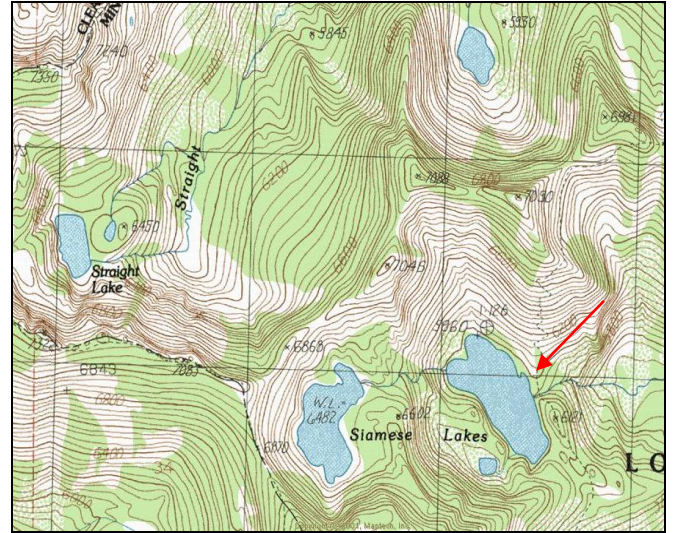


Lower Siamese Lake



Description: Lower Siamese Lake is a large (35.6 acre), remote glacial cirque lake located in the West Fork Fish Creek drainage at 5,960 ft elevation. The lake lies on the Lolo National Forest (Ninemile Ranger District) in the proposed Great Burn Wilderness Area.

Location: T13N, R26W, Section 29; Latitude N46.8547°, Longitude W114.9100°; Nearest Town: Alberton, MT

Access: Lower Siamese Lake can most easily be accessed by taking Fish Creek Road (USFS road #343) from Interstate Highway 90. Then follow the West Fork of Fish Creek on USFS Road #7750 until you get to the campground and USFS outpost (Clearwater Crossing) at the end of the road. From here, there are two options. One is to take the North Fork Fish Creek Trail (#103) for ~ 0.7 miles, then Trail #99 (Straight Creek Trail) west-southwest for ~ 8 miles to Chilcoot Pass and the junction with Trail #114. Lower Siamese Lake lies 1.1 miles up this trail. The other option would be to take USFS Trail #101 (West Fork Fish Creek Trail) southwest 3.5 miles to Trail #510. Go west on Trail #510 for ~ 6.5 miles to Chilcoot Pass, then take Trail #114 as mentioned above. These routes offer a good opportunity to hike a loop from Clearwater Crossing.

Campsites and Use: Lower Siamese Lake lies in a remote setting that receives moderate/heavy use for a distant alpine lake. There are multiple campsites with fire rings along the lake's perimeter. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is essential in this area as it is proposed wilderness.

Angling Opportunity: Lower Siamese Lake supports a population of westslope cutthroat trout that is supplemented with stocking. Shoreline topography and access lends well to shoreline angling, although some portions of the perimeter may be very steep and brushy.

Stocking History: Lower Siamese Lake has been stocked with westslope cutthroat trout in 2000 and recent history. The lake was also stocked historically with coho salmon (1939). Stocking with westslope cutthroat trout every 7-10 years will likely continue in the future.

Angling Pressure: Estimated angling pressure from Montana state-wide mail surveys in 1995-2005 was moderate for a remote alpine lake and averaged 107 angler-days per year.

Other Nearby Lakes: There are several other lakes near Lower Siamese Lake. Getting to them will require off-trail hiking over steep terrain. Upper Siamese Lake is ~ 0.5 mile west of the lower lake on an unofficial trail. Harrington Lake is ~ 1 mile north of Lower Siamese Lake. The easiest route to access it is to return to Trail #99 and then hike off-trail up the drainage to the lake from below. Straight Lake is ~ 1.2 miles northwest of Upper Siamese Lake. Accessing it will also require off-trail hiking over steep terrain.



