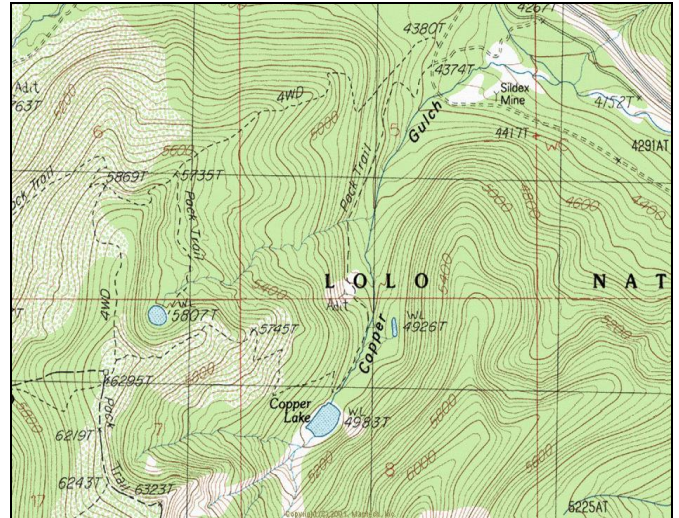


Copper Lake



Description: Copper Lake is a small (3.5 acre), shallow (7 ft max depth) glacial trough near Lookout Pass that has been impounded with a rock dam. The lake lies at 4,983 ft elevation near the Idaho border in the upper St. Regis River watershed on the Lolo National Forest (Superior Ranger District).

Location: T19N, R32W, Section 8; Latitude N47.4236°, Longitude W115.7040°; Nearest Town: St Regis, MT

Access: Copper Lake is most easily accessed by taking exit 0 from Interstate Highway 90 at Lookout Pass. From the highway exit, take the higher of the two secondary roads on the southwest side of the drainage. The lake trailhead (USFS Trail # 265) lies approximately 2.1 miles from the highway. Copper Lake lies 1.3 miles up Trail #265.

Campsites and Use: Copper Lake is relatively accessible and receives moderate to heavy use. OHV use appears to be common on Trail # 265. There is an established trail around the lake with multiple campsites and fire rings. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is encouraged in this area.

Angling Opportunity: Copper Lake supports a stocked population of westslope cutthroat trout. Shoreline topography and access lends well to shoreline angling.

Stocking History: Copper Lake has been stocked only with westslope cutthroat trout since 1989. There is no record of Copper Lake having been stocked prior to 1989. Since 1990, the lake was planted in 1993 and 2000. MFWP plans to continue stocking westslope cutthroat trout frequently in future years.

Angling Pressure: Estimated angling pressure from Montana state-wide mail surveys in 1995-2005 was low and averaged 15 angler-days per year.

Other Nearby Lakes: The St. Regis Lakes are less than two miles west of Copper Lake. These can be reached via a separate trail (USFS Trail #267) from an un-numbered USFS secondary road.



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Watercode: 05-8607

LLID: 1157040474236

Area = 3.5 acres

Volume = 8.8 acre/feet

Contour Interval = 1 foot

Max. Depth = 6.7 feet

