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Forest Users Reminded of Seasonal Changes at Forest Campgrounds

Several of the developed recreation facilities across the Flathead National Forest will remain open throughout the fall, but services will be discontinued or minimal. Fees will not be charged beginning Sunday, October 1 at forest concessionaire sites. Forest users are reminded to pack it in and pack it out! Water and restroom facilities may be unavailable and users should plan accordingly.

The Tally Lake Campground, including the boat launch, will remain accessible, but no services will be provided after October 1. There is a seasonal trail closure on the Tally-Ashley Trail, Forest Trail #800 through November 30. The trail is closed between its junctions with Forest Road #9617 and Forest Road #11258, on the Tally Lake District.

The Devil Creek Campground, located along Highway 2 west of Marias Pass, will be closed as of late Sunday, October 1 for the season. The adjacent trailhead, Devil Creek Trail, will remain accessible. Emery Bay Campground, along the east side of Hungry Horse Reservoir, will also close for the season Sunday evening. Boat launching facilities at Abbott Bay will continue to be accessible. Other developed sites on the Hungry Horse and Glacier View District will be accessible, but no services will be provided.

Services at Swan Lake and Holland Lake Campgrounds on the Swan Lake District will end as of late Sunday, October 1 and access to these sites will be limited.

Spotted Bear Campground will remain open, but water will not be available after this weekend.

Anyone planning a fall camping, hiking, biking or other recreational outing on the forest is encouraged to contact a local Forest Service Office for information on seasonal services and access. Forest users are also reminded that fall hunting season is underway and to anticipate hunting activity across the forest. All forest users are encouraged to wear hunter orange or other brightly colored clothing when recreating on the forest this fall.

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