

EXPLORE THE WILDERNESS WITH US THIS SUMMER

WHAT VOLUNTEERS HAVE TO SAY

"I had such a great time this trip and can't wait to hopefully come back again next year. I just love how ten volunteers can hike in strangers and out friends"



"I volunteer for the BMWF because of the great work they do on the trails that so many of us use. Those trails are the crucial to the future of The Bob. They allow people to get out there and connect with The Bob and in turn connect with something ineffable in themselves"

-Volunteer of the year 2013, Chris Eyer, Packer



GET INVOLVED- It's simple!

1. Log on to www.bmwf.org > volunteer now.
2. Find a trip that fits your skills and abilities.
3. Fill out our online registration.
4. Pay a refundable deposit to hold your spot.
5. Show up ready to work and have fun!

Other Volunteer Needs

Volunteer as a camp cook

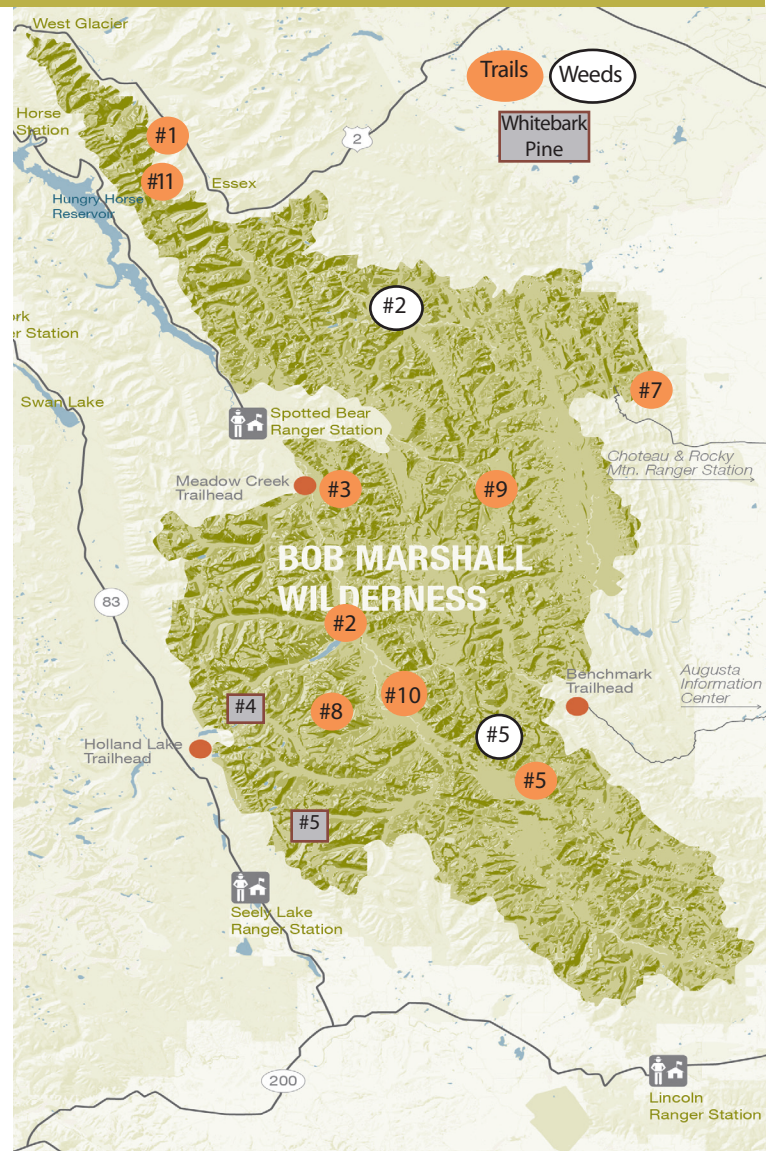
(only if you can cook, please)

Camp cooks fuel the crews that work on the trails. BMWF supplies the food, menu and kitchen gear. You prepare breakfast, layout lunch fixings, make dinner and do the dishes. The time between can be filled with hiking or relaxing. But don't be late for dinner!

Volunteer as a Packer

(Your four footers can help our two footers)

If you have horses, mules or lamas 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. Check online or call the BMWF office @ (406)387-3822 for a schedule and learn about the requirements.



