

golf

“My wife and I have enjoyed playing the Double Arrow for years. The scenery is fantastic, the course is always in great shape. The Double Arrow is just a good place to relax and play a round of golf.”



Tim
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ Double Arrow Lodge 18 Hole Golf Course

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Seeley Lake is home to one of the premier golf courses in Montana. It's a true golfer's paradise right in the heart of the Rockies. This spectacular 18 hole course is carved among gentle rolling hills and towering Ponderosa pines, offering breathtaking views of the Swan Mountains to the east and the Mission Mountains to the west. With all this course has to offer, it's not easy to keep your eye on the ball!

Each hole is a masterpiece in itself, with Number 15 as the signature hole, featuring an elevated tee and island green. Three sets of tees are provided to challenge golfers of all abilities. The course is dotted with wildlife, mountain streams and ponds. The 6,500 yard layout has a slope of 124 and a rating of 70.3.

There's a pro shop full of equipment to outfit every golfer's needs. The course is semi-private, offering tee times 3 days in advance to the general public and seven days in advance to lodge guests and members. Golf pros offer lessons to get you started as a beginner, or help a seasoned golfer adjust their game. The Snack Bar offers fresh deli toasted sandwiches and cold beverages for a quick turn or a relaxing 19th hole.

Best Tip

You'll find the course the quietest in the afternoon – and Twilight Rates make it a great value for your Seeley Lake visit. Stick around for the snow, and you can cross-country ski on the trail they groom on the course.





paddle

“Quiet time on the water calms the spirit and provides peace and serenity.”



Patricia
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ Clearwater River Canoe Trail

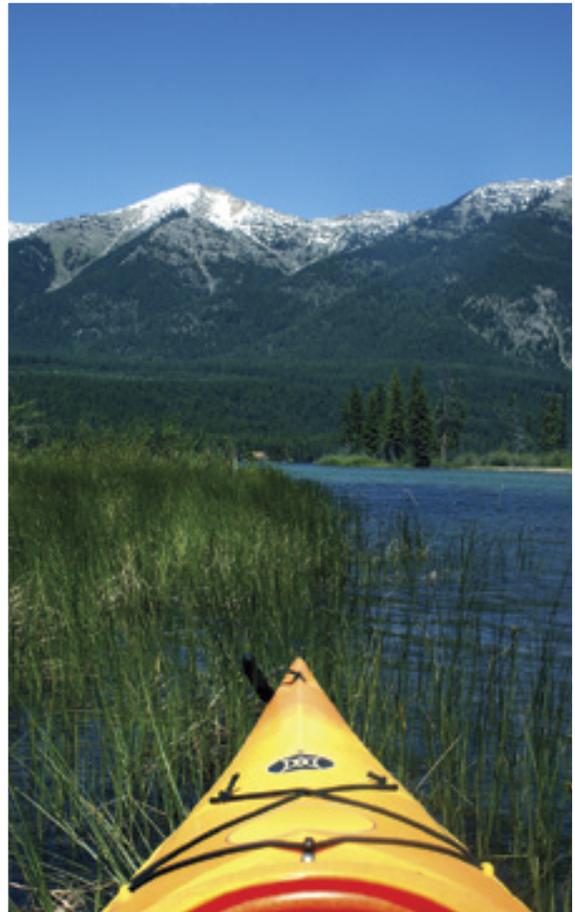
A 3.5 mile quiet portion of the Clearwater River that flows through dense willow marsh can be canoed or kayaked in about two hours. It provides a family friendly opportunity to see painted turtles and birds. The last part crosses the north end of Seeley Lake in the no-wake zone. For put-in, drive four miles north of Seeley Lake on Highway 83, turn west at the Clearwater Canoe Trail sign and drive .5 mile. The take-out is at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station. A 30 minute hiking trail goes back to the put-in, providing an alternative to using a shuttle vehicle. They is an outdoor toilet at the put in.

★ Salmon Lake

Small islands to stop at for a swim and views of the Swan Range as you paddle this scenic lake. The north end has shallow areas and calm coves to explore. Put-in at the boat-ramp in the state park.

★ Placid Lake

Placid has a more open expanse of water than the two options above and includes opportunities for viewing waterfowl. Depending on the day, Placid (despite the name) can be windy in the afternoon creating an opportunity for a more aerobic workout and a more exciting paddle! Put-in at the boat ramp at the campground.



Holland Lake with views of the Swan Mountains



hiking

"There is a reason I live where I can get into the high country and into the wilderness."



Karen
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ Holland Falls

A family friendly hike along Holland Lake to Holland Falls with views of Mission Mountains. Three miles round trip. Take Highway 83 to Holland Lake Road between mile markers 35 and 36.

