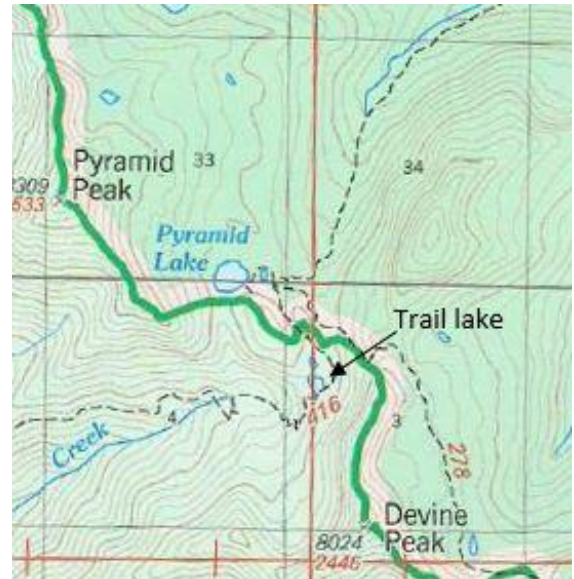


Trail Lake



Description: Trail Lake is a small (~ 2.2 acres), high elevation (6,900 ft), glacial cirque lake located within the Lolo National Forest boundary about 7.5 miles northeast of Seeley Lake, MT. This subalpine lake is moderately difficult to access, but lies immediately adjacent to a maintained USFS trail that is a primary access route for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex via Pyramid Pass.

Location: T17N, R14W, Section 3; Latitude N47.2606°, Longitude W113.3738°

Nearest Town: Seeley Lake, MT; Surrounding land ownership: Lolo National Forest (Seeley Ranger District)

Access: Trail Lake is located 0.25 miles south of Pyramid Pass and the Bob Marshall Wilderness boundary along Pyramid Pass Trail (USFS Trail #416). The lake is moderately difficult to access and does require non-motorized travel from the trailhead to Pyramid Pass. To reach the trailhead, turn east off MT Highway 83 onto Morrell Creek Rd (USFS Road #4353). Take Morrell Creek Road for 6.8 miles, then turn right (east) on Upper Trail Creek Rd (USFS Rd #4381). Stay on Upper Trail Creek Road for 3.1 miles to reach the Pyramid Pass Trailhead. Take Pyramid Pass trail for 4.2 miles and Trail Lake lies on the north side of the trail.

Campsites and Use: Trail lake is difficult to access and recreation appears light. There is one dispersed campsite on the north side of the lake, but many recreationists traveling along the trail likely stop and fish the lake. 'Leave no trace' camping and recreating is encouraged in this area.

Angling Opportunity: Trail Lake supports a quality, wild rainbow trout population that appears to reproduce consistently. Shoreline topography and access allow for shoreline angling along most of the lake perimeter.

Stocking History: There are no documented stocking records for Trail Lake. The lake was likely stocked with rainbow trout by private outfitters in the 1960s or 1970s. No future stocking is planned as the rainbow trout population is self-sustaining.

Angling Pressure: Estimated angling pressure is low, with no estimate of user days available in previous Montana state-wide mail surveys.

Other Nearby Lakes: There is a small, unnamed fishless lake located just north of Trail Lake. Pyramid Lake lies ~0.6 miles to the northwest within the Wilderness boundary near USFS Trail # 416.



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Trail Lake: Biological & Physical Information

Date Sampled: 7/31/2018

Fish Species Present: Rainbow Trout

Size Range Captured: 5.5–17.3 in (140–440mm)

Trout Condition (Wr): 99 (range 68–157mm) (moderate)

Trout Diet Composition (8/22/18): Insects & Amphipods

Sampling Methods: Sinking Gill Net

Gill Net Catch Rate: 0.90 trout/net/hr (moderate)

Natural Recruitment: Present (consistent)

Currently Stocked: No

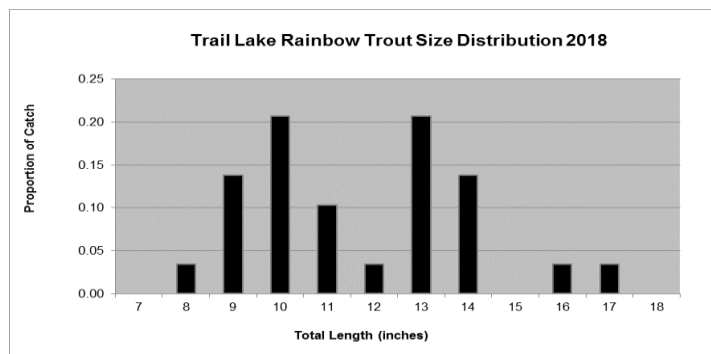
Last Stocked: mid-1900s

Species: RBT

Recommended Frequency: None

Amphibians Observed: Columbia Spotted Frogs

Stocking History



Year	Species	#
Mid-1900s?	RBT	Unknown

Elevation: 6,907 ft
Secchi Depth: 12 ft

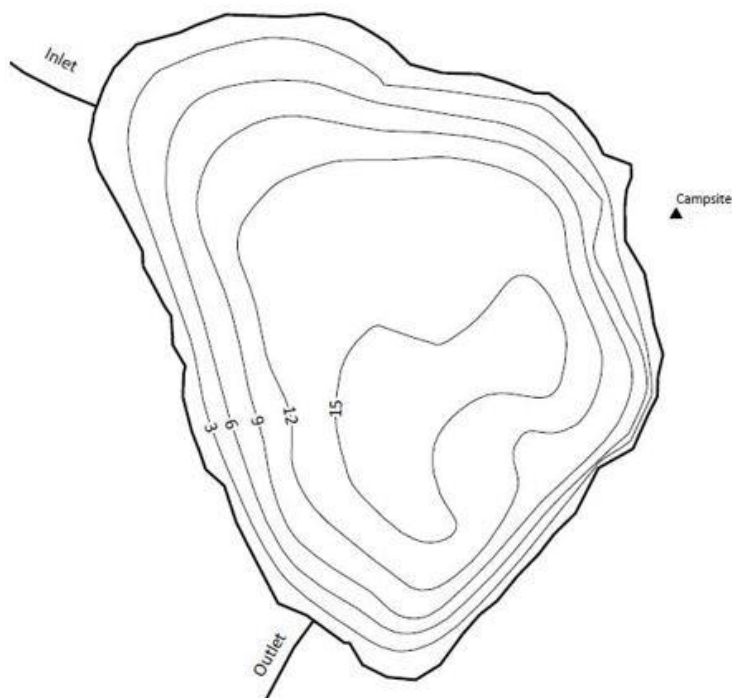
Surface Area: 2.2 acres
PH: 8.35

Volume: 90.0 acre-ft
Conductivity: 40.1 μ S
TDS: 28.5

Max Depth: 17 ft
Aspect: West

Trail Lake

Elevation: 6,907 Feet
Volume: 90 Acre-Feet
Max Depth: 15 Feet
Area: 2 Acres



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