Key to trip ratings

All of our projects require participants to be in good physical condition. Please read the project descriptions carefully, honestly assess your physical capabilities, and choose one that fits your experience level and current health.

Easy-Moderate trips are usually front country projects that include car-camping or cabin accommodations and day hikes to and from the work site each day. Work usually includes general trail maintenance.

Moderate-Difficult trips usually require longer hikes into base camp and can also include car-camping or cabin accommodations with longer day hikes and more demanding physical work. The work may include heavy lifting, lots of bending, shoveling, picking, chopping, and/or sawing.

Strenuous-Very Strenuous trips usually require backpacking more than 5 and up to 15 miles into base camp. Generally these projects are rated strenuous due to the backpacking distance and terrain or elevation. Prior backpacking experience is strongly recommended. The work may include heavy lifting, lots of bending, shoveling, picking, chopping, and/or sawing. Strenuous trips can be at high elevations and have associated risks



2014 BMWF Volunteer Projects ~ 50 for 50

Join us this summer in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Designation of the Bob Marshall Wilderness with **150 miles** of Trail Maintenance!



September 2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the passing of the Wilderness Act. Be part of the celebration by putting your boots on the ground and leaving your mark on the trails in the Bob! Help clear and restore 50 miles in the Great Bear, Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness areas, for a total of 150 miles! As a volunteer you will receive a commemorative pin recognizing the piece of 50 miles for 50 years that you contributed to.

PROJECT LIST

BMWF #1 – National Trails Day Saturday, June 7th

Trailhead: Stanton Lake
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 1-5 miles
Elevation: Less than 500ft
Availability: 15 spaces open

We will kick off our 2014 summer season with National Trails Day! Show your love for trails by joining us for a day of good old fashion hard work. We will be working on the popular day use trails of Stanton Lake #146 and Rescue Basin #326. These trails need some sprucing up before summer gets into full swing. We will be using pulaskis to repair tread, Cross cuts and saws to clear fallen trees and loppers to open up the trail corridor. After a day on the trail, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation invites all volunteers to a tailgate BBQ at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station from 4-6pm. BMWF will provide the grub.

BMWF #2– Big Salmon Lake Wednesday, June 18 to Tuesday, June 24th

Trailhead: Meadow Creek Gorge
Difficulty: Strenuous- Very Strenuous
Hike: 18 Miles in 2 days
Elevation: 3,600'
Availability: 6 spaces available



This is a great project to get you in shape for the summer! The 18 mile hike in and out will be divided into 2 days with the first night camping near the Black Bear Cabin and the second day clearing our way to base camp along the beautiful Salmon lake. Get those forearms ready, because you will be getting a lot of time on the cross-cut saw. Depending on what Mother Nature accomplished this winter, will determine the work ahead. Plan a good amount of clearing and brushing. We will also have a day off for exploring the area or just relaxing with a good book!

Weeds #2 - Badger Two Medicine Friday, July 11 to Tuesday, July 15th

Trailhead: Summit
Difficulty: Moderate -Difficult
Hike: 11.5 miles to base camp
Elevation: +1,300'
Availability: 6 spaces open



Explore the beautiful Badger Two Medicine area for a few days while combating the spread of noxious weeds! This project will be working along Badger Creek for 3 days of hand pulling and spraying. After a day of work, be sure to relax by the creek, or explore the nearby area! We have partnered with the *Montana Wilderness Association*, *Wild Divide Chapter* and the *Badger Two Medicine Alliance* to bring you this great trip!



CDT/MT + BMWF- Chinese Wall Saturday, July 19th - Saturday, July 26th

Trailhead: HQ Pass
Difficulty: Strenuous- very strenuous
Hike: 18 +Miles to Basecamp
Elevation: + 3,500'
Availability: 10 spots



We are partnering with CDT / Montana on a project at Spotted Bear Pass just below the iconic Chinese Wall! Find more information and register for this project at:

www.wildmontana.org/our-work/programs/cdt-montana/



BMWF #3 - Meadow Mountain Friday, July 25th - Monday, July 28th

Trailhead: Meadow Creek
Difficulty: Easy - Moderate
Hike: 2 miles
Elevation: +600'
Availability: 4 of 6 spots



Have just a few days? Join us for a quick Wilderness recharge! This project is just a 2 mile hike in to base camp. The group will camp along Lost Jack Creek and work on trail #56 to Meadow Mountain. The work will be clearing brush and trees and some retread. This project also has a special campfire talk one night with wildlife biologist Steve Gniadek! Steve retired in 2009 after 22 years as the wildlife management biologist in Glacier NP. Steve will talk about the birds and mega fauna in the Crown of the Continent ecosystem.