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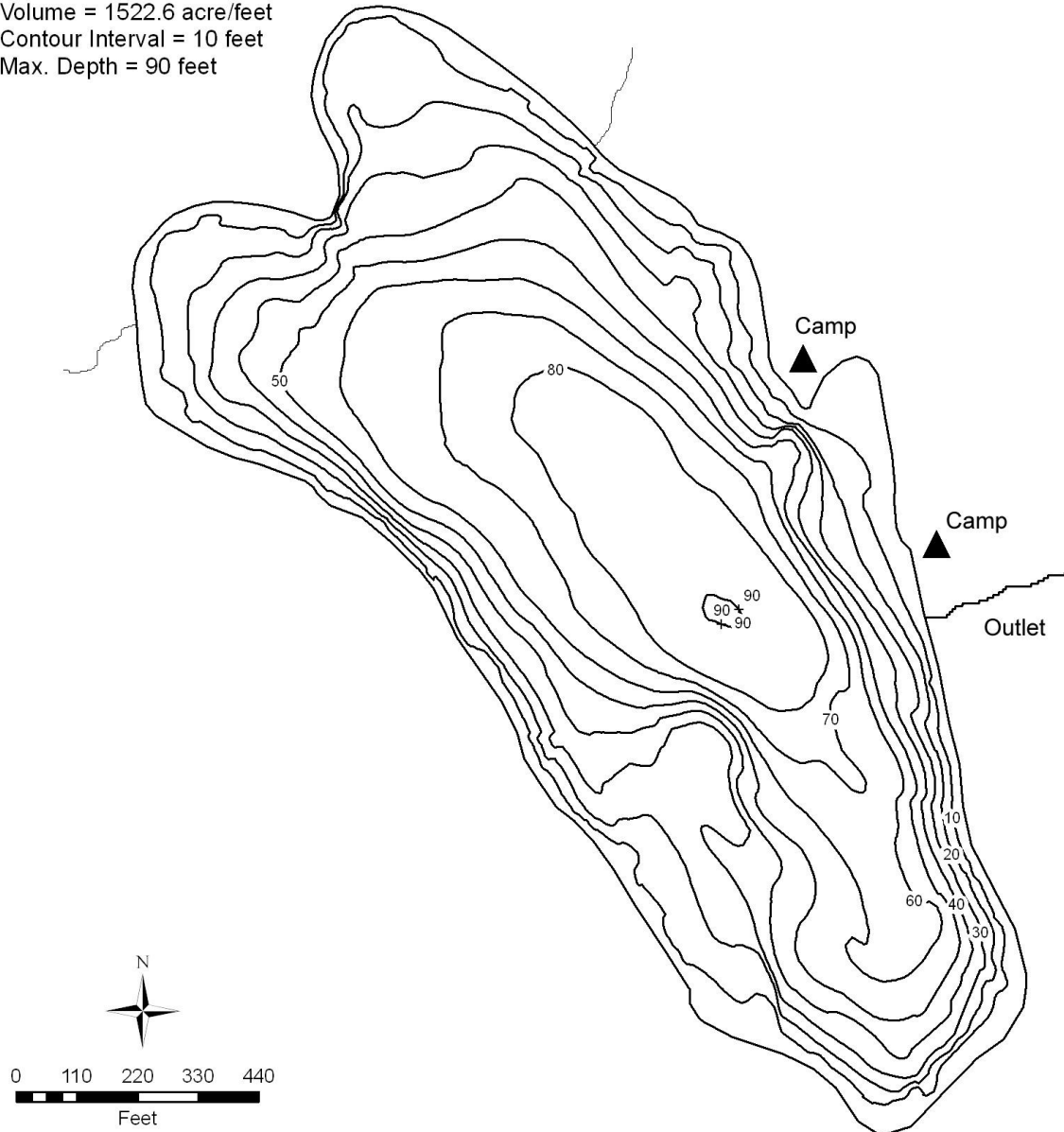
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Area = 35.6 acres

Volume = 1522.6 acre/feet

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