

MONDAY BWAG SUMMER 2013 HIKING SCHEDULE

Welcome to a summer of great hikes! As you know, your hikes can be as long or short as you choose and they are planned so everyone can start at the same trailhead. This year's schedule shows mileage and elevation options for shorter and longer hikes. Plan to ride with those who are on your same schedule for time and distance. Reminder, hiking groups must be at least 3 to 4 people for safety. Mileages for each hike are round trip (**RT**) distances. Descriptions of many hikes may be found in the books "Day Hikes Around Bozeman Montana", the magenta colored 4th edition written by Robert Stone, or "100 Great Day Hikes Around Bozeman and the Greater Yellowstone" by Mark Johnston. As always, do what works best for you, be flexible and bring a smile!

Reminder: Be sure to bring lots of water, snacks/lunch, bear spray, hat, rain jacket, etc. The forest service indicates that more bears are moving out of the high country into lower elevations of the mountains, so **make sure you have bear spray** – and check the expiration date.

Note the departure times from MOR. July and August hikes leave at 8:00am. Gallatin Canyon hikes will include an additional stop to pick up hikers at the parking lot on Cottonwood Rd. and Hwy. 191.

Date	Destination	Mileage RT	Elev. Gain	Description/Notes
May 27 9:00am Memorial Day	Hell Roaring Creek	5 - 11miles	500 – 1000 ft.	Men are invited to come along on this holiday hike in Gallatin Canyon; an easy path with 2 choices for turning around for short or long hikes
June 3 8:30am	Brackett Creek/Grassy Mtn/Olsen Creek	6.5 miles	510 ft N. bound, 1842 ft S. bound	A “key exchange” hike. 1 group starts on Olsen Crk. Rd. to hike north, 1 group starts at Brackett Crk. to hike south. Groups meet in middle for lunch/snack & exchange car keys, then continue on to separate destinations.
June 10 8:30am	Olsen Creek to Stone Creek Overlook (Prayer Flags)	7.4 miles	850 ft.	Back to explore more of the Bangtail Range ending at a fascinating site with Prayer Flags, rock sculptures & great vistas
June 17 8:30am	Swan Crk to Greek Crk Overlook	8 miles	1136 ft.	Gallatin Canyon – switchback up to views of the Madisons
June 24 8:30am	Hood Creek loop or Hood Creek/Lick Creek shuttle	4.6 miles or 6.7 miles	900 ft. 1100 ft.	Hyalite Canyon hikes: both begin at Hood Creek; shorter hike is a loop; longer hike ends at Lick Creek with a shuttle back to cars
July 1 8:00am	Dudley Lake	11 miles (or less)	2700 ft.	Trailhead is in Gallatin Canyon just north of Big Sky turnoff. Hike to a beautiful mountain lake in a high alpine basin
July 8 8:00am	Natural Bridge Falls To Great Falls Creek To Green & Teepee Mtn Pass	0.9 miles 3 + miles 6 + miles	155 ft. 1080 + ft. 1750 + ft.	Boulder River area hike, with 3 beautiful destination choices along the way. Choose to turn around with a group at any of the 3 sites. Plan ahead for riding together.
July 15 8:00am	Bacon Rind / Red Mtn. Saddle	4.2 miles to 10.6 miles	200 to 2450 ft.	Madison Range hike, about 60 miles south of Bozeman; ride with those who plan to hike the same distance you choose

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July 22 8:00am	Hollowtop Lake	up to 10 miles	up to 2600 ft.	Back by popular demand! Hike in the Tobacco Roots out of Pony. Can be a long hike to the lake, or plan to ride with those hiking a shorter distance.
July 29 8:00am	Albino Lake	5.2 miles	600 ft.	An easy hike to a lake in the Madison Range; trailhead is off of Taylor Fork Rd. in Gallatin Canyon
August 5 8:00am	Suce Creek	6 + miles	900 ft.	Paradise Valley, Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness area
August 12 8:00am	North Fork of Gallatin/Bear Basin	6 to 12 miles	600 ft. to 1600 ft.	A lovely hike along the North Fork in the Big Sky area; choose to ride with those hiking the same distance
August 19 8:00am	Hyalite Lake	Up to 11 miles	1900 ft.	many waterfalls; turn around at your groups' favorite waterfall, or continue on to Hyalite Lake for a full day of hiking
August 26 8:00am	Tom Miner to Ramshorn Peak	4.6 miles to 8.4 miles	1450 ft 3000 ft.	Gallatin Range from Paradise Valley; hike through petrified forest; wonderful vistas of the Gallatins; choose your distance
Sept 2 8:30am Labor Day	Sacajawea	4 miles	2000 ft.	Men are invited to join this hike in the Bridger Range, from Fairy Lake Road
Sept 9 8:00am	Daly to Teepee Creek or Daly to Sky Rim to Teepee Creek	5.6 miles or 10.5 miles	620 ft. or 2025	Gallatin Canyon into YNP; 2 choices beginning and ending in the same places; choose your distance; requires car shuttle
Sept 16 8:30am	New World Gulch to Mystic Lake	4 miles or 11 miles	1350 ft. or 2000 ft.	From Bear Canyon take the shorter loop trail, or continue on to Mystic Lake
Sept. 23 8:30am	Window Rock to Inauguration Pass	8.4 miles	1400 ft.	Hyalite Canyon; hike to a beautiful, high mountain meadow
Sept. 30 8:30am	West Pine Creek	5 + miles	1400 + ft.	West side of Paradise Valley with 360 degree views
Oct 7 9:00am	Chestnut Mtn or Chestnut to Bear Canyon	6 miles or 11.9 miles	1700 ft. or 2480 ft.	A Monday BWAGs tradition! Gorgeous fall colors and fantastic views.
Oct 14 9:00am	Upper Jackson Creek to Stone Creek Overlook	11.6 miles	1350 ft.	A different approach to the Bangtails; choose a shorter option with your group if you wish
Oct 21 9:00am	Leverich Canyon	4.5 miles	1200 ft.	Lovely fall hike with views of the valley along the way
Oct 28 9:00am	Middle Cottonwood Canyon	2.8 to 8.8 miles	450 ft. to ?	A magnificent creekside hike in the Bridger Mountains