



DIY Pentagon Drop Camp

August 2-6, 2024



\$1,700 Per Rider : Limited to 4 Guests

A DIY drop camp is an unguided wilderness experience for you and your horse. We take our mule string into an area and set up a camp with everything you'll need for a horseback camping trip. We situate these base camps in areas with day rides right out of camp. The camp is setup for a maximum 4 riders. There are two tents, each furnished with two cots, sleeping pads, sleeping bags and pillows. The camp also includes a kitchen set up and everything you will need to prepare camp meals. The meals are some of the bests in our chef's lineup. The meals are all easy to prepare in the provided kitchen and really hit the spot after a day on the trail. You will be responsible for transportation to the trailhead. You will depart and arrive back at the same trailhead. You will need to carry all your own personal gear into the camp with you.

The Trails

Depending on the length of ride you desire, there are two trailheads you can depart from. For a longer ride leave from Beaver Creek TH(14 miles), and the shorter option is Silvertip TH(10 miles). The trail follows Spotted Bear River for its entirety. It winds through thick timber and open burn scars. You will travel along both side hill and flat forest floor. There are several creek crossings throughout the day. The camp is situated in a shady grove about 1.5 miles past Pentagon Cabin. You will have easy access to water from the Spotted Bear River. From camp, there are three different day rides worth taking. All the rides are out and back trips. The first is to Hart Lake. This is the shortest ride, only 8 miles round trip. The trail will climb in elevation to a pretty little mountain lake surrounded by cottonwood trees. The trail is narrow in places and requires a confident trail horse. The next option is to continue past the camp and up Wall Creek. About 6 miles up you catch glimpses of the Wall Creek Cliffs. This is the least technical riding option from camp. For the most spectacular ride get an early start and head up Pentagon Creek to Switchback Pass and on over to Dean Lake. The journey will have steep sections and few spots that require your horse to navigate rocky terrain. Plan on about 18 miles in the saddle all told.

The Meals

Your camp kitchen will be stocked with meals that are easy to prepare after a day on the trail. We try to use a mix of fresh and prepared foods. These are tried and true recipes that most campers seem to enjoy. The kitchen area is surrounded by electric fence to avoid wildlife conflicts. You will be responsible for keeping a clean camp and following all food storage regulations. We will try our best to accommodate any food allergies or preferences.



The Horses

Each horse is provided with 25lbs of weed free certified grass alfalfa mix hay for every day of the trip. Highlines with swivels are set up in camp. You will be responsible for walking your horse to water in the nearby creek. If your horse requires any special feeds, supplements, medications or equipment you will be responsible for getting it into camp. Riders should plan on bringing any prescription medications they may want on hand (bute or banamine). The camp will be stocked with a small equine first aid kit.

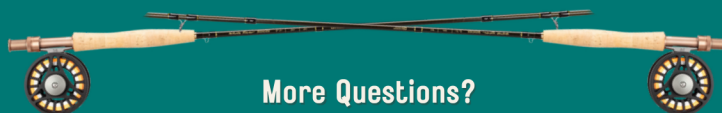
Supplies

You should plan on bringing all your personal gear on the horse with you. Bring enough clothing layers to be comfortable in the changing weather. Summer temperatures range from the upper 30s at night to mid 90s on late summer days. A true wetting rain is not typical of NW Montana summers, but precipitation is always possible. Outfit yourself with a good map or GPS device to navigate the trail system. You should carry with you a small first aid kit and an emergency beacon device such as a Spot or InReach.

Included:

- 2 wall style tents
- 4 cots, sleeping pads, sleeping bags and camp pillows
- Privy tent with seat
- Complete kitchen setup
- 4 Camp chairs
- Dining table with Rain Fly
- Highlines
- First aid kits for humans and horse
- Certified grass alfalfa mix hay
- Camp lanterns
- Water filter

Meals start with supper the night you arrive and ending with lunch on your departure day.



More Questions?

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