

WILDERNESS HIKING

BISHOP CREEK SOUTH FORK

Inyo National Forest



SOUTH LAKE TRAILHEAD LOCATION

From Hwy 395 in Bishop, turn west on Line Street (Hwy 168). Drive 14 miles to South Lake Road and follow this to the trailhead (approximately 9 more miles). Day use and overnight parking is located at the end of the road. (9760')

Trails beginning at South Lake lead to Green Lake, Treasure Lakes, Chocolate Lakes and Bishop Pass. Fishing enthusiasts enjoy the many lakes available within a few miles of the trailhead.

BROWN AND GREEN LAKES

The Green Lake trail begins at the east end of the parking lot and follows a stock trail upward through a conifer forest where it joins with the main trail to Green Lake. The trail levels off into a lush mountain meadow below Brown Lake. Above this lake the trail moves upward along a bench where Green Lake lies amidst gnarled, old whitebark pines. Rainbow trout are found in these lakes.

BISHOP PASS

The Bishop Pass trail begins at the south end of the parking lot. It ascends along the east side of South Lake through a forest of aspen trees and lodgepole pines. Majestic views of Hurd Peak, Mt. Thompson and Mt. Goode can be seen from the trail.

The Treasure Lakes trail branches off the Bishop Pass trail approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the trailhead. These lakes are located in a beautiful granite basin surrounded by high Sierra peaks. Fishing is good with rainbow, golden and brown trout.

The Chocolate Lakes trail branches off the main trail below Long Lake. This trail is less maintained and will take hikers to Bull and Chocolate Lakes. These are along the base of the jagged Inconsolable Range. If you continue on this obscure path, it will rejoin the Bishop Pass trail near Ruwau Lake, offering interesting geology and good fishing.

The Bishop Pass trail gives great opportunities to observe many effects of glacial activity, such as cirques, glaciated granite and glacial erratics. Also evident are the effects of elevation on plant life, as

whitebark pine replaces lodgepole and disappears above timberline where only a few herbaceous annuals are seen. Beyond Bishop Pass, the trail drops into Dusy Basin and further down into Kings Canyon National Park, where it then joins the John Muir Trail.

Dogs are NOT allowed in the National Park backcountry and must be kept on a leash or at heel under verbal control outside of park boundaries. Guns are also NOT allowed in the National Park.

BEAR CANISTERS ARE NOW REQUIRED on the Bishop Pass Trail (including Treasure Lakes and the Chocolate Lakes loop) and in Dusy Basin in Kings Canyon National Park.

TYEE LAKES TRAILHEAD LOCATION

The trailhead for Tyee Lakes is located 4.5 miles up the South Lake Road and begins at a footbridge that crosses Bishop Creek.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

The Tyee Lakes trail, although steep with many switchbacks, offers good fishing (rainbow and brown trout) and highly scenic qualities. The trail becomes a bit indistinct over Table Mtn. before it drops to George Lake and Lake Sabrina. Views of Mt. Thompson, Mt. Agassiz, Mt. Gilbert and the Inconsolable Range can be seen from Table Mtn.

Weather conditions can change rapidly in the Sierra Nevada. Hikers should carry ample clothing for the anticipated changes. It is recommended that all hikers boil water for 3 to 5 minutes or use a filtering system before drinking due to the presence of giardia in most of the water.

Remember that stock have the right of way on all trails. Stand quietly off trail until all stock have passed to avoid spooking the animals.

PLEASE be sure to carry out all empty bait containers and trash while hiking or fishing.

