

BIGFORK NATURE TRAIL (SWAN RIVER TRAIL)



Trailhead address or coordinates:

- **West parking:** 175 Grand Dr, Bigfork, MT 59111
- **East parking:** 100-102 Grand Dr, Bigfork, MT 59911

Entry fee: \$0

Date assessed: June 5, 2024

Trail Information

Information is based off the round-trip

Trail distance: 4.2 miles

Trail type: Out and back

Total elevation gain: 200 ft.

Minimum trail width: Not measured - this trail is an old service road and is plenty wide enough to allow for 2-way pedestrian traffic or for any trail user on a aMTB

Man-made obstacles: There is a gate at each end of the trail with a built in passing area to navigate around (pictured below, left). The gate at the east end of the trail is too low to pass under - from the ground to the bottom of the gate is XXX in., but does have space on both sides to go around (pictured below, right)



Stairs, pinch points, bridge crossings or switchbacks: This trail does not contain any of these features.

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Parking Information

At the west end of this trail, the only parking available is street parking, with no designated spots or accessible parking options. The east end has slightly better options, with a larger area for street parking and the option to use the Kearney Rapids Overflow Parking lot with direct access the trail (1182 Swan River Road). There is also no accessible specific parking at these locations.

Parking lot surface: Paved and gravel

Distance from furthest parking spot to trailhead: Variable depending on street parking availability

Bathrooms & Amenities



Bathrooms: There is 1 bathroom 1 mile into the trail from either end and 1 bathroom at the Kearney Rapids Overflow Parking area. Both feature a low threshold for entry and grab bars

Water availability: No water source along this route

Food availability: No food along this route

Picnic tables or benches: There are 4 benches and 3 picnic tables spaced out along the entire trail. Most have a direct path to access from the trail (pictured left)



Shade levels: This trail is lined with trees on both sides, however has patches of direct sun, especially in the morning. Benches and picnic tables have varying levels of shade, ranging from being in full sun to being fully shaded.

“Just in Case” Safety Information

Cell service available: Yes

Group responsible for trail maintenance: Bigfork Chamber of Commerce