

SWAN LAKE AREA

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	U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Open Dec. 1 - March 31 To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
	U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Sixmile Area Open Dec. 1 - April 30 To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
	U.S. FOREST SERVICE - No Over Snow Vehicle Use
	STATE TRUST LANDS - Open Yearlong To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting (See Licensing & Registration Information)
	WEYERHAEUSER TIMBER COMPANY - Contact Corporate Office
	U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE - No Over Snow Motor Vehicle Use
	FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION - Contact Tribal Office
	PRIVATE - No Over Snow Motor Vehicle Use Without Permission
	Groomed Route - Open Yearlong To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
	Groomed Route - Open Dec. 1 - March 31 To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
	Road Open Yearlong To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting (Unimproved)
	Road Open Dec. 1 - Oct. 14 To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting (Unimproved)
	Road Template - Has Same Open Dates As Area It Resides In
	Over Snow Vehicle Parking Area
	Mileage Marker (On map only, not on ground)

It is unlawful to snowmobile on plowed roads or any road drivable by conventional motorized vehicles, regardless of the travel designation displayed on this map.

It is recognized that there are inherent risks to the sport of snowmobiling and the prudent snowmobiler should be aware of such risks and take necessary precautions.



AVALANCHE TIPS

Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or prolonged periods of high winds.
Avoid crossing steep side hills and entering narrow steeply sided canyons.
Stay on the windblown side of ridges.

DANGER: Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Information on avalanche conditions is available by calling local Forest Service offices or:

Flathead Avalanche Center
Advisory Hotline (406) 257-8402
www.flatheadavalanche.org

AVALANCHE SURVIVAL

If you are caught in an avalanche:
* Make swimming motions. Try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.
* Before coming to a stop, get your hands in front of your face and try to make an air space in the snow as you are coming to a stop.
* Try to remain calm.

If you are the survivor:
* Mark the place you last saw the victim.
* Search for the victim directly downslope below the last seen area. If he is not on the surface, scuff or probe the snow with a ski pole or stick.
* You are the victim's best hope for survival.
* Do not desert him and go for help unless help is only a few minutes away. Remember, you must consider not only the time required for you to get help, but time for help to return. After one-half hour, the buried victim has only 50 percent chance of surviving.

First Aid:
* Treat for suffocation and shock.

MONTANA'S SNOWMOBILE LAW

23-2-454 M.C.A.
Snowmobiler's assumption of responsibility -- duties
(1) A snowmobiler shall operate a snowmobile at all times in a manner that avoids injury to self and others and must be aware of the inherent risks in the sport of snowmobiling.
(2) A snowmobiler shall:
(a) know the range of the snowmobiler's ability and snowmobile safely within the limits of that ability and the snowmobiler's equipment so as to negotiate any section of terrain or snowmobile trail safely and without injury or damage. A snowmobiler must be aware that the snowmobiler's ability may vary because of terrain or trail changes caused by weather, grooming changes, or snowmobile use.
(b) maintain control of speed and course at all times while snowmobiling so as to prevent injury to self and others;
(c) heed all posted warnings; and
(d) refrain from acting in a manner that may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone.
(3) A snowmobiler shall accept all legal responsibility for injury or damage of any kind to the extent that the injury or damage results from risks inherent in the sport of snowmobiling. Risks inherent in the sport of snowmobiling are:
(a) variations in terrain, including surface or subsurface snow or ice conditions naturally occurring or resulting from weather changes, snowmobile use, or grooming or snowmaking operations;
(b) bare spots or thin snow cover caused by limited snowfall, melting, wind erosion, snowmobile use, grooming, or snowmaking operations;
(c) rocks, trees, or other forms of forest growth or debris;
(d) clearly visible or plainly marked impediments or trail maintenance equipment; and
(e) avalanches.
(4) The provisions of this section do not affect a product liability cause of action based upon the design or manufacture of snowmobile equipment or products or safety equipment used incidental to the operation of a snowmobile.
History: En. Sec. 4, Ch. 440, L. 1987; and, Sec. 11, Ch. 351, L. 1993; and, Sec. 4, Ch. 145, L. 1999

MARKER	MILEAGE	REMARKS
1-2	6.9	Rd #498, Crane Mtn. Road
2-3	9.5	Rd #498, Crane Mtn. Road
2-5	3.5	Rd #9714, Yew Cr. Road
2-4	12.8	Rd #9714, Yew Cr. Road
5-6	9.3	Rd #9714, Yew Cr. Road
6-7	1.6	Rd #10229, Porcupine Cr. Rd.
6-8	2.7	Rd #10229, Porcupine Cr. Rd.
6-9	6.1	Rd #10229, Porcupine Cr. Rd.
1-3	16.4	Rd #498, Crane Mtn. Road
7-2	14.4	Rd #10229 & #9714 to Jct #498
7-9	10.4	Rd #10229, Porcupine Cr. Rd.