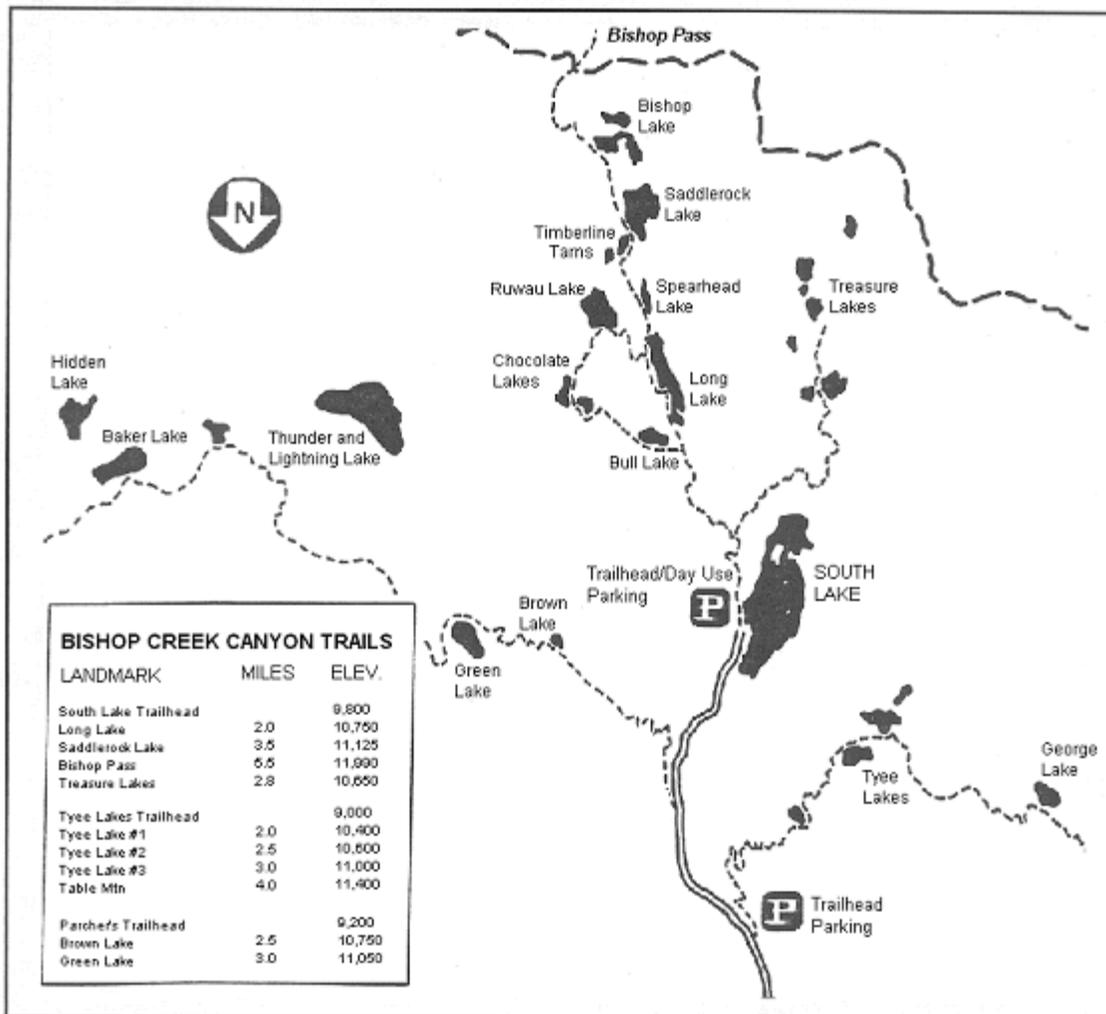


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GUIDEBOOKS

Sierra Nevada Natural History by Tracy Storer & Robert Usinger (Univ. of Calif. Press)
Best Short Hikes in California's Southern Sierra by Karen & Terry Whitehill (The Mountaineers)
Geology of the Sierra Nevada by Mary Hill (Univ. of Calif. Press)
The High Sierra: Peaks, Passes and Trails by R.J. Secor (The Mountaineers)

MAPS

USFS—John Muir Wilderness Map (topo)
 USGS—Mt. Thompson 7.5 minute quad (topo)
 North Palisade 7.5 minute quad (topo)
 Wilderness Press—Mt. Goddard (topo, 15 minute series)
 Tom Harrison Maps—Bishop Pass (shaded relief topo map)

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