

Mount Otis Trail



Trail Distance: 2.06 mi.
Min Elevation: 4065 / Max Elevation: 4800

Finding the Trailhead:

Drive 19.9 miles south of Havre on Highway MT-234. (Coming from Rocky Boy, drive .8 miles south after the Taylor Road/MT-234 intersection.) A sign on the left side of the highway will direct you to Mooney Coulee Road. Turn here and drive .8 miles until you see the trailhead on the left.

Following the Trail:

This trail is straightforward: take the trail as it veers right from the parking area and switchbacks up the mountain.

Amenities:

Bathroom near the trailhead. Bench at the top of the mountain.



Bear Paw Nature Trail

Trail Distance: 5.74 mi.
Min Elevation: 3957 / Max Elevation: 4281

Finding the Trailhead:

Drive 19.8 miles south of Havre on Highway MT-234. (Coming from Rocky Boy, drive .7 miles south after the Taylor Road/MT-234 intersection.) A sign on the right side of the highway will direct you to Alkali Springs Road. Turn here and drive .55 miles until you see a mowed parking area and kiosk on the left.

Following the Trail:

From the trailhead on Alkali Springs Road, take the road downhill for 500 feet. Look for a metal trail sign on the left and follow the mowed path through a low-lying area and up onto the meadow above, then to an old two-track road. This road winds down into a “bowl”— follow it straight into the trees (do not veer left into Lions Campground). A sign by the trees marks the start of the formal trail (the “old fort road”). This trail continues for just under a mile before it crosses Broughs Coulee Road. Cross the road, pass by the public bathroom, and continue along the trail for another mile, until the trail ends at the Rocky Boy Reservation boundary.

Features:

The northern 1/3 of the trail crosses a large, open hay meadow. The southern 2/3 of the trail skirts along the western contour of Beaver Creek Canyon, high above the creek bed and along frequent aspen groves and berry bushes (ripe raspberries and junberries mid to late July). The view is beautiful year-round but especially in June, July, September, and October. This is also a great snowshoeing route.

Alternate Route:

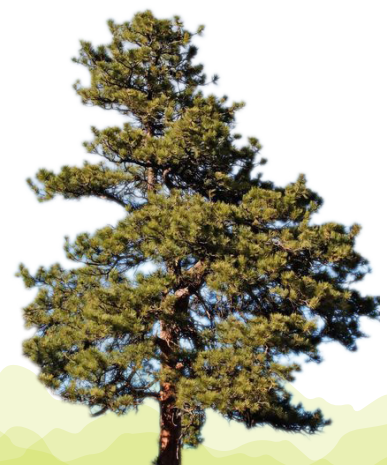
For a shorter hike, and a trail entrance that's a bit easier to find, just hike the southern 2/3 of the Bear Paw Nature Trail starting at Lions Campground (3.8 miles out & back).

Drive 21.2 miles south of Havre on MT-234. (Coming from Rocky Boy, drive 2.1 miles south of Taylor Road/MT-234). When you reach the sign for Lions Campground on the right, drive into the campground area and over the bridge. Park and walk up the road as it climbs uphill to the west. Turn left at the sign by the trees and follow the trail.



Amenities:

Bathrooms at Lions Campground and at Broughs Coulee Road. Benches at key lookout points. Historical and wildlife interpretive signs.



Rotary Canyon Loop Trail

Rotary Canyon Lower Loop

Trail Distance: 1.08 mi.
Min Elevation: 3550 / Max Elevation: 3730

Rotary Canyon Upper Loop

Trail Distance: 2.4 mi.
Min Elevation: 3550 / Max Elevation: 3786

Finding the Trailhead:

Drive 15.4 miles south of Havre on Highway MT-234. (Coming from Rocky Boy, drive 3.8 miles north after the Taylor Road/MT-234 intersection.) Here you'll reach the north end of Bearpaw (2nd) Lake, where a sign directs you to Rotary Canyon Trail. Turn towards the lake, drive over the spillway and look for the trailhead and parking area to the left.

Features:

The double-loop design of this trail makes it versatile. You can choose to hike one loop, combine the loops into one big loop, or maximize mileage with a figure-8 route. Both trail loops have gorgeous views of Bearpaw Lake, Beaver Creek, Rotary Canyon, Mt. Otis, and Mt. Baldy. The lower loop is a short hike, great for kids. From the north end of the upper loop, a short off-trail hike to Rotary Falls is possible (stay on the uphill slope for the first 300 feet).



Amenities:

Bathroom across from the parking area. Camping and fishing (with permits) at Bearpaw Lake. Benches at key lookout points.

A Note About Park Fees:

A current park permit is required for all Beaver Creek Park use, including hiking, camping, etc.

Day Park Permit: \$15

Covers all park use for a household for the date(s) specified. A “day” is considered noon of the date on the permit until noon the following day, so “day permits” do cover overnight camping.

Annual Park Permit: \$95

(\$60 for seniors 65+) Covers all park use for a household, from May 1st to April 30th of the following year.

Day Park Permits & Annual Park Permits may be purchased at:

Beaver Creek Park Office/Camp Kiwanis
Hill County Courthouse
Stromberg's Sinclair
Bing 'N Bob's
North 40 Outfitters
Bear Paw Meats
Havre Area Chamber of Commerce

Day Park Permits are also available at two self-pay boxes in Beaver Creek Park: Beaver Creek Lake (1st Lake/ Upper Lake) Info Kiosk; and at the RV Dump Site.

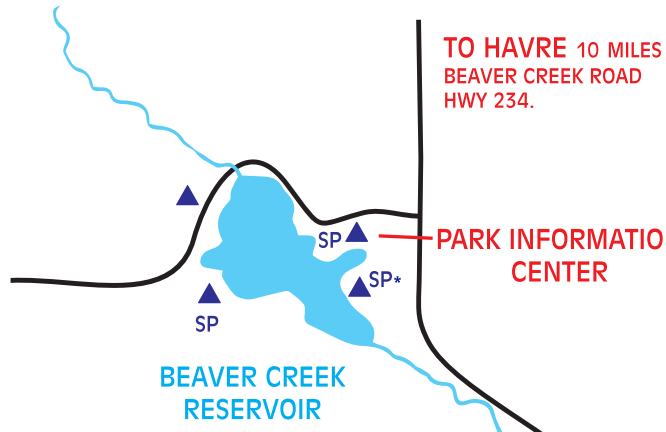


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