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And so are the new 2009 Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation volunteer projects. Our new summer projects are posted online at www.bmwf.org. Take a look and sign up today. Some projects are already full - don't wait!



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FEATURED VOLUNTEER: BOY SCOUT TROOP #17

As the Boy Scouts say, "Always be prepared!" We sure agree with this motto at the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation so when Troop #17 from Whitefish said they wanted to head into The Bob last year, we knew they would be up for the challenge!

► **How many times have you worked with the BMWF?** The Pivot Mountain Trail was our first project for the BMWF. John Phelps, Vice-President of the Board of Directors to the BMWF, lives next door to one of our troop's campsites. He's watched us from his porch as we've camped and cooked and done our things in the snow. He suggested that we check out a wilderness project. We're sure glad he did!

► **Tell us about a favorite experience or moment from your volunteer project with BMWF:** Our favorite experiences were campfires with Paul (BMWF Executive Director) and Erin (BMWF Crew Leader) where we played impossible story games like "lifeboat" and "black magic." Also, it was fun arm-wrestling Erin.

► **Tell me a little bit about why you volunteer in the backcountry.** We volunteered because we like doing backcountry hiking and camping, and we like helping other people. It's part of our Scout oath to be of service to others.



(more on page 7) Boy Scout Troop #17 from Whitefish, Montana

Do What You Can to Sustain Our Efforts

This past July, I was lucky enough to be hired to replace Carla Belski as the new Executive Director of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation and have been very busy since working to “learn the ropes” and to continue our hard earned achievements. I am delighted to return after serving previously as the Program Director for five years, and am enjoying the opportunity to work with so

“We are tightening our belts, but people continue to give in tough times. Please donate.”



Paul Travis, BMWF Executive Director.

many familiar faces and dedicated individuals. This is a great opportunity and challenge and I look forward to continuing and growing our successes.

On the fundraising side of things, we are gearing up for our best year yet! Our popular Mountainfilm Festival coming up in mid April gives us the chance to introduce the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation and The Bob to a whole new audience. We are expanding this year with shows in Whitefish, Helena and now in Great Falls. Our goal is to reach out to the many Bob supporters and outdoor junkies in communities surrounding The Bob and provide an informative and entertaining event. Check out the Mountainfilm Festival details in this newsletter for more info and get it on your calendar. You won't want to miss it!

We are always looking and planning for other ways to sustain our organization. Grants have historically been our biggest piece of the funding pie but we are realizing that more diverse funding is the key to growth and sustainability. Continued support through our memberships, license plate sales, and fundraisers are where we have set goals to expand. Our new Monthly Giv-

ing Program, and bequests offer other ways to donate. With a bleak economic outlook, we all are looking to tighten our belts, but studies have shown people continue to make charitable gifts in tough times. With greater outreach and growth in the number of individual gifts, we can continue to sustain the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation through this period and beyond.

So with that, I'll state my case: if you care about the Bob Marshall Wilderness and our public lands, do what you can to help. Join or renew as a member of The Bob Squad, buy our Bob license plate for your rig or trailer, come to our fundraisers, buy raffle tickets, volunteer for a project, help with our Community Crew, or invite a friend to join. With everyone's help, I know we can continue to provide the volunteer opportunities and much needed work throughout The Bob we have become known for.

Thanks to all for your past and continued support, allowing us to help care for the one-of-a-kind Bob Marshall Wilderness. See you on the trail!

Paul Travis, Executive Director

Recognizing Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Partners



The Montana Weed Control Association is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is working together to strengthen and support noxious weed management efforts in Montana. Our membership numbers approximately 650 with a goal of reaching 1,000 by year's end. Our association has three main focuses, providing & promoting education, networking, and promotion of valid and relevant research. We strongly support and encourage integrated weed management efforts across the state and we invite all parties whom are concerned about noxious weeds to join our association. Publications, educational materials, membership forms, event registration and calendar of events along with a great deal of information can be found at www.mtweed.org. Won't you consider joining today?

