Recreation Opportunity Guide

PYRAMID PASS TRAIL #416

Trail Beginning: 5360 ft. elevation. End of Forest Road #4381

Trail Ending: 7000 ft. elevation. Pyramid Pass on Flathead Divide

Trail Length: Approximately 4.0 miles (One Way)

Season of Use: Late Spring/Summer/Fall

Usage Rate: Moderate to high

Difficulty: Moderate to High More Difficult

Reference Maps: Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Map

or the Lolo National Forest Visitor Map - Seeley Lake

USGS Topographic Quadrangles - Morrell Lake & Crimson Peak

Map Location: Section 4 T17N R14W

NARRATIVE

Pyramid Pass Trail is a popular mainline access route into the subalpine country & the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Outfitters & recreation horse parties frequent this trail throughout the summer. Hikers are reminded that stock animals are easily spooked when approached in the backcountry. To avoid accidents, hikers should step off the trail on the low side & remain relatively quiet until all animals have passed safely. Campsites are minimal enroute; however, backpackers can probably locate a site near the Pass. Water can be accessed at several locations off the trail if necessary. A small unnamed lake at the top of the Pass does support trout.

Pyramid Lake is located over the pass and within the boundaries of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. This is a 10 acre lake at 6927 ft. elevation. From the wilderness boundary sign, stay on the main trail #416 for about .25 miles (you'll be heading downhill) - a trail heading to the lake will be on the North (left) and is not signed but well used and easily visible. Continue on this side trail an additional .25 miles to Pyramid Lake.

Pyramid Peak, located northwest of the Pass, provides an opportunity for the hiker who cannot resist a challenge. There is no maintained trail to the summit of Pyramid Peak. Hikers attempting this climb should be equipped with a topographic map & compass, and be prepared for a steep, rocky scramble'

ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS

The trailhead area does have ample parking, holding corrals(2), stock loading ramp & an outdoor toilet. No developed water source is available. The trail is steep & requires hikers to climb 1640 feet elevation within 4 miles; however, spectacular views of the Seeley Lake area & Mission Mountain Range can be seen from several vista points.

REMINDERS

Visitors are reminded to practice Leave No Trace Camping techniques in this fragile country. We hope you enjoy your experience in the wild! If you would like further information, contact the Seeley Lake Ranger District at (406)677-2233, located three miles north of the town of Seeley Lake on Montana Highway 83