Wilderness by the Numbers

Montana Wilderness Facts

Montana landbase: 94,109,542 acres  
Total Wilderness: 3,443,038 acres  
Percent of land base: 3.7%  
Total number of Wilderness areas: 15  
Total Forest Service Inventoried Roadless Area: 6,397,000 acres  
Percent of land base that is Roadless: 6.8%

Montana Wilderness and Public Lands Statistics

Total Acres in Montana: 94,109,440 acres  
Total Square Miles in Montana: 145,556 square miles  
Total Remaining Montana Wildland Base: 9,839,100 acres  
Total Wilderness Acres in Montana: 3,443,038 acres  
Percent of Land Base: 3.7%  
Total Number of Wilderness Areas: 15  
Total Unprotected Wilderness1 Acres in Montana: 6,397,000 acres  
Percent of Land Base: 6.8%  
Total Acres of Public Lands in Montana: 27,378,247 acres  
Percent of Land Base: 29%

Total Public Acres by Managing Agency

U.S. Forest Service: 16,893,000 (18%)  
National Park Service: 1,222,314 (1%)  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: 1,227,478 (1%)  
Bureau of Land Management: 8,060,382 (9%)  
Total: 27,378,247 (29%)  
Federally Protected/Designated Wilderness: 3,443,038 (3.7%)

Designated Wilderness by Agency

U.S. Forest Service: 3,372,503  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: 64,535  
Bureau of Land Management: 6,000  
Total: 3,443,038
Remaining Roadless Lands and Potential Wilderness

U.S. Forest Service: 5,337,694
National Park Service: 1,037,160
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: 157,000
Bureau of Land Management: 447,327
Total: 6,979,181

National Forests Acreage

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Forest Service Wilderness Areas Acreage

**Absaroka-Beartooth**
- Custer NF: 345,599 acres
- Gallatin NF: 574,744 acres

**Anaconda Pintler**
- Bitterroot NF: 41,162 acres

**Bob Marshall**
- Flathead NF: 709,356 acres
- Lewis & Clark NF: 300,000 acres

**Cabinet Mountains**
- Kaniksu NF: 44,320 acres
- Kootenai NF: 49,952 acres

**Gates of the Mountains**
- Helena NF: 28,562 acres

**Great Bear**
- Flathead NF: 286,700 acres

**Lee Metcalf**
- Beaverhead NF: 107,694 acres
- Gallatin NF: 140,594 acres

**Mission Mountains**
- Flathead NF: 73,877 acres

**Rattlesnake**
Lolo NF: 32,976 acres

Scapegoat
   Helena NF: 80,697 acres
   Lewis & Clark NF: 84,407 acres
   Lolo NF: 74,832 acres

Selway-Bitterroot
   Bitterroot NF: 241,676 acres
   Lolo NF: 9,767 acres

Welcome Creek
   Lolo NF: 28,135 acres

**Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Areas Acreage**

Lee Metcalf: 6,000 acres

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wilderness Areas Acreage**

Medicine Lake
   Medicine Lake NWR: 11,366 acres

Red Rock Lakes
   Red Rock Lakes NWR: 32,350 acres

UL Bend
   UL Bend NWR: 20,819 acres

Total Wilderness in Montana: 3,443,038 acres

**National Wild, Scenic and Recreation Rivers Wilderness Areas Acreage**

Flathead National Wild River

   Flathead NF
      NFS: 38,346 acres
      Other 19,054 acres
      Total: 57,400

**Sources:**

1. U.S. Census TIGER data for State border
2. The USGS National Hydrography Dataset
3. Natural Heritage Program Stewardship/Ownership Data
4. Montana State Library, Natural Resource Information System
5. USDA Forest Service

For detailed information on each of Montana Wilderness Areas, we recommend you visit [wilderness.net](http://wilderness.net). (Please note: Montana Wilderness Association is not associated with Wilderness.net.)