BMWF #5 Loaf Creek Saturday, Aug 9th- Friday, August 15th

Trailhead: Benchmark
Difficulty: Strenuous- Very Strenuous
Hike: 9 miles to Basecamp
Elevation: + 1,300'
Availability: 10 spots



This project will be hiking on and working on a section of the Continental Divide trail. This trail stretches from Mexico to Canada and is a popular route for hard core backpackers. Some of the area experienced a forest fire a few years back, so the purple fireweed should be in full bloom! The crew will clear and improving sections of trail #246 to Observation Pass. There are alot of down trees across the trail, so be ready to saw! Enjoy a day off mid week to explore some peaks along the Rocky Mountain Front, or just relax in camp with a good book!

Weeds #5- Green Forks Thurs, August 14th - Monday, August 18th

Trailhead: Benchmark
Difficulty: Strenuous - Very Strenuous
Hike: 12 miles to Basecamp
Elevation: +1,500ft
Availability: 6 spots



Help the BMWF continue our assault on Spotted Knapweed in the beautiful Green Forks Drainage. We have been pulling weeds here for 5 years and are seeing great results! Not to mention, 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. There WILL BE some steep terrain off trail, however, so please wear hiking boots with ankle support.

PROJECT KEY:



BACKPACKING



CAR CAMPING



WHITEBARK PINE



WEED PROJECT

PROJECTS CONTINUED...

Whitebark Pine #4 - Upper Holland Lake Saturday, Aug 16th - Thursday, Aug 21st



Trailhead: Owl Creek
Difficulty: Moderate- Difficult
Hike: 5 miles to Basecamp
Elevation: +2,500'
Availability: 5 spots

Join us for a 6 day citizen science project! The team of volunteer scientist will measure and record information from 5 plots. Our BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer on how to accurately gather information needed. Many of the plots are located off trail, so be prepared for scrambling and bushwhacking. This project begins at Holland Lake and hikes 6 miles to basecamp at Upper Holland Lake. Plots are located at Gordon Pass, Pendant Pass and the Necklace Lakes.

Whitebark Pine #5 - Pyramid Lake Tuesday, Aug 26th - Friday, Aug 29th



Trailhead: Pyramid Lake
Difficulty: Moderate- Difficult
Hike: 4.5 Miles to Basecamp
Elevation: +2,000'
Availability: 5 spots

A 4 day citizen science project! The team of volunteer scientist will measure and record information of 2 plots. These plots were first measured by Dr. Robert Keane in 1993. All of our information gathered will be submitted back to Dr. Keane in order to glean information on the health of Whitebark Pine. Many of the plots are located off trail, so be prepared for scrambling and bushwhacking. This project begins at Pyramid Pass Trailhead and hikes 5 miles to basecamp at Pyramid Lake. From basecamp each day the group will hike to the Whitepark Pine Plots to conduct the surveys.

BMWF #7 - Box Canyon Saturday, Aug 30th - Sunday, Aug 31st



Trailhead: West Fork of the Teton
Difficulty: Easy- Moderate
Hike: Up to 5 miles a day
Elevation: +500'
Availability: 5 spots

A Labor Day weekend project! Give back to the Bob, Give back to yourself on this 2 day project. The group will work out of the West Fork of the Teton River Trailhead with access to the West Fork Cabin for cooking. There are a number of scenic trails in the area that access the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the project work will concentrate on clearing the Box Canyon trail #107.



BMWF #8- Gordon Turnpike Sunday, Aug 31- Saturday, Sept 6th

Trailhead: Owl Creek
Difficulty: Strenuous -Very Strenuous
Hike: 14 miles to Basecamp
Elevation: +3,500'
Availability: 10 spots



Immerse yourself in Wilderness on this week long project! The hike into base camp is approximately 14 miles from the trailhead and goes over a 7000' pass. After getting over the pass, however, the hike is all downhill to the crew's camp at Shaw Cabin. The views are well worth it! Near Shaw Cabin is an old puncheon that needs replacement on Gordon Creek Trail #35 about 1 1/2 to 2 miles past Shaw Creek Cabin. Project will be to remove this puncheon and build a new one which includes replacing the logs.

