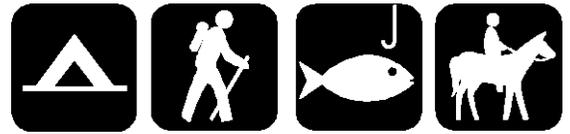


# Lakes

## Marble Mtn. Wilderness

### Klamath National Forest



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Wilderness lakes offer you the gift of true solitude and primitive recreation. When you visit a wilderness lake, you step into the natural world and become a part of the biological community.

A wide variety of wildlife and botanical beauty reside within a diverse array of habitats making the Marble Mountain Wilderness lakes a terrific location for bird watchers and wildlife enthusiasts alike.

#### GETTING THERE

The Marble Mountain Wilderness can be reached by many roads and trails from Highway 96 between Hamburg and Somes Bar, from the Scott River Road between Scott Bar and Fort Jones, from Highway 3, and from the Etna-Somes Bar Road.

None of the lakes are accessible by road. Some are but a 1 or 2-hour hike from the end of a road. Other remote areas may require more than a day of hiking or riding. Travel times given in the lake description are for moderate rates of speed for pack or saddle animals. Most hikers will take a little longer.

#### PERMITS & MAPS

Wilderness permits are not required for entering the Marble Mountains. A Marble Mountain Wilderness Map is available from any Forest Office.

#### CAMPING

Campfire permits are required of all campers. Permits are available from Forest Service Officers and Ranger Stations.

#### LAKE FISHING

Although the legal opening of trout season may vary slightly, Mother Nature usually does not open the Marble Mountain lakes much before June.

Approximately 80 lakes contain trout and are stocked with rainbow, Eastern brook, or brown trout by the California Department of Fish and Game. Angling is best in September and October but is rated good early in the season. At times, during warm spells in late July and August, fly-fishing is apt to be slow as the fish move to the cooler depths.

#### STREAM FISHING

The Klamath, Salmon, and Scott Rivers provide salmon and steelhead fishing. Many of the tributary streams, such as Canyon, Elk, Grider, Shackelford, Ukonom and

Wooley Creeks, and the North Fork and Little North Fork of the Salmon River, support populations of trout, primarily rainbow and juvenile steelhead. Eastern brook trout may be present in the upper sections of many streams. Wooley Creek is one of the few streams in the Klamath drainage to contain summer steelhead and support a spring run of king salmon.

#### ABBOTT'S LAKE

Elevation 5,650 ft; 8 acres; 20 ft deep. The lake is a 45-minute hike from Abbott's Upper cabin, which is 12 miles by trail up the North Fork of the Salmon River. Stocked with Eastern brook trout.

#### ANGEL LAKE

Elevation 6,500 ft; 1 acre; 9 ft deep. Located at the head of Shackelford Creek, it is reached by a 10-minute hike from the lower end of Cliff Lake. Eastern brook trout averaging 6 inches are fairly plentiful.

#### ASPEN LAKE

Elevation 7,100 ft; 5.5 acres; 58 ft deep. No trail. Situated 750 ft above Deep Lake. The lake contains Eastern brook trout.

#### BABS LAKE

Elevation 6,500 ft; 2 acres; 14 ft deep. Located at the head of the Babs Fork of Kidder Creek. Take the trail up Mill Creek for 5 miles to the top of the ridge. Go northeasterly for 15 minutes down to the lake. This lake affords excellent fishing for small eastern brook trout

#### BEAR LAKE

Elevation 5,950 ft; 2 acres; 8 ft deep. Accessible by trail up Elk Creek via Bear Creek or Kelsey Creek; a good 4-6 hour trip. Eastern brook and rainbow trout present due to natural reproduction. Last planted in 1985.

#### BLUEBERRY LAKE

Elevation 6,050 ft; 1.5 acres; 10 ft deep. No definite trail. Located just below Wooley Lake. This seldom-visited lake is stocked with rainbow trout.

#### BRIDGE LAKE

Not presently stocked, subject to winter kill.

#### BUCKHORN LAKE

Elevation 7,100 ft; 2 acres; 25 ft deep. This Lake is the second of the chain of four lakes above Deep Lake. Eastern brook trout and rainbow trout present.

