

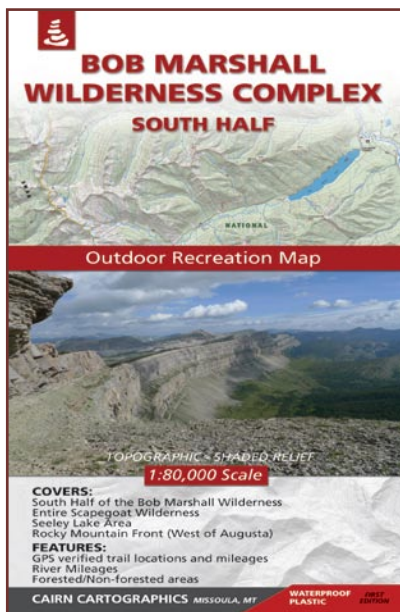
# CURRENTLY UNDERWAY!



## NEW BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS COMPLEX MAP NOW AVAILABLE

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During the summer of 2010, Jamie Robertson, Amelia Hagen-Dillon, and Thomas Robertson, set out on a mission to collect as much GPS trail data as they could in order to create a more accurate trail map of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Over the course of the next 4 months, the trio hiked all over the southern end of the BMWC logging a total of 800 miles hiked and 675 miles of trail data collected. It was an incredible summer of hiking, and the team saw some places that they had never been before in The Bob, which was a highlight. They were also fortunate enough to have pack support from the BMWF on a few occasions and as a result was able to complete longer trips and minimize backtracking.

Visit [bmwf.org](http://bmwf.org) to purchase the new map

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# BMWFW NEWS AND EARLY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

## **MAY 16TH:**

**ADDY WYGMANS** ARRIVES IN HUNGRY HORSE TO BEGIN HER FIFTH SEASON AS A BMWFW CREW LEADER.

## **MAY 18TH :**

**SUE JOHNSON** JOINS THE BMWFW AS PROGRAM COORDINATOR. SUE RETIRED IN APRIL 2010 FROM A 30 YEAR CAREER WITH THE FOREST SERVICE ON THE SPOTTED BEAR RANGER DISTRICT.

## **MAY 23RD:**

RETURNING CREW LEADERS **KATIE DEGROTE** AND **KELSEY PATTERSON** ARE JOINED BY NEW WEEDS CL **DAVE PURITZ**. TRAINING INCLUDES A TOOL RE-HANDLING WORKSHOP WITH FORMER BMWFW BOARD MEMBER AND NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPER VOLUNTEER **ROD MCKIVER**.

## **JUNE 1ST:**

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE BMWFW PARTNERS WITH **GLACIER NATIONAL PARK** INTERPRETIVE RANGERS FOR TRAININGS IN BOTANY AND GEOLOGY.

## **JUNE 4TH:**

27 VOLUNTEERS HIT THE GREAT BEAR WILDERNESS FOR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY. SEE PAGE 3

## **JUNE 7TH:**

HIGH WATER ON DUBROTA CREEK PREVENTS BMWFW STAFF FROM REACHING CARMICHAEL CABIN WHILE CLEARING THE NORTH FORK OF THE BLACKFOOT RIVER TRAIL. THIS IS THE FIRST OF SEVERAL TRIPS AFFECTED BY HIGH WATER IN 2011.

## **JUNE 13TH:**

THE FIRST MULTI DAY PROJECT OF THE SEASON KICKS OFF ON THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT AT STRAIGHT CREEK. 7 VOLUNTEERS COMPLETE MORE THAN 3 MILES OF TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

## **JUNE 15TH, 25TH, 26TH:**

PARTNER GROUPS **BUILDING BRIDGES**, **SCHREINER UNIVERSITY**, AND **MONTANA ACADEMY** TACKLE PROJECT WORK ON SPOTTED BEAR AND SEELEY LAKE RANGER DISTRICTS. TOGETHER THESE VOLUNTEERS CLEAR MORE THAN 590 TREES FROM COMPLEX TRAILS.

## **JUNE 27TH:**

FOR THE 3RD YEAR BMWFW VOLUNTEERS SPRAY INFESTATIONS OF KNAP-WEED TOADFLAX AND OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS NEAR THE NORTH FORK OF THE BLACKFOOT CABIN.



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## National Trails Day 2011

### A Tremendous Success - Thanks To you!

On June 4th, 27 volunteers joined BMWF staff and the American Hiking Society (AHS) to celebrate National Trails Day by rolling up their sleeves and heading into the Great Bear Wilderness. On what seemed like the first sunny day in a long time, participants traveled in a caravan to the Bear Creek Trailhead and set to work on the Big River #155 and Edna Creek #489 trails. Despite areas still buried beneath several feet of snow, the group was able to clear trees that had fallen during the winter, clean drainage structures, brush and improve substantial sections of trail tread. Volunteers cut out more than 90 trees, opening the first three miles of the Big River Trail to travel.

