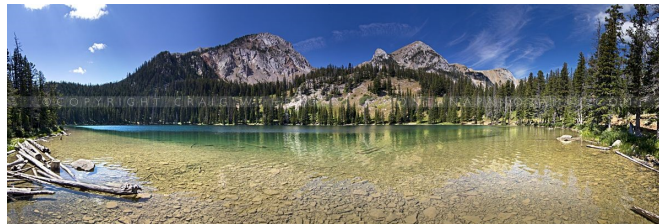


Recommended Hiking Trails

Fairy Lake

This easy one mile loop hike circles a gorgeous green lake at the base of the Bridgers. Fairy Lake is an excellent destination for trail running, picnicking, fishing, and swimming.

Don't miss the rope swing! Feeling adventurous? Hike 2.5 miles and 2200 feet up to Sacagawea Peak through a beautiful alpine basin.



Palisade Falls

This easy 1.2 mile hike is located in the beautiful Hyalite Recreation Area. Palisade Falls drops 80 feet off a vertical rock wall. The hike takes about 30 minutes round trip (longer with kids that like to look under every rock).



Drinking Horse Mountain Trail

This popular, moderate 2 mile loop trail is steep and gains 650 feet in elevation. We recommend hiking counter-clockwise around the loop. An excellent hike for views of Bridger Canyon and the Gallatin Valley as well as Big Sky sunsets.



M Trail

Hike to MSU's iconic M on this 2 mile loop trail north of downtown Bozeman.

This moderate but steep trail gains approximately 800 feet in elevation and offers excellent views once you reach the top.



Baldy Peak Summit

This strenuous hike out and back hike gains more than 4,000 feet over 10 miles. Traverse through forest, wildflowers, and across an exposed ridge line to panoramic views.



Emerald Lake

Pack a lunch and enjoy the pristine alpine meadows and cascading rock walls at Emerald Lake. This trail is great for hikers of all abilities; it's also a fun mountain bike downhill. Bring a fly-rod and try your luck fishing for graylings. Emerald lake is 9 miles round trip with 2000ft elevation gain.



Lava Lake

This moderate, six mile out and back hike follows Cascade Creek past waterfalls to a forest-lined lake. Bring bear spray and a swimsuit for a refreshing swim at the end.



Storm Castle

Climb over 2000ft in 2.5 miles for 360 degree views of the Gallatin River and Valley. Be sure to snap a photo at the rock arch overlooking the Gallatin Range.



Mt. Ellis

Go off the beaten path and explore a Bozeman local favorite. Follow a logging road for 2.5 miles before starting a steep climb towards the summit. Bring lots of snacks and water for this difficult hike with sweeping views of the Bridgers.

