



# Flathead National Forest

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## Crystal Lake Trail #351 from the North

Distance: This trail is 2.3 miles long to the Crystal Lake.

Difficulty: Steep stretches of trail with narrow grade      USGS Quad: Gray Wolf

Beginning Elevation: 5,770 ft

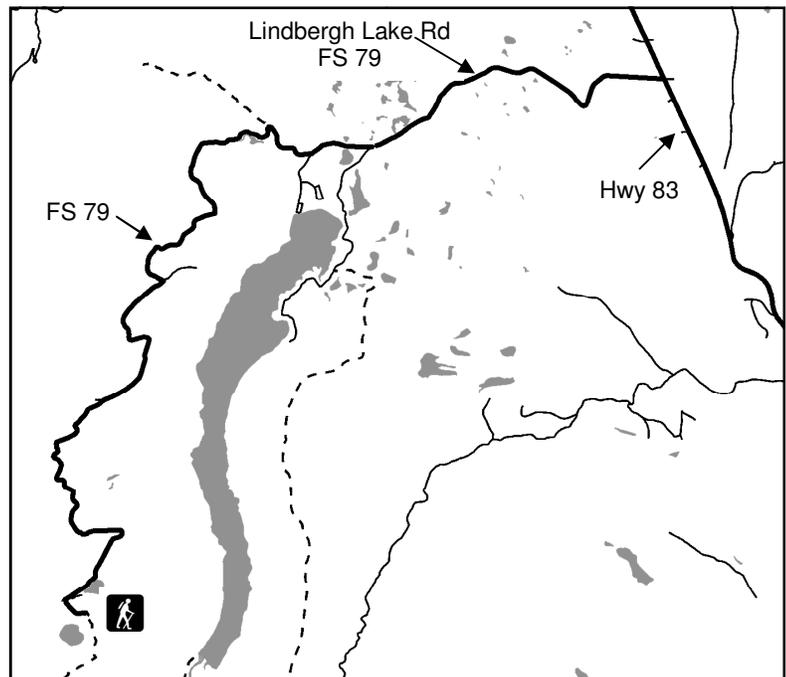
Ending Elevation: 4,805 ft

Directions: From Hwy 83 turn west onto road 79 near mile marker 35. Road #79 bends often, so beware that following the road may not always mean continuing straight. After 3 miles bear right instead of straight, following signs for 79 and the Lindbergh Lake Campground. Travel 0.6 miles from here and turn right, following signs Trailheads/Bunyon. It will be a total of 11 miles (or an additional 7.4 miles) to the trailhead which is at the end of the road.

Season: Trail usually clear of blowdown and snow by mid-June.

Regulations: This trail is open to hikers only. Horse riding is prohibited. This trail is in the Mission Mountains Wilderness which prohibits motorized vehicles and mechanized transport which includes mountain bikes.

Trail Description: The trail loses 1000 feet of elevation to Crystal Lake. The grade of trail is steep in multiple areas as it drops through old-growth ponderosa pine and western larch forests. The trail drops down a south-facing slope that can be hot during the heat of the day. The trail crosses numerous perennial (year-round) streams and bogs that can keep the trail muddy in these areas all summer long. A number of rocky beaches are found along the shores of Crystal Lake that afford great views down the length of the lake and the mountains beyond.



Note: Many roads are not displayed.

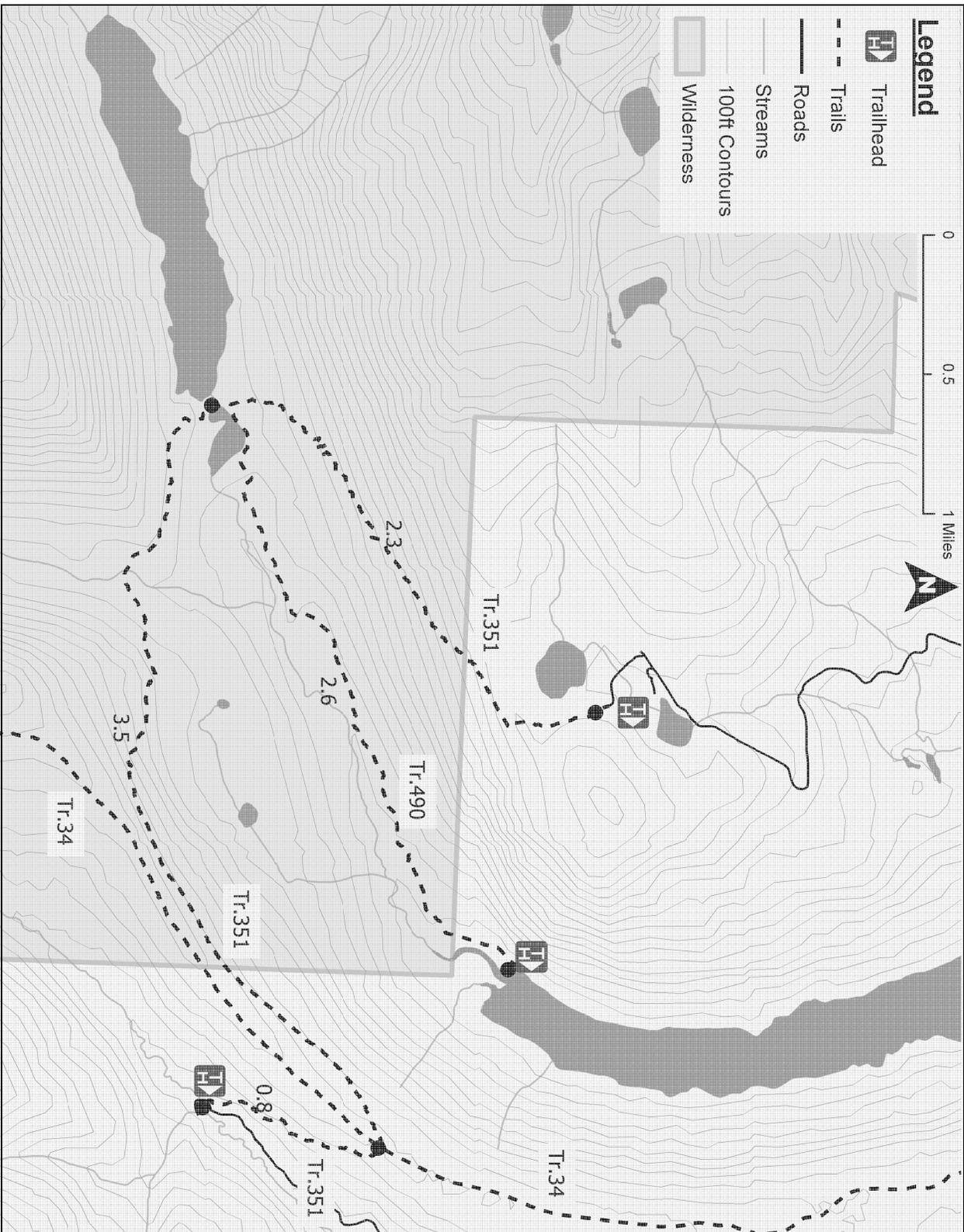
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LEAVE NO TRACE

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE USE



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LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY