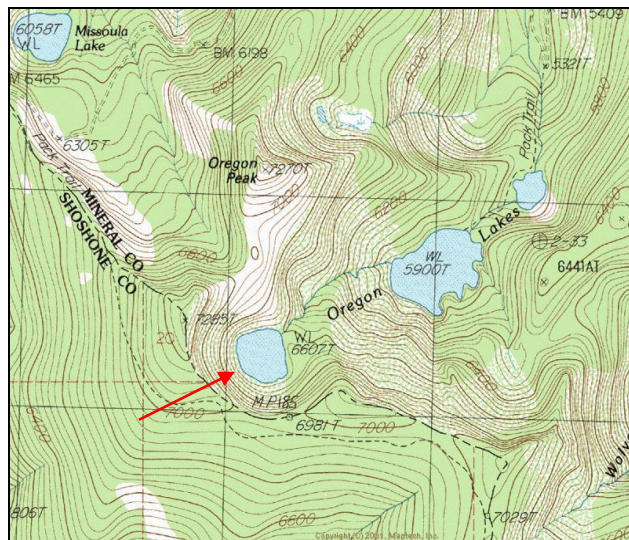


# Upper Oregon Lake



**Description:** Upper Oregon Lake is the highest in a chain of three lakes in one fork of Cedar Creek. It is a moderately sized (12.0 acres), remote glacial cirque lake located near the Idaho border at 6,607 ft elevation. The lake lies on the Lolo National Forest (Superior Ranger District).

**Location:** T15N, R27W, Section 23; Latitude N47.0500°, Longitude W 115.1020°; Nearest Town: Superior, MT

**Access:** Access to Upper Oregon Lake can be obtained by taking USFS Road #320 (Cedar Creek Road) from Superior, MT for ~19 miles. Opposite USFS Road #7763 is a short (half-mile) road that goes south to the head of Trail #109. Lower Oregon Lake is less than 0.5 mile up this trail. Continue up this trail, past Middle Oregon Lake for ~ 0.75 mile to reach Upper Oregon Lake. The last 0.5 mile will require off-trail hiking in steep and brushy terrain. Another option is to take USFS Road #320 to the Idaho border and the Stateline National Recreation Trail (#738). Take Trail #738 approximately 1.5 miles southeast, and descend to the lake. There is no official route from Trail #738 to the lake.

**Campsites and Use:** Upper Oregon Lake lies in a remote setting that receives light use. There is a trail around much of the lake, one campsite, and several fire rings. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is encouraged.

**Angling Opportunity:** Upper Oregon 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 for much of the lake's perimeter.

**Stocking History:** There is no record of Upper Oregon Lake ever being stocked. The only planting record for any of the Oregon Lakes is for *Middle* Oregon Lake, which was stocked with brook trout in 1950. It is likely that the upper lake was planted at the same time or was planted subsequently by anglers.

**Angling Pressure:** Estimated angling pressure from Montana state-wide mail surveys in 1995-2005 was low and averaged 35 angler-days per year.

**Other Nearby Lakes:** There are several other lakes near Upper Oregon Lake. Middle and Lower Oregon Lakes lie directly below the upper lake and can be easily accessed by Trail #109. Both lakes are passed on the trail if accessing Upper Oregon Lake from below. Missoula Lake is just over a mile northwest of Upper Oregon Lake and is just a short hike down from a USFS campground located on USFS Road #320 near the Idaho border. The Bonanza Lakes are three miles northwest of Upper Oregon Lake and can be accessed either off the Stateline National Recreation Trail (#738) above Missoula Lake, or by taking USFS Road #7763 and Trail #616.



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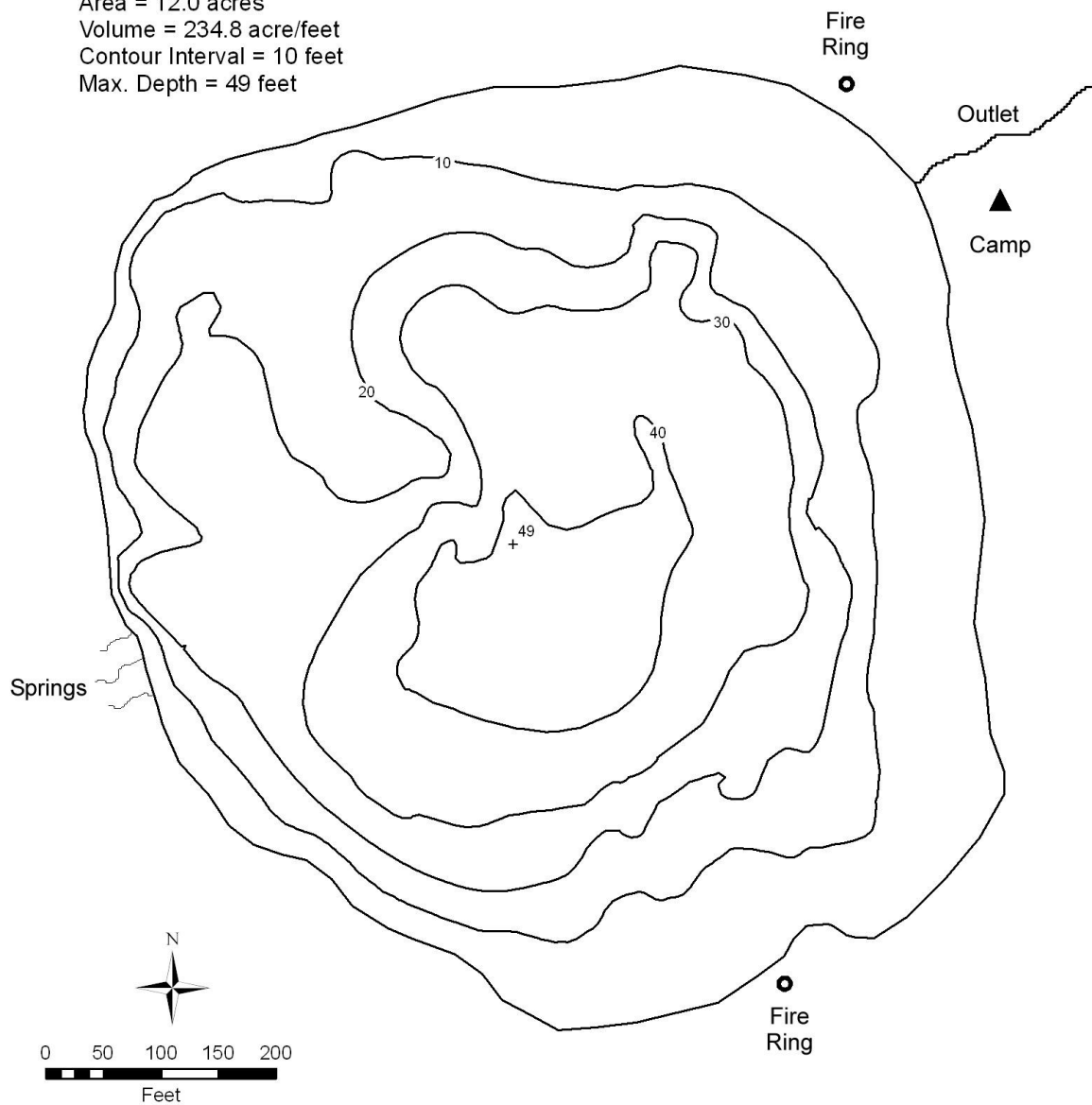
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Area = 12.0 acres

Volume = 234.8 acre/feet

Contour Interval = 10 feet

Max. Depth = 49 feet



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