

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 – SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES7 daysCLOSEDJune 26 – July 277

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: <u>Springtime in the Rockies</u>

Trip 2 – BIG RIVER July 5 – July 9 5 days

6 Available

This is a beautiful loop trip where we begin at our Swift Dam trailhead on Birch Creek. We ride up the South Fork Birch Creek to Big River Meadows – a stunning location nestled under the continental divide. We spend two nights here. Our next move is to through Gateway Gorge on down to Strawberry Creek where we camp at the headwaters of the Middle Fork Flathead for 2 more nights. Our last day we climb up over the picturesque Badger Pass before dropping down the North Fork Birch Creek and end at our Swift Dam trailhead.

Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: <u>Big River Country</u>

Trip 3 – GATES PARK EXPLORATION	5 days	2 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 4 – 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 5 – FORKS OF THE SUN RIVER	7 days	CLOSED
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 6 – CHINESE WALL	8 days	3 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 7 – SUN RIVER EXPLORATION	5 days	CLOSED
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 8 – SUN RIVER EXPLORATION5 days6 AvailableAugust 23 – August 27555

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Description and itinerary can be found by clicking on this link: Sun River / Gates Park

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