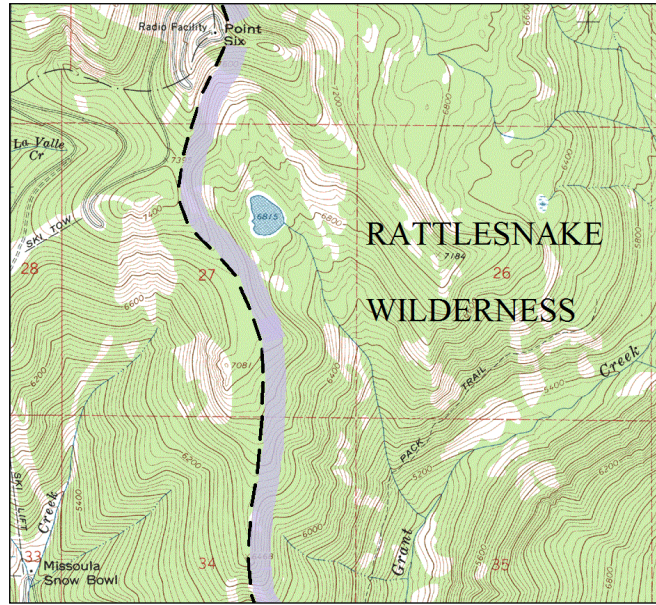


Grant Creek Lake #1 (Rankin Lake)



Description: Grant Creek Lake #1 (Rankin Lake) is a small (6.7 acres), glacial cirque lake located within the Rattlesnake Wilderness in the Grant Creek drainage near Missoula at ~ 6,815ft elevation. This lake is one of three found in the upper Grant Creek drainage.

Location: T15N, R19W, Section 27; Latitude N47.0319°, Longitude W113.9824°; Nearest Town: Missoula, MT
Surrounding land ownership: Lolo National Forest (Missoula Ranger District). Grant Creek Lake #1 is located near the western border of the Rattlesnake Wilderness Area, adjacent to Montana Snowbowl ski area.

Access: There are two primary routes that provide public access to the lake. The first is via USFS Trail # 516 to the southeast, and the other through Montana Snowbowl Ski Area. To reach the lake from Trail #516, travel north approximately 3.5 miles from the trailhead off of USFS Road #460. Leave the trail and follow the outlet stream drainage to the northeast for ~ 1 mile. Travel to the lake from the trail system will require strenuous hiking over steep, difficult terrain. The second route involves the summer lift service at Montana Snowbowl Ski Area or hiking up a trail within the ski area (Beargrass Highway). The Grizzly Chair runs up to 6,960 ft elevation, and 1 mile of hiking is required to reach the lake over the ridge (North Dakota Downhill ski run). Contact Montana Snowbowl Ski Area for information on fees and lift service.

Camp Sites and Use: Grant Creek Lake #1 is adjacent to Montana Snowbowl ski area but receives limited recreational use. There are no established trails or campsites around the lake. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating are essential, as the lake lies within designated Wilderness.

Angling Opportunity: None. No fish were observed or captured at the time of sampling in 2012.

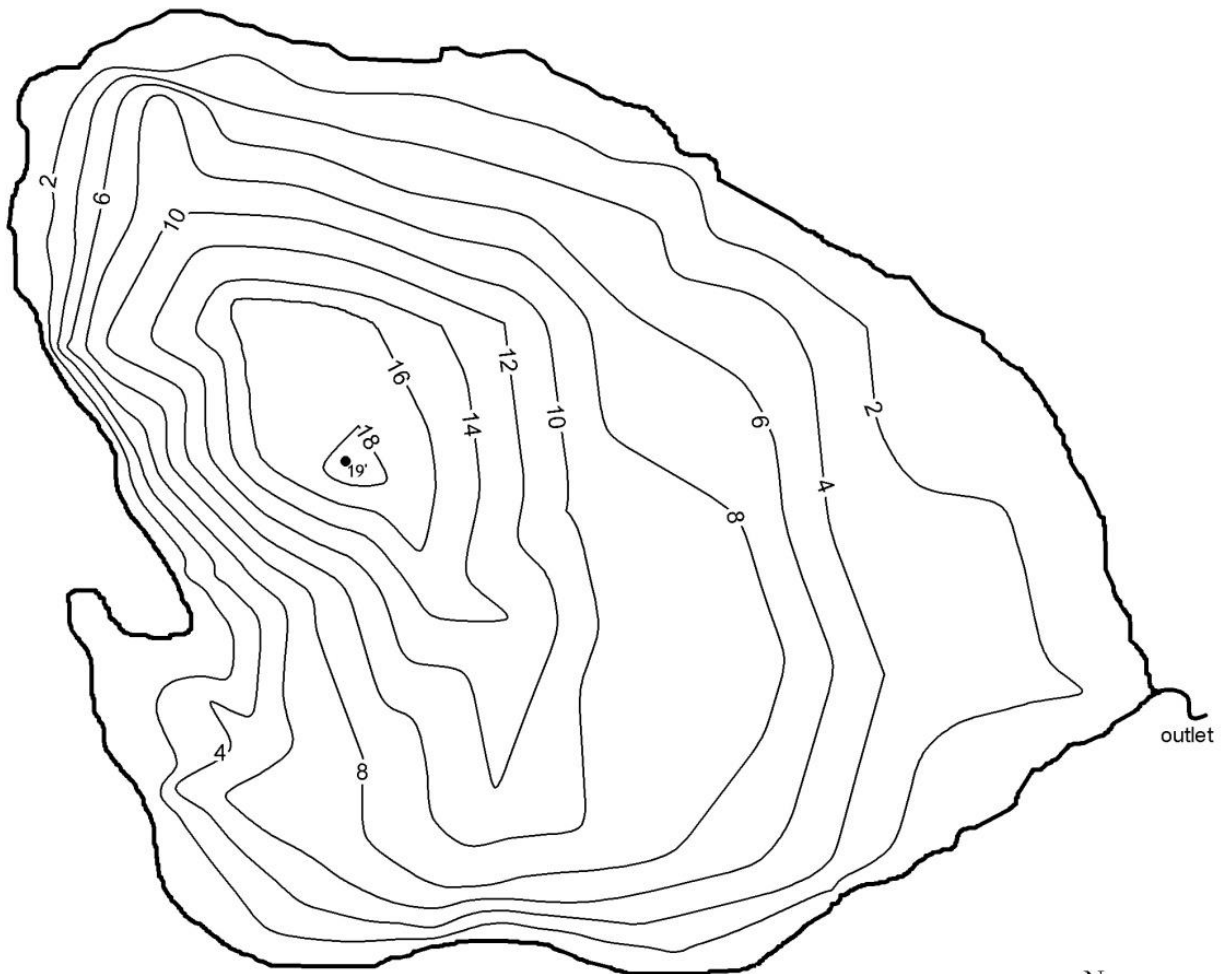
Stocking History: Despite adequate size and depth to support fish, there are no official records of stocking in Grant Creek Lake #1. There are no plans to stock the lake in the future.

Other nearby Lakes: There are only two other lakes (> 1 acre) in the Grant Creek drainage and neither lies in close proximity to Grant Creek Lake #1.



Grant Creek Lake #1

Surface Area = 6.7 acres
Volume = 45.0 acre-feet
Max Depth = 19 feet
Mean Depth = 6.0 feet
Contour Interval = 2 feet
LLID = 1139820470321



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