★ Crescent Lake

Great hike in the Mission Mountains with several additional lakes to enjoy. Seven miles round trip. Take Highway 83 to Kraft Creek Road between mile markers 37 and 38. Follow signs to Glacier Lake trailhead. Signs at the trailhead will direct you to several lakes including Crescent Lake.

★ Pyramid Lake

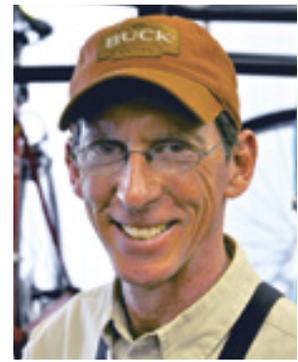
An alpine setting and a peak into the Bob Marshall Wilderness are some of the rewards this strenuous trail offers. Eight miles round trip. From mile marker 15 on Highway 83 turn east on Morrell Creek Road. Travel 1.1 miles to West Morrell Road and follow it for six miles. Turn onto Pyramid Pass Road, the trailhead is in 5.5 miles.



Looking over Holland Lake to the Swan Mountains

mountain biking

“The Seeley Lake area provides bike riding opportunities for all levels of mountain bike riders from the first time novice to the experienced rider. Come play in our back yard!!!”



Mike
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ **Bike Trails/Nordic Ski Trails** *Great Family Fun*

Located about 1.0 miles up Morrell Creek Road just north of town. These trails provide parking off the road, maps on site, no motorized traffic to worry about and 11 miles of trails for family fun. Trails are marked for degree of difficulty.

★ **Double Arrow Lookout** *More Challenging*

This route is 4.9 miles one way with slightly less than 1,000 feet elevation gain. Take Hwy. 83 to Riverview Drive (turn west). Pedal to Double Arrow Lookout Rd (Rd.# 696) turn right and continue to the summit. Great views of the Seeley Lake Valley.

★ **Morrell Peak Lookout** *Expert Challenge*

This is a 17-mile ride one way with 3,667 feet elevation gain. The ride is steady, continuous climbing all the way to the summit. The views of our mountain ranges are worth the effort. Take 83 to Morrell Creek Road/Cottonwood Lakes Road (Rd #477). Ride until you reach the Cottonwood Lakes (approx. 7 mi.). Turn left on Morrell Lookout Rd. (#4365) and keep pedaling to the lookout (approx. 9 mi.).

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Always carry basic repair tools and a spare tube while enjoying our backcountry roads and trails. Always carry food (nutrition bars, trail mix, etc...) and water with you for each rider. The weather in Montana changes rapidly, make sure to carry proper clothing (rain gear, layers, etc...) because temperatures and conditions are unpredictable. Bring trail maps for the ride and get local information updates so you don't encounter too many surprises. Bear spray is suggested for back country rides. Please respect the wildlife and leave no trace of your visit. If possible let someone know where you're going for your bike ride.



motor sports

“Motorized recreational opportunities are abundant all along the Seeley Swan corridor. Whether you prefer water sports or off highway vehicles, we are a year-round destination for your seasonal motorized use.”



Curtis
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ Personal Watercraft (PWC)

Waverunner and jet ski use is common place on Salmon, Placid, Seeley, Inez, Holland, and Swan Lakes, which are located throughout the Seeley-Swan Valley; with Salmon Lake on the south and Swan Lake on the north.

★ Ski and Wake Boats

Waterskiing and wakeboarding are fun summer time activities available on the valley's larger lakes.

★ Pontoon and Leisure Cruise Boats

Pontoon and leisure cruise boats are very popular summer pastimes as well. Whether on an early morning cruise to see moose, bear or mountain lions at the water's edge while eagles and osprey soar overhead and Loons call out from a distance, or on a sunset cruise to see the sun slowly fall behind the magical Mission Mountain range.

★ ATV, UTV and Side by Sides

The valley has an impressive network of trails and forest service roads that are ideal for exploring the valley and the mountains on ATV, UTV and Side by Side vehicles. On the west side of the valley you can quickly and easily reach Marshall and Elsin lakes or drive up to the Double Arrow Lookout. From the east side, you can take a ride up to Morrell Lookout, or enjoy a scenic ride along Rice Ridge. The riding options are endless and the views are guaranteed to take your breath away.



HELPFUL INFORMATION

Remember Loons are very sensitive to human intrusion. They may abandon their nest and chicks if they sense a threat from humans, so enjoy spotting and listening to the Loons, but give them a wide berth.



dog walks

“Seeley Lake is dog heaven. So many smells, so many lakes and streams, and often times snow to roll in.”



