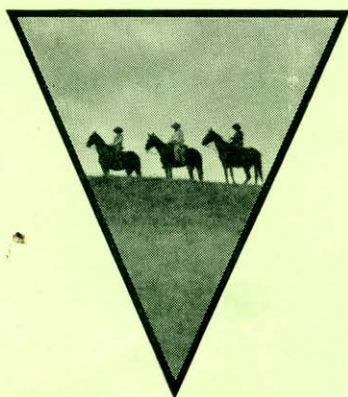


TRAIL RIDERS OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS



The American Forestry Association Invites You to Ride Wilderness Trails With U. S. Forest Rangers

TO LOVERS OF WILDERNESS:

The great American wilderness has receded into the back country. Its remnants are all too few and too remote. You can count almost on the fingers of your two hands the areas of more than a million acres in unbroken primitive wilderness in the whole United States. The best of these areas are in the National Forests of the West, watched over by Uncle Sam's forest rangers.

These unspoiled regions are primitive nature's greatest temples, saved for the use and enjoyment of all the people. Here man may satisfy his inherent longing for adventure and for physical exploration; here he may fulfill his desire for mental repose and spiritual adjustment; here he may heal his wounds, renew his vitality, and restore his faith so that in life's battle he may conduct himself with clearer vision and greater vigor.

But the wilderness trails are not so easily found or so easily followed. There are many who would go if there were some one to guide, to plan, and to arrange their trips at a reasonable cost. This service the "Trail Riders of the National Forests" perform.

In sponsoring these excursions into the wilderness areas of the National Forests, The American Forestry Association is motivated by its knowledge from fifty years experience of the great service of primitive nature to man. It heartily invites all who love the out-of-doors and who long for the wilderness trail to ride with one of its parties this summer—and in the summers to come.

OVID BUTLER, Executive Secretary,
American Forestry Association,
Washington, D. C.

VIEW FROM WHITE RIVER
LOOKOUT—LOOKING
TOWARD THE SOUTH FORK



Henry Thol, U. S. Forest Service

ALONG THE CONTINENTAL
DIVIDE IN THE FLATHEAD
NATIONAL FOREST

Two Splendid Saddle Trips In Primitive

Trip Number One — In The Flathead National Forest — \$43.75

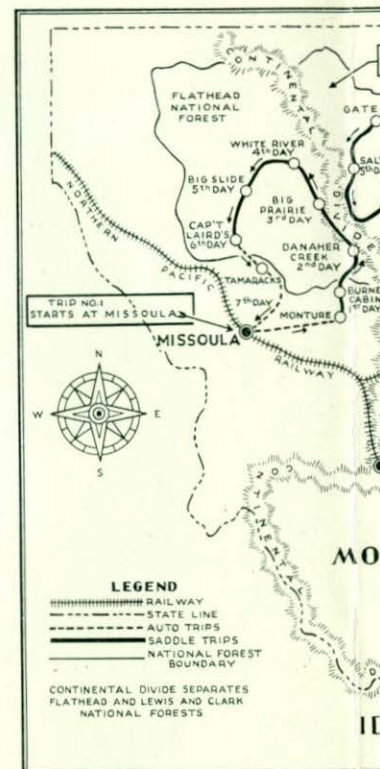
Riding the trails of the South Fork Primitive Area with U. S. Forest Rangers, our party will follow this itinerary:

