

# RECLAMATION

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## Canyon Ferry Reservoir Camping Regulations and Information



**Welcome to Canyon Ferry Recreation Area. The Bureau of Reclamation invites you to come and experience the abundance of wildlife and fishing opportunities available on your public lands around Canyon Ferry Reservoir. There are many recreation areas around the reservoir which include overnight campgrounds, day use areas, and group use shelters. To enhance your enjoyment and the enjoyment of others, campground regulations have been established through 43 CFR Part 423. Remember to be safe and enjoy your stay.**

<b>Finding a Campsite</b>	<p>Reservations for camping and group use shelters are now available. Reservations may be made at <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> or by calling the toll-free reservation line at 1-877-444-6777 (10:00 AM - 10:00 PM MST). Reservations can be made up to six months prior to visit. Campsites unreserved are available on a first-come,first-serve for the unreserved date(s).</p> <p>Walk in campsites or campsites unreserved are available first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved. Camping is allowed in designated campsites only. To declare occupancy of a walk in campsite, you must have a tent, camper or camp trailer in the campsite. Within 30 minutes of choosing a campsite, fill out a fee envelope and deposit it in the fee tube. Place the completed envelope receipt in the clip on the numbered site post. Pay only for the nights you know you will be camping. No refunds are available. You must not attempt to reserve a campsite for future use by placing equipment or other items on the campsite, or by personal appearance, without camping on and paying the required fees for that campsite daily. Personal property used to reserve campsites, including RV's and tents, will be removed in accordance with 43 CFR Part 423.23.</p> <p>A person or party may not camp at any Reclamation project for a period longer than 14 days during any 30 consecutive-day period.</p> <p>Campers who possess a Golden Age or Golden Access card or the Interagency Senior Pass or Interagency Access Pass will receive a 50 percent discount for their campsite fee.</p>
<b>Quiet Hours</b>	<p>Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Be considerate of other campers. Activities and noise should be kept to a level that does not disturb other campers. Generators are not allowed during quiet hours. The use of loud, profane or abusive language or playing loud music is prohibited.</p>
<b>Campfires</b>	<p>Campfires must be kept inside Reclamation provided fire rings and attended at all times. Be sure your fire is dead out when leaving for any reason. Firewood is extremely limited; only dead wood found on the ground may be collected. Firewood is available for sale at local marinas.</p>
<b>Motor Vehicles and Bicycles</b>	<p>Campground speed limits are 15 miles per hour or as posted. Motor vehicles and bicycles are permitted only on established roadways. Off Highway Vehicles must be street legal and operated by a licensed driver.</p>

<b>Pets</b>	Pets must be physically constrained by a leash under 6’ in length or in a pet carrier. It is your responsibility to clean up after your pet. Leaving pets unattended, allowing pets to roam free, or cause noise disturbance is prohibited.											
<b>Preserving the Environment</b>	Removal, defacing or destruction of any natural or cultural features, including plants, rocks, artifacts or ground disturbance is prohibited on Federal Lands.											
<b>Weapons and Explosives</b>	Discharge of firearms, including bow & arrows, air guns and fireworks, is prohibited.											
<b>Sanitation</b>	Place all trash in trash dumpster. All waste water, including human waste, water from showers and dishwashing must be contained and disposed of at an RV dump station.											
<b>Group Shelters</b>	Group shelters are available at many locations around Canyon Ferry. You can make reservations for group use shelters at <a href="http://Recreation.gov">Recreation.gov</a> or call toll free 1-877-444-6777 (10:00 AM - 10:00 PM EST).											
<b>Local Marinas</b>	<p>There are two marina operations around the reservoir. Kim’s Marina is located on the north end of the reservoir and Yacht Basin is located along the West Shore Drive. These marinas provide many services including camping and boating supplies, fishing tackle, food and beverage.</p> <table><tr><td>Kim’s Marina</td><td>8015 Canyon Ferry Road</td><td>406-475-3723</td></tr><tr><td>Yacht Basin Marina</td><td>3555 West Shore Drive</td><td>406-475-3440</td></tr><tr><td>Goose Bay Marina</td><td>300 Goose Bay Lane</td><td>406-266-3065</td></tr></table>			Kim’s Marina	8015 Canyon Ferry Road	406-475-3723	Yacht Basin Marina	3555 West Shore Drive	406-475-3440	Goose Bay Marina	300 Goose Bay Lane	406-266-3065
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<b>Boating Safety</b>	<p>Lakes and rivers are some of the most popular and dangerous natural attractions in Montana. Boaters can avoid most mishaps by taking a few simple precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wear a life jacket - Montana law requires all children 12 years of age and under to wear a life jacket. <u>A wearable PFD must be on board for every passenger.</u></li><li>• Be aware of changing conditions on the lake; be prepared for all weather conditions.</li><li>• Check all equipment to ensure it’s working properly before launching.</li><li>• Do not consume alcoholic beverages before or during boating.</li><li>• Plan your trip carefully to ensure take out is before dark. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.</li><li>• Montana boating regulations are available from camp hosts or the Reclamation office.</li></ul>											
<b>Boating, Fishing and Hunting Regulations</b>	Montana Boating, Fishing and Hunting regulations are administered and enforced by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. For more information contact FWP at 406-444-2535 or <a href="http://fwp.state.mt.us">http://fwp.state.mt.us</a> .											
<b>See-N- Say</b>	<p>Reporting suspicious and vandalism activities is easy. Should you see something suspicious in or around your facility, there are several ways to report what you observed:</p> <p>In the event of emergency dial 911 immediately.</p> <p>To report all other suspicious activities, call or email 1-888-748-7220 or <a href="mailto:seensay@usbr.gov">seensay@usbr.gov</a>.</p>											

