

# Rudie Lake



**Description:** Rudie Lake is a small (7.1 acres), remote forested cirque lake located near the Idaho border in the Deer Creek (St. Regis River) drainage at 5,641 ft elevation. The lake lies on the Lolo National Forest (Superior Ranger District).

**Location:** T18N, R30W, Section 28; Latitude N 47.2882°, Longitude W115.4160°; Nearest Town: St. Regis, MT

**Access:** There are two good routes to Rudie Lake. One is to take USFS Road #236 (Deer Creek Road) south from DeBorgia, MT for 6.4 miles to the trailhead for USFS Trail #269. This trail passes Crystal Lake at mile 1.4 and leads to the unmarked trail to Rudie Lake at mile 2.9. This is an old trail that descends the east side of a ridge towards Rudie Lake. The trail is not well established and off-trail hiking will be required. The other option is to take USFS Road #282 (Little Joe Creek Road) from St. Regis to the Idaho border. Once you reach the Idaho border, take USFS Road #391 northwest approximately 8.6 miles to Trail #269, which runs north. Approximately 0.7 mile down on this trail, you will be at the old trail that goes down the east side of the ridge towards Rudie Lake. This would be a preferred route to visit multiple lakes in one trip.

**Campsites and Use:** Rudie Lake lies in a semi-remote setting that receives light use. There is an old, remnant trail around the lake and multiple campsites with fire rings. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is encouraged in this area.

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

**Stocking History:** Although brook trout have evidently been introduced into Rudie Lake, there is no record of it having ever been stocked. There are no plans to stock Rudie Lake in the future.

**Angling Pressure:** Estimated angling pressure from Montana state-wide mail surveys in 1995-2005 was zero. Although the lake is known to receive some angling use, none of the respondents in the random survey had visited Rudie Lake during this period.

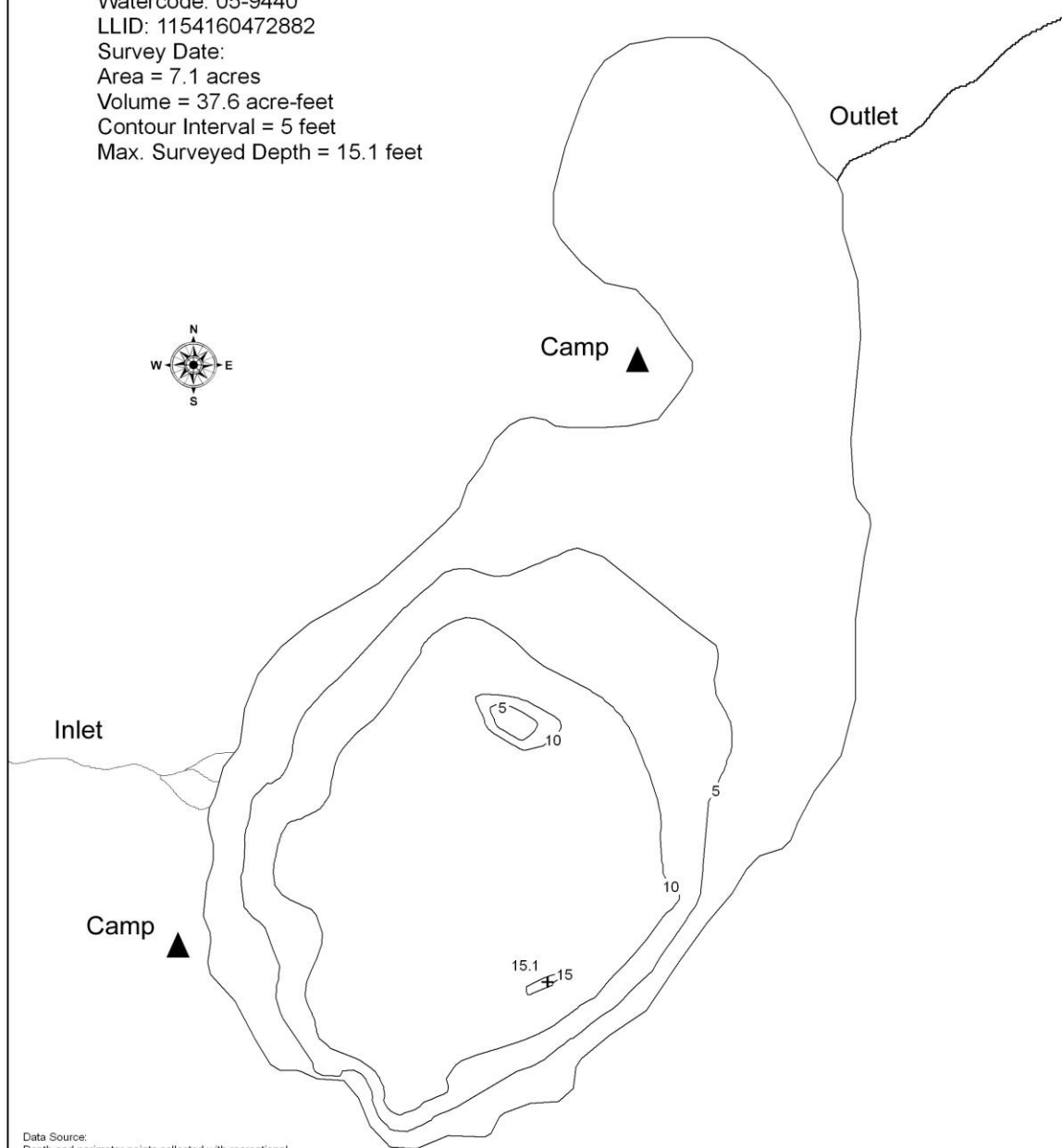
**Other Nearby Lakes:** There are several other lakes near Rudie Lake. Crystal Lake lies ~ 0.5 mile north-northwest of Rudie Lake off USFS Trail #269. Clear Lake is 1.3 miles south-southeast of Crystal Lake and easily accessed by a short, steep trail from USFS Road #391. Hazel, Hub, and Square Lakes are 2.5- 3.5 miles southwest of Crystal Lake and can be accessed via various trails from USFS Road #391 as well.



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Watercode: 05-9440  
LLID: 1154160472882  
Survey Date:  
Area = 7.1 acres  
Volume = 37.6 acre-feet  
Contour Interval = 5 feet  
Max. Surveyed Depth = 15.1 feet



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