#### BURNEY LAKE



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Elevation 5,650 ft; 15 acres; 25 ft deep. A steep trail goes down to the lake from the Marble Valley-Cuddihy Valley trail. About a 1½-hour ride from the Cuddihy Valley. Eastern brook trout present.

#### **BUZZARD LAKE**

Elevation 6,700 ft; 1.3 acres; 10 ft deep. No trail. From NE of Kidder Lake, a 1-1/2 hour climb over a gray rocky patch or cross-country from Mill Creek Ponds will take you to the lake. Brush will be encountered either way. Eastern brook and rainbow trout.

#### **CALF LAKE**

Elevation 7,000 ft; 3 acres; 30 ft deep. On the Shackleford Creek trail below Log Lake a trail turns right going near Reynolds Cabin, then follows the first small creek to the lake. Stocked with Eastern brook trout.

#### **CAMPBELL LAKE**

Elevation 5,800 ft; 33 acres; 30 ft deep. On the Shackleford Creek trail above Log Lake at the upper end of the meadow a trail turns to the left leading to the lake. It is a 3-hour trip to the lake. A popular lake with a variety of Eastern brook, rainbow, and brown trout.

#### **CHARMAINE LAKE**

Elevation 6,300 ft; 0.5 acre; 9 ft deep. This small lake can be reached in about 25 minutes by climbing the rockslide at the lower end of Lower English Lake and going around the point. Stocked with rainbow trout.

#### **CHICKAREE LAKE**

Elevation 6,100 ft; 0.8 acre; 9 ft deep. The largest of several ponds located on a bench between Campbell and Summit lakes. A 10-minute walk from Summit Lake. Eastern brook trout present.

#### **CHIMNEY ROCK LAKE**

Elevation 6,100 ft; 5.5 acres; 22 ft deep. On the Little North Fork trail above Hamilton Camp take the left fork of the trail to Chimney Rock. Take the right fork trail at Chimney Rock to large a sandy flat; turn right and follow a faint trail to the lake. Rainbow trout present.

#### **CHINQUAPIN LAKE**

Elevation 7,150 ft; 3.5 acres; 25 ft deep. No trail. The third of the chain of four lakes just above Deep Lake. Has Eastern brook and rainbow trout.

#### **CLEAR LAKE**

Elevation 5,400 ft; 6.5 acres; 62 ft deep. From Hamilton Camp take the Sauerkraut Peak trail to the south. Before the top of the ridge, a trail forks to the right and goes directly down to the lake. Eastern brook, rainbow, and brown trout have been caught. This Lake may have the largest fish in the area.

#### **CLIFF LAKE**

Elevation 6,100 ft; 52 acres; 175 ft deep. Cliff Lake is just above Campbell Lake. It is a 3-½ hour trip up the Shackleford Creek trail. A popular lake with Eastern brook, rainbow and brown trout.

#### **CUDDIHY LAKES**

On the Haypress Trail about 10 miles past One-Mile lake, is the Cuddihy Basin, named after Frank Cuddihy, a pioneer resident of the Happy Camp area, with it's 5 lakes nestled in among the glacially sculpted granite.

A large meadow in the basin offers stock forage and good camping. Fishing is good but swimming is even better as these lakes are relatively warm.

Lake 1; Elevation 5,650 ft; 3.5 acres; 18 ft deep,  
Lake 2; Elevation 5,650 ft; 1 acre; 5 ft deep,  
Lake 3; Elevation 5,700 ft; 7 acres; 20 ft deep,  
Lake 4; Elevation 5,700 ft; 2.5 acres; 20 ft deep,

Accessible by trail from 3 directions; 1, Up Canyon Creek and across (a 9 hour trip), 2, via the Elk Creek-Granite Creek trails (a 7 hour trip), or 3, from Camp Three via Haypress Meadows (a 5 hour trip).

Lakes 1, 2 and 3 are stocked with Eastern brook trout and lake 4 is stocked with rainbow trout.