Of course the occasional groan could be heard too, as trailworking muscles and joints woke up from a winter's slumber.

Partner groups participating included Montana Conservation Corps, the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, and a rugged team of students from Montana Academy. Their presence lends a great community feel to the day which culminated in our annual Trails Day Barbecue back at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station. BMWF Executive Director Keagan Zoellner and Big Prairie Lead Ranger Guy Zoellner presided over the grill, and Sue Johnson's legendary potato salad elicited a steady stream of hmms from our trail worn group. And many thanks to our partners on the Hungry Horse Ranger District for your support. We'll see you on the trail!



## SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US ON **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH 2011**  
TO CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AND  
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Jamie and Amelia at the office

mapmakers cont...

Once the snow started to fall, Jamie and Amelia settled into their office chairs and started to work through all of the data and notes that were collected that summer to turn it into a modern map with marked trail mileages and a host of other features including updated hydrography. The couple started a business, Cairn Cartographics LLC, which produced its first map, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex: South Half, in early June. The map is for sale through the BMWF website ([bmwf.org](http://bmwf.org)) as well as [caincarto.com](http://caincarto.com).

Now that the Southern half map is complete, Amelia and Jamie plan to tackle the north half of the Bob and hope to release the north half map in winter 2012. If you're out on the trail in the middle fork country this summer and see a pair of hikers with gadgets galore and far too many maps for any reasonable journey, give them a wave!

# There's still time to sign

## AUGUST PROJECTS

### BMWFW #8 - Charlie Creek/ Spruce Point

Thursday August 18th to Monday August 22nd

Trail: Spruce Point #677 and Charlie Creek #330

Difficulty: Easy- Moderate

Distance: 6 miles

Elevation: +650'

Availability: 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: August 1st



The lush vegetation of the Middle Fork can impede travel on overgrown trails that don't see much attention. For this project, we hope to brush and clear Spruce Point trail #677 and Charlie Creek #330 to make these trails more accessible to users. We will backpack 6 miles along the Big River Trail and the beautiful Middle Fork of the Flathead River, setting up base camp along the Middle Fork of the Flathead river. This is a great project for volunteers with limited experience that want to gain more backcountry and trail work skills.

### BMWFW # 9 - Crow Peak

Thursday August 18th to

Thursday August 25th

Trail: Crow Peak #432

Difficulty: Strenuous

Hike: 14 miles

Elevation: +1600'

Availability: 3 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: August 1st



This project will take volunteers into the heart of the Scapegoat Wilderness and the headwaters of the Blackfoot River. The gradual 14 mile hike into our backcountry camp will pass through some areas that escaped the 1988 Canyon Creek Fires and some that didn't, offering a unique glimpse into fire's effects on the landscape. We will focus on improving the trail to Crow Peak, clearing it of downfall, improving tread where the trail is sloughing off, installing water bars, and building cairns in the high country approach to the peak.



### BC/MWA #2 - Birch Creek Trails

Saturday, August 20th to Sunday, August 28th

Trail: Birch Creek #105, 123

Difficulty: Moderate

Distance: 5 miles (to camp)

Elevation: +300'

Availability: 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: August 8th



We have partnered up with The Boone and Crockett Club and the Montana Wilderness Association to host two of our most exciting projects yet! Volunteers will spend 2 nights tent camping and a full day of educational programming at the Boone and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch. This 6,000 acre world class education and research facility lies in the foothills of the east slope of the Rocky Mountains near Dupuyer, MT adjacent to Forest Service Land and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Volunteers will then head into the field for a 5 day backcountry trip to do some trailwork to reduce erosion and enhance the quality of the watershed by installing drainage structures in the Birch Creek Country. The crew will return to the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch for a closing program and overnight there Saturday night before traveling home Sunday.

### Weeds #6 - Monture

Friday August 26th to

Saturday August 27th

Weed Work: Spraying, Hand-pulling

Difficulty: Easy - Moderate

Hike: 2-6 a day

Elevation: +250'

Availability: 7 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: August 8th



We'll take on weeds on the trails from the Monture Trailhead and spend the night at the Historic Monture Guard Station. Built in the 1920s and in use by Forest Service personnel since, Monture has been recently renovated and added to the Forest Service cabin rental program for winter use. The BMWFW crew leader will train each volunteer on plant identification and we'll employ a variety of methods to help us meet our goals. Volunteers can choose to hand pull weeds or work under the direct supervision of a certified herbicide applicator to spray these invaders.