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

CALL 911 OR CONTACT A CAMP HOST





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## Canyon Ferry Reservoir Group Shelters and Reservations

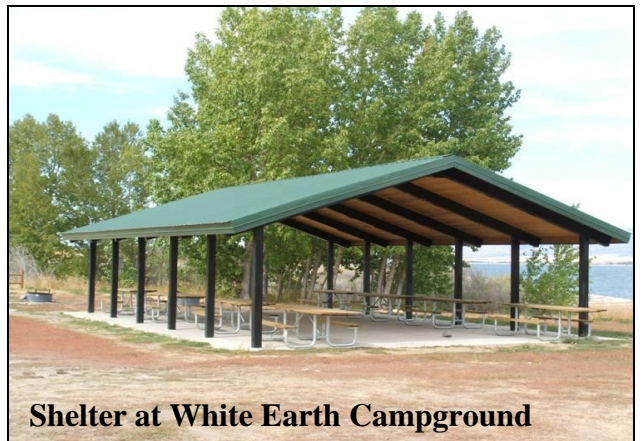
The Bureau of Reclamation offers seven group shelters that can be reserved from May thru mid-September. Reservations can be made at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777 (10:00 AM - 10:00 PM EST). Additional shelters may be available for reservation at Silos RV and Yacht Basin Marina.

### Additional Group Shelter Information

Shelters allowing overnight camping will be limited to the number of campsites allowed at each shelter and restricted to designated campsites at each shelter location.

No electrical source for camp trailers or RV's is available at shelters.

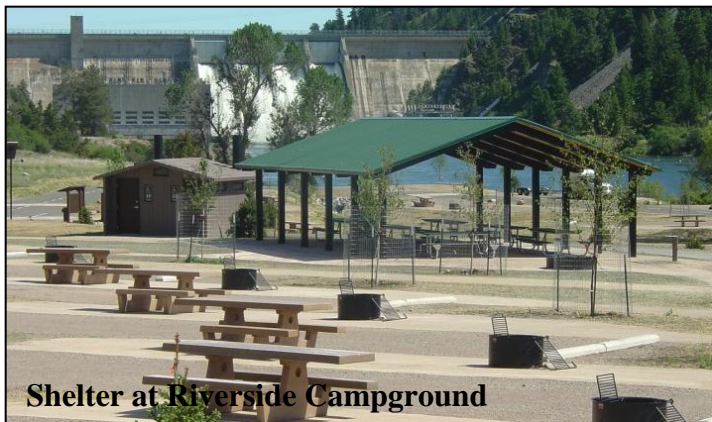
Check-in time begins at **12:00 p.m.** and ends at **11:00 a.m.** on the day of checkout.



Shelter at White Earth Campground

### White Earth:

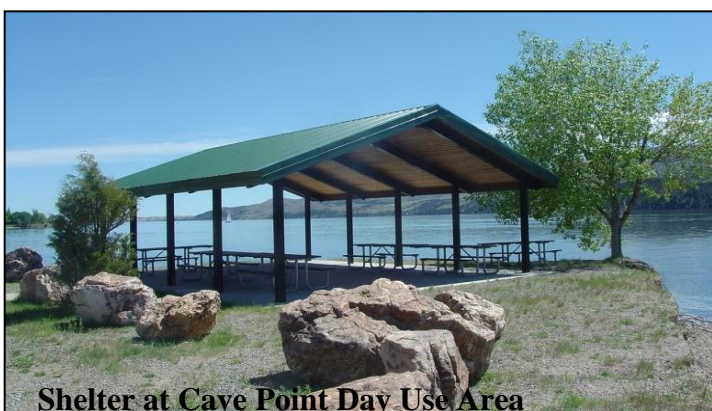
- Shelter Size – 30' X 44'
- 5 Designated Campsites
- Reservation Required
- Fee Required
- Overnight Camping
- Potable Water
- Electricity
- Grills
- Pre-Cast Concrete Outhouses
- 8 Picnic Tables
- Horseshoe Pit
- Close Proximity to the Lake