#### **DEADMAN LAKE**

Elevation 5,700 ft; 9 acres; 25 ft deep. From the saddle at the head of Bridge Creek trail go to the north side of the wooded peak to the east. A 1-hour hike by trail from the Cuddihy's, brings you to this scenic lake for good fishing and swimming. Stocked with Eastern brook trout. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR STOCK NO TRAILS.

#### **DEEP LAKE**

Elevation 6,350 ft; 16 acres; 68 ft deep. Can be reached from Lover's Camp via Red Rock Valley and Little Elk Creek trail. Travel time, about 5 hours. Eastern brook, rainbow, and brown trout have been caught.

#### **DIAMOND LAKE**

Elevation 6,900 ft. 0.5 acre. Located on the ridge trail between English and Hancock Lakes. Not stocked.

#### **DOGWOOD LAKE**

Elevation 7,250 ft; 4 acres; 25 ft deep. The uppermost of the chain of 4 lakes lying above Deep Lake. There is no trail. A 45-minute hike over rough terrain from Calf Lake gets you to this lake. Eastern brook trout present.

#### **DRY LAKE**

Not stocked; subject to winter kill.

#### **BIG ELK LAKE**

Elevation 6,050 ft; 4.5 acres; 10 ft deep. Take the Canyon Creek Trail through Marble Valley and the Cuddihy Trail that goes right by it. Eastern and rainbow trout present. Aquatic vegetation encroaches during the summer.

#### **LITTLE ELK LAKE**

Elevation 5,400 ft; 6 acres; 5 ft deep. Take Red Rock trail which leaves the Canyon Creek trail just above Lover's Camp. About 1 mile up this trail, a trail doubles back to the left to Little Elk Creek and up to the lake. Both rainbow and brown trout are present.

#### **LOWER ENGLISH LAKE**

Elevation 5,700 ft; 6.5 acres; 28 ft deep. The North Fork of the Salmon River originates at the English Lakes. Twelve miles by good trail up the North Fork from the end of the road. Eastern brook trout present.

#### **UPPER ENGLISH LAKE**

Elevation 5,800 ft; 1 acre; 5 ft deep. This lake is only a short distance above Lower English Lake. Large population of Eastern brook trout.

#### **ETHEL LAKE**

Elevation 5,700 ft; 9 acres; 22 ft deep. From Abbot's Upper Cabin on the North Fork of the Salmon River it is a 2½-hour trip via the Cold Springs Trail from the Big Meadows Trail. Eastern brook trout present.

#### **FISHER LAKE**

Elevation 6,200 ft; 1 acre; 15 ft deep. No trail directly to lake. Go up the Kidder Creek trail and take the fork to Lewis Cabin. Follow the drainage to the Pacific Crest Trail running just below the lake; a rough steep, brushy 1-hour plus climb from the cabin gets you to the lake. Eastern brook and rainbow trout present.

#### **FRYING PAN LAKE**

Not presently stocked; subject to winter kill.

#### **GATE LAKE**

Elevation 5,500 ft; 0.5 acre; 12 ft deep. Just off the trail near the stock gate at the entrance to the Sky High Valley Recreation Area. A 3-hour trip from Lover's Camp. May contain Eastern brook and rainbow trout.

#### **GEM LAKE**

Elevation 6,400 ft; 0.5 acre; 3 ft deep. Not regularly stocked; subject to winter kill.

#### **BLUE GRANITE LAKE**

Elevation 5,250 ft; 12 acres; 28 ft deep. From end of Elk Creek road it is a 6-hour trip via Elk and Granite Creeks. Both Eastern brook and rainbow trout present.

#### **GOLD GRANITE LAKE**

Elevation 5,600 ft; 2 acres; 14 ft deep. Just below Green Granite Lake. Eastern brook and rainbow trout present.

#### **GREEN GRANITE LAKE**

Elevation 5,600 ft; 4 acres; 11 ft deep. Take Granite Creek Trail to about ½ mile west of Blue Granite Lake Trail. Eastern brook and rainbow trout.

#### **HANCOCK LAKE**

Elevation 6,350 ft; 44 acres; 56 ft deep. Accessible by trails up the North or little North Forks of the Salmon River. Eastern brook, rainbow, and brown trout present.

