



TAMARACK TALES

TAMARACKS RESORT, SEELEY LAKE, MONTANA

Kid's Corner

Fun with nature
For kids of all ages

Hiking

One of the most popular summer activities in this beautiful area is hiking. The Seeley-Swan Valley has hundreds of miles of hiking trails: from very easy walks through the trees, to strenuous climbs up to the top of a mountain. Hiking is a great way to see some of the great scenery here in Montana - and it is also a great family activity. If you find the right hike, everyone in the family can enjoy it. Some of the most popular hikes in the area are to Morrell Falls, Holland Falls, and the Wildlife Viewing Blind.

Activity: Keep a Hiking Journal

Things you will need:

- 4-5 sheets of plain paper
- stapler
- scissors
- crayons, markers, or colored pencils

Here's what to do:

Have an adult help you cut your sheets of paper into quarters. Stack your smaller pieces of paper into a pile and staple one of the edges two or three times to make a small book. Color the cover of your book however you would like - call it My Hiking Journal. When you go on a hike, carry the journal with you in your pocket or backpack. Whenever you see something really neat, write it down or draw a picture of it in your journal. This way, you will always remember the fun times you had on your hikes!

Bits & Pieces

- Welcome back Don and Marlene!
- In summer, a chipmunk's body temperature is 95-108 degrees. In winter, when it is hibernating in its den, its body temperature drops down to 41-45 degrees.
- Welcome back Max, Lindsey and Anna.
- Welcome back Scallys.
- The explorer Captain Cook was the first man to set foot on all of the continents except Antarctica.
- Lightning strikes the Earth about 200 times per second.
- The ship Queen Elizabeth 2 requires 25 liters of fuel to move 1 meter.
- Congratulations Seeley-Swan High School and Seeley Lake Elementary graduates!

Float the Clearwater River

If you are looking for a leisurely way to spend a couple of hours, try a float down the Clearwater Canoe Trail. This is one of the best times of the year to view the abundance of wildlife that resides in the area. Many of our guests have reported seeing whitetail deer, elk, moose, mountain lions, bears, beavers, otters, loons, ospreys, bald eagles, great blue herons, kingfishers, and goldeneyes, just to name a few.

The float is a 3.5 mile trip down the Clearwater river, which takes about 2 hours, and a 1.5 mile hike from the landing back to your car, which takes about 1 hour. Early morning or late evening is the best time to do the trip - the lake is very calm and you have a better chance of seeing wildlife. Here at the resort we offer canoe or kayak rentals, which you can take up to the launch site in your own vehicle. We also offer a Canoe Trail package where we drop you off at the launch and you paddle back to the resort. For more information and directions to the launch site, please visit the office.



This Week's Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH 82° LOW 46°	HIGH 84° LOW 48°	HIGH 86° LOW 50°	HIGH 64° LOW 41°
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
HIGH 82° LOW 51°	HIGH 60° LOW 37°	HIGH 65° LOW 39°	

Moon Phases



Learn a bit about the Red-Necked Grebe



Size: 20 inches long

What to look for: Large grebe with heavy, tapered, yellowish bill. Whitish throat at cheeks contrast with reddish foreneck. Top of head and back dark gray.

Habitat: Breeds on shallow lakes in western Montana up through Canada and Alaska.

Comments: The grebes on Seeley Lake are nesting right now - please do not disturb them when you spot them on their nests.

Wildflower of the Week



Fairy slipper
(*Calypto bulbosa*)

Size: Plant 5-20 cm tall; flower 2-3 cm tall.

Habitat: Shaded, moist sites in coniferous forests from the southern Yukon to Colorado.

What to look for: Leaves: single, dark green, broadly egg-shaped, 2-5 cm long. Flowers: Rose-purple with purple streaks or spots and a tuft of yellow hairs on the pale lower lip. Five slender petals above a large, slipper-like lower lip.

In bloom: May to June

Comments: This beautiful orchid has disappeared from many areas because of picking, trampling and digging. Please leave wildflowers for others to enjoy.