



Flathead National Forest

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Boat Launch at Tally Lake Campground Being Upgraded

The boat launch at the Tally Lake Campground on the Flathead National Forest is under reconstruction through July. 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.

Tally Lake District Resource Assistant Becky Smith-Powell asks the public to be patient during reconstruction and use caution if they chose to launch boats at the temporary launch facility. Smith-Powell said, "The new boat launch will be longer and wider, and there will be a new boat dock as well."

Work is also underway to lengthen the Overlook Trail, Forest Trail #804, into a three-mile loop trail from the Tally Lake Campground to the overlook area and back to the campground. The trail extension should be completed by the end of July.

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 boat launch reconstruction or campground, contact the Tally Lake District at 758-5204 or visit www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead.

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