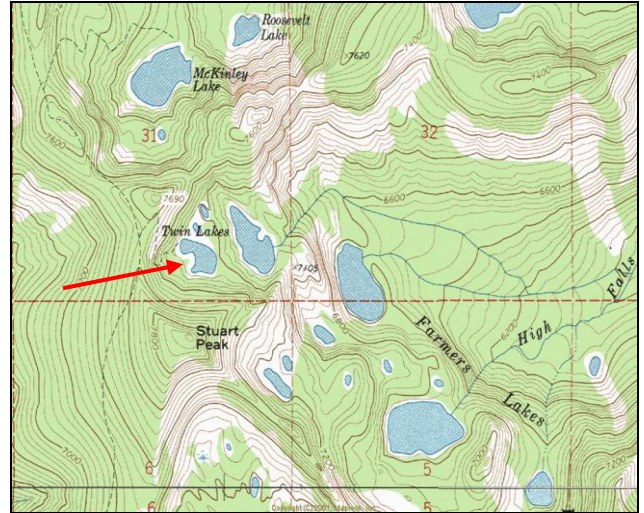
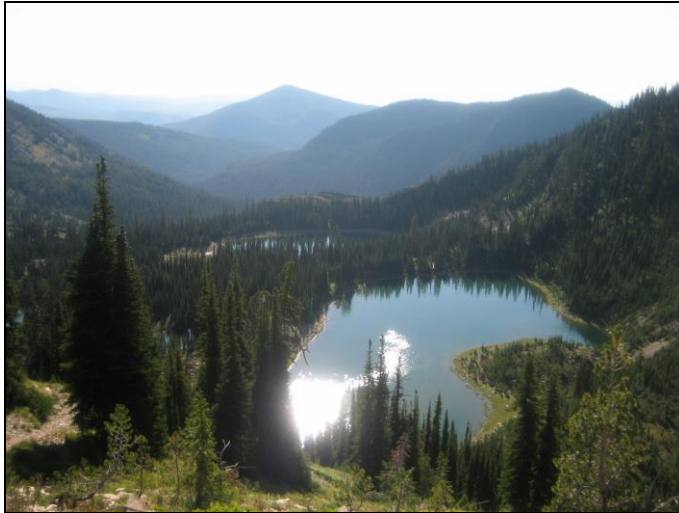


Upper Twin Lake



Description: Upper Twin Lake is a small (5.0 acres), glacial cirque lake located at the head of the High Falls Creek drainage (Rattlesnake Creek tributary) at ~ 7,220 ft elevation. To increase storage volume, the lake was artificially impounded by a dam at the outlet. The dam is no longer maintained. This structure elevates the normal surface water elevation, but also contributes to greater annual water level fluctuations. Upper Twin Lake is likely too shallow to support a viable fishery.

Location: T15N, R18W, Section 31; Latitude N47.0102°, Longitude W113.9190°; Nearest Town: Missoula, MT
Surrounding land ownership: Lolo National Forest (Missoula Ranger District). Upper Twin Lake lies within the Rattlesnake Wilderness Area.

Access: Although this lake is geographically very close to the city of Missoula, access is difficult. There are several USFS routes from which to choose. Route distance and difficulty varies, but all require non-motorized travel. Common starting points are the trailheads at West Fork Gold Creek (Trail # 52), Ravine Creek in lower Grant Creek (Trail # 34), or in lower Rattlesnake Creek at the main Rattlesnake National Recreation Area trailhead (Gated Road #99). Please refer to USFS maps for specific travel routes and connecting trail numbers. Regardless of which route is chosen, the final trail segment will be USFS Trail #330. Total travel distance from trailheads to lake ranges from 9-17 miles.

Camp Sites and Use: Upper Twin Lake lies in a remote setting that receives light use. There is an established trail to the lake, and two campsites. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is essential, as this lake lies within the Rattlesnake Wilderness.

Angling Opportunity: None. No fish were observed or captured at the time of sampling in 2008.

Stocking History: The Twin Lakes were historically stocked with cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and arctic grayling. However, there are no records of stocking since 1951. Upper Twin Lake will not likely be stocked in the future, as it is shallow and unlikely to overwinter fish consistently.

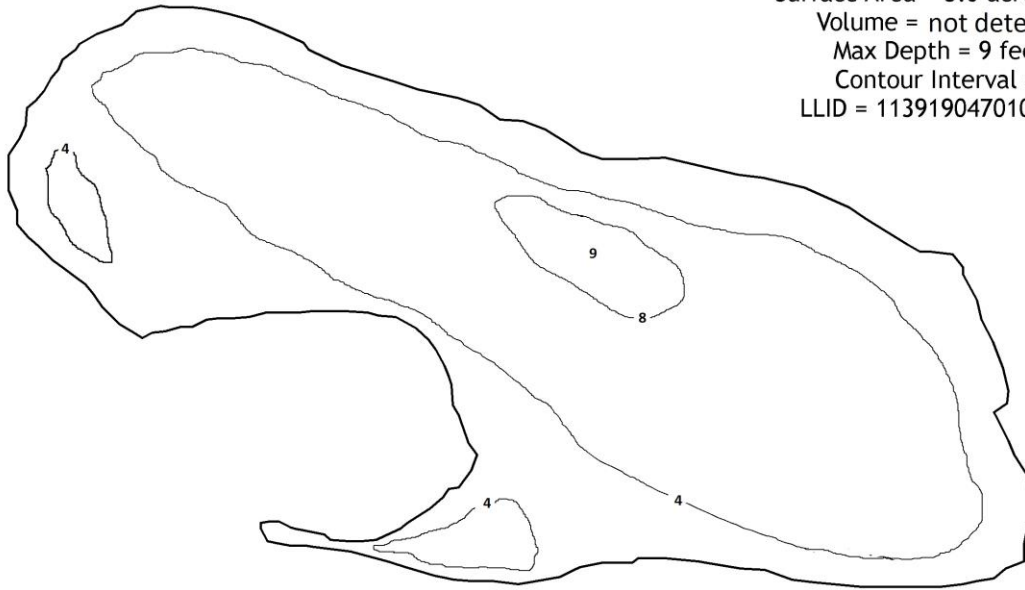
Other Nearby Lakes: There are several other lakes in the immediate vicinity of Upper Twin Lake. Lower Twin Lake lies just below, <0.25 to the northeast. Farmers Lake #6 is past Lower Twin Lake, ~ 0.5 mile east on FS Trail #330. McKinley Lake lies ~0.5 mi to the north and can also be reached most easily on the established FS trail system. Numerous other small lakes are also within one mile of Upper Twin Lake.



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Surface Area = 5.0 acres
Volume = not determined
Max Depth = 9 feet
Contour Interval = 4 feet
LLID = 1139190470102



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