## Moore Lake





**Description:** Moore Lake is a moderately sized (14.3 acres), semi-remote glacial cirque lake located near the Idaho border in the South Fork Little Joe Creek drainage (St. Regis River) at 5,316 ft elevation. The lake lies on the Lolo National Forest (Superior Ranger District).

Location: T16N, R29W, Section 3; Latitude N47.1804°, Longitude W 115.2510°; Nearest Town: St. Regis, MT

**Access:** Access to Moore Lake can most easily be obtained by taking USFS Road #282 (Little Joe Road) from St. Regis, MT for ~ 3.2 miles to USFS Road #221. Go south on Road #221 for ~ 7 miles to USFS Road #3848. Take this road 1.4 miles, and then go left on the road to Moore Lake (USFS Road #3801). The road ends at the lake.

**Campsites and Use:** Moore Lake lies in a semi-remote setting that receives heavy use. There is a trail around much of the lake, ample room for camping, and a USFS latrine. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is encouraged.

**Angling Opportunity:** Moore Lake supports a brook trout population that has a high rate of natural reproduction. Brook trout harvest is encouraged. Shoreline topography and access lends well to shoreline angling from over half of the lake's perimeter.

**Stocking History:** Stocking records indicate that Moore Lake has not been stocked since 1953. It was stocked with rainbow trout on three occasions from 1949 to 1953. Although a self-sustaining brook trout population exists in the lake, there is no record of this species being planted.

**Angling Pressure:** Estimated angling pressure from Montana state-wide mail surveys in 1995-2005 was high for an alpine lake and averaged 192 angler-days per year.

**Other Nearby Lakes:** Moore Lake is quite isolated from other lakes. Visiting other lakes in the area would require returning to the interstate highway at St. Regis and going to a lake in a completely different drainage.



