

Hikers' Haven Area Driving Directions:

Rocky Juniper, Big Sky, and Doug Fir Trails.

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This area north of Horse Haven Road and east of Bear Canyon is the best place to escape motorized commotion on Big Pryor Mountain – a Haven for Hikers. There are several hiking routes in this area, including the Bear Canyon Creek Trail, which can be connected for loop hikes. None of the trails have signs. Trail notes are available at www.PryorMountains.org. These hikes are possible in late fall and early spring. Depending on the weather, the best times for hiking in this area may be March through May, and September through November. If there has been little snow hiking may be possible all winter. July and August can be quite hot. Take plenty of water and sunscreen.

The final one to three miles on Horse Haven Road from Helt Rd to the three trailheads is too rough for most highway vehicles, but 4WD is not needed if it is dry. A high clearance vehicle with good tires is sufficient.

NOTE: None of this hiking area (except Horse Haven Rd) is legal for motorized use. If you see motorized use, try to avoid confrontation, but report the violation, with vehicle description and license plate number(s), ASAP to Custer NF, BLM and the Pryors Coalition. Also report if you see wheel tracks or other signs of motorized use.

Getting There: Driving Directions.

See the map included with these directions and the Pryors Map Set at www.pryormountains.org/welcome-to-the-pryors/maps/. The drive from Billings MT to the trailheads takes about 2 hours.

Drive to Warren MT, 21 miles south of Bridger MT, on Highway 310. Look for the Montana Limestone Company sign. There is no “town” at Warren. Warren is where limestone from the quarry at the southwest corner of Big Pryor Mountain is loaded onto railroad cars.

A. 0.0 miles: Warren MT. From Hwy 310, turn east onto Helt Road toward the Pryors. If you are traveling south on Highway 310 it is a left turn. Follow this, usually dirt covered, oiled road for 2.7 miles to a junction.

B. 2.7 miles: Helt Rd. – Quarry Rd. junction. The BLM sign on the right fork says, “Stockman Trail 1.5” and “Bear Canyon Road 3.5”, but does not list Horse Haven Rd. (The oiled road continues left as Quarry Rd.) Turn right to continue on Helt Rd. which is now narrower and gravel. Drive past BLM signs for Stockman Trail and Bear Canyon Rd.

C. 7.1 miles: Helt Rd – Gyp Springs Rd junction. This is a “Y” in the road. Take the left fork, over the cattle guard, which is Helt Rd. (The right fork is the Gyp Springs Rd.) Continue 0.4 miles on Helt Rd. to a BLM sign for Horse Haven Rd.

D. 7.5 miles: Helt Rd - Horse Haven Road #1021 junction. Turn left onto Horse Haven Rd. The road soon becomes too rough for most highway vehicles. High clearance vehicles are recommended, but 4WD is not needed when the road is dry. (Up to this point Helt Rd is good gravel and suitable for most highway vehicles when snow free.)



D. Horse Haven Rd sign at junction on Helt Rd

E. 0.9 mile Junction on Horse Haven Rd

Left: Rocky Juniper Trail; Right: Horse Haven Rd



E. 8.4 miles (0.9 miles on Horse Haven Rd): Junction.

The left fork into a rocky canyon ends in a couple hundred yards at the trailhead for the **Rocky Juniper Trail**. The right fork is Horse Haven Rd continuing to the Big Sky and Doug Fir Trails.

F. 1.8 mile point on Horse Haven Rd
Left: Big Sky Trail; Right: Horse Haven Rd



F. 9.3 miles (1.8 miles on Horse Haven Rd): Big Sky Trailhead. On the left side of Horse Haven Rd there is a jackleg fence barrier with a sign indicating the area is closed to motorized use. This is the start of the **Big Sky Trail**.

G. 2.8 mile point on Horse Haven Rd
Left: Doug Fir Trail; Right: Horse Haven Rd



G. 10.3 miles (2.8 miles on Horse Haven Rd): Doug Fir Trailhead. The post and rocks mark the start of the **Doug Fir Trail** curving left (north) from Horse Haven Rd.

Hikers' Haven Area trails north of Horse Haven Rd including Bear Canyon trails