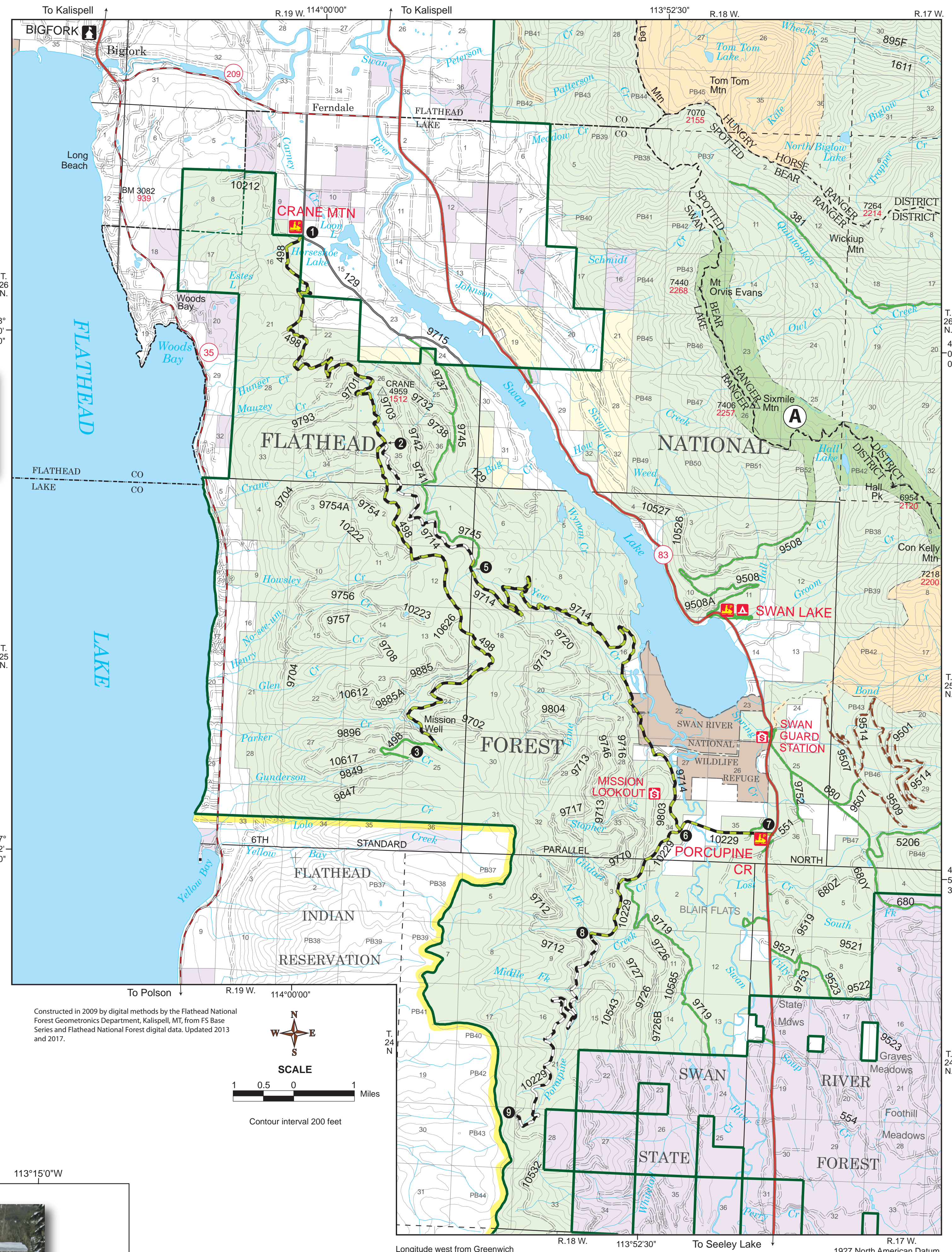
Grooming may cease due to snow and avalanche conditions, and logging operations.

