

A LAZY H OUTFITTERS Choteau, Montana

A Unique Wilderness Experience in the Secluded Heart of the West...

We look forward to having you join us on a spectacular summer horse pack trip in the most remarkable country in North America. The Bob Marshall Wilderness is the second largest wilderness area in the continental US which affords you many options to explore and spend time on great outdoors activities simply unavailable anywhere else. You have the choice of many different trip schedules which emphasize various primary activities including fishing, riding, and sight seeing. The travel days are filled with adventure as you travel from campsite to campsite seeing new and exciting country. On days when you don't travel there are many activities which are often limited only by your imagination. You may have the opportunity to go on a short day ride, hike up a mountain, fish the trout filled streams, or just explore around camp and find your own beautiful corner of this magnificent country.

Summer Horse Packing Trip Schedule 2021

Trip 1 – BIRCH CREEKJune 16 – June 19

4 days

8 Available

This trip kicks off the summer season. Though the high mountain passes will still have snow, the low valley country will have lush grass, wildflowers, and we often see all manner of North American wildlife on this trip. The elk and deer have begun their annual migration to summer mountain ranges, and the big horn sheep and goats are often visible on the valley ridges. The South Birch Creek drainage is a wide glacial valley that is lightly timbered and presents stunning vistas of the surrounding mountains. The terrain of this valley affords wide variety of day riding and hiking options. We will stay at one camp, typically at the junction of Lake Creek and the South Fork.

Trip 2 – SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES 7 days 8 Available June 26 – July 2

Spring time in the mountains is a colorful event. The mountain peaks will be covered with snow and the lower country will be a lush green. We will stay at several campsites along the Sun River. Among the highlights of this trip are Route Creek Pass, Biggs Creek Pass, and the vast open meadows of the upper Sun River. This trip is the best of all the trips for seeing big game wildlife. We can see elk, goats, moose, and bear this time of year before the summer's heat and more visitors disperse them to higher ground. The countryside at this time is resplendent in natural color with most of the wildflowers in full bloom.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: Springtime in the Rockies

Trip 3 – SUN RIVER EARLY SUMMER 5 days 8 Available July 6 – July 10

This trip visits one or two campsites on the upper Sun River and focuses on the abundant riding and scenic opportunities. Depending on your interests, we can take several day hikes, day rides or even try the early fishing possibilities. This trip often doesn't move from one camp, but it's possible to do two camps if the group is so inclined. The options range from visiting a fire lookout tower perched atop a mountain peak (day ride) to riding through the lush valleys and hidden meadows along the river bottoms.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: Sun River Early Summer

Trip 4 – GATES PARK EXPLORATION

5 days

8 Available

July 14 – July 18

This trip visits our Gates Park campsite on the upper Sun River and generally kicks off the peak fly fishing season. There are multiple opportunities for the horseback riders and hiking enthusiasts as we have the option to take several day hikes and day rides every day we're in camp. The options range from visiting a fire lookout tower perched atop a mountain peak (day ride) to riding through the lush valleys and hidden meadows along the river bottoms. For the fishing enthusiast the waters have cleared by this time and the summer heat is bringing out the terrestrials which the trout aggressively rise for all day long.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: North Fork Fishing-Exploration

Trip 5 – NORTH FORK FISHING

5 days

CLOSED

July 21 – July 25

This trip is designed for the fishing enthusiast. We usually stay at our beautiful Gates Park campsite on the North Fork of the Sun River. There are excellent fishing opportunities from either camp. The North Fork is about 1/2 mile from camp, and on this part of the river you won't see too many other fishermen. There are also many non fishing activities possible from this campsite. These include possible day rides to the Chinese Wall & Sock Lake, Bear Top Lookout, or easy and relaxing rides along the Sun River.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: North Fork Fishing-Exploration

Trip 6 – FORKS OF THE SUN RIVER

7 days

8 Available

July 29 – August 4

This trip follows the Sun River from the upper North Fork to the South Fork. You visit three different campsites. This country is quite open and offers great day riding as well as superb fishing. There is excellent fishing at each campsite and we stay at each campsite for a day to allow as much opportunity to explore and fish as possible. The rides from each campsite are generally pretty easy and the views along the broad valley of the Sun are fantastic. For the non-fisherman, there are excellent opportunities for riding to some interesting spots, as well as probably the best day hiking of all of our summer trips.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: Forks of the Sun River

Trip 7 – CHINESE WALL

8 days

8 Available

August 4 – August 11

This trip explores the Chinese Wall by riding along it and opportunities to spend a day up close to the Wall exploring. This is a great scenery trip with some limited fishing opportunities. We visit several different campsites. The majority of the time is spent in the high country. Just about every day offers outstanding views. The day we ride along the Wall is easily the most scenic of any single day on our summer trip schedule. While the Chinese Wall is the highlight of the trip, the lower Sun River valley and the upper reaches of the Continental Divide near the Wall are spectacular as well.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: Chinese Wall

Trip 8 –SUN RIVER EXPLORATION

5 days

8 Available

August 15 – August 19

We often get requests from mid-summer adventurers and fishermen for shorter trips in mid-August. Thus, we schedule a couple of 5 day trips into our beautiful camp on the North Fork of the Sun River. Mid-August is often a peak fishing time, so this is a great trip for the dry fly enthusiast. We can access multiple stretches of river any given day to spread people out and give new stretches of water to ply. For the non-fishing adventurer, there are many other options – more than can be done in the time available. These include day rides to the Chinese Wall and Sock Lake, Bear Top Lookout, Biggs Creek Meadows, or easy rides along the Sun River in any direction.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: Sun River Exploration

Trip 9 – BIG RIVER WILD COUNTRY 7 days

8 Available

August 25– August 31

This is a traveling trip which starts on the east side and crosses over the Continental Divide and spends most of the trip on the upper reaches of the Middle Fork of the Flathead River and its tributaries. The Middle Fork is called "Big River" by the old timers in the country. You visit multiple campsites. This country is quite open and offers great day riding as well as occasional fishing opportunities. While this trip is not targeted towards fly fishing, if there group has that interested we can slightly modify our campsites to provide additional opportunity. Each campsite affords much opportunity to explore. The rides from each campsite are longer than the Sun River trips as the Middle Fork is a more rugged valley.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: Big River

Trip dates can change as open trips are confirmed. Additionally, availability is subject to change as trips fill. If you see a trip you are interested in and are wondering about the different opportunities on the trip, give us a call. These descriptions are summaries and we're happy to elaborate on the activities if you give us a call.

All of our trips take place on National Forest lands. We are permitted and bonded by the federal government to operate on the Lewis & Clark and Flathead National Forests under outfitter license #558