#### **LITTLE HANCOCK LAKE**

Elevation 6,700 ft; 1 acre; 12 ft deep. Located in the rocks, just off the trail at the south end of Hancock Lake. Eastern brook trout present.

#### **HEATHER LAKE**

Elevation 7,400 ft; 0.5 acre; 20 ft deep. A 30-minute climb over the ridge back of Grants Meadow. No trail. Grants Meadow is accessible by trail up the North Fork of the Salmon River-Right Hand Creek-Bug Gulch trails. This gem like pond has a population of small eastern brook trout. No longer stocked.

#### **HOOLIGAN LAKE**

Elevation 5,150 ft; 5 acres; 17 ft deep. There is no trail to the lake and considerable brush will be encountered. Best approach is from the trailhead of the Bridge Creek Trail or Pleasant Lake. From the saddle on the Pleasant Lake Trail follow the ridge south until the meadow. Known for it's good fishing, this brushy shore lined lake is named after Happy Hooligan (Elmer Johnson), a packer who worked for President Herbert Hoover. Stocked with rainbow trout.

#### **HORSE RANGE LAKE**

Elevation 6,000 ft; 3.5 acres; 8 ft deep. One mile up the trail to Big Meadows from Abbott's Upper Cabin. Eastern brook trout present.

#### **INDEPENDENCE LAKE**

Elevation 5,950 ft; 1.5 acres; 10 ft deep. No trail; 30-minute hike from Ukonom Lake. The lake lies just over the first saddle to the left after leaving Ukonom Lake on the trail to Cuddihy Valley. Eastern brook and rainbow trout are present.

#### **LAKE OF THE ISLAND**

Elevation 5,650 ft; 13 acres; 25 ft deep. Take the North Fork of the Salmon River Trail to just below Boulder Creek. Eastern brook and rainbow trout are present.

#### **ISINGLASS LAKE**

Elevation 6,200 ft; 1 acre. Not presently stocked.

#### **JEWEL LAKE**

Elevation 6,400 ft. 0.5 acre; 5 ft deep. Not regularly stocked; subject to winter kill.

#### **KATHERINE LAKE**

Elevation 5,800 ft; 5 acres 13 ft deep. A 20-minute walk over the ridge to the west of Ethel Lake. This lake contains Eastern brook and rainbow trout.

#### **KIDDER LAKE**

Elevation 5,900 ft; 2 acres; 15 ft deep. From Greenview take the Kidder Creek logging road past Kidder Camp. This road is on private property and is open June 1-October 15. The trail begins at the end of the road above and across from the Shelly Fork. Travel time is about 1½ hours. Stocked with rainbow trout.

#### **KLEAVER LAKE**

Elevation 6,450 ft; 2.5 acres; 17 ft deep. Accessible over land from Grants Meadows over steep rocky terrain via Wooley Lake. Stocked with Eastern brook trout.

**LILY LAKE**

Elevation 6,000 ft; 2.5 acres; 7 ft deep. Located just above Clear Lake. Not regularly stocked. Lily pads cover the surface in summer.

**LOG LAKE**

Elevation 5,400 ft; 1 acre; 15 ft deep. A 1-hour trip, adjacent to the Shackleford Creek Trail. Has Eastern brook trout and is stocked with rainbow trout.

**LONG HIGH LAKE**

Elevation 7,150 ft; 1.5 acres; 6 ft deep. An easy 15-minute hike from Calf Lake. Eastern brook trout present.

**LOST LAKE**

Elevation 5,650 ft; 8 acres; 30 ft deep. From Hamilton Camp take the Sauerkraut Peak trail west to just below the top of the ridge where a trail forks to the right. Just past Clear Lake take the right fork of the trail to the lake. A lightly fished lake that contains Eastern brook, rainbow, and brown trout.

**MAN EATEN LAKE**

Elevation 6,200 ft; 14 acres; 112 ft deep. The Pacific Crest Trail goes just above the lake. Best access is from the Summit lake-Kidder Lake trail. Just before the trail cuts across the ridge dividing Cliff Lake from Kidder Lake, a "V" slope can be seen across the ridge to the west. Go through this slot and down to the lake. A deep blue water lake that has produced large scrappy red-meated rainbow trout.

