

# TRAIL ROG INFORMATION

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GRAND JUNCTION / COLLBRAN RANGER DISTRICT  
GRAND MESA NATIONAL FOREST

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**Trail Name:** Lost Lake

**Trail #:** 502

**Trail User(s):** Hiker

**Mileage:** 0.97 Miles

## **LOWER TRAILHEAD:**

9,980 ft. elevation. Off of the Mesa Lakes Shore Trail (FDT #503). T. 11S., R. 96W., Sec. 35.  
U.S.G.S. Map: Mesa Lakes.

## **LOWER ACCESS:**

The lower (northern) trailhead for the Lost Lake Trail is located on the southwest corner of Mesa Lake. From the town of Mesa, travel south on Highway 65 to the Mesa Lakes Resort. Take the access road into the Mesa Lakes Resort to the Glacier Springs Campground which is located on the west end of Mesa Lake. Take the Mesa Lakes Shore Trail (FDT #503) which begins from the parking area for the Glacier Springs Campground for 0.18 miles along the south end of Mesa Lake to the intersection with the Lost Lake Trail. The Lost Lake Trail forks right (south) off the Mesa Lakes Shore Trail just before the Mesa Lakes Shore Trail reaches a bridge which crosses one of the inlets for Mesa Lake.

## **UPPER TRAILHEAD:**

10,100 ft. elevation. On the east end of Lost Lake. T. 12S., R. 96W., Sec. 2. U.S.G.S. Map: Mesa Lakes.

## **UPPER ACCESS:**

The upper trailhead for the Lost Lake Trail is located on the east end of Lost Lake. The trail dead ends at the east end of the lake and can only be accessed by hiking up the Lost Lake Trail itself from the lower trailhead.

## **COMMENTS:**

The Lost Lake Trail climbs several hundred feet in elevation from the southwest corner of Mesa Lake to the east end of Lost Lake just below the rim of the Grand Mesa. The trail provides access to fishing on South Mesa Lake and to Lost Lake and offers many scenic vistas, but may be impassible from the late fall through the winter months into the late spring due to snow drifts. Lost Lake is a long, narrow lake tucked up against the rim of the Grand Mesa surrounded by a large talus field of basalt boulders. The lake supports some fairly large trout that are difficult to catch but many hikers hike up to the lake to just to enjoy the emerald, green waters of the lake and to enjoy the scenery of the area.

<u>MILE</u>	<u>TRAIL FEATURE</u>	<u>VEGETATION</u>
0.0	Lost Lake Trail forks right (southwest) off Mesa Lakes Shore Trail from southwest corner of Mesa Lake, level grade.	SF/Aspen
0.01	Trail heads along north end of large pond that feeds into Mesa Lake.	
0.04	Trail climbs at moderate grade away from pond through rocky section.	
0.09	Trail climbs on sidehill at moderate grade. A small pond is visible in boulder field to north of trail in low area.	
0.195	Trail continues climbing at moderate grade.	
0.21	Trail levels out in spruce/fir stand.	
0.23	Trail reaches sign on north end of South Mesa Lake. A trail branches off on the right fork and heads southwest to South Mesa Lake. Lost Lake Trail continues on left fork heading southeast.	
0.27	Trail descends gradually on northern edge of South Mesa Lake.	SF/Aspen
0.30	Trail breaks out of aspen, spruce/fir, travels along north edge of lake at level grade	OM/Aspen/SF
0.46	Trail re-enters aspen, spruce/fir on northeast corner of South Mesa Lake.	Aspen/SF
0.50	Trail climbs at moderate grade.	
0.61	Trail climbs on hillside on east side of lake, through switchback.	
0.62	Trail climbs at moderate to steep grade.	
0.69	Trail climbs through second switchback.	
0.76	Trail levels out on ridgetop.	
0.80	Trail descends gradually towards Lost Lake.	
0.93	Great view of lake below from trail, and of boulder fields and rim of Grand Mesa.	
0.97	Lost Lake Trail ends on north shoreline of lake about halfway down lake. End of Lost Lake Trail.	