AREA SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

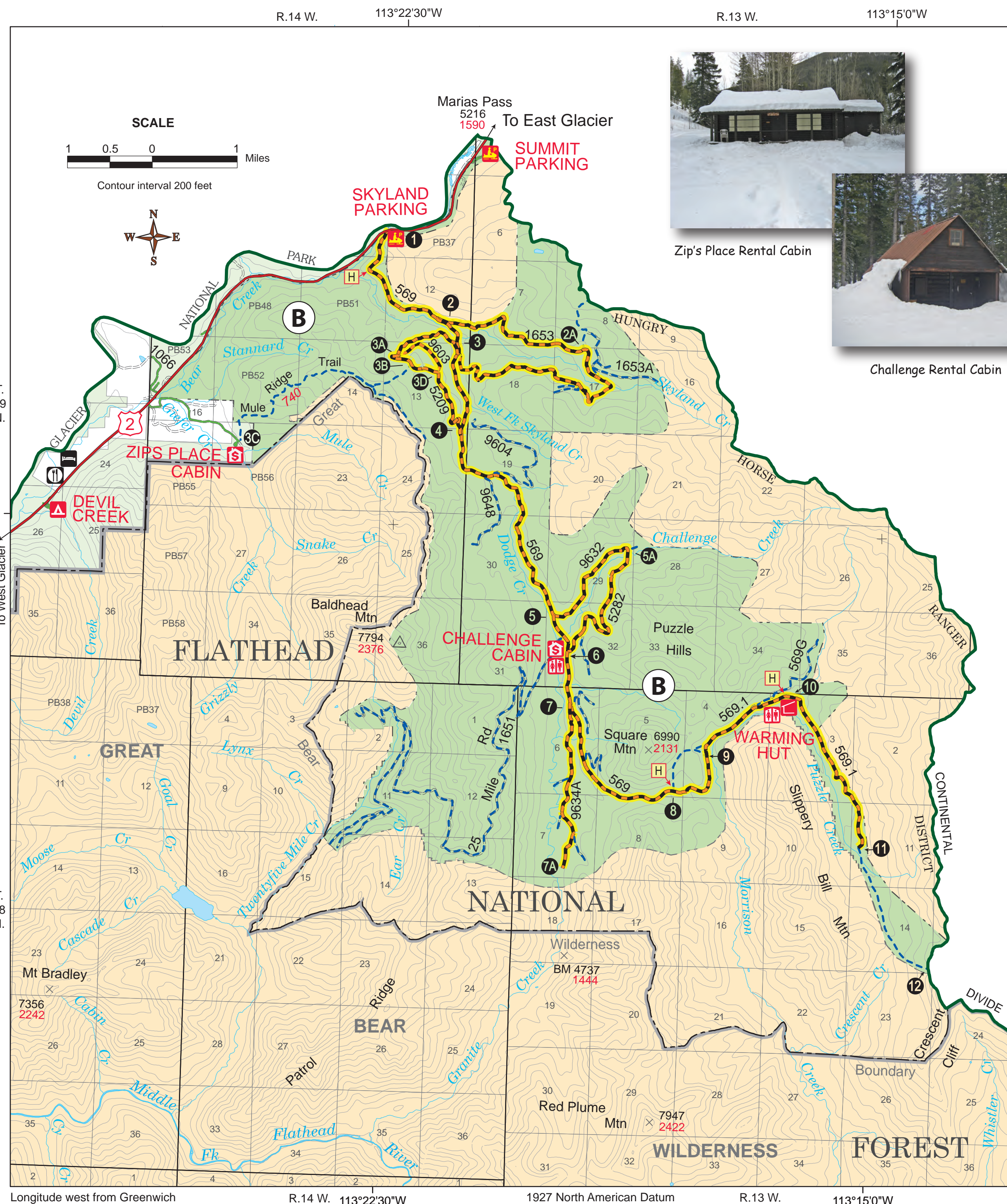
Montana Snowmobile Association
www.snowmobiler.org

Flathead Snowmobile Association
P.O. Box 5041
Kalispell, MT 59904
www.flatheadsnowmobiler.com

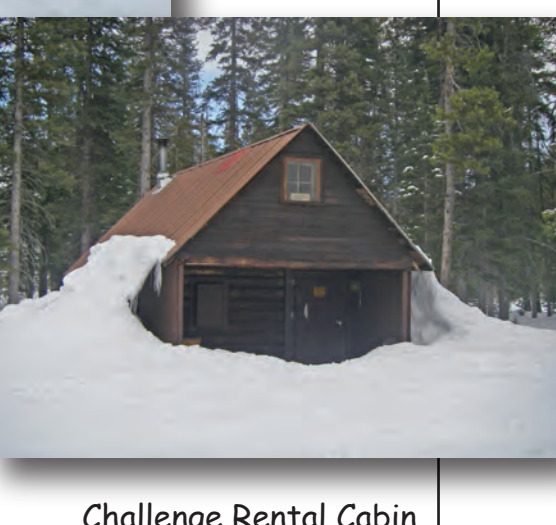
Summit Snowgoers
P.O. Box 301
Cut Bank, MT 59427
(406) 460-3473 or (406) 949-2565
Email: shbprint@3rivers.net



SKYLAND AREA



Zip's Place Rental Cabin



Challenge Rental Cabin

Welcome to the Skyland Area

The trails in the Skyland area are groomed regularly by the Summit Snowgoers Club. They are located on Flathead National Forest lands. Funds for grooming are provided by the Montana gas tax and snowmobile registration fees, and administered by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks snowmobile program.
The Summit Snowgoers is a family club committed to the protection of the environment. Club meetings are held monthly each winter. Club activities include trail rides, a fun day, monthly family outings, and a steak fry in April.

