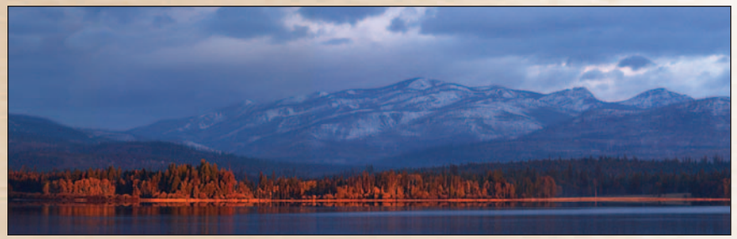
WELCOME TO PLACID LAKE STATE PARK

Placid Lake is the perfect setting to enjoy some of the best of Montana. You will find a beautiful lake, mountain scenery, a campground, picnicking and plenty of ways to spend time with friends and family playing on the water.



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Boating

Boating is popular with a variety of motorized and non-motorized watercraft using the waters of Placid Lake. You can explore the lake from a canoe or take in the thrill of water-skiing. A wide boat ramp, courtesy dock, and rental boat slips can be found at the campground.

Montana boating regulations are enforced and boating etiquette is strongly encouraged on Placid Lake.

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Fishing

Placid Lake is home to a variety of species, including rainbow, cutthroat, brown, brook, and bull trout, largemouth bass, mountain whitefish, kokanee salmon and yellow perch.

Before you cast a line be sure to have a valid fishing license. Licenses are available at any Montana FWP regional office, most sporting goods stores, or online at fwp.mt.gov.

Ranger Programs

Evening programs are offered at nearby Salmon Lake State Park on weekends and some weekdays from June through early August in the park's amphitheatre. Please check schedules located on the park's bulletin board for programs offered at Salmon Lake State Park.

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Wildlife

Placid Lake offers opportunities to view many species of birds, such as red-necked grebes, great blue herons, bald eagles, waterfowl, osprey and common loons and other wildlife species. Please respect all wildlife by viewing them from a distance.

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How to Get There

From Missoula, go east on Interstate 90 about 5 miles and take Exit 109 at Bonner to Montana Route 200; go 33 miles east to the junction of Montana Routes 200 & 83, then north on Hwy 83 about 10 miles to Placid Lake Road. Turn west on Placid Lake Road; continue 3 miles. The day use and campground entrances are signed.

Address

Placid Lake State Park
5001 North Placid Lake Road
PO Box 136
Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Contact Information

FWP Region 2 Office
3201 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804
(406) 542-5500
stateparks.mt.gov

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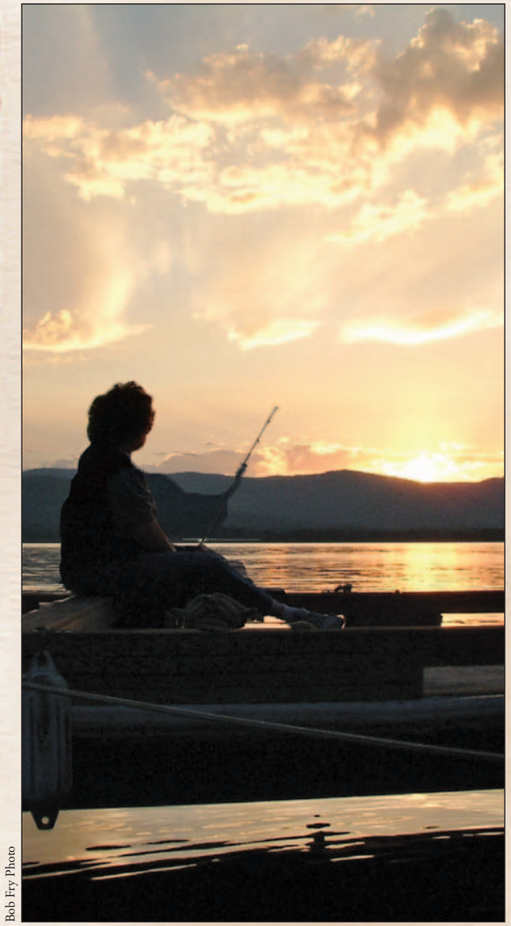

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MONTANA STATE PARKS

Camping

Each of the park's 40 campsites includes a picnic table, fire grill, a level, paved pad on which to park a recreational vehicle, and/or space to pitch a tent. Eighteen sites have electric hookups including two sites that are fully accessible to ADA standards. The campground has flush toilets and coin-operated hot showers.

This is bear country and food storage and food waste rules apply. A locker is available for those traveling without a hard-sided vehicle to store food and other bear attractants. Bear resistant dumpsters are located throughout the campground and must be used.

For more information on staying safe in bear country visit: http://fwp.mt.gov/recreation/safety/wildlife or stop by the Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Forest Service offices, located at 3583 MT Highway 83 North in Seeley Lake.

Day Use

The day use area is accessed from North Placid Lake Road 1 ½ miles north of the campground entrance. Here you will find picnic tables, fire grills, accessible restrooms and a boat dock. This area does not have a public boat launch, but one can be found at the campground.

RESERVATIONS

Campsite reservations can be made either by calling 1-855-922-6768 or online at campmt.com
Reservations are encouraged and may be made up to 9 months in advance or as close as 2 days prior to your arrival date.
Some sites are also available on a first-come first-served basis.

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Fees

Entrance/day-use and camping fees are posted at the park entrance. Entrance fees are charged on a per-vehicle basis. Camping fees are charged on a per-campsite basis with one camper unit allowed per site.

Vehicles with Montana license plates are not charged the daily entrance fee. Non-residents' vehicles pay the daily entrance fee during each visit or may purchase a Non-Resident Annual Pass; a valid pass allows unlimited access to all Montana State Parks. The Annual Pass can be purchased at all FWP offices, most state parks, and online.

Special fees apply to groups larger than 30 people. Information is available at all park fee stations and by calling the local FWP office at (406) 542-5500.

Regulations

To enhance your recreational experience and to aid us in protecting your state park, please observe the park regulations. Regulations are posted at the park entrance, can be obtained from park staff or found online at fwp.mt.gov/parks/rules

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Extend Your Stay

Placid Lake State Park is a great place to stay while enjoying all there is to do in the beautiful Swan Valley. Spend a few days and explore the area's rich history.

Learn about the logging-era history and native peoples through visits to local museums. There are many places to enjoy wildlife viewing, seasonal berry and mushroom picking, hiking historical trails, and mountain climbing. Motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities abound. During the fall and winter months, hunting, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling are always popular.

Start your exploration on National Forest lands at the Seeley Lake Ranger District, where you can find maps and information. Plan your exploration today by contacting:

Placid Lake State Park
(406) 677-6804
Seeley Lake Ranger District
(406) 677-2233
Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce
Museum (406) 677-2880
Swan Ecosystem Center
(406) 754-3137