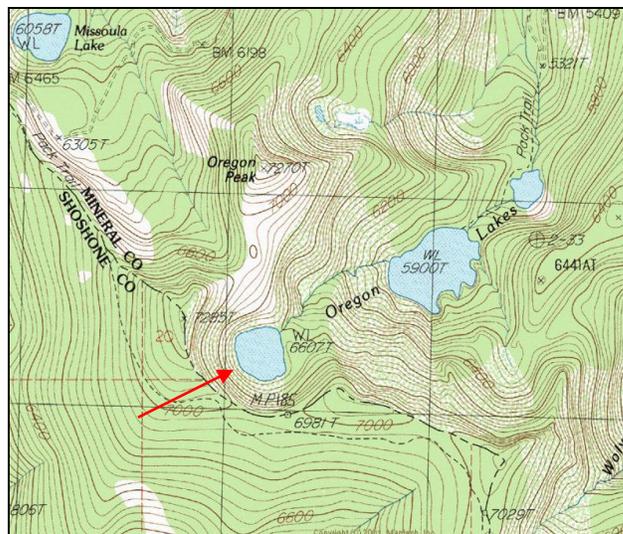


Upper Oregon Lake



Description: Upper Oregon Lake is the highest in a chain of three lakes in one fork of upper 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.

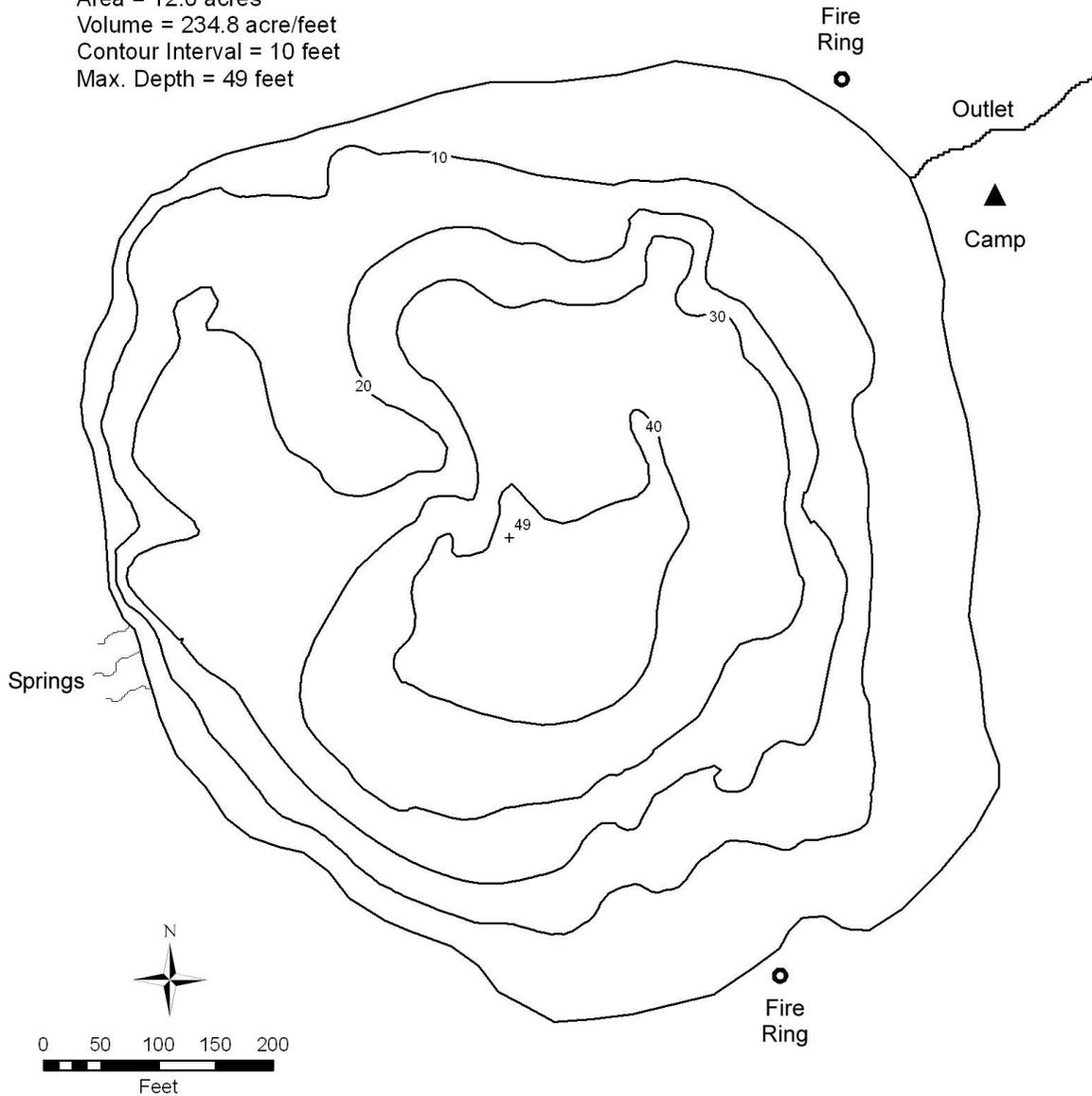
Other Nearby Lakes: There are several other lakes near Upper Oregon Lake. Middle and Lower Oregon Lakes lie directly below the upper lake and can be easily accessed by Trail #109. Both lakes are passed on the trail if accessing Upper Oregon Lake from below. Missoula Lake is just over a mile northwest 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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Upper Oregon Lake

Watercode: 05-9345
LLID: 1151020470500
Area = 12.0 acres
Volume = 234.8 acre/feet
Contour Interval = 10 feet
Max. Depth = 49 feet



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