

Recreation Opportunities Custer-Gallatin NF Assessment

General Notes

- Primary activities: hiking/walking, biking, hunting, general relaxing, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling)
- Summer greatest visitor season – west and central portions of forest
- Spring and fall hunting seasons busiest – eastern portion of forest

Recreation Opportunities

- Non-motorized (biking, stock, foot, skiing, snowshoeing)
 - 215 miles of XC ski trails
 - ~1900 miles of summer trails
- Motorized (all vehicles, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, snowmobile)
 - 400 miles of snowmobile/winter trails
 - ~1200 miles of summer trails
- Developed
 - Recreation rental cabins (25-27; primarily west side of forest)
 - Camping and picnicking (63; located along or near lakes or rivers, forested settings)
 - Boating sites (11)
 - Interpretive sites (18)
 - Observation/Wildlife viewing (9)
 - FS Nordic ski area (1)
 - Trailheads (177)
- Dispersed – primary use of the forest (>80% of total visitation)
 - Campsites (1086)
 - Wilderness campsites (1697)
 - Day use area (115)
 - Fishing/River site (123)
 - Climbing area (8)
- Recreation Special Uses
 - Outfitter and guides (175; backpacking, rafting, dog sledding, snowmobiling, skiing, etc.)
 - Recreation residences (291)
 - Alpine and Nordic ski areas (4)
 - Organization camps (7)
 - Recreation resorts (3)
 - Shooting ranges (1)
 - Recreation events