

History

The first use of the camp was by the Boy Scouts in tents in 1934. Many youth, disabled, and community groups have used the camp for the past 80 years. The southerly five acres was originally part of the old Chisolm homestead and was transferred to Hyalite Youth Camp in the early 30s. The northern 5 acres is leased from the US Forest Service on a special use permit.



Location and Information about the area.

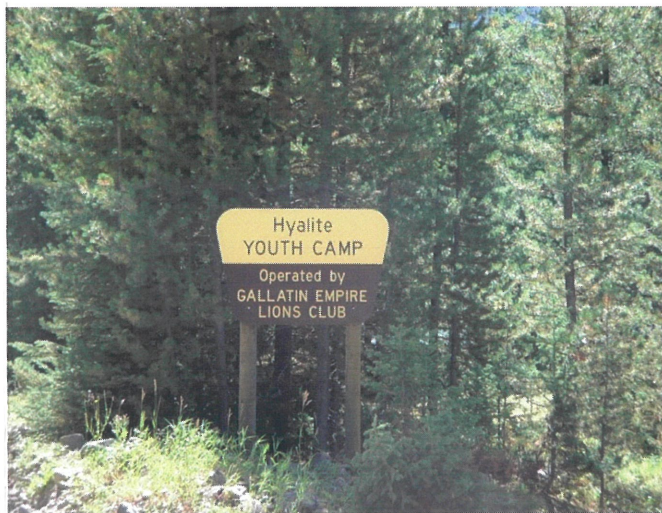
Hyalite Youth Camp is located in Hyalite Canyon about 15 miles south of Bozeman, MT on the easterly shore of Hyalite Reservoir, an irrigation and city water supply source.

The area is located in the Gallatin National Forest with mountainous terrain and forest lands with waterfalls, mountain lakes, and meadows of wild flowers and other vegetation.

Hiking, fishing, boating, birds, small and large animals (grouse, waterfowl, marmots, deer, elk and an occasional bear) are amenities.

The weather is typical mountain, with sunny days up to the 70s and nights down to the 40s and 50s, with occasional mountain showers. Campers should bring appropriate clothing for the weather.

The camping season is from mid-June through late September depending on snow.



The dining hall can seat up to 120 people for meals and other activities. The kitchen is a modern, fully equipped facility with a bathroom, propane gas stove, walk in cooler, hot and cold running water, electricity, and refrigerator/freezers. The campers provide their own cooks, food, drinks, and supplies, equipment, paper towels, bedding, toiletries and toilet paper.

The camp can sleep in bunk beds up to 120 campers in the 4 quads (64 beds), 7 cabins (55 beds) and 3 tipis (2 each). Campers must bring mattress pads, for the bunk beds. There are lights in all the cabins, but no heating or electrical outlets. There is an indoor shower/toilet building with separate mens and womens facilities and there are two additional outside vault toilets on the campgrounds.

There is an additional building for crafts, arts, and meetings. A volley ball court and net, horseshoe pit, and flag pole are available.



Rental of the Camp

Groups may rent the entire camp and facilities by making reservations with Hyalite Youth Camp and signing a contract. There is a camp host on site to check groups in and out and for communication with Hyalite Youth Camp personnel for maintenance and repairs, the camp host does not provide any other services.

Each group must provide their own supervising personnel, security, management, supplies, equipment, and programs.



The electricity for the camp is generated by solar power and supplemented by generators.

There is no cell phone service or internet available at the camp.

For further information regarding the rental of the camp and fees, visit the Gallatin Empire Lions/Hyalite Youth Camp Web site or send an e-mail.

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