The Montana Wilderness Association has helped to fund trail projects with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation for the last two years on the Rocky Mountain Front. This year, MWA is also supporting our Noxious Weed Program. With special recognition for Gabriel Furshong and Scott Friskics (of the Island Range Chapter), the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation says thank you!

MWA mission: Work with communities to protect Montana's wilderness heritage, quiet beauty, and outdoor traditions, now and for future generations. MWA vision: A future in which pristine public lands in Montana are permanently protected as federally designated Wilderness.



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Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation 2009 Spring Raffle

Raffle Drawings at the Mountainfilm Festival Fundraiser
 Whitefish | Thursday, April 16th | O'Shaughnessy Center
 Helena | Friday, April 17th | Carroll College, Simperman Hall
 Great Falls | Saturday, April 18th | Lewis & Clark Center

3 tickets for \$10.00 / 1 ticket for \$5.00

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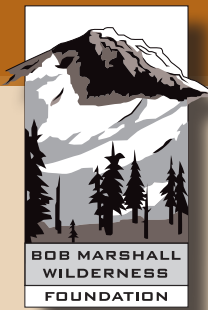
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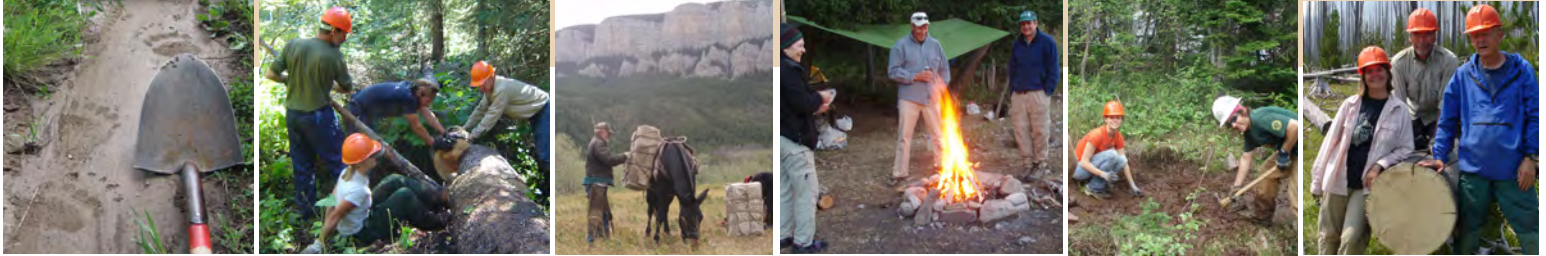
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2009 Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Volunteer Projects

Wilderness Service Projects with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation are a great way to get outside and give back to The Bob. For many of the projects, no prior experience is necessary, and we just ask that you come motivated to work, prepared to have fun, and ready to make the project a success. The projects range in length from daylong weekend projects* to week-long backpacking trips*. Find one that fits your schedule and abilities, fill out the registration form (found online at www.bmwf.org or call 406.387.3808 to request via snail mail) and send it back. Space is limited so sign up today!



JUNE PROJECTS

BMWF #1 – National Trails Day Saturday, May 30th

Trail: Grant Ridge #339
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 2-5 miles
Elevation: +2900'
Availability: 20 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: May 18th



Celebrate National Trails Day with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, American Hiking Society and the Montana Conservation Corps. Crews will be working on Grant Ridge #339 in the Great Bear Wilderness off Hwy 2. We will work to clear these trails of windfall, remove brush from the trail corridor, and provide maintenance and possible installation of drainage structures. That means cross-cut work, cutting back overgrown brush, and some digging where the trail is sloughing downhill.

After a day on the trail, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation invites all volunteers to a BBQ at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station from 4-6pm. The BMWF will provide all the grub.

