



Celebrate the Rattlesnake!

All-Day Sunday, September 18

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Program Description

Choose your activity from the list below and call to reserve your spot! Join us for music, food and company at the Ten Spoon Winery at 4 p.m. (the Montana Natural History Center will help provide some activities for kids there)

Fall Colors Hike along Rattlesnake Creek

Meet at: 9 a.m., main Rattlesnake trail head.

Description: Enjoy fall colors while hiking 8 miles round trip to the Pilcher Creek area on relatively gentle trails with a few short climbs. No dogs. (limit 10 hikers).

Contact: Lois Crepeau at 728-5321.

Back Country Horsemen of Missoula

Trail Ride into the Rattlesnake

Meet at: 10 a.m., horse facility parking area

Description: The trail ride will be over Strawberry Ridge via the Wallman Trail. (limit 10 riders).

Contact: Ken Brown at 406-207-6067

Leave No Trace (LNT) display

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: On the spur trail (hikers and horses only) along Rattlesnake Creek. The spur trail leaves the main corridor trail near the Spring Gulch outhouse about half a mile from the main Rattlesnake trail head.

Description: The display includes aluminum bear-resistant panniers and packable food containers, a collapsible aluminum fire pan, light-weight chairs, and other equipment that help protect the environment in the back country. A highline with horses will show how to protect trees while safely securing horses.

Contact: Ken Brown at 406-207-6067

Mountain Bike Rides

Strenuous 2-hour ride

Meet at: Main Rattlesnake trail head.

Description: This loop ride includes Trail 517, 28.1, 28.3, 24.5, 24.2 and back to start (limit 10 riders).

Contact: Todd Cross (970-471-9895).

More leisurely 3-hour ride

Meet at: Noon at the main Rattlesnake trail head (option to finish by riding to Ten Spoon Winery).

Meeting Place: The main Rattlesnake trail head.

Description: We will follow the main Rattlesnake trail with side trips (per the group's ability and interests), exploring some of the incredible single-track trails, pointing out signs of early settlement activity in the Rattlesnake and describing the uniqueness of a recreational area bordered by designated wilderness. Bring water and food. Be prepared to be outdoors for three hours (limit 10 riders).

Contact: Call Sapphire Physical Therapy (549-5283) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or email questions to John Fiore (john@sapphirept.com).

Rattlesnake Creek Watershed Group

Lower Rattlesnake Creek Cleanup

Meet at: 10 a.m., northeast corner of the Doubletree Hotel parking lot (100 Madison St.)

Description: Help the Rattlesnake Creek Watershed Group (<http://rattlesnakecreekwatershedgroup.org>) glean trash and other debris from this spring's flooding along lower Rattlesnake Creek. During our search for trash and treasures, we will take breaks to learn about the watershed and the creatures who call it home. We'll supply gloves, bags, and refreshments. Bring the whole family and join us for all or part of the day. We'll end with a biodegradable ducky race great for all ages.

Contact: Katie at [\(406\) 203-6433](tel:4062036433) or rattlesnakecreek.watershedgroup@gmail.com.

Watershed Education Network

Aquatic Bugs for Kids and Adults

Meet at: 2:30 p.m., main Rattlesnake Trailhead

Description: Children will find and identify aquatic bugs in Rattlesnake Creek near Spring Gulch while adults can help collect data for the Stream Team that monitors water quality in Missoula area streams.

Contact: Kitty Galloway, WEN Program Coordinator, 541-9287

Afternoon Celebration at Ten Spoon Winery

Celebrate the Rattlesnake Wilderness and Recreation Area in true Missoula fashion from 4 to 8 p.m. Music, food and local Wine with tabling and activities under the big tent!

Music by;

Blue Mountain Music Makers, Alley Cats Bluegrass Band, and Broken Valley Road Show

Short Program with Featured Speakers

Pat Williams, former U.S. Congressman and sponsor of the Rattlesnake wilderness legislation

Debbie Austin, Lolo National Forest Supervisor

**Wine by Ten Spoon Winery
Food by Bravo Catering (first 200)**

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