



No Hunting

Big Hole National Battlefield does not allow hunting on the battlegrounds

Big Hole National Battlefield consists of 655 acres of public land administered by the National Park Service. It is managed for the preservation of natural and historic features and the protection of wildlife. In essence, the Battlefield is a wildlife refuge.

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Hunting is prohibited inside the Battlefield boundaries. The entire boundary is posted with "US NPS Boundary" signs.

For further information contact a Ranger at the Visitor Center 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily or call (406)689-3155 or by e-mail at BIHO_Visitor_Information@nps.gov

When visiting the battlefield the possession of firearms, traps, bows, or other weapons is prohibited unless such objects are unloaded and cased.

While in the Battlefield the following regulations apply:

Hunting, killing, wounding, capturing, or molesting wildlife, or attempting to do the same, is prohibited.

The Battlefield may not be used as a base camp or to gain access to hunt or retrieve game outside of the park boundaries.



Rocky Mountain Elk bulls (*Cervus elaphus*) can sometimes be seen and heard bugling on the Battlefield during early morning hours in the fall.

Each violation of regulations carry a maximum penalty of \$100.00 and / or 3 months imprisonment. In addition, under the Lacey Act, any person who knowingly takes any wildlife out of the Battlefield or possesses any wildlife taken out of the Battlefield shall be fined up to \$20,000.00 and / or imprisoned for not more than five years. All vehicles, aircraft, or other equipment used in the taking of wildlife out of the park may be forfeited to the Government.

Montana State hunting regulations apply to adjacent Forest Service lands. Forest Service access information can be obtain through the Interagency Visitor Map available at the Battlefield Visitor Center. For area closures

contact the Wisdom District Office, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at (406)689-3243

In case of an Emergency dial 911 or call the Beaverhead County Sheriff Deputy at (406)683-2383.

If you wound an animal and it runs into the Battlefield, contact a ranger for assistance in retrieving it. Do not pursue it on your own.

Report Poachers to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks at 1 (800) TIP MONT (847-6668).