BMWF #2 – Harrison Creek #88 Friday, June 12th to Sunday, June 14th

Trail: Harrison Creek #88
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 3.5 miles to base camp
Elevation: +600'
Availability: 5 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: May 25th



This project is our first backcountry, overnight project to kick off the season. While this will be a trail work project, this trip will also serve as a hands-on training for new BMWF staff. This is a great trip to get back in hiking and camping shape for the season. Trail work will focus on re-establishing and widening sloughing tread on a sidehill (aka: lots of digging) to make the route safer for hiker and pack stock travel. There is no pack support for this project. This is a 100% backpacking trip; the crew will carry all personal gear, tools and group gear.



BMWF #5 – Historic Phone Line Friday, June 19th to Friday, June 26th

Trail: East Side Trail #80*
Difficulty: Difficult-Strenuous
Hike: 12 miles (to Blk Bear Cabin)
Elevation: +2112 -1886 = +226'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: June 1st



Last year, our BMWF volunteer crew cleared 8 miles of phone line; help us do it again! The historic phone line on the Spotted Bear Ranger District is one of the last and largest working #9 wire phone lines from the 1920s. It is still functional and very useful to the district with five administrative sites and two public sites using it for communication. This phone system was widely installed and used from the 20s until the 60s however, since then, this working artifact has been difficult to maintain each year due to more downed trees and less people & funding to keep it functioning. BMWF volunteers to the rescue!

We are sending a crew into Black Bear Cabin in early season to help cut out the trees that have fallen on the line. The theme of this project is sawing, sawing, sawing! You don't have to be burly to cut trees, rather, endurance will be the key. The goal is to cut out all the lodgepole lying on the line that runs parallel to the east side trail on the South Fork of the Flathead River between Black Bear Cabin and Salmon Forks Cabin. Work will be just off-trail on rugged and sometimes steep sidehills – *not on the trail. Good hiking boots with ankle support are a must! Please see the full project description on the BMWF website.



BMWF #4 – Father's Day on the Trail Sunday, June 21st

Trail: Devil Creek #167
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 6 miles (to Elk Lake)
Elevation: +1222 -894 = +228'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: June 8th



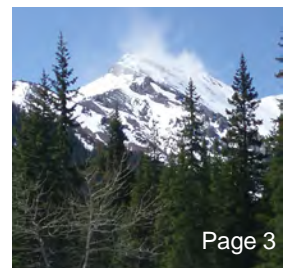
Kids, bring Dad (and the whole family) out for a day on the trail on Father's Day! This project is also perfect for folks that want to volunteer, but don't have a lot of time or trail experience. Devil Creek is a well-used trail that leads to Elk Lake and Moose Lake. Our crew will work to open up the trail for early season travel. That means cross-cut sawing and cutting back overgrown vegetation on the trail. There is something for everyone. We'll work as far as we can in the day, but stick around after work is complete and make a hike to the lake on your own. Make it a Father/Daughter, Father/Son or whole family affair!

BMWF #5 - Rocky Mountain Front Tuesday, June 23rd & Wednesday June, 24th

Trails: Our Lake #184, HQs Pass #165
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 4 miles
Elevation: +2000'
Availability: 7 of 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: June 8th



This is the perfect 2-day trip in the early season to satiate your Spring Fever! Get outside, stretch your hiking legs and help 2 popular trails on the Rocky Mountain Front. Our Lake is a short, but uphill, trail that ends in a spectacular overlook of The Front and a pristine alpine lake. Headquarters Pass is a main gateway to the Bob Marshall Wilderness and looms beneath the highest peak in the area (Rocky Mountain, 9392'). The crew will clear blowdown (sawing) and clear drainage features to keep water off the trail to minimize erosion (digging). If you haven't been up these trails before - join us. The views are worth the uphill slog!