BMWF #9 Wrong Creek Saturday, Sept 6th- Friday, Sept 14th

Trailhead: Cave Creek
Difficulty: Moderate- Difficult
Hike: 12 miles to Basecamp
Elevation: + 2,500'
Availability: 12 spots



Join us on this week long project into the heart of the Rocky Mountain Front. The project begins with a 12 mile hike to base camp. The group will use the wrong Creek cabin for cooking and food storage then camp out under the stars. The work will be clearing trail #117 Wrong Creek as well as #110. We will be using crosscut saws, hand saws and loppers to open access along the trail. Enjoy a day off mid week to explore nearby peaks, or relax along the North Fork of the Sun River!

BMWF #10 -Big Prairie Saturday, Sept 6th- Sunday, Sept 14th

Trailhead: Lodgepole
Difficulty: Strenuous- Very Strenuous
Hike: 32 miles in 2 days
Elevation: + 4,000'
Availability: 12 spots



This project will be based out of the historic Big Prairie Wilderness Ranger Station. Big Prairie is located in the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Established in 1910, the ranger station is only accessed by foot or hoof and remains much the same as it did in 1910. The group will camp out on the grounds and work on clearing the nearby trails including Tilson, Butcher and Bartlett. This project is our longest trip of the season at 9 days of Wilderness recharge! Don't forget your fishing gear, because you even have a day off to relax by the Wild and Scenic South Fork river!

BMWF #11- Grant Ridge Thursday, Sept 11th- Sunday, Sept 14th

Trailhead: Stanton Lake
Difficulty: Moderate- Difficult
Hike: 4.5 miles to Basecamp
Elevation: +3,500'
Availability: 6 spots



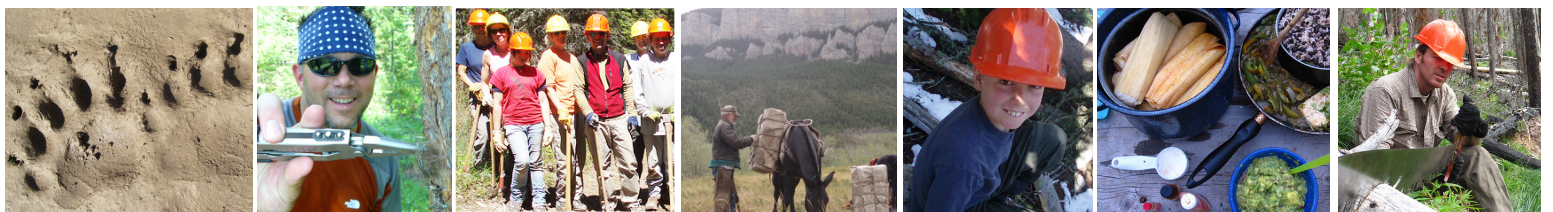
The best place to be in September! This project is located in the high alpine landscape of Grant Ridge, which sits just below the north face of Great Northern Mountain. The group will be camped high up on the saddle of Grant Ridge and working on retreading sections of trail along the ridge. 365 degree views all day every day! The hike into base camp is short but steep. So come prepared with hiking poles!



FIND MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER AT: WWW.BMWF.ORG

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. We 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 weekend projects to weeklong backpacking trips. **Space is limited so sign up today!**

GIVE BACK TO BACK TO THE BOB ~ GIVE BACK TO YOURSELF ~ UNPLUG ~RECHARGE



Join Us for a Legacy Building Backcountry Adventure



July 18-22, 2014

This five day pack trip with Snowy Springs Outfitters will base out of Scott Lake: with spectacular day trips, naturalist strolls, fishing and relaxation guaranteed!

Hike or ride in, and support the important work of the Foundation while experiencing the grandeur of the Wilderness.

100% of proceeds from the trip will be donated to the BMWF.

For more information contact Jenny Cloutier at:

trails@bmf.org or (406) 387-3808

2014 project list is
here!

Look inside for the summer
schedule and more.



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*"Keep close to Nature's heart, yourself; and
break clear away, once in a while, and climb
a mountain or spend a week in the woods.
Wash your spirit clean."
- John Muir*



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