### Weeds #7 - North Fork Pull Day

Sunday, August 28th

Weed Work: Pulling Knapweed

Difficulty: Moderate

Hike: 4 miles (one way)

Elevation: +500'

Availability: 6 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: August 8th



Want to hike AND help out wilderness? 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 4 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! Be sure to bring your sandals to ford the river and be ready to do some damage to weeds!

### BMWFW #11 - Telephone Creek Roving

Sunday August 28th to Thursday, Sept 3rd

Trails: Telephone # 236

Difficulty: Strenuous

Hike: 3-7 miles a day

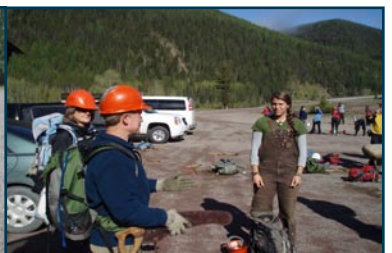
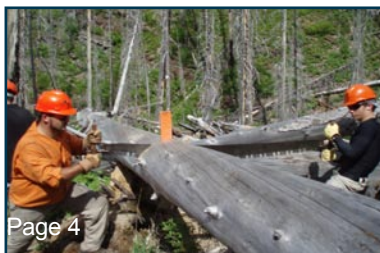
Elevation: Up to 1900'

Availability: 3 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: August 15th



This is a unique trip through some of the most remote and spectacular country in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The crew will be mostly self-contained, with possible llama support to carry our food and tools as we hike and work a loop through the headwaters of the Dearborn River, coming and going via Welcome Pass. The first night of the trip we'll stop at the Welcome Creek Cabin and have access to the facilities while tenting under the stars. The work will focus on maintaining and improving sections of the Telephone Creek trail (#236) and the Halfmoon trail (#216) as well as doing inventory on noxious weeds in the area. Wildlife viewing in this area can be outstanding!



# up for a project this summer!

## SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

### BMWf #12 - Devil Creek Friday, Sept 2nd to Friday, Sept 9th

Trails: Devil Creek # 167  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Hike: 6 miles  
Elevation: 1200'  
Availability: 3 spaces open  
Sign Up Deadline: August 15th



We'll meet on Friday afternoon and camp out at the trailhead before heading for the backcountry first thing on Saturday morning. Devil Creek is a well-used trail that leads to Elk Lake and Moose Lake and offers views of the Devil's Hump and Mount Bradley. Your BMWf crew leader will show you how to work with native materials and primitive tools to fashion and install new structures on the trail to improve drainage. We'll enjoy a day off in the middle of the trip to explore the surrounding areas or cast for cutthroat trout in the lakes near camp. This is a great time of year to be in the Great Bear Wilderness!

### BMWf #14 - Pivot Mountain Wednesday September 7th to Wednesday Sept 14th

Trails: Pivot Mtn #359  
Difficulty: Strenuous  
Hike: 14.5 miles  
Elevation: +1800'  
Availability: 8 spaces open  
Sign Up Deadline: August 22nd



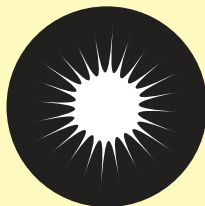
The hike to the Pentagon Cabin starts at the Beaver Creek Trailhead and follows the scenic Spotted Bear River, gradually gaining elevation with several openings allowing views. The project work will focus on the Pivot Mountain Trail on its way to Elk Ridge which is in need of some serious tread work. We'll progress a little farther each day with short but steep hikes to the work site. Opportunities for day off exploration include hikes to Bungalow or Pentagon Mountains offering vantages into the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The crew will have access to Pentagon Cabin for cooking, but will tent under the stars.

## 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).



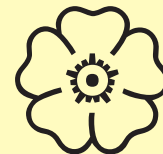
DAY TRIPS



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BACKPACKING



WEED Rx

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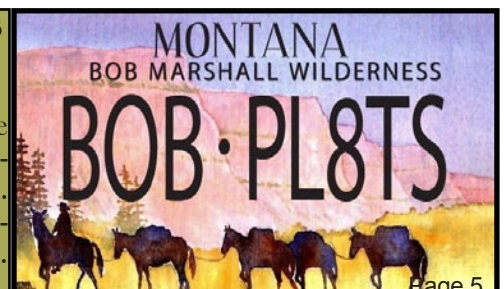
## Frequently Asked Questions

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](http://www.bmwf.org) > Volunteer or call us 406.387.3808.

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