AHS #1 - Bridge Repair and W. Fork Sun River Saturday, June 27th to Sunday, July 5th



American
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Society

Trails: West Fork Sun River #203

Difficulty: Difficult

Hike: 6-7 miles

Elevation: +500'

Availability: 7 of 8 spaces open

Register at www.americanhiking.org



This project is co-sponsored with the American Hiking Society. This trip has it all! A cabin stay, bridge construction, backpacking and backcountry camping. For the first part of the week, the crew will spend three days at the Benchmark trailhead in a Forest Service administrative cabin to re-install a 12 foot-long bridge structure. While no technical expertise will be required, a willingness to learn and work with a team is imperative. The second part of the project will include a backpacking & backcountry trip with trail maintenance. The crew will backpack ALL crew gear, tools and food about 6-7 miles and set up a primitive backcountry campsite along the West Fork of the Sun River. All volunteers should have backpacking experience carrying full packs (about 40-60 lbs) for this distance and should be physically capable to complete this hike.

JULY PROJECTS

WEEDS #1 - North Fork Cabin Saturday, July 4th to Thursday, July 9th

Weed Work: Spraying, Hand-pulling

Difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 7 miles to N. Fork Cabin

Elevation: +867 - 305 = +562'

Availability: 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: June 22nd



For 2009, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is kicking off a first-ever Noxious Weed Program. Please help make it a success! This project will be focused on eradicating weeds around the North Fork Cabin on the North Fork of Blackfoot River. As a certified herbicide applicator, the BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer on plant identification and herbicide application to help us meet our goals. Volunteers on this project will be asked to handle herbicides under direct supervision as well as hand pulling invasive species. The North Fork waterfalls are not to be missed just a mile up the trail.

BMWF #6 - Elk Ridge & Pentagon Cabin Sunday, July 5th to Saturday, July 11th

Trails: Pentagon Creek #173, Elk Ridge #359

Difficulty: Difficult

Hike: 10 miles to Pentagon Cabin

Elevation: +1423 - 927 = +496'

Availability: 8 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: June 22nd



The hike to the Pentagon Cabin starts at the Silvertip Trailhead. The trail follows the scenic Spotted Bear River and has little elevation gain (about 1500' overall) with several openings allowing views of the scenery. The crew will focus first on opening surrounding trails and clearing any fallen trees on the trail. That means work on the cross cut saw. Never used a cross cut saw before? That's OK, we'll teach you. Other work will include re-establishing the trail corridor with heavy brushing (lopping), drainage maintenance and spot retread (digging). Views from atop Pentagon Mountain and Elk Ridge are spectacular. Don't forget to bring your camera! Crew will have access to Pentagon Cabin for cooking, but will tent under the stars.

WEEDS #2 - "Mystery Trip" Sunday, July 12th to Friday, July 17th

Weed Work: Spraying, Hand-pulling

Difficulty: Moderate

Hike: 4-8 miles each day

Elevation: +867 - 305 = +562'

Availability: 3 of 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: June 29th



For 2009, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is kicking off a first-ever Noxious Weed Program. Please help make it a success! This project is for those truly adventurous types; we don't even know where we're headed. OK, we have a general idea of where we'll be working (North Fork of the Blackfoot River), but we are leaving the details open-ended. Due to the life cycle of plants blooming and seeding, this trip is labeled the "Mystery Trip" as the crew will go where the weeds are best "treatable" for this particular week. The project will be set in the backcountry with an 8 mile hike to base camp. Day hikes will be no about 5-6 miles and volunteers may be pulling weeds or applying herbicide under direct supervision. Doesn't this trip sound intriguing? C'mon - be daring and sign up today!

WEEDS #3 - Green Fork Drainage Tuesday, July 21st to Sunday, July 26th

Weed Work: Hand-pulling Knapweed

Difficulty: Moderate

Hike: 12 miles (to camp)

Elevation: +2000'

Availability: 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: July 6th



For 2009, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is kicking off a first-ever Noxious Weed Program. Please help make it a success! This project is located in one of the most scenic places in The Bob just beneath Scapegoat Mountain Massif. The hike to base camp is relatively flat, with scenic views along Straight Creek. Volunteers will help hand-pull an infestation of Spotted Knapweed in the Green Fork drainage; no chemicals are planned for this project. The BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer on plant identification and treatment methods to help us meet our goals. Before this growth has a chance to take hold in the heart of the wilderness we hope to "nip it in the bud" — literally!

