

 The logo of the United States Forest Service, featuring a shield with a tree in the center, the letters 'U' and 'S' on either side, and the words 'FOREST SERVICE' and 'DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE' around the perimeter.	Flathead National Forest	Media Release
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Some Forest Service Campgrounds Open this Weekend

Most Flathead National Forest campgrounds operated by concessionaire Charlie Jantzen will be open this coming weekend, beginning Friday, May 12. Services and fees vary at each site. Services, including drinking water, toilets and campground hosts, will be available. There is a fee increase of \$2.00 per night at each site, with the fees ranging from \$10-\$14.

Concessionaire campgrounds on the Flathead National Forest opening this weekend are:

Tally Lake,
Big Creek,
Emery Bay,
Lost Johnny,
Lost Johnny Point,
Lid Creek,
Murray Bay,
Holland Lake, and
Swan Lake.

Day-use areas managed by the concessionaire will also be available beginning Friday, May 12. There is a day-use fee of \$3.00 per vehicle. This is the same fee as last year. The concessionaire day-use areas on the Flathead National Forest opening this weekend are:

Tally Lake,
Big Creek,
Emery Bay,
Lost Johnny Point, and
Swan Lake.

Jantzen has served as the concessionaire for the past 21 years. He recently was awarded the concessionaire contract for an additional five years. Flathead National Forest Recreation Officer Bruce Johnson said, "We are pleased to work with Charlie and his large contingent of hosts. They provide excellent service and we look forward to another great camping season."

The Flathead National Forest also offers ten cabins and lookouts, and six group sites

that may be reserved through the National Recreation Reservation Service by visiting www.reserveusa.com or calling 1-877-444-6777. Fees, services and seasons of availability vary. For more information and images of the cabin rentals on the Flathead National Forest, visit the forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead.

More campgrounds and other recreational sites will open as access increases to these areas. Please contact local Forest Service Office for more information.

Johnson reminds forest campers and visitors that all food and food-related items should be stored in a bear-resistant manner. The Flathead National Forest is home to grizzly and black bears, and responsible human actions will help with unwanted bear encounters. For more information about the food storage regulations on the Flathead National Forest, contact a local forest service office or talk to your campground host.

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