



Flathead National Forest

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Renovation of Upper Stillwater Campground Completed and Continues at Tally Lake Campground

The Upper Stillwater Campground on the Tally Lake District of the Flathead National Forest is open to the public for camping and boating access following renovation of the site.

The renovation included an improved boat launch, expanded day parking for vehicles and boat trailers, and new tent site and four camping sites with new picnic tables and fire rings. The road on National Forest System lands from the railroad tracks to the campground was improved with drainage ditches and grading. The site was closed during the renovation for approximately three weeks.

Becky Smith-Powell, Resource Assistant for the Tally Lake District, said, “The Upper Stillwater Campground is a great day-use or overnight recreation experience.” Smith-Powell says she was pleased with the improvements and anticipates the public will be equally pleased.

The Upper Stillwater Campground is located approximately 20 miles west of Whitefish, on the north side of the Upper Stillwater Lake. The free campground includes a restroom, fire grates and picnic tables. There is no water or garbage service, so users must bring water and pack out all trash.

Improvements are also taking place at the Tally Lake Campground with construction of a new boat launch and boat dock. A temporary boat launch for small boats is available during reconstruction and parking will be available in an area signed near the beach area. The temporary boat launch is not feasible for large boats and users are responsible to determine if their

boat can safely be launched at the temporary site. The improvements at the Tally Lake Campground should be completed by August.

The Tally Lake Campground hosts 40 camping sites, two group camping areas, campground host, beach area, picnic sites and a pavilion area that can accommodate large gatherings of approximately 100 people. Reservations are needed for the group camping sites and pavilion, while the individual sites are first-come, first-serve. The campground also includes a volleyball court, horseshoe pits and a spotting scope to view water fowl on the lake, including loons and eagles. Visit www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777 for group site reservations.

The Tally Lake Campground is managed by a concessionaire under contract with the Flathead National Forest. The campground is located approximately 12 miles west of Whitefish and approximately 22 miles from Kalispell.

For more information about the Upper Stillwater Lake or Tally Lake Campgrounds, contact Smith at 758-3538 or visit www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead.

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