Roosevelt Lake





Description: Roosevelt Lake is a small (4.4 acres), glacial cirque lake located at the head of the Lake Creek drainage (Rattlesnake Creek tributary) at ~ 6,630 ft elevation. Roosevelt Lake is likely capable of supporting fish, but none are currently present.

Location: T15N, R18W, Section 31; Latitude N47.0198°, Longitude W113.9150°; Nearest Town: Missoula, MT Surrounding land ownership: Lolo National Forest (Missoula Ranger District). Roosevelt 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. The most common route involves travel to the Lake Creek trailhead near the Wilderness boundary (USFS Trail #534) and climbing for ~ 2.5 miles past Carter Lake. Roosevelt Lake lies ~ 300 yards to the east of the trail just below McKinley Lake. Total travel distance from trailheads to lake ranges from 8-15 miles.

Camp Sites and Use: Roosevelt Lake lies in a remote setting that receives light use. There is no established trail to the lake, and no obvious campsites or fire-rings. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is essential, as the lake lies within designated Wilderness.

Angling Opportunity: None. No fish were observed or captured at the time of sampling in 2007.

Stocking History: There are no records of stocking in Roosevelt Lake and no plans to stock it in the future.

Other Nearby Lakes: There are four other lakes in the immediate vicinity of area of Roosevelt Lake. McKinley Lake lies just above Roosevelt Lake, less than 0.25 miles to the southwest on USFS Trail #534T. Rattlesnake Lake #6, Worden Lake, and Carter Lake also lie within one mile to the north and northwest. They are all directly accessible from the designated USFS trail system.