BMWF #7 - Castle Lake Weeds & Float Trip Saturday, July 25th to Wednesday, July 29th

Weed Work: Pulling Yellow Toadflax

Moderate (work), Strenuous (whitewater)

Hike: 6 miles (to Granite Cabin)

Elevation: +1975 - 1676 = +299 (to lake)

Availability: 3 of 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: July 6th



This is a HOT project! We've teamed up with Glacier Raft Company and Snowy Springs Outfitters to coordinate the details of this unique project. It has a little bit of everything including trail work, backpacking, cabin use, hiking, weed eradication, and a FLOAT TRIP! First things first...the crew will backpack all personal gear and tools into Granite Cabin. The crew will use the cabin for cooking, but will camp around the area. Work will include trailwork on the Castle Lake trail for one day. In addition to trailwork, the crew will spend two days hand-pulling Yellow Toadflax weeds around Castle Lake.

Here's the best part -- at the end of the project Glacier Raft Company will supply gear to help us out...on the Middle Fork of Flathead River! Each volunteer will have an inflatable kayak to paddle your way out of the backcountry. Personal gear will be packed out and waiting for us at the take-out (so keep it ultra-light). Only register for this project if you are comfortable on the water and in whitewater Class II-III rapids, please. River guides will join us, but each volunteer is responsible for captaining their own boat and it's very possible that you will get wet!



BMWF #8 - Winter Creek Weed Eradication Saturday, July 25th to Friday, July 31st

Weed Work: Spraying Knapweed

Difficulty: Easy (work), Strenuous (long hike)

Hike: 25 miles! (to camp)

Elevation: +2652 - 3148 = +496'

Availability: 3 of 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: July 6th



No, it's not a typo; this project location is 25 miles into the backcountry and we will be doing it in ONE day! Although the location is deep in the heart of The Bob you will traverse the Continental Divide and be rewarded with a great camp on the Middle Fork complete with outfitter amenities. Dusty Cray (of Cray Outfitting in Choteau) is packing this crew into the backcountry. Volunteers will work half the time to help tackle a nearby Spotted Knapweed infestation and the other time will be spent with a US Forest Service botanist that will guide the crew in native seed collection. Please note that the crew will be working with herbicides for this war on weeds. A certified herbicide applicator will train each volunteer on plant identification and herbicide application to help us meet our goals. Are you up for the challenge? Space is very limited so sign up today!

WEEDS #4 – Spotted Bear River Float & Weeds
Thursday, July 30th to Monday, August 3rd

Weed Work: GPS Mapping, Knapweed
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Distance: 12 miles (on the water)
Elevation: n/a
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: July 13th



For 2009, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is kicking off a first-ever Noxious Weed Program. Please help make it a success! This is a unique project because volunteers will be traveling on water to complete the work. Volunteers will make their way down Spotted Bear River looking for noxious weed species and mapping (with GPS units) what we find. Generally speaking, the river is rather calm at this point of the summer, however, small Class II rapids maybe found here and there. Beaver Creek campground will be the group's base camp as well as "put in" each day. Watercrafts may be inflatable kayaks or small pontoon boats and all volunteers for this project should be comfortable on the water; you will captain your own boat.

