Driving Directions to Pryors Hiking Trailheads
(See maps below.)

Trailheads on Pryor Mountain Road:
  *Crater Ice Cave / Big Pryor Mountain, Roberts Bench, Cave Ridge, and Lost Water Canyon Trailheads.*

**From Bridger MT:**
- Drive 2.5 miles south of Bridger on Highway 310 to Pryor Mountain Road (PMR). This is 0.5 mile south of the bridge over the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River.
- Turn east on PMR.
- Follow PMR 12.2 miles to a “T” junction. PMR is paved for 2.0 miles to a railroad crossing. Then it is good gravel to the “T” junction.
- Turn north (left) at the “T” junction. This is still PMR.
- After 4.3 miles, and several right angle turns on section lines, arrive at Railbed Rd. There probably is no road sign. It is a long abandoned railroad.
- Cross Railbed Rd and continue east. This is still PMR.
- Continue 5.5 miles farther (22 miles from Highway 310) on PMR to the Custer Gallatin National Forest Boundary. This 5.5 miles is the worst section of the road. It can be impassible even with 4WD when wet and muddy. When dry, there may be leftover ruts in the mud, but it is generally passible with most highway vehicles. PMR (now also #2308) is much better on the National Forest.
- Continue on PMR (#2308) 8.3 miles from the NF boundary to the Crooked Creek Rd (沿线) junction.
- Follow the individual hike guides from the Crooked Creek Rd junction to the Roberts Bench, Cave Ridge and Lost Water Canyon trailheads. The Tie Flat Rd, and the Crater Ice Cave Trailhead, is 0.6 miles before the Crooked Creek Rd junction.

**Trailheads on Crooked Creek Road:**
  *Crooked Creek Access, Demijohn Flat, Lisbon Zig-Zag, and Penney Peak Trailheads.*

**From Bridger MT:**
- Follow the above directions from Bridger MT to the PMR junction with Crooked. The Crooked Creek Access Trailhead is 3.8 miles south on Crooked Creek Rd. The Demijohn Trailhead is at the USFS / BLM boundary fence and cattle guard, 9.0 miles south on Crooked Creek Rd. The Zig-Zag and Penney Trailheads are respectively 0.8 and 6.2 miles south of the boundary fence and cattleguard.

**From Warren MT:**
- Drive to Warren MT, 21 miles south of Bridger, 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.
- Turn east on Helt Rd (also called Quarry Rd.).
- Follow this paved road for 2.7 miles to a junction and road sign. The BLM sign on the right fork says, “Stockman Trail 1.5” and “Bear Canyon Road 3.5”. The paved road curves left as Quarry Rd.
- Continue straight on Helt Rd, which is now narrower and gravel. Go past BLM signs for Graham Trail, Stockman Trail and Bear Canyon Rd.
- Continue on Helt Rd 4.4 miles from the pavement (7.1 miles from Highway 310) to a “Y” junction and cattle guard. Take the right fork, which is Gyp Springs Rd. The left fork is Helt Rd., a more scenic alternate route to Crooked Creek Rd., but it is two miles longer, more winding, narrow and rougher.
- Continue on Gyp Springs Rd. for 7.0 miles (14.1 miles from Highway 310) to a “T” junction.
- Turn left (north) on Crooked Creek Rd at the “T” junction.
- The Helt Rd junction with Crooked Creek Rd is 0.2 miles north of the Gyp Springs Rd junction with Crooked Creek Rd.

This Helt Rd junction is the key point from which to find the Trailheads to the north on Crooked Creek Rd.

The Penney, Zig-Zag, and Demijohn Trailheads are respectively 2.9, 5.4, and 6.2 miles north of the Helt Rd / Crooked Creek Rd junction. The Demijohn Trailhead is at the BLM / USFS boundary fence and cattle guard. The Crooked Creek Access Trailhead is 5.2 miles north of the boundary fence and cattle guard.
Bear Canyon, Pygmy Panther, and Trailheads on Horse Haven Rd:

_Pygmy Panther, Bear Canyon Ridge and Creek, and Hikers’ Haven Area: Rocky Juniper, Big Sky and Big Sky Ridge, and Doug Fir Trailheads._

**From Warren MT:**

Drive to Warren MT, _21 miles_ south of Bridger, 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.