Shelter at Riverside Campground

### Riverside:

- Shelter Size – 30' X 44'
- 7 Designated Campsites
- Reservation Required
- Fee Required
- Overnight Camping
- Potable Water
- Grills
- Pre-Cast Concrete Outhouses
- 8 Picnic Tables



Shelter at Cave Point Day Use Area

### Cave Point:

- Shelter Size – 30' X 36'
- Group Size – 10 to 50
- Reservation Required
- Fee Required
- Day Use only
- Pre-Cast Concrete Outhouses
- 6 Picnic Tables



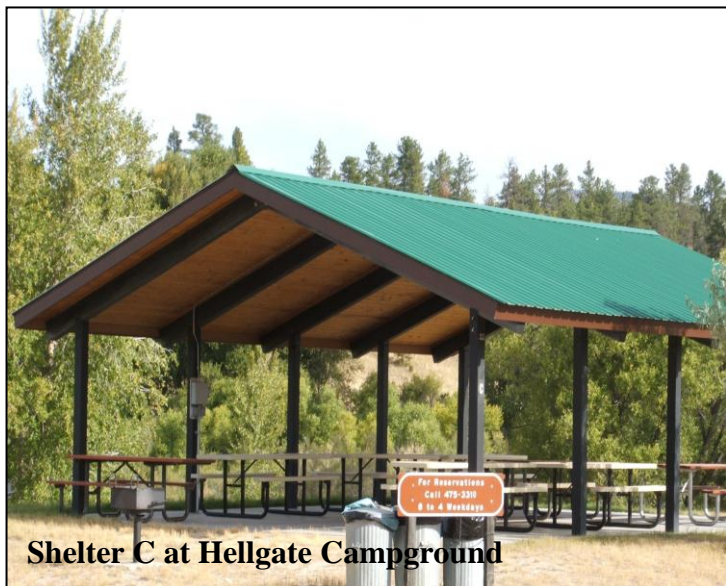


## **Hellgate Shelter A:**

- Shelter Size – 30' X 60'
- 15 Designated Campsites
- Reservation Required
- Fee Required
- Overnight Camping
- Potable Water
- Electricity
- Grills
- Pre-Cast Concrete Outhouses
- 12 Picnic Tables
- Horseshoe Pit

## **Hellgate Shelter B:**

- Shelter Size – 30' X 60'
- 10 Designated Campsites
- Reservation Required
- Fee Required
- Overnight Camping
- Potable Water
- Electricity
- Pre-Cast Concrete Outhouses
- 12 Picnic Tables
- Horseshoe Pit



## **Hellgate Shelter C:**

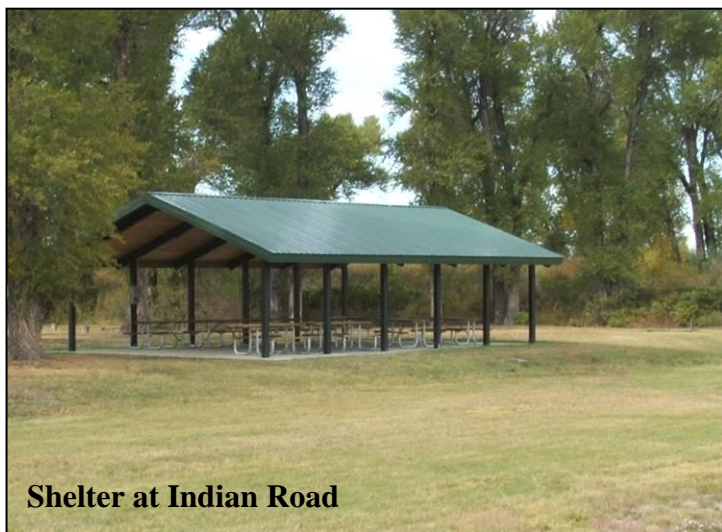
- Shelter Size – 30' X 36'
- 5 Designated Campsites
- Reservation Required
- Fee Required
- Overnight Camping
- Potable Water
- Electricity
- Grills
- Pre-Cast Concrete Outhouses
- 8 Picnic Tables
- Horseshoe Pit
- Close Proximity to the Lake

## **Indian Road:**

- Shelter Size – 30' X 44'
- Group Size – 10 to 75
- Reservation Required
- Fee Required
- Day Use Only
- Pre-Cast Concrete Outhouses
- 8 Picnic Tables
- Horseshoe Pit



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Welcome to Canyon Ferry Recreation Area. The Bureau of Reclamation invites you to come and experience the many recreational opportunities available on your public lands around Canyon Ferry Reservoir. To enhance your enjoyment and the enjoyment of others, Public Conduct Regulations have been established through 43 CFR Part 423. Remember to be safe and enjoy your stay.



