



MAP LEGEND

Whitefish River Trail Bike & Pedestrian Path

Bike & Pedestrian Paths

Bike & Pedestrian Paths on Roadway

BNSF Railway

River Miles

Portage Area

Non-Motorized Zone

Campground

Marina

River Flow Direction

AIS Inspection Station

Caution (see back side)

Hospital

Rental Locations

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Paddle Craft Rentals

These businesses offer rentals of human-powered watercraft. *Reservations are recommended.*

Black Tie Ski & Bike Rentals 1
blacktiebikes.com/whitefish
903 Wisconsin Ave., Ste. C • 406-730-2772

Montana Boarders
montanaboards.com
Delivery, By Appointment • 406-360-8698

Sportsman & Ski House 2
sportsmanskihaus.com
6475 Hwy. 93 S. • 406-862-3111

The Lodge Marina 3
lodgeatwhitefishlake.com/marina
1380 Wisconsin Ave. • 406-890-0073

Tour Glacier 4
tourglacier.com
Whitefish Lake State Park, 1615 W Lakeshore Dr.
406-709-2124

Whitefish Outfitters 5
whitefishoutfitters.com/rentals
70 Lakeside Blvd. & 541 Spokane Ave.
406-212-0080

Paddler Code

- Leave no trace.
- Pack it in. Pack it out.
- Be aware of and remove found trash.
- Use restrooms or bring your own waste disposal.
- Respect the neighbors.
- Share the water. Be considerate of other boaters.
- Do not trespass on private property or private docks.
- Park in designated areas only.
- Let nature's sites and sounds prevail.

Emergency? Dial 911



Learn more about Montana boating laws:
fwp.mt.gov/activities/boating/rules-regulations

Paddlers must have one wearable, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket—also known as a personal flotation device, or PFD—on board the watercraft for each person. It must be in good condition and readily accessible. Wearing a PFD at all times is the single most effective way to prevent drowning. Children age 12 or younger must wear a PFD at all times while the boat or board is underway.

Paddlers on the water between sunset and sunrise are required to carry a flashlight or lighted lantern on manually propelled watercraft to help prevent collisions.

While not required for vessels under 16 feet, paddlers are encouraged to carry a whistle or horn.

It is unlawful to operate or be in actual physical control of a motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat, water skis, surfboard, or similar device while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- Paddle within your ability.
- Check the weather and water conditions before launching.
- Wear appropriate clothing and gear for the conditions.
- Plan ahead and share your itinerary.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are non-native plants, animals, and pathogens that harm watercraft, fisheries, drinking water supplies, and the environment. The following AIS prevention measures are required.

All motorized and non-motorized watercraft must stop at every open Montana inspection station. Inspections are also required when entering the state, crossing the Continental Divide westbound, or entering the Flathead Basin (where Whitefish Lake and Whitefish River are located). Nearby Glacier National Park also requires an inspection and permit prior to launching.

All watercraft must receive an AIS inspection before each entry into Whitefish Lake, including entry from the river or shoreline. Inspection stations are available at Whitefish City Beach and Whitefish Lake State Park, 7:00AM – 10:00PM June 1 – Aug. 15 and from 7:00AM – 9:00PM May 1–31 and Aug. 15 – Sept. 30.

For manually propelled boats and boards, the Whitefish AIS Self-Certification Program permits watercraft displaying a five-year sticker to be launched by hand—acquired after passing the short Non-Motorized Sticker Test. The program also offers AIS Self-Certification for Off-Season and Early Anglers. Learn more about Whitefish AIS Self-Certification here:
cityofwhitefish.gov/AIS-certification

All non-resident watercraft are required to obtain a Vessel AIS Prevention Pass and complete the required inspection before launching in Montana. Learn more here: fwp.mt.gov/conservation/aquatic-invasive-species/out-of-state-watercraft#aispp

It is your responsibility to clean, drain, and dry your watercraft after every visit to a body of water.

The Whitefish River is slow-moving, dropping only about 30 feet over this six-mile stretch, so paddling both upstream and downstream is usually possible. High or low flows at the lake outlet may prevent paddlers from entering Whitefish Lake from the river. Under those conditions, carry your watercraft along the adjacent riverbank and avoid private property. Paddlers may also portage from Skye Park to City Beach using the nearby bike and pedestrian path.

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Low water may prevent larger watercraft from passing. Once through the culverts, returning upstream is not possible. Portaging is prohibited because of the steep terrain and surrounding private property. Turn around before entering or continue to a downstream takeout.

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** Undeveloped park*

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Note: accessibility status of sites is unverified. Contact the managing entity for more information.

Parking
Picnic Area
Restrooms
Public Dock
Rentals
Hand-Launch / Put-In, Take-Out
Motorized-Launch / Put-In, Take-Out
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