


Bitterroot National Forest – Volunteer Vacations 2024

July 30th - August 7th

Big Creek Trailhead, Victor, Montana 59875



Quick Facts:

- Project Rating: Very Strenuous 
- Group Size: 5-10
- Project Type: Backpacking
- Accommodations: Primitive Tent Site
- Temperature:
 - Average High: 80°
 - Average Low: 56°



Project Description:

- Come enjoy the magnificent mountains, the serenity of wilderness, the miracle of spring flowers, majestic big game, and the sounds of birds here in the Bitterroot Mountains! Explore nature and support trails in this 1.6 million acre forest in southwest Montana and Idaho.
- Join this project in the heavily glaciated, rugged peaks of the Bitterroot Mountains. Volunteers will work with experienced wilderness stewards from the Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation to clear trails using crosscut saws, axes, and handsaws. For a third consecutive year, this collaborative effort will continue to open the Big Creek Trail #11 from Big Creek Lake to Packbox Pass (at milepost 13.8) on the Montana-Idaho border.

Offsite Activity Description:

- Hiking / exploration in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, including swimming in alpine lakes. Volunteers may also wish to help locate the long-overgrown, seldom-maintained, and historic Big Creek Divide Trail #306.



Area and Attractions:

- The abundance of natural resources offers a wide range of opportunities for recreation, grazing, wildlife, fisheries, timber, and minerals. We will be on the ancestral homelands of the Salish tribe, a hunting and gathering culture. Come enjoy the magnificent mountains, the serenity of wilderness, the alpine flowers, majestic big game, and the sounds of birds.

Travel Details:

- Missoula International Airport in Missoula, Montana is the closest major airport. Airport pick up and drop off is not available for volunteers, however carpooling and rideshare can be arranged upon confirmation of the trip.



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