Canyon Ferry Lake offers a wide range of year-round recreational opportunities. Water related activities include everything from swimming and fishing to sailing and motor-boating. Canoeists and kayakers explore the marshes and many quiet backwater bays. Jet skiers, windsurfers and water skiers skim the summer waves, while winter draws ice fishermen, ice boaters, and skaters.

Twenty-five recreation areas and three marinas accommodate all tastes. Campers and hikers can take advantage of thirteen campgrounds, nine day-use areas and sheltered group sites. Some of these sites are available by reservation. Two additional areas offer a unique experience because they are only available by boat. One is for day-use only and the other allows overnight camping.

Over 95 miles of shoreline offer many wide, long beaches — everything from steep cliffs to fine sand beaches, perfect for family outings. Upland game birds, waterfowl, and larger game draw hunters and wildlife watchers.

Camping

Camping is allowed in designated campsites only, with the exception of several primitive campgrounds where dispersed camping is permitted.

Most campgrounds allow camping only in designated campsites. Dispersed camping is allowed at Confederate and Goose Bay Campgrounds. All campsites are considered single unit campsites unless marked as a double campsite.



Reservations for campsites are available at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or calling 1-877-444-6777.

Campers who possess a valid Golden Age, Golden Access, inter-agency Senior, or inter-agency Access Pass will receive a 50 percent discount for their campsite fee.

Group Shelters

Group shelters are available by reservation at several locations around Canyon Ferry. Fees for group shelters vary. To make reservations, go to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 1-877-444-6777



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Reserve at Recreation.gov



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Rules and Regulations

The following activities in the campground are PROHIBITED:

- 1. Discharge of firearms or explosives including but not limited to bow and arrows, air guns and fireworks. Excludes bow fishing within reservoir water line.
- 2. Willful injury to, defacement or destruction of public buildings, structures, signs, equipment or other property.
- 3. Willful injury to, destruction or removal of trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetation, soils, gravel or rocks.
- 4. Attempting to reserve a campsite for future use by placing equipment or other items on the campsite, or by personal appearance, without camping on and paying the required fees for that campsite daily. Personal property used to reserve campsites, including RVs and tents, will be removed in accordance with 43 CFR Part 423.23.
- 5. Camping at one or more campsites at any Reclamation project for a period longer than 14 days during any 30 consecutive-day period.
- 6. Camping in non-designated areas or exceeding the number of sleeping units allowed per campsite. All campsites are to be considered single unit sites unless marked as a double site. Single campsites are limited to one camping/ sleeping unit per campsite. Campsites marked as a double campsite are limited to no more than 2 RVs or 2 tents or combination of 1 RV and 1 tent. Exception: Parents may share their site with one tent for children under the age of 18.
- 7. Parking in non-designated areas. RVs, vehicles and trailers must be parked on the gravel/ pavement and within designated areas of the campsite or established parking area provided.
- 8. Littering the grounds, putting trash or dumping holding tanks into latrine vaults.

The Canyon Ferry Unit — dam, powerplant, and reservoir — offers a wide range of water resources, including critical flood prevention, electric power generation, irrigation and fish and wildlife habitat.

Canyon Ferry Dam is located on the main stem of the Missouri River. The dam was constructed in a narrow constriction of the Missouri River Valley, where the Big Belt Mountains and the Spokane Hills merge. It sits approximately 68 miles downstream from the confluence of the Gallatin, Madison and Jefferson rivers.



WHO TO CALL

Emergency or law enforcement situations

Police, Fire, and Emergency	911
Montana Highway Patrol	(800) 525-5555
Lewis and Clark County Sheriff	(406) 447-8235
Broadwater County Sheriff	(406) 266-3441
To report poaching/ vandalism	(800)TIP-MONT (800) 847-6668

Recreation Information

Bureau of Reclamation Canyon Ferry Division	(406) 475-3310
Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks boating, hunting, and fishing regulations	(406) 444-2535

- 9. Use of loud, profane or abusive language or loud music.
- 10. Operation or parking of any vehicle on or in areas other than established roadways and designated parking areas. Operation of any motorized vehicle in excess of 15 mph, or posted speed.
- 11. Discharge of waste water from toilets, baths, showers or sinks onto the ground.
- 12. Building a fire outside of a fire ring when a fire ring is provided.
- 13. Allowing pets to roam free, left unattended, and/or causing noise disturbance. Pets must be physically constrained by a leash under 6’ in length or a structure. It is your responsibility to clean up after your own pet.
- 14. Noise, including generators and vehicle engines, during quiet hours from 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

Campground Rules and Regulations are authorized under 43 CFR Part 423. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result in you being asked to leave or other sanctions in accordance to 43 CFR Part 423 Subpart F.



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Canyon Ferry Reservoir Recreation Area Information and Map



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