- July 10**
(a) *Missoula to Monture, by automobile, 3 hours.* 70 miles
With an early supper at your own camp at Monture; then "Boots and Saddles" and a short evening ride into the back country to a beautiful campsite, up Monture Creek at "Burned Cabin," where we spend the night.
- July 11**
(a) *Burned Cabin to Foolhen Lookout.* 7 miles
Up the East Fork of Monture Creek to the Divide; a fine view of the South Fork country; lunch with the Forest Service Lookout and demonstrations of his work.
(b) *Foolhen Lookout to Danaher Creek.* 8 miles
Through wonderfully scenic country; high peaks, green timber, tumbling streams.
- July 12**
Danaher Creek to Big Prairie. 18 miles
Down Danaher Creek through The Basin, past Flatiron and Cayuse Mountains; down the beautiful South Fork, Flathead River, and just past the Big Prairie Ranger Station.
- July 13**
Big Prairie to mouth of the White River. 7 miles
A short trip along the South Fork, Flathead River; plenty of time for rest or fishing entire seven miles along a beautiful open mountain river.
- July 14**
White River to Big Slide. 12 miles
Another short day aimed to provide leisure to enjoy the beauties of the trail as it winds up Big Salmon Creek. Lunch beside Salmon Lake with opportunity for lake fishing.
- July 15**
Big Slide to Cap. Laird's Recreation Lodge. 18 miles
An early start, a climb to the Divide by way of Smoky Creek and innumerable small lakes; an easy descent to Holland Lake; goodbye saddle horses and pack strings; auto to Lindbergh Lake; a refreshing swim; a dinner with the Laird's and a farewell party at the Lodge, where night will be spent.
- July 16**
Lindbergh Lake to Missoula. 82 miles
An early morning dip in the Lake, breakfast with the Laird's; automobile to Missoula, with lunch at The Tamaracks beside beautiful Seeley Lake. Arrive in Missoula in time to take the Northern Pacific, either east or west bound.

COST:—\$43.75 all expenses for the complete expedition, Missoula back to Missoula.

With Forest Rangers as companions, under sponsorship of The American Forestry Association—there never have been such wilderness trips! Expert wranglers and packers to handle horses—expert cooks too.

The American Forestry Association hopes to bring together on its annual "Trail Riders" expeditions, people who love the out-of-doors and to whom wilderness adventuring appeals. Congenial companionship and new friendships will result.



THE TWO WILDERNESSES
RIDE WITH U. S. F.

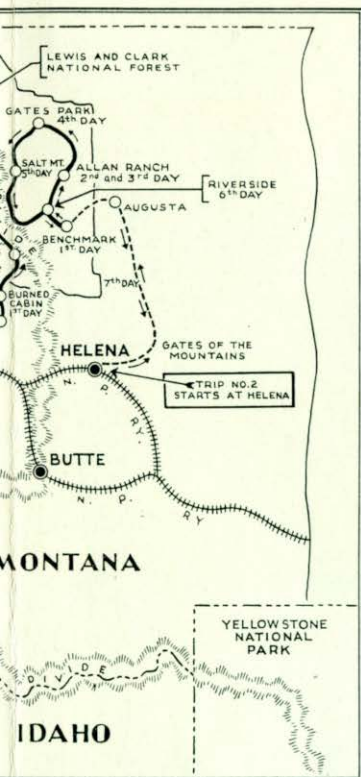


LAIRD'S RECREATION LODGE ON LINDBERGH LAKE

The Areas of Montana's Rugged Rockies

Trip Number Two — In The Lewis and Clark National Forest — \$54.75

Trail Riders of the National Forests will explore the Sun River Country, Lewis and Clark National Forest, Montana, under guidance of U. S. Rangers. This wonderful wilderness trip will be taken:



NESS TRAILS WE WILL
S. FOREST RANGERS

August 16

Helena to Benchmark Ranger Station by auto.

120 miles

Via "Gates of the Rocky Mountains," Augusta, and over motor way constructed by the Forest Service, primarily for fire protection. Meet saddle and pack stock and have supper in your own camp at Benchmark, beside the South Fork of Sun River, at the end of the road.

August 17

Boots and Saddles! Down the South Fork of Sun River, by trail, to the Allan Ranch.

12 miles

A leisurely ride, beside a stream with excellent fishing. A peep at a huge natural elk lick on the West Fork, and dinner, bed and breakfast at a wonderfully attractive dude ranch. Your pack train proceeds past Allan's to Gates Park where camp is made ready for the fourth day.

A number of families will be taken. What an opportunity for companionship of parents and children! A wilderness experience like this will always be a treasured memory for young folks as well as old. Correspondence with the Association is invited. Tell it the ages of your children and something about them. Send kodak snapshots along if handy.