For grooming information contact:
Summit Snowgoers
P.O. Box 301
Cut Bank, MT 59427

Wind Chill Chart

Temp (F)	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
10	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
15	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
20	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
25	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
30	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
35	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65
40	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
45	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75
50	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80
55	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
60	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
65	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95
70	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100

SKYLAND AREA TRAILS

SIGN #	TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	Rd.#
1-2	Skyland Road	1.7	569
2-2A	E. Fk. Loop Road	2.4	1653
2-2A-3	Skyland Road	5.2	569
2A-3	E. Fk. Loop Road	3.1	1653
3-3A	Mule Ridge Road	1.1	5209
3-4	Skyland Road	1.0	569
3A-3B	Mule Ridge Road	0.5	5209
3A-3D	Mule Ridge Road	1.0	9603
3B-3C	Mule Ridge Trail	3.2	
3B-3D	Mule Ridge Road	0.4	5209
3D-4	Mule Ridge Road	1.0	5209
4-5	Skyland Road	2.8	569
5-6A	Challenge Loop Rd.	1.4	9632
5-6	Skyland Road	0.5	569
5A-6	Challenge Loop Rd.	2.0	5282
6-7	Skyland Road	0.6	569
7-7A	Granite Creek Rd.	2.2	9631A
7-8	Skyland Road	2.2	569
8-9	Skyland Road	0.7	569
9-10	Skyland Road	1.3	569
10-11	Skyland Road	2.1	569
11-12	Puzzle Creek Trail	1.8	
1-6	Skyland Parking Challenge Cabin	6.4	
1-10	Skyland Parking Puzzle Creek Trail	11.2	
1-11	Skyland Parking Puzzle Creek Trail	13.3	

Skyland Parking Suggestions

- General Courtesy**
- Unload, then park your vehicle, take up as little parking space as possible.
 - Unhook the trailer and back over the tongue to allow for more parking space.
 - Do not leave trailers jack-boled.
 - If traveling in a group, park your party's vehicles as close together as possible or head to tail to allow for more space.
 - Do not block other vehicles in if they are not a part of your group.
- The Upper Lot (closest to Skyland Road)**
- Single vehicles and vehicles with two place trailers only.
 - Angle park at 45 degrees pointed to the west using the creek side first. Back into the banks so that people can drive out.
 - The first vehicle in should park in the uppermost position, closest to the trail. All others park in the next adjacent positions.
 - No parking parallel to the highway.
- The Lower Lot (farthest west of Skyland Road)**
- All larger 4 place trailers, motorhomes, and over flow from Upper Lot.
 - Park perpendicular (90 degrees) to the highway, and back up to the bank.
 - No parking parallel to the highway and do not park in the middle of the lot.

State Snowmobile Registration

All snowmobilers must display a current registration sticker on public lands.
Montana residents must register their snowmobilers at the County Treasurer's Office in the county where the owner resides. This is a one-time registration and valid until the current owner sells the snowmobile.
Montana residents must also purchase a Trail Pass (since October 1, 2015) to ride on any of the 4,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. A Resident Trail Pass is valid for three seasons and costs \$18. Trail Passes apply to all "mechanized equipment" including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat tire pedal bikes. They may be obtained online at: www.apprmt.gov/als/index.html

We ask that anyone using groomed snowmobile trails for recreation - please contribute and purchase the Trail Pass. The revenues go directly to grooming the trails.

Nonresidents who plan to ride their snowmobilers and motorized snow bikes in Montana must purchase a Snowmobile Nonresident Temporary Use Permit for \$25 per machine. You can:
Apply Online - You may apply for your Resident Trail Pass or Snowmobile Nonresident Temporary Use Permit through the online licensing system at: www.apprmt.gov/als/index.html

Paper Application - You may print the Snowmobile Nonresident Temporary Use Permit application, fill it out, and mail it back to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (address is on the application).

Vendor List - You can also purchase a Snowmobile Nonresident Temporary Use Permit of a Resident Trail Pass at any of the vendors in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Wyoming. Visit www.stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/snowmobile-program.html for the list.

State Lands Recreational Use License

A State Lands Recreational Use License is required when snowmobiling on State Trust Lands. They can be purchased from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks license agents or online. Visit www.apprmt.gov/als/index.html for details.



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