

Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest

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Recommended Uses Difficulty ******* ***

USGS Map
Trip Time (one way)

Seward A7, B7 3-4 hours

Public Use

Moderate (summer) More Difficult (winter) Heavy (summer) Moderate (winter)

Recommended Season Year round Elevation Gain 1820 feet

Length (one way)

7.3 miles

Trail Access

Milepost 5, Seward Highway, at Lost Lake subdivision-up gravel road follow signs to trailhead parking. *Trail is closed to saddle/pack stock from April 1 to June 30 and motorized vehicles from May 1 to November 30.*

Trail Grade/Condition

Moderate uphill grade for first 4 miles. Snow at higher elevations (above mile 4) into mid-July. Will be muddy after rains.

Recreational Opportunities

Lost Lake is a scenic trail offering spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and high alpine terrain. Hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling are popular activities. Salmonberries in August between miles 3-4. At milepost 3.68 the Clemens Cabin trail junction travels 1.4 miles south to the Clemens cabin (by reservation only); the winter trail is 1.77 miles and begins at 0.25 mile. Possible 14.8-mile hike by connecting to the Primrose Trail at Lost Lake.

The route travels through spruce and hemlock forests until timberline at mile 5 then enters high country alpine where hiking off trail in any direction is possible. Designated campsites at mile 3.68, 7.3 on the north side of the bridge, and at mile 7, 6.4 and 5.4 on the Primrose trail (practice good Leave No Trace ethics and camp out of sight of the lake and trail).

Please do not build campfires in the Lost Lake/Primrose areas above mile 4.3. Dead and down firewood is very difficult to find, and campfires encourage others to cut and maim living hemlock trees. Camping is closed on the Lost Lake peninsulas to allow revegetation.

Wildlife includes marmots, mountain goats, moose, and bears. Fishing for rainbow trout at the outlet of Lost Lake. Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) hunting and fishing regulations.

Special Considerations

Winter travel is possible via the winter route, which is marked, but may be very icy for the first mile.

Use caution with bear and moose. Giardia (a microscopic parasite that can infect warm-blooded animals and humans) could be present in all open water sources, filter surface water before drinking. Winter travel may be hazardous due to avalanches, thin lake ice, and disorienting fog and white out conditions above tree line. Winter travelers need to be able to evaluate avalanche and over-ice travel hazards. Be prepared for rapid weather changes. Remember to pack out your trash. You can contact a U.S. Forest Service office to receive more detailed information on safety precautions and Leave No Trace outdoor skills and ethics.

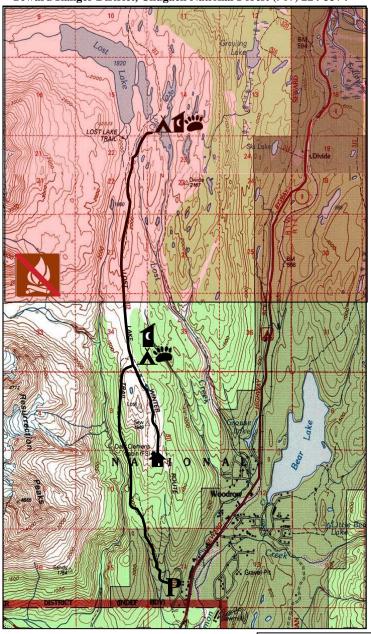
Cabin Reservations

Occupancy of Forest Service cabins is by permit only. Reservations may be made up to 180 days in advance by calling 1-877-444-6777 or via the Internet at www.recreation.gov.



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Map not to scale

Designated Campsites



Mile 3.68 N 60° 12' 57" W 149° 25' 18"

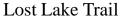
Mile 7.3 N 60° 15' 25" W 149° 24' 45"

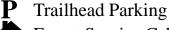
Practice Leave No Trace ethics and camp **out of sight** of the lake and trail.



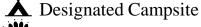
Dale Clemen's Cabin N60 ° 11' 51", W149 24' 48"

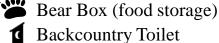
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No Fire Area