Judy
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ Girard Grove Loop

It's tough to say who will enjoy this more, your dog, or you. This almost flat loop goes around a grove of Larch trees varying in age from newborn to 1,000 years old. A spur trail from the loop takes you to 1,000-year-old “Gus,” which is the largest Larch in the world. From the junction of Boy Scout Road and Highway 83 (near Pyramid Lumber) take Boy Scout Road 2.4 miles west. Watch for the parking area on your left after you cross the Clearwater River, just past Camp Paxson.

★ Seeley Creek Nordic Trails

When there isn't skiing at the Seeley Creek Ski Trails, there's excellent dog walking. You have a choice of 2K, 5K, 10K loops and more. The signs that guide skiers in the winter make it easy to tailor your walk to your available time without getting lost. The terrain is dog perfect with gentle ups, downs, and rounds. From “downtown” Seeley Lake take Highway 83 about a half-mile north, just past the Veteran's Memorial where you'll see a Forest Service sign. Make a right on Morrell Creek Road and follow it about one mile until you see signs for the Ski Trails on your left.

★ Morrell Creek

Morrell Creek has native Bull Trout and West Slope Cutthroat in the stream, with excellent dog walking opportunities along the stream. You'll enjoy creek sounds with bird chirp highlights in this classic Northern Rockies riparian area. You can walk as far upstream as your dog desires, and then return to your starting place. From “downtown” Seeley Lake, take Highway 83 north about a half-mile to Morrell Creek road. Make a right onto Morrell Creek Road and follow it for about two miles. Right after you cross Morrell Creek, watch for a Morrell Creek sign. Park and enjoy your walk.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Leashes are optional if your dog is responsive to voice commands. Don't let your dog harass wildlife, and please use doggie bags to help maintain Montana as you found it. Remember, our entire valley is bear country. Avoid surprising bears and other wildlife. Bear spray has been found to be a very effective way to protect humans and wildlife. Many locals carry bear spray when walking dogs.

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running

“Having had the pleasure of running all around the world I can say the opportunities for runners in Seeley Lake surpass anywhere else I have ever visited. The unique combination of terrain, scenery and solitude are nearly impossible to duplicate.”



Chris
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

- ★ **Easy Run Golf Course Loop** | 2.2 Miles | Paved/Gravel
Access: Park at golf course pro shop. Run around golf course loop. *Highlights:* Rolling terrain, mountain views, wildlife. Easy to link to longer runs.
- ★ **Trail Run Seeley Creek Trails** | 5K loop | Trail/Gravel
Access: Park at Seeley Creek (Ski Trail) parking area. From the trailhead go left on Logging Camp Loop. At junction 2 take a left and then bear left at junction 3. Take the Two Creeks Cutoff at Junction 4, connect with Bear Tree and then to Whitetail Run. Finally take the north part of Bull Pine to Logging Camp (junction 2) and turn left and you will end up at the trailhead. 2K, 5K, 10K loops available and marked.
- ★ **Varying Distance Boy Scout Road** | 1-9 Miles | Paved Road
Access: Park at River Point or Seeley Lake Campground run to north end of Boy Scout Road. *Highlights:* Wildlife, bridged water crossings, solitude, views. Distance depends on your chosen turnaround. Up to a seven miles out and back.
- ★ **Long Run West Side Bypass** | 17 Miles | Gravel
Highlights: Rolling hills, sweeping views, wildlife, solitude. Run as an end to end or as an out and back.
- ★ **Challenge With A View Archibald Loop** | 1-9 Miles | Gravel
Access: Riverview Dr. to Westside Bypass (Snowmass Dr.) to Archibald Loop
Highlights: Slow climb to spectacular views, access to other forest roads
- ★ **Trail Run Morrell Falls** | 1-5 Miles | Trail
Access: Morrell Creek Road to Morrell Falls Trailhead (Toward Pyramid Pass)
Highlights: Rolling wooded trail with slight ups and downs. Scenery, wildlife and depending on the season, solitude. Access to other trail systems, including the Bob Marshal Wilderness Area.

Seeley-Swan Race Websites

raceseeley-montana.info, cheetahherders.com, swanecosystemcenter.org

snowmobiling

“Seeley Lake has 360 miles of groomed trails for any type of rider. Picturesque scenery with, breathtaking mountain views. Seeley Lake, where you can ride right out your back door.”



Shawn
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ Rice Ridge Loop

A good family trail ride. Elevation 5,950 feet and 23.5 miles. Overlooks the Swan Valley with a breathtaking view of the Swan Mountain Range, Mission Mountain range and beautiful Morrell Falls.