AUGUST PROJECTS

WEEDS #5 – Middle Fork Weed Mapping
Thursday, August 6th to Monday, August 10th

Weed Work: GPS Mapping (lots of hiking)
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 6.5 miles (to Spruce Park Cabin)
Elevation: +1042 – 861 = +181'
Availability: 3 of 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: July 20th



For 2009, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is kicking off a first-ever Noxious Weed Program. Please help make it a success! This project will be lots and lots and lots of hiking. Based out of Spruce Park Cabin, the goal is to hike most of the surrounding trails and map noxious weed species. The BMWF Crew Leader will train volunteers on plant identification and use of GPS units. Volunteers will divide into pairs and make day trips out of base camp each day mapping weeds. Bring your walking shoes for this one! Crew will have access to Spruce Park cabin for cooking, but will tent under the stars.

WEEDS #6 – Big Salmon Lake Weed Mapping
Friday, August 14th to Friday, August 21st

Weed Work: GPS Mapping, Goatweed
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Distance: 20 miles (layover at Blk Bear Cabin)
Elevation: approx 350'
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 3rd



For 2009, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is kicking off a first-ever Noxious Weed Program. Please help make it a success! This noxious weed project has it all; lots of hiking, cabin stays, scenic South Fork views, floating on Big Salmon River and an attack on weeds in the wilderness. The primary goal of this project is to inventory and map goat weed on the south shoreline of Big Salmon Lake. To do this, volunteers will be spending their work days on a raft in a lake with GPS units. Rough work, huh? If this sounds good to you, sign up today! Volunteers will also make a day trip to Little Salmon Park to map noxious plants in that area. There is a slim possibility that herbicides will be used on this project.

MWA #1 – Bear Lake #222
Monday, August 17th to Sunday, August 23rd

Trail: Bear Lake #222
Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 8 miles (to camp on Sun River)
Elevation: +790 – 691 = +99'
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 3rd



This project is coordinated with and funded by the Montana Wilderness Association. The wildfires of 2007 were wide-spread on the east side of the divide so MWA wants to help with the restoration work. Luckily, there is still plenty of work to go around. Volunteers will work on the trail to Bear Lake to cut out any logs that may be on the trail and to maintain and install drainage features (digging). These drainage features will aide in erosion control in burned areas to help maintain healthy watersheds. Our work this season will have lasting effects to protect the resource into the future. Our proposed base camp will be on the South Fork of the Sun River: great for swimming and fishing in your downtime. Roll up your sleeves and help us out!



WEEDS #7 – McCabe Point #365
Thursday, August 27th to Friday, August 28th

Trail: McCabe Point #365
Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 3 miles (to McCabe Point)
Elevation: approx 2500'
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 20th



For 2009, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is kicking off a first-ever Noxious Weed Program. Please help make it a success! This is the perfect project for folks that don't have a lot of time, but want to get outside and help make a difference. Try your hands at an entry-level project and helps us get rid of some unwanted Knapweed. The crew will car camp for night at the McCabe trailhead and hand-pull knapweed for two days in the area. No herbicides will be used. Take a break one afternoon and head up to McCabe Point for views of East Spread Mountain to the north and Ovando Mountain to the south.

WEEDS #8 – North Fork Blackfoot Cabin
Saturday, August 29th

Trail: Hobnail Tom #31
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Distance: 5 miles (to work area)
Elevation: approx 2500'
Availability: 4-6 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 20th



For the 2009 field season the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is kicking off a first-ever Noxious Weed Program. Please help make it a success! Get out for the day, meet some new people, see some great country and help get rid of some nasty weeds. Day trip volunteers will hike about 5 miles along the scenic North Fork of Blackfoot River and hand-pull a patch of Spotted Knapweed along the river's edge. No herbicides will be used. What a great way to spend the day!



BMWF #9 – Big River Meadows Seed Collection & Campsite Restoration
Friday, August 28th to Monday, August 31st

Trail: S. Fork Birch Ck #105
Hike = Moderate (long), Work = Easy
Distance: 14 miles (to camp from Swift Dam)
Elevation: +3024 – 1493 = +1531'
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 10th



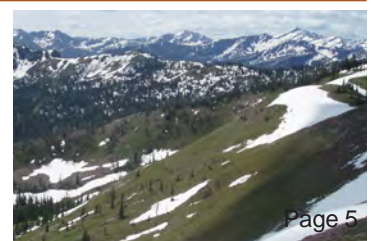
This project will involve two missions: 1. Collecting native plant seeds that will be used for future campsite restoration projects and, 2. Restoration of existing campsites (lifting and bending required). Participants need no prior experience in seed collection or restoration. Seed collection is not strenuous, but the hike into Big River Meadows is not a short one (14 miles). This is a very popular trip with limited volunteer spaces; sign up early!

