



KREIS POND

Mountain Bike Trails



Ninemile Ranger District
Lolo National Forest

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You have access to about 35 miles of bicycling trails from Kreis Pond. The 2.3-mile-long Yellow Trail loop is the easiest of the mountain bike trails. For a more challenging ride, try the 8.4-mile Blue Trail and the 2.6-mile Green Trail. The 6.3-mile Orange Trail and the 14.6-mile Red Trail are recommended for more serious riders who are able to maneuver steep, narrow paths.

Some of the trails are on roads, so watch for vehicles. On the more difficult trails, there are a few steep areas where you must walk your bike for short distances. When you pass through fence gates, be sure to close them behind you.

- Be a courteous rider.
- Slow down and yield the right-of-way to hikers and horses.
- Respect wildlife and private property in the area.
- Ride in control, and pass others slowly.
- Leave no trace.

For more information on other mountain bike trails, ask for Bikecentennial's brochure, "Mountain Biking: Missoula Area" (\$3.95), the free guide, "Trails Missoula," or LIMB "Ride Guides."

Picnic Sites

Eight picnic sites are situated around the pond. No drinking water is available, so bring some with you. There are vault toilets at the pond, and some primitive sites are available for overnight camping. There is no garbage service at Kreis Pond, so please pack out all litter.

Fishing

This 5-acre, 24-foot-deep irrigation reservoir is suitable for shore-fishing or fishing from canoes and other small watercraft. There is no boat ramp. The pond has populations of trout and largemouth bass. Consult fishing regulations published annually by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Opportunities



- Mountain biking
- Fishing
- Wheelchair accessible restrooms
- picnic sites

Kreis Pond was developed in the late 1940s by rancher Bill Longpre to provide irrigation water for about 200 acres of hayfields in the area. Longpre built a ditch to divert water from Stony Creek and a dam to impound it in the pond. Bob Kreis and his son bought Longpre's ranch and the water rights to the pond in 1951. The pond is no longer used for irrigation. In 1989 the Boy Scouts of America, the Latter Day Saints Church, and the Missoula Bicycle Club, developed many of the facilities at Kreis Pond.

Restrictions

- You can ride horses on the bike trails near Kreis Pond, but hitching or hobbling horses is not allowed within the fenced area.
- Shooting is prohibited at Kreis Pond within the fenced area.
- Camping is allowed at primitive sites, but limited to two nights.

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