Turn east on Hetl Rd (also called Quarry Rd.).

Follow this paved road for _2.7 miles_ to a junction and road sign. The BLM sign on the right fork says, “Stockman Trail 1.5” and “Bear Canyon Road 3.5”. _The paved road curves left as Quarry Rd._

Continue straight on Hetl Rd, which is now narrower and gravel. _Go past BLM signs for Graham Trail, and Stockman Trail._

Follow gravel Hetl Rd _3.5 miles_ from the pavement (_6.2 miles_ from Highway 310). Turn north (left) on Bear Canyon Rd to the _Pygmy Panther Trailhead (_0.2 miles_), and _Bear Canyon Trailhead (_0.5 miles)._ For Horse Haven Rd and _Hikers’ Haven Trailheads_ bypass the Bear Canyon Rd turn. Continue on Hetl Rd for another _0.9 miles_ past Bear Canyon Rd.

At _4.4 miles_ from the pavement (_7.1 miles_ from Highway 310) there is a “Y” junction.

Take the left fork across the cattle guard. _This is still Hetl Rd._ (Right fork is Gyp Springs Rd.)

Horse Haven Rd forks left from Hetl Rd in _0.4 miles._ The _Rocky Juniper, Big Sky and Doug Fir Trailheads_ are respectively _0.9, 1.8_, and _2.8 miles_ from Hetl Rd on Horse Haven Rd. See _individual hike guides for more details._

_Petroglyph Canyon:_

Follow the above directions for Bear Canyon … and Trailheads on Horse Haven Rd. to the Hetl Rd./Gyp Springs Rd. “Y” junction _7.1 miles_ from Highway 310.

Take the right fork: Gyp Springs Rd.

Follow Gyp Springs Rd. _3.5 miles_ to a fence and cattleguard (north of the word “Springs” on the maps). Just past the cattleguard turn right (south) onto an _unsigned_ (_as of September 2022_) road. (This road is not on the attached maps.) It is _1.6 miles_ to the trailhead. See the Petroglyph Canyon hike guide.

_Bent Ridge Loop, Water Canyon and Timber Canyon Trailheads:_

**From Bridger MT:**

Drive _2.5 miles_ south of Bridger on Highway 310 to Pryor Mountain Road (PMR) _This is 0.5 mile south of the bridge over the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River._

Turn east on PMR.

Follow PMR _12.2 miles_ to a “T” junction. _PMR is paved for 2.0 miles to a railroad crossing. Then it is good gravel to the “T” junction._

Turn _south_ (right) at “T” junction. _This is opposite the turn to the PMR and Crooked Creek Trailheads._

Drive south _1.5 miles_ to a right angle left turn, then east _1.3 miles_ to a second “T” junction at Railbed Rd.

From the Railbed Rd “T” Junction:

For the _Bent Ridge Loop Hike:_ Turn left (north) on S Railbed Rd. Then follow the directions in the Bent Loop Hike guide: 1.1 mile to South Trailhead, and _0.9 mile farther to the North Trailhead._

For the _Water and/or Timber Canyon Hikes:_ Turn right (south) on S Railbed Rd for one mile. Then follow the directions in the Water and Timber Canyon Hike guide.

_Sykes Arch & Upper Layout Creek Trailheads:_

**From Lovell WY:**

See directions in the _Sykes Arch and Layout Creek Hike guides._
Trailheads for Pryors Hikes

Trailhead Key

1. Bent Ridge Loop
2. Timber Canyon
3. Water Canyon
4. Bear Canyon, & Pygmy Panther

Hikers' Haven Area: 3 Trails
5. Rocky Juniper
6. Big Sky
7. Doug Fir

8. Petroglyph Canyon

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9. Penney Peak
10. Lisbon Zig-Zag
11. Demijohn Flat
12. Crooked Creek Access
13. Crater Ice Cave / Big Pryor Mountain
14. Roberts Bench
15. Cave Ridge
16. Lost Water Canyon
17. Sykes Arch
18. Upper Layout Creek

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