**MARTEN LAKE**

Elevation 6,350 ft; 14 acres; 10 ft deep. About 150 yards to the west and 150 ft higher than Fisher Lake, just above the Pacific Crest Trail. Eastern brook and brown trout are present.

**MCCASH LAKE**

Elevation 5,400 ft; 3.5 acres; 3 ft deep. McCash Lake is about 2 miles east of Haypress Meadows over land. Some rainbow trout present.

**METEOR LAKE**

Elevation 5,700 ft; 3.5 acres; 11 ft deep. Eleven miles by trail from Camp Three. This lake is surrounded by meadows that offer a profusion of wildflowers and blueberries. Stocked with rainbow trout.

**MILL CREEK LAKE (WEST)**

Elevation 6,450 ft; 4.5 acres; 8 ft deep. The trail leaves the Mill creek access road near the Forest boundary. A steep 1½-hour hike. Stocked with rainbow trout.

**MILL CREEK LAKE (EAST)**

Elevation 6,350 ft; 1.5 acres; 15 ft deep. A 20-minute walk over the ridge to the east of West Mill Creek Lake. Stocked with Eastern brook trout.

**MILNE LAKE**

Elevation 6,750 ft; 2.5 acres; 39 ft deep. Accessible from Grant's Meadow. No trail and steep, rocky terrain en route via Wooley Lake. Situated over a rocky ridge to the north of the lower end of Wooley Lake. Contains Eastern brook and rainbow trout.

**MONUMENT LAKE**

Elevation 5,750 ft; 3 acres; 13 ft deep. About 10 miles by trail from Camp Three. Grand scenery and expansive views await you at Monument Lake. Stocked with Eastern brook trout.

**ONE-MILE LAKE**

Elevation 5750 ft; 22 acres; 32 ft deep. This lake was a popular retreat for President Herbert Hoover who had a cabin along Wooley Creek. An excellent destination when using stock, One-Mile offers good fishing and swimming. Stocked with rainbow trout.

**OSPREY LAKE**

Not stocked; subject to winter kill.

**PARADISE LAKE**

Elevation 6,200 ft; 5 acres; 15 ft deep. A 4-hour trip up the Kelsey Creek trail. Eastern brook trout present. Considerable algae growth during the summer.

**PLEASANT LAKE**

Located about 11 miles by way of the Haypress Trailhead. Pleasant Lake offers an afternoon of enjoyable and remote solitude.

**RAINY LAKE**

Elevation 5,400 ft; 5.5 acres; 18 ft deep. A trail goes down to the lake slightly over 1 mile past Whiskey Camp on the Marble Valley-Cuddihy Valley Trail; or a 7-hour hike up the Elk Creek and Rainy Valley Creek Trail. A popular lake stocked with rainbow trout.

**SECRET LAKE**

Elevation 5,250 ft; 8.5 acres; 43 ft deep. On the west side of the narrow neck of One-Mile Lake a trail goes over the ridge to the lake.

**SHADOW LAKE**

Elevation 6,450 ft; 12.5 acres; 14 ft deep. Located near the top of the ridge just above Lower Sky high Lake. On the Shackleford Creek-Marble Valley trail a steep, faint trail goes over the gap at a spring. Stocked with Eastern brook trout.

**SHELLY LAKE**

Elevation 6,700 ft; 5.5 acres; 43 ft deep. Take logging road up Kidder Creek to old landing near mouth of Shelly Fork Trail. This road is on private property and is open June 1 - October 15. About 500 ft over the ridge on the Salmon River side a faint trail turns to the left and goes directly to the lake. A 3-hour hike. An alternate route is the Pacific Crest Trail from Etna Summit (12 miles). A lightly fished lake containing Eastern brook and rainbow trout.

**LOWER SKY HIGH LAKE**

Elevation 6,000 ft 12.5 acres; 56 ft deep. A 3-hour trip from Lovers Camp. Rainbow, Eastern brook and brown trout in lake.