August 18

At Allan's Ranch.

Resting, swimming in warm springs, boating and fishing.

August 19

Allan's Ranch to Gates Park Ranger Station.

16 miles

A delightful saddle trip over a good trail and easy grades through green timber and broad natural meadows. Ahead lies the big game country.

August 20

Gates Park to Salt Mountain, via Rock Creek and the Chinese Wall.

20 miles

Through a country abounding with elk, with excellent chances for glimpses of moose, mountain goats and perhaps, bear. Camp is made just under the Continental Divide at an elevation of about 7,500 feet.

August 21

Salt Mountain to Riverside.

20 miles

From the Continental Divide down the West Fork of Sun River, camp at the Junctions of West Fork and South Fork, in good fishing territory.

NOTE:—It is possible, by an early start, to return to Benchmark rather than to make camp at Riverside. This would give more time for "breaking camp" on the last day.

August 22

(a) Riverside back to Benchmark.

7 miles

The only time we "double back" on the entire trip by trail.

(b) Benchmark to Helena, by automobile.

120 miles

At Benchmark say "Good-bye" to packers and guides and after a delightful drive reach civilization (and the N. P. railway) at Helena.

COST:—\$54.75 all expenses for complete trip, Helena back to Helena.



GUEST CABINS—ALLAN RANCH IN THE SUN RIVER COUNTRY.

You Are Invited to Join Our "Party" Either at Chicago, or in Montana

"Trail Riders" Pullmans will be operated on the following schedules on the "North Coast Limited"—Northern Pacific Railway and Burlington Route.

Trip No. 1—July 8 to 18

Pullman Car No. B-24

WESTBOUND—Read Down

Sat. July 8 10:30 PM. Lv. *Chicago*
(Union Station)

Sun. July 9 8:30 AM. Lv. *St. Paul*

Sun. July 9 9:10 AM. Lv. *Minneapolis*

Mon. July 10 3:40 PM. Ar. *Missoula*
(N.P. Station)

Read Up—EASTBOUND

Ar. 8:55 AM. July 18 Tue.

Ar. 10:45 PM. July 17 Mon.

Ar. 10:10 PM. July 17 Mon.

Lv. 3:10 PM. July 16 Sun.
Pullman Car No. N-60

Trip No. 2—(Aug. 14 to 23)

Pullman Car No. B-19

WESTBOUND—Read Down

Mon. Aug. 14 10:30 PM. Lv. *Chicago*
(Union Station)

Tue. Aug. 15 8:30 AM. Lv. *St. Paul*

Tue. Aug. 15 9:10 AM. Lv. *Minneapolis*

Wed. Aug. 16 12:30 PM. Ar. *Helena*

Read Up—EASTBOUND

Ar. 8:55 AM. Aug. 24 Thu.

Ar. 10:45 PM. Aug. 23 Wed.

Ar. 10:10 PM. Aug. 23 Wed.

Lv. 6:10 PM. Aug. 22 Tue.
Pullman Car No. P-40

Members of this party desiring to remain longer in the mountains will find Captain Laird's Recreation Lodge, The Tamaracks, Holland Lake Lodge and Allan's Ranch ideal for their purpose.

Side trips, from the railroad may be made into Yellowstone National Park very conveniently.

SUGGESTIONS

Stout walking shoes or short leather boots, wool stockings, riding clothes of whipcord or khaki (overalls tucked into boots will be comfortable) ordinary summer underwear, warm sweater or leather jacket, short slicker, felt hat, amber-glass goggles, gloves, flashlight, camera. A change of clothing—underwear, shirt, overalls, socks recommended. Bring blanket roll or sleeping bag. U. S. Forest Service recommends the latter. Type of bag U. S. Rangers prefer, if arrangements are made in advance, can be sold to guests joining these two trips for \$7.50.

If you are a reader of "American Forests" Magazine, and interested in joining either of the wilderness trips this summer or those of the future, you are invited to write

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