BMWF #10 – Chipmunk Peak #99
Friday, August 28th to Monday, August 31st

Trail: Chipmunk Peak #99
Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 6.5 miles (to peak)
Elevation: +2560 – 1642 = +918'
Availability: 6 of 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 10th



Squeeze in one last camping trip before everyone goes back to school and work! Primary work will involve "logging out" the fallen trees on the trail as well as re-establishing the trail with spot retreat and removing brush growing into the trail corridor. The crew will make base camp at the trailhead with day hikes between 2-6 miles each day. The views are spectacular from the ridge with the Swan Range to the south and the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the west; don't forget to bring your camera!



SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

Yes! We have even more projects listed on our website for the month of September. Check out the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation online for more projects! You can register for all volunteer projects online, too. It's so easy!

www.bmwf.org

**Overnight projects require a \$50 refundable deposit to secure your space on the project. Please read our cancelation policy online.*

Frequently Asked Questions

I've never done trail work before and I'm in average shape. Can I still help? • What should I bring? What is provided? • Can I bring my dog? Is there a group leader? • Can my kids come along? • Will I have time off to explore the backcountry? • Is it safe to handle herbicides? How do we store our food in bear country? • How do I get to the trailhead? • More questions? That's OK.

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions online at www.bmwf.org > Volunteer or call us 406.387.3808.

Other Volunteer Needs

Volunteer as a Camp Cook

(Only if you know how to cook, please.)

If you like being in The Bob, but prefer a more mellow backcountry trip, join our crews as a camp cook. We provide the food, menu and cooking gear -- you do the cooking and cleaning. Your days are wide open while the crew is working on the trail. Just don't be late for dinner! Check out the project schedule then call the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation office to find out more about the volunteer crew and dietary needs.



Volunteer as a Packer

(Your four-legged friends can help our two-legged friends.)

If you have horse, mules or llamas and need a reason to explore a new spot in The Bob - join us! We are always in need of packers to get our crews and gear into the backcountry. You must have completed a USFS approved Horsemanship class*. (Classes are offered in the spring only so take one soon if you want to pack this summer!) Rules are rules. Call the BMWF office for a packing schedule and to get more details about fuel reimbursement options.



*Upcoming USFS approved Defensive Horsemanship classes are being held on the following dates and at these locations.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009 - Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Choteau, MT. Contact: Ian Bardwell 406.466.5341 for reservations. Free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009 - Horse Safety with Flathead BCH, Kalispell, MT. Contact: Rick Mathies 406.752.2209. Free.

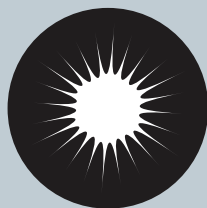
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009 - Packing Clinic with Smoke Elser, Kalispell, MT. Contact: Rick Mathies 406.752.2209. \$30 for non-members.

Quick Guide to Projects

Easy: Light trail maintenance or restoration work. No other experience other than hiking required. May include hiking 1-5 miles with a daypack (3 liters of water, lunch, extra layers and a tool). Most day trips are an "Easy-Moderate" classification.

Moderate: Day to overnight trips where hiking distances are further and project work is moderately physical for consecutive days. Some experience with longer day hiking (5-10 miles) is required as well as backpacking on overnight trips.

Difficult - Strenuous: Longer backpacking trips with travel over rough terrain and possible significant elevation gain. Experience with backpacking and backcountry use necessary. Volunteers should be physically fit to perform more strenuous trail maintenance for an extended period and for consecutive days. Hiking to and from camp may be 8-18 miles in length with full packs (40-50 lbs).



