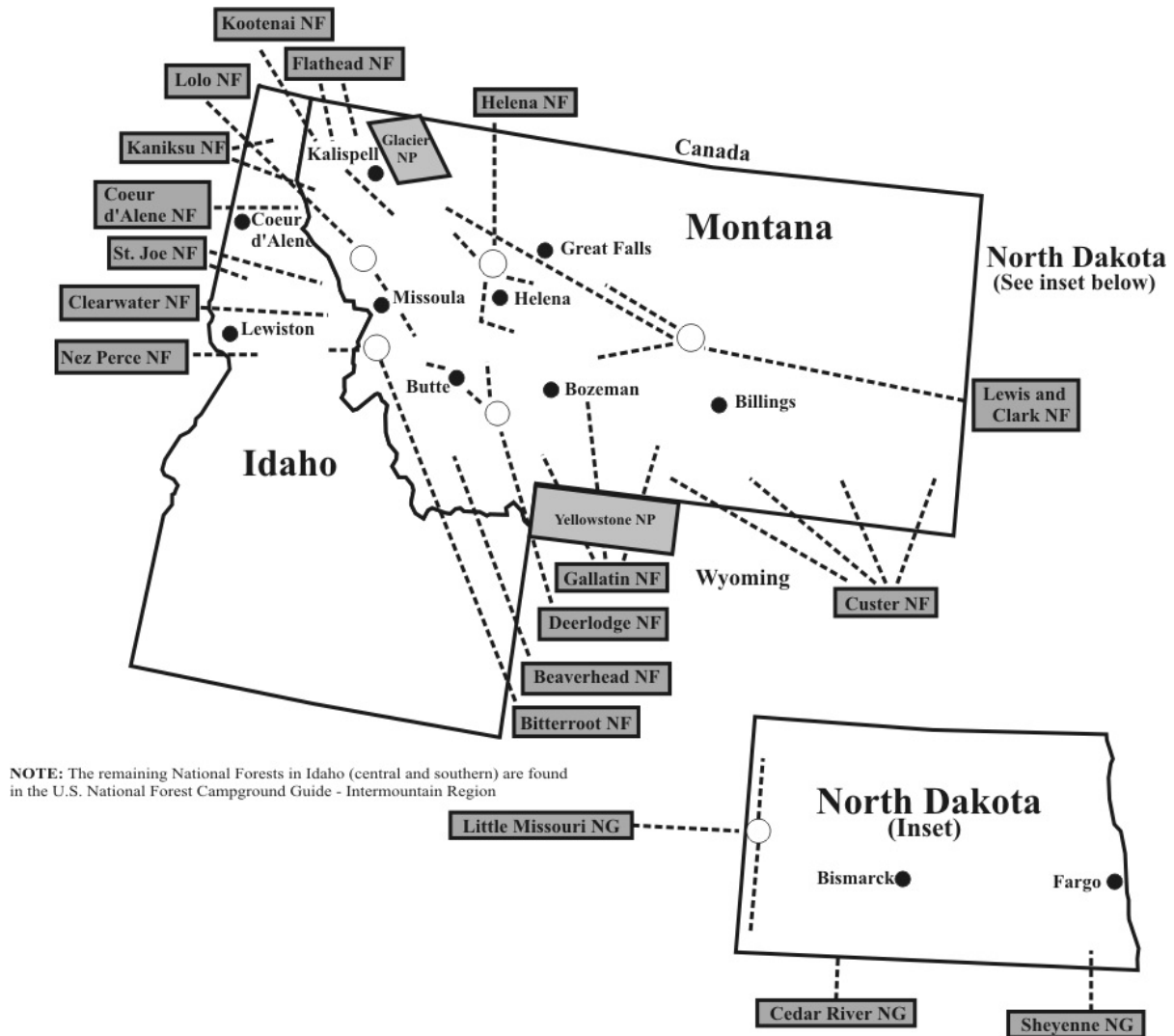


# U.S. NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUND GUIDE

## Northern Region

Montana, North Dakota and Northern Idaho

### National Forests and Grasslands in the Northern Region



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## Clearwater National Forest

### Quick Look-Up Table - Campground Location and Descriptions

| STATE | NEAREST CITY/TOWN | CAMPGROUND           | TOTAL SITES |  |  |  |  |  |  | PAGE NO. |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| Idaho | Deary             | Elk Creek            | 23          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   | ●   |   | 84       |
|       | Deary             | Little Boulder Creek | 16          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 94       |
|       | Lowell            | Elk Summit           | 16          | ●   | ●   |   |   |   |   | 85       |
|       | Lowell            | Jerry Johnson        | 19          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 90       |
|       | Lowell            | Powell               | 34          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   | ●   |   | 96       |
|       | Lowell            | Wendover             | 26          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 99       |
|       | Lowell            | Whitehouse           | 11          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 100      |
|       | Lowell            | Wilderness Gateway   | 89          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   | ●   | 102      |
|       | Pierce            | Hidden Creek         | 13          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 88       |
|       | Pierce            | Kelly Forks          | 13          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 91       |
|       | Pierce            | Washington Creek     | 23          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 97       |
|       | Princeton         | Giant White Pine     | 14          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 87       |
|       | Princeton         | Laird Park           | 31          | ●   | ●   | ●   |   |   |   | 93       |

**Public Phone:** No                      **Playground:** No  
**No. Water Spigots** (*non-site*): 1  
**No. Threaded:** 0

**Comments:**

Water spigot is hand pump.

