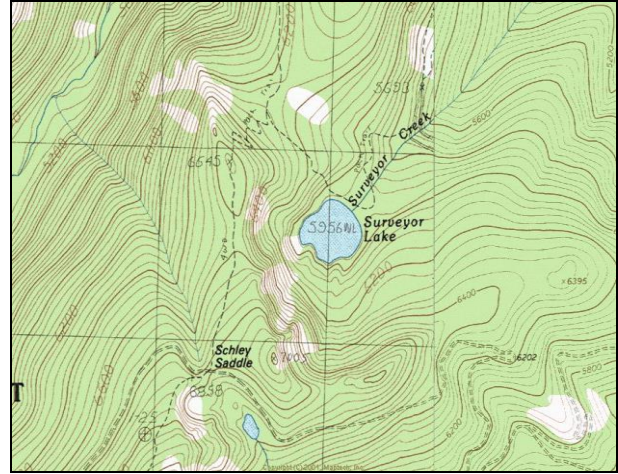


# Surveyor Lake



**Description:** Surveyor Lake is a large (20.1 acres), glacial cirque lake located in the South Fork Fish Creek drainage at 5,956 ft elevation. The lake lies on the Lolo National Forest (Ninemile Ranger District).

**Location:** T12N, R25W, Section 4; Latitude N46.8220°, Longitude W114.7590°; Nearest Town: Alberton, MT

**Access:** The easiest way to get to Surveyor Lake is to take USFS Road #343 (Fish Creek Road) south from Interstate Highway 90 or north from US Highway 12 to USFS Road #7734. Take USFS Road #7734 for ~ 6 miles to USFS Trail #117. Surveyor Lake lies less than 0.5 mile from the unmarked trailhead located near the Road #7734 crossing of Surveyor Creek.

**Campsites and Use:** Surveyor Lake is in a semi-remote area, but with easy access it receives moderate use. There is an established trail around the lake with at least two campsites and fire rings. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is encouraged.

**Angling Opportunity:** Surveyor Lake supports a self-sustaining rainbow trout population that has been supplemented with stocked westslope cutthroat trout. Shoreline topography and access lend well to shoreline angling over most of the lake perimeter.

**Stocking History:** Surveyor Lake was historically stocked with rainbow trout (1948-1950) and was recently planted with westslope cutthroat trout (2000). Frequent stocking with westslope cutthroat trout will continue.

**Angling Pressure:** Estimated angling pressure from Montana state-wide mail surveys in 1995-2005 was low and averaged 47 angler-days per year.

**Other Nearby Lakes:** The only other lakes near Surveyor Lake are the two Cedar Log Lakes. They lie about 3.5 miles southwest of Surveyor Lake. Accessing them requires driving to the end of USFS Road #7734 to the Schley Mountain trailhead, then traveling 5-7 miles on Trails #110 and #738. Both lakes are reached by descending unofficial trails off the respective USFS trails on the ridges above the lakes.



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Surface area: 20.1 acres  
Volume: 526.4 acre-feet  
Max. depth: 49 feet

