines" which can be obtained at any FWP office and many license providers, or on the FWP website at:
http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=28187

Waters with a fish consumption advisory and an exception to the standard fishing regulations are identified with a fish icon to help you identify places to pay special attention to when harvesting fish.

General Guidelines to Reduce Your Health Risk

- **Keep smaller fish for eating.** They taste better and have had less time to accumulate contaminants than older, bigger fish.
- **Eat smaller meals when you eat big fish and eat them less often.**
- **Eat fish that are less likely to be contaminated.** Contaminants such as mercury and PCBs build up in large predatory fish such as Walleye and Lake Trout. Their prey, such as Yellow Perch and Rainbow Trout, have less contaminants.
- **Clean and cook your fish properly.** Trim fish to remove fatty portions. Cook fish in a way that drains juices away from the meat.

The following waterbodies contain fish species with consumption advisories. More detailed information is available on the FWP website:
http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=28187

Alder Gulch	Clark Fork River	Lake Elwell aka Tiber Reservoir	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
Bair Reservoir	Clear Lake	Lake Frances	Petrolia Reservoir
Belt Creek	Cooney Reservoir	Lake Helena	Pishkun Reservoir
Big Spring Creek	Crystal Lake	Lake Koocanusa	Prickly Pear Creek
Bighorn Lake and Afterbay Reservoir	Dry Fork Carpenter Creek	Lake Marlin	Seeley Lake
Blacktail Creek	East Fork Reservoir	Lake Mary Ronan	Silver Creek
Boulder River	Firehole River	Lake McDonald	Snow Creek
Bowman Lake (Glacier NP)	Flathead Lake	Lee Metcalf Pond NWR	South Sandstone Reservoir
Browns Gulch	Flint Creek	Leigh Lake	St. Mary Lake
Bynum Reservoir	Fort Peck Reservoir	Libby ponds	Swan Lake
Cabinet Gorge Reservoir	Fred Burr Creek	Lower Stillwater Lake	Thompson Falls Reservoir
Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Fresno Reservoir	Lower Willow Creek Reservoir	Tongue River Reservoir
Carpenter Creek	Georgetown Lake	Madison River	Upper Two Medicine
Castlerock Lake	Gibbon River	Martinsdale Reservoir	Waterton Lakes
Cataract Creek	Harrison Lake (Glacier NP)	Medicine Lake NWR	Whitefish Lake
Chrome Lake	Hauser Reservoir	Missouri River	Yellowstone River near Powder River
Clark Canyon Reservoir	Hebgen Reservoir	Mountain View Lake	
	Holter Reservoir	Mystic Lake	
	Island Lake	Nelson Reservoir	
		Ninepipes Pond NWR	

Catch–and–Release Angling

Waters designated catch-and-release for one or more species of fish require that those fish be immediately released alive. Before you start fishing in these waters, consider the following in order to give the fish you release the best possible chance to survive: 1) Artificial lures are preferred over bait to reduce deep hooking and catch and release mortality; 2) Single hooks are preferred over treble or multiple hooks because they are easier and quicker to remove; 3) Barbless hooks are recommended over barbed hooks because they are easier to remove and reduce release time; 4) Heavier gear is preferred over lighter gear because it makes it easier to land fish; and 5) Rubber or neoprene nets are preferable because they are less likely than nylon nets to catch hooks which increases release time.

Releasing Fish

To ensure a released fish has the best chance for survival:

- Play the fish as rapidly as possible. Do not play it to total exhaustion.
- Keep the fish in water as much as possible when handling and removing the hook.
- Remove the hook gently. Do not squeeze the fish or put your fingers in its gills. There are release devices available from most sporting/fishing stores to assist you and, use of barbless hooks makes releasing fish easier.
- Set the hook quickly to avoid deep hooking the fish. If the fish is deeply hooked and must be released by regulation, cut the line inside the mouth opening. Do not yank the hook out, as some fish will survive with hooks in them. Anglers should strongly consider keeping fish deeply-hooked in the throat or gills if allowed by regulations on that waterbody.
- Release the fish only after it has gained its equilibrium. If necessary, gently hold the fish upright in the current facing upstream and move it slowly back and forth.
- Release the fish in quiet water close to the area where it was hooked.

Lake/Reservoir fishing from boats:

- Fish caught from deep water may be unable to vent their air bladder and may "bloat". Puncturing the air bladder or "fizzing" is not recommended because it may cause infections. A simple release tool will facilitate releasing the fish in deep water and recompressing it quickly. All you need is a 50-foot cord, a weight and a hook. Dull the hook, flatten the barb and attach the hook inline just above the weight with knots at the hook eye and bend. The hook should be pointing down toward the weight. Place the hook over the lower jaw of the fish and let the weight drop, pulling the fish down rapidly. A tug on the cord will release the fish.

Safer Fishing Tackle

Loons, swans, cranes and other waterbirds can die from lead poisoning after swallowing lead fishing sinkers and jigs lost by anglers. Sinkers and jigs do not have to be made of lead. To help protect waterbirds from getting lead poisoning, anglers can use sinkers and jigs made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, steel and recycled glass.

What You Can Do

- Ask your local sporting goods store to stock non-lead fishing tackle.
- Use non-lead fishing weights.
- Discard old lead sinkers and jigs properly.
- Spread the word. Tell other anglers about the problem with lead and encourage them to switch to non-lead sinkers and jigs.

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You can help **stop the spread of aquatic invasive species** that damage Montana waters and diminish your fishing opportunities. If you're transporting watercraft or equipment—or coming from another state or province—you must ensure they're free of AIS before launching (Montana law).

CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.

INSPECT: After leaving a lake, river or stream, inspect for mud, water and vegetation.

- Inspect your boat, trailer, anchor and engine.
- Inspect your waders, fishing and boating gear.

CLEAN: Completely remove all mud, water, and vegetation at the access area.

- Remove all vegetation (by hand or sprayer).
- Remove all mud (use a pressurized power sprayer, found at most do-it-yourself car washes). Hot water kills organisms; pressure removes mud and vegetation. No need to use chemicals or soap.

DRAIN AND DRY: Aquatic invaders can survive only in water and wet areas.

- Drain all water from watercraft and equipment.
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.
- Dry your watercraft and fishing equipment thoroughly between trips; this will kill most invasive species.
- The longer you keep your watercraft, trailer, waders and other equipment outside in the hot sun between fishing trips, the better.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Report vandalism!
Help Protect **Montana's Fishing Access Sites**

Make the call: 1-800 TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668)