**UPPER SKY HIGH LAKE**

Elevation 6,000 ft; 4 acres; 38 ft deep. Situated just a few ft above the lower lake. The Sky High Lakes are very popular, with good campsites and feed for stock. Picturesque Marble Valley and Black Mountain are nearby. Eastern brook and rainbow trout present.

**SMITHS LAKE**

Elevation 5,500 ft 1 acre. Stocked with rainbow trout.

**SNYDER LAKE**

Elevation 5,800 ft; 2.3 acres; 47 ft deep. Best route is over land from Tickner Hole on Elk-Granite-Tickner Creek Trail. Located below Tickner Lake. A rainbow trout lake.

**STEINACHER LAKE**

Elevation 5,800 ft; 2.5 acres; 5 ft deep. Accessible from Chimney Rock Lake or through the sandy flat on the main trail, turning right at the next fork. From this trail there are a couple of places from which one can reach the lake. Eastern brook and rainbow trout.

**SUMMIT LAKE**

Elevation 6,050 ft; 5 acres; 15 ft deep. A 3-hour trip up Shackelford Creek or a 1+ mile hike from Campbell Lake. Large population of Eastern brook trout.

**SUMMIT MEADOW LAKE**

Elevation 6,050 ft; 1.3 acres; 4 ft deep. This shallow lake is a yards above Summit Lake. Eastern brook trout.

**TICKNER LAKE**

Elevation 6,300 ft; 1.3 acres; 9 ft deep. Situated on a ledge just above Snyder Lake and just off the Tickner Creek Trail. Stocked with Eastern brook trout.

**TOBACCO LAKE**

Elevation 6,200 ft; 1 acre; 9 ft deep. Go out low gap at southwest corner of Hancock Lake; angle in a southwesterly direction, dropping elevation slightly to lake. Eastern brook trout present.

**TOMS LAKE (NEAR ELK PEAK)**

Elevation 5,200 ft; 4 acres; 10 ft deep. Take Marble Valley-Cuddihy Valley Trail to 1 mile west of Whiskey Camp where a small sign points to lake, about 900 steep and brushy ft below. No trail to lake. Eastern brook and rainbow trout present.

**TOMS LAKE (NEAR ENGLISH PEAK)**

Elevation 6,800 ft; 1.5 acres; 15 ft deep. Located just off trail to west, between English Peak and Hancock Lake. Small population of rainbow trout.

**UKONOM LAKE**

Elevation 6,050 ft; 67 acres; 68 ft deep. This popular and diverse lake can be easily reached from Norcross Trailhead (Sulphur Springs), the Haypress Trail or the Lover's Camp trailhead. Stocked with rainbow trout.

**WILD LAKE**

Elevation 5,400 ft; 3.5 acres; 24 ft deep. From Abbott's Upper Cabin on the North Fork of the Salmon River take the Big Meadows Trail. At the 3 mile marker a trail turns to the right and goes up the draw to the lake. Produces eastern brook and rainbow trout.

**WOLVERINE LAKE**

Elevation 7,000 ft; 1.5 acres; 11 ft deep. This little lake is fairly accessible from Deep Lake. Situated just over the draw at the southwest end of Deep Lake. Has a small population of Eastern brook trout.

**WOOLEY LAKE**

Elevation 6,700 ft; 6.3 acres; 84 ft deep. A lightly fished, deep blue water lake containing rainbow trout. No trail. A 1-hour hike via rough terrain over the ridge to the north of Grant's Meadow or via Heather Lake from Grant's Meadow.

**LOWER WRIGHT LAKE**

Elevation 6,900 ft; 26 acres; 90 ft deep. Take logging road past the DeNure Ranch at the lower end of Quartz Valley to the end where the Big Meadows Trail starts. At Big Meadows a trail forks to the right, goes over the ridge and down to the Wright Lakes. Also accessible by the steep Boulder Creek Trail from the Scott River. Eastern brook, rainbow, and brown trout present.

**UPPER WRIGHT LAKE**

Elevation 7,400 ft; 6.5 acres; 50 ft deep. Eastern brook trout present

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