DAY TRIPS



CAR CAMPING



BACKPACKING

► **When you're not working with BMWF, what do you do for work or fun?** We're a pretty big troop, with kids from Kalispell, Columbia Falls, and Whitefish. We go to school and church, we play football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. We play in bands and drum line. We wrestle, ski, swim, hunt, and fish, go caving, canoeing, camping, orienteering, and climbing, we earn merit badges in citizenship, first aid, lifesaving, financial management, emergency preparedness, personal fitness, communication, music, and lots and lots of other things. Our leaders include a wildlife biologist, a doctor, a rental business owner, a lawyer, and a retired ski-resort manager.

► **What's your favorite backcountry meal?** Most of us like to do simple meals, like instant oatmeal right out of the envelope (usually with some hot water, but not always) and hot ramen noodles. We ate pretty well in the wilderness though, because the horses packed our food in.

► **What piece of camping gear is essential for you in the woods?** Our essential gear includes headlamps, sharp knives, and bear spray. We got rained on a lot, so it was good to have raincoats too.

The Boy Scouts of America is a community program that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth. If your club, organization, school group or family & friends want to create a custom volunteer project into The Bob, give us a call. We book all custom projects in December and January of the previous summer. Get thinking now for where you'd like to go next year!



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GET TO KNOW THE BOB STAFF

After receiving her BS in Dietetics TARA LAVELLE fled out West where she worked in NW Montana and Northern Idaho for the Montana Conservation Corps. Now she returns to the BMWF for her third consecutive season as a most energetic crew leaders. Her positive attitude and love of the wilderness inspires our volunteers to return season after season.

After full summer as Roving Crew Leader in the Bob in 2008, ERIN BURKE-WEBSTER returns this season as the part-time Program Coordinator to test the waters behind a computer. While excited to gain new experience related to non-profit management, she also plans to sneak into the woods with volunteers to escape from technology. This summer, Erin also be working on a farm, fly fishing and learning how to rock climb with her buddies.

ANNELIESE RANZONI was born in Brooklyn, New York, but Montana's wilderness has held her captive since moving here in 2006 to work with the Montana Conservation Corps. Anneliese's background is in Anthropology but her fondness for the outdoors drew her to the new Noxious Weeds Crew Leader position. When not itching to hit the trails she's probably making her favorite food... homemade Sauerkraut.

A Montana native with a huge appetite for the outdoors, PAUL TRAVIS rejoined the BMWF the summer of 2008 as Executive Director. As the former Program Director for five years, he is no stranger to The Bob. He has enjoyed

reconnecting with familiar faces and has jumped into his new role with excitement. From Board management to grant writing to fundraisers; Paul also relishes the chance to extract himself from his desk and swing a Pulaski out on the trail.

EMILY ROBERTS grew up in Tennessee and received her BA in Biology with a concentration in environmental science and cross-cultural sociology. Upon graduation, she moved to Idaho to work for the U.S. Forest Service and spent some time exploring Montana and Idaho. She is her happiest outdoors; especially rock climbing and skiing. She is very excited to spend time in the Bob Marshall Wilderness this next summer!

SHANNON FREIX is heading into her third season as Program Director and still learning something new every day! Whether it's sharpening tools, making updates on the BMWF website, recruiting volunteers or typing up the next newsletter, Shannon always brings lots of creativity and enthusiasm to her role. When she is not on the computer or in the field, you can usually find her cuttin' a rug on the nearest dance floor.

ADDY WYGMANS (& BEAST) are happy to be returning to the BMWF for her third season. Her passion for volunteerism and conservation have taken her from her meager beginnings on a small prairie in Chicago to the Appalachian Trail, peach farms on the Pacific Coast and a lot of places in between. Of course, her favorite is spending summers in The Bob!



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