**Water Sports**

Lochsa River is popular for whitewater sports in the spring, but there is no put-in at campground.

**Hiking:**

No

**Fishing:**

Chinook salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat and Bull trout and Mountain Whitefish. Catch and release rules apply to some of these species. Check with the Idaho Fish and Game or Powell Ranger District Office for rules and seasons.

**Campground Name****Wilderness Gateway****Ranger District**

Lochsa

**Nearest City/Town**

Lowell

**State**

Idaho

**Reservations**

1-877-444-6777

**Directions**

From Lowell, ID, take US Rt. 12 east 25.3 miles to campground sign. Turn right at sign into campground.

NOTE: Campground sign is set back from road - easy to miss.

GPS coordinates: N46 20.528, W115 18.683

**General Comments**

The elevation is 2,100 ft.

There are four loops - A, B, C and D. Loop C has some sites adjacent to Lochsa River, which are open. The other loops are more heavily wooded with dense understory. In Loop C, most sites are shorter than in other loops, but wider. Bathrooms in Loops A, B and C have deep sinks for washing. Loop D is only for campers with horses and other stock. It has hitching rails, stock water, stock loading ramp and feeders. There is one trail outfitter at the campground; contact Lochsa Ranger District Office for information. The Lochsa River is popular in the spring for whitewater sports; contact Lochsa Ranger District for conditions and outfitters. Or, call the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association on 208-342-1919. There are a number of river accesses near the campground along US Rt. 12. There is charred evidence of fire throughout campground. The campground is often visited by moose and other wildlife.

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|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Seasons</b>                         | <b>Open Seasonal:</b> Yes<br><b>Open All Year:</b> No<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>Loops A, B and C - Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend<br>Loop C - Open April 20 (weather permitting) through Labor Day<br>For Loops C & D, water turned off by 3 <sup>rd</sup> week in September or first freeze. |  |  |
| <b>Rate and Maximum Stay Permitted</b> | <b>Rate:</b> \$8 per day<br><b>Maximum Stay Permitted (days):</b> 14  |  |  |
| <b>Campground Site Configuration</b>   | <b>No. RV Sites:</b> 0<br><b>No. Tent Sites:</b> 4<br><b>No. Combined Sites (Tent or RV):</b> 85<br><b>Total Sites:</b> 89<br><b>Tent Pads:</b> No<br><b>Equestrian Camping:</b> No   | <b>Open Sites:</b> Yes<br><b>Wooded Sites:</b> Yes<br><b>No. Tables on Sites:</b> 89<br><b>No. Grilles on Sites:</b> 89  |  |
| <b>RV Information</b>                  | <b>Hookups:</b> No<br><b>No. RV Pull Throughs:</b> 4<br><b>Waste Station:</b> Yes<br><b>Potable Water at Waste Station:</b> Yes<br><b>Average Parking Apron Size:</b> 20' X 57'   |  |  |
|  | <b>Comments:</b><br>The parking aprons are paved.   |  |  |
| <b>Facilities</b>                      | <b>Flush Toilets:</b> Yes<br><b>Vaults:</b> Yes<br><br><b>Public Phone:</b> No<br><b>No. Water Spigots (non-site):</b> 17<br><b>No. Threaded:</b> 0   | <b>Hot Showers:</b> No<br><b>Wheelchair Friendly Toilets:</b> Yes<br><br><b>Playground:</b> Yes                          |  |
|  | <b>Comments:</b><br>Flush toilets only in Loops A & B.  |  |  |
| <b>Water Sports</b>                    | <b>Lake:</b> No<br><b>Swimming (provided):</b> No<br><b>Sailing:</b> No<br><b>Power Boating:</b> No<br><b>Boating (no power):</b> Yes<br><b>Boat Carry-Down Access:</b> Yes   | <b>Water Skiing:</b> No<br><b>Rafting (whitewater):</b> Yes<br><b>Kayaking (whitewater):</b> Yes<br><b>Boat Ramp:</b> No |  |
|  | <b>Comments:</b><br>Lochsa River is popular for whitewater sports in spring.  |  |  |

**Hiking:**

Boulder Creek Trail No. 211 - 27 miles  
Lochsa River Access Trail No. 195 - 2 miles  
Downriver Trail Scenic Overlook - 0.5 miles  
Lochsa Park Trail No. 220 - 15 miles

Most trails access the Bitterroot-Selway Wilderness. All trails are foot and horse.

**Fishing:**

Chinook salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat and Bull trout and Mountain Whitefish. Catch and release rules apply to some of these species. Check with the Idaho Fish and Game or Lochsa Ranger District Office for rules and seasons.



Former Lochsa ranger's station, circa 1927

Lochsa Historical Ranger Station provides a glimpse of bygone days in the Forest Service. Although most of the buildings are set aside as museums, this Ranger Station still is the focal point for many important activities. While visiting this Ranger Station, an extensive search was being made for a lost mushroom picker. The mules, kept in the Ranger Station's corral, were called upon to bring searchers into the more rugged areas in an effort to find the missing picker.