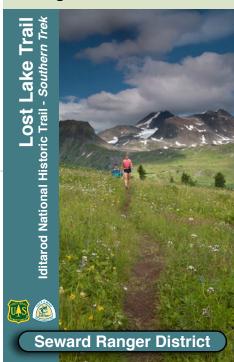
## **Chugach National Forest**



**Difficulty:** Moderate (summer) More Difficult (winter)

Length: 7.3 miles (one way)

Time: 3-4 hours

Elevation Gain: 1820 feet

Season: Year-round

Public Use: Heavy (summer)

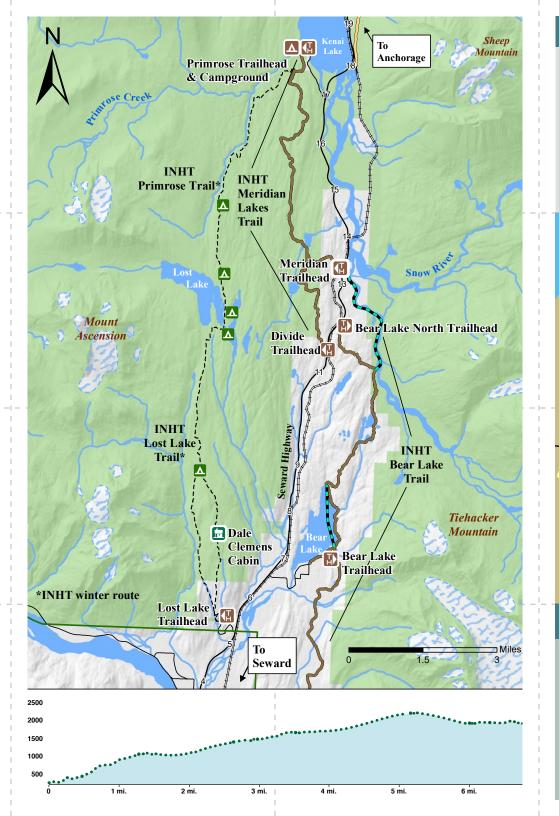
Moderate (winter)

Grade: 5-20%

**Trail Condition:** Moderate uphill grade for the first five miles. Snow at higher elevations into mid-July. Tends to get muddy after rain.

**Getting there:** At milepost 5 of the Seward Highway, turn at Lost Lake subdivision and follow the gravel road. There will be signs guiding to trailhead parking.

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## Map Legend

- Iditarod Year-round Trails
- ✓ Iditarod Summer Use Trail
- Iditarod Winter Use Trail
- General Use Trail
- ▲ Backcountry Campsite
- USFS Cabin
- Trailhead
  - Ranger Station



# PART OF THE IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

The Iditarod National Historic Trail - Southern Trek (INHT) is a 180 mile portion of the 1000 mile-long route. Winter travellers used it from the late 1800s to early 1900, though parts have been used for millenia by Alaska Native cultures. When you walk the INHT, you're walking in the footsteps of Alaska's indigenous people, and its gold miners, pioneers and dogsled mushers.

### TRAIL INFORMATION

Lost Lake Trail has spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and high alpine terrain.

Hiking, cross country skiing and snowmachining are popular activities.

Salmonberries and blueberries are plentiful in August between miles 3 and 4.

At milepost 3.7, there is a junction to Dale Clemens Cabin. The cabin is located 1.4 miles south of this junction.

Travellers can extend the hike to 14.8 miles by connecting to the Primrose Trail at Lost Lake. The trail travels through spruce and hemlock forests until it reaches timberline at mile 5, and then opens to high country alpine.

Dispersed campsites are located at mile 3.68 and mile 7.3 north of the bridge. From Primrose Trail, campsites are located at mile 7.5, 7.0, 6.4, and 5.4. Sites are marked and are first come, first serve. Mt. Ascension (5710 feet) forms the west border of Lost Lake.

Wildlife includes moose, black bear, wolf, mountain goat, Dall sheep, ptarmigan, grouse, and marmot.

Fishing for rainbow trout in Lost Lake is allowed with a license in season.

Please review Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) hunting and fishing regulations for more details.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Seward Ranger District

33599 Ranger Station Spur (mile post 23.5) Seward, AK 99664 (907) 288-3178

**Chugach National Forest** 

161 East 1st Ave., Door 8 Anchorage, Alaska 99501 (907) 743-9500

www.fs.usda.gov/chugach



#### **CABIN RESERVATIONS**

Near mile 3.7 take the junction and go another 1.4 miles to reach Dale Clemens Cabin.

This cabin has breathtaking views of Seward and sleeps eight.

All public use cabins are available by reservation only. For reservations go to www.recreation.gov.



#### LOST LAKE

A perfect place to camp after a day of hiking.

Lost Lake sits at the eastern foot of Mt. Ascension. If you bring your rod and your license you could get lucky and pull out a rainbow trout.

Bring a camera for the spectacular scenery.

#### GO SHORT OR GO LONG

Lost Lake Trail is great as a day trek and can also be stretched into a multi-day hike, each option affording remarkable views and great southcentral atmosphere.

It's easy to find a spot to camp along the way.



#### **ALPINE WILDFLOWERS**

Bring your flower identification guide!

Towards the upper section of the Primrose Trail unique and colorful wildflowers, like the pale or glaucous gentian (*Gentiana galuca*) pictured below, are abundant.



# **KNOW Before you GO!**

Trail is closed to saddle/pack stock from April 1 to June 30 and closed to motorized vehicles from May 1 to November 30th.

Bring a portable stove for heating water and food. Dead and down firewood is very difficult to find, regulations prohibit cutting standing trees.

Winter hazards can include thin ice, white-out conditions and avalanches.

# **PLAN AHEAD**

You are responsible for your own safety. Proper equipment and good judgment are essential for safe travel while on the Chugach National Forest.

Filter or boil water for five minutes before drinking to avoid giardia.

All creeks present hazards that can be dangerous. Cross creeks at low water levels. During winter use extreme caution when crossing bodies of water. Remember you cross at your own risk.

Winter travel can be hazardous and trails can cross through avalancheprone slopes. Visit www.cnfaic.org for the latest avalanche conditions.

Let someone know your travel plans. Be Bear Aware and keep your distance from wildlife.

Contact a USDA Forest Service office for specific trail safety precautions.



# The 7 Principles

- ☐ Plan Ahead & Prepare
- ☐ Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
- □ Dispose of Waste Properly
- ☐ Leave What You Find
- ☐ Minimize Campfire Impacts☐ Respect Wildlife
- ☐ Be Considerate of Other Visitors