★ West Side Warming Hut

A great family ride or leading up to meadows where the extreme riders can ride. Elevation 5,600-8,000 feet depending on your experience of riding level. Off of Hwy 83 turn onto Boy Scout Road, and follow signs to parking lot.

★ Lake Marshall Loop

Trail varies in difficulty. Good family ride or a good challenge for the experienced extreme to technical rider. Elevation 4,820 feet, 15 miles. Always great riding in the later season.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Always be prepared for avalanches. Take a shovel, probe, beacon, and a basic tool set.

Always carry plenty of food and water.

Always be prepared to “spend the night”, take water proof matches, and extra warm gear.

Pack out your garbage. If you “pack it in”, you “pack it out”.

Never ride alone. And always let someone know where you’re riding.

Wildlife may be seen, be prepared.



nordic skiing

“Abundant snow, rolling terrain in the valley, and wide open bowls high in the Missions and Swans combine to make Seeley Lake the cross country skiing hub of western Montana.”



Mike
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ Seeley Creek Trails

The Seeley Creek Nordic Trail system is undoubtedly the best-kept Nordic secret in the Rockies. An unbeatable combination of reliable snow, trail layout and a consistent grooming schedule makes the Seeley Creek Ski Trails one of the premier Nordic trail systems in the region. Take Highway 83 about a half-mile north of “downtown.” Make a right turn on Morrell Creek Road and follow that road for one mile. Ski trails will be on your left.

★ Fawn Creek Trails

Expected to open in 2016, Fawn Creek will provide world-class Nordic skiing for recreational and competitive skiers. Fawn Creek will take advantage of rolling terrain reminiscent of Scandinavia, plus, it is located in a micro snow belt that averages about 20% more snow than the majority of our valley.

★ Backcountry Skiing

Want to get deep in Montana’s backcountry? From Seeley Lake you will have to choose between the Swan and Mission mountains, both accessible with a lift from a snowmobile, or a hike. Not quite ready for so much solitude? An easier tour with great views is available behind Lake Alva. Take Highway 83 about 12 miles north, make a right at a sign stating Westfork Clearwater River. Cross the river and drive another mile to a parking area. Ski up the road for about three quarters of a mile, watch for a gated road on your right. Ski past the gate and enjoy. The further you go the better the scenery gets. When you wish, follow your tracks back to your vehicle.

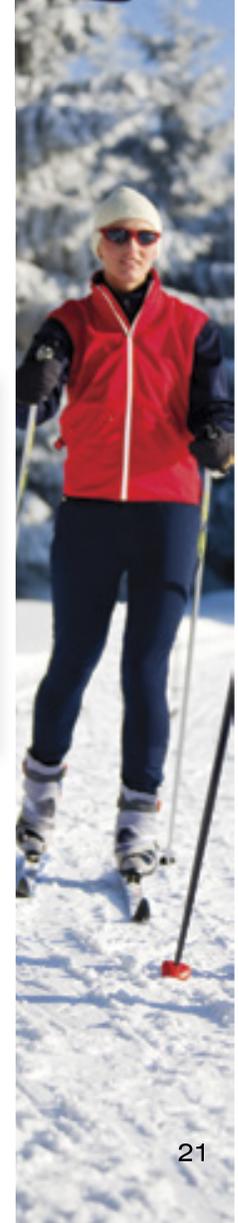


Helpful Information

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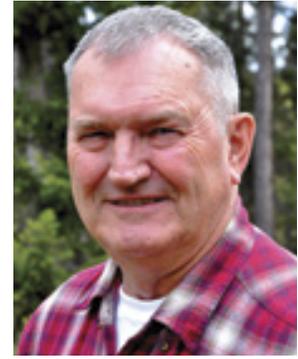
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walking tours

“Our community is surrounded by public lands. Everyone can walk from their door step to enjoy the great outdoors for relaxation or exercise (fun or fitness) --with a chance to see a bear. Our friendly people respect our forested surroundings and other types of recreation. Low traffic in pleasant settings allows us to walk from neighbor to neighbor.”



Ron
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ The Lolo National Forest

East from the Community Hall at 3248 Highway 83 North. Perfect for 15 minutes or 115 minutes. From this trail you can make an easy connection with the Seeley Creek Ski Trails. The ski trails provide enjoyable walking eight months of the year with gently rolling terrain for added interest.

★ State and Federal land

North from Seeley Swan High School. You can walk to Canada while only crossing five roads. Or you can enjoy a shorter forest walk with plenty of squirrels, birds, and a deer or two for entertainment.

★ The memorable Girard Grove.

Several Larch trees in this sacred grove are over 500 years old. One is 1,000 years old and a couple of feet taller than the Statue of Liberty. That tree is named “Gus.” There is a short path just to Gus, or you can follow a trail around the perimeter of Girard Grove which is loop of about a half a mile. I recommend you do both.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Enjoy your walk in the natural world. You are very likely to see deer and other wildlife.

- Seeley Lake Chamber..... seeeylakechamber.com
- Seeley Lake Nordic Club..... seeeylakenordic.org
- Seeley Lake Snowmobile Club..... driftriders.org
- Swan Ecosystem Center..... swanecosystemcenter.org
- Seeley Lake Rocks..... seeeylakerocks.org



fishing

“There are not many places on earth where you can find such a diversity of great fishing opportunities in such a spectacular setting. If the fishing is slow, just sit back and take in the view.”



Bruce
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

★ Lakes on the Clearwater River

If you have a boat or are willing to rent, the lower elevation lakes in the Clearwater are good bets for trout and kokanee salmon. Salmon and Seeley Lakes are havens for large northern pike and fish pushing 10 to 20 lbs are not out of the question. Ice fishing for pike provides another winter alternative that more are taking advantage of all the time.

★ High Lakes near Swan Crest

If you don't mind a hike, fly and lure fishing in a mid or high elevation lake can be an unrivaled experience in a spectacular setting. High lakes near the Swan Mountain Crest and wilderness boundary and in the headwaters of the upper tributaries of the Swan River are well worth the effort.

★ Blackfoot River

The Blackfoot River, less than 20 minutes from Seeley Lake, provides a world-class fishing opportunity for cutthroat, brown and rainbow trout. Floating or walk-in fishing at many of the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Fishing Access sites opens the door to a special place immortalized in Norman MacClean's "A River Runs Through It".

HELPFUL INFORMATION

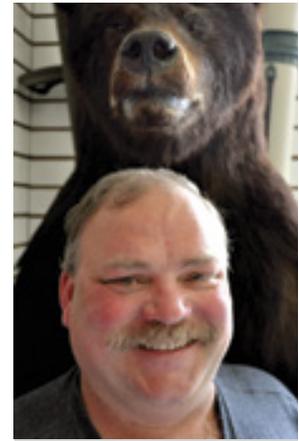
Remember to always check the current Montana Fishing Regulations before you go. We're working hard to rebuild native populations in many places so that the fishing here will be even better in the future. Local sporting shops can provide a copy and likely some advice on the best bets under current conditions.



Clearwater Lake with views of the Swan Mountains

hunting

The Seeley Lake area provides hunting opportunities for both species of deer, elk, black bear and moose if you're lucky and draw the permit. Get outside and enjoy the beautiful majestic scenery. Come for the hunting and stay for the hospitality.



Brad
LOCAL EXPERT

RECOMMENDED

- ★ **Morrell Creek Drainage** is located a ¼ mile north of Seeley Lake. Off Highway 83 turn east onto Morrell Creek Road. This gives access to many miles of Forest Service roads that lead to Plum Creek, federal and state lands which are open to public hunting. You can drive to the gates and hike into many miles of hunting area. Horses are welcome.
- ★ **Marshall Creek Drainage** is located at about mile marker 21, between Lake Inez and Lake Alva. The great number of gated logging roads in this drainage make it a good place to walk and hunt. Hunting in this area improves as the snow increases. Dense brush makes it easy for game to hide. Always be on the look-out.
- ★ **Placid Creek** is located 3 miles south of Seeley Lake, west of Highway 83. This area offers something for everybody with acres of public hunting; Vaughn Creek also offers hunting for disabled hunters. This is a great area to find elk, deer, mountain lion and wolves. Be watchful and keep your ears open.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Always let someone know your plans and time frames.

Have a GPS and know how to use it.

New GPS mapping programs can tell you who the land owner is.

Montana weather is unpredictable so dress and pack for all weather.

Bear spray should be carried. The valley has many black bears and grizzly bears.

Please do not litter. Pack it in, pack it out.

Know the rules and regulations for the unit you are hunting to protect yourself.

Disabled hunters can call Seeley Lake Ranger District. (406) 677-2233

Hunting Licenses Available Include:

- Bighorn Sheep
- Black Bear
- Deer- Whitetail and Mule
- Elk
- Moose
- Mountain Goat
- Mountain Lion
- Turkey
- Waterfowl

Visit fwp.mt.gov for more information.

Visit www.SeeleyLakeChamber.com for more information