



Lost Lake Trail

Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest
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Recommended Uses

Difficulty

Moderate (summer)
More Difficult (winter)

Public Use

Heavy (summer)
Moderate (winter)

Length (one way)

7.3 miles

USGS Map

Seward A7, B7

Trip Time (one way)

3-4 hours

Recommended Season

Year round

Elevation Gain

1920 feet

Trail Access

Milepost 5, Seward Highway, at Lost Lake subdivision travel up gravel road follow signs to trailhead parking. *Trail is closed to saddle/pack stock from April 1 to June 30 and motorized vehicles from May 1 to November 30.*

Trail Grade/Condition

Moderate uphill grade for first 4 miles. Snow at higher elevations (above mile 4) into mid-July.

Recreational Opportunities

Lost Lake is a scenic trail offering spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and high alpine terrain. Hiking, cross-country skiing, and snow machining are popular activities. Salmonberries in August between miles 3-4. At milepost 3.68 the Clemens Cabin trail junction travels 1.4 miles south to the Clemens cabin (by reservation only); the winter trail is 1.77 miles and begins at 0.25 mile. Possible 14.8-mile hike by connecting to the Primrose Trail at Lost Lake.

The route travels through spruce and hemlock forests until timberline at mile 5 then enters high country alpine where hiking off trail in any direction is possible. Designated campsites at mile 3.68, 7.3 on both sides of the bridge, and at mile 7, 6.4 and 5.4 on the Primrose trail (practice good Leave No Trace ethics and camp out of sight of the lake and trail).

Please do not build campfires in the Lost Lake/Primrose areas above mile 4.3. Dead and down firewood is very difficult to find, and campfires encourage others to cut and maim living hemlock trees. Camping is closed on the Lost Lake peninsulas to allow revegetation.

Wildlife includes marmots, mountain goats, moose, and bears. Fishing for rainbow trout at the outlet of Lost Lake. [Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game \(ADF&G\) hunting and fishing regulations.](#)

Special Considerations

Winter travel is possible via the winter route, but may be very icy for the first mile and travel may be difficult due to whiteout conditions above tree line.

Use caution with bear and moose. Giardia (a microscopic parasite that can infect warm-blooded animals and humans) could be present in all open water sources, filter surface water before drinking. Winter travel may be hazardous due to avalanches, thin lake ice, and disorienting fog and white out conditions above tree line. Winter travelers need to be able to evaluate avalanche and over-ice travel hazards. Be prepared for rapid weather changes. Remember to pack out your trash. You can contact a U.S. Forest Service office to receive more detailed information on safety precautions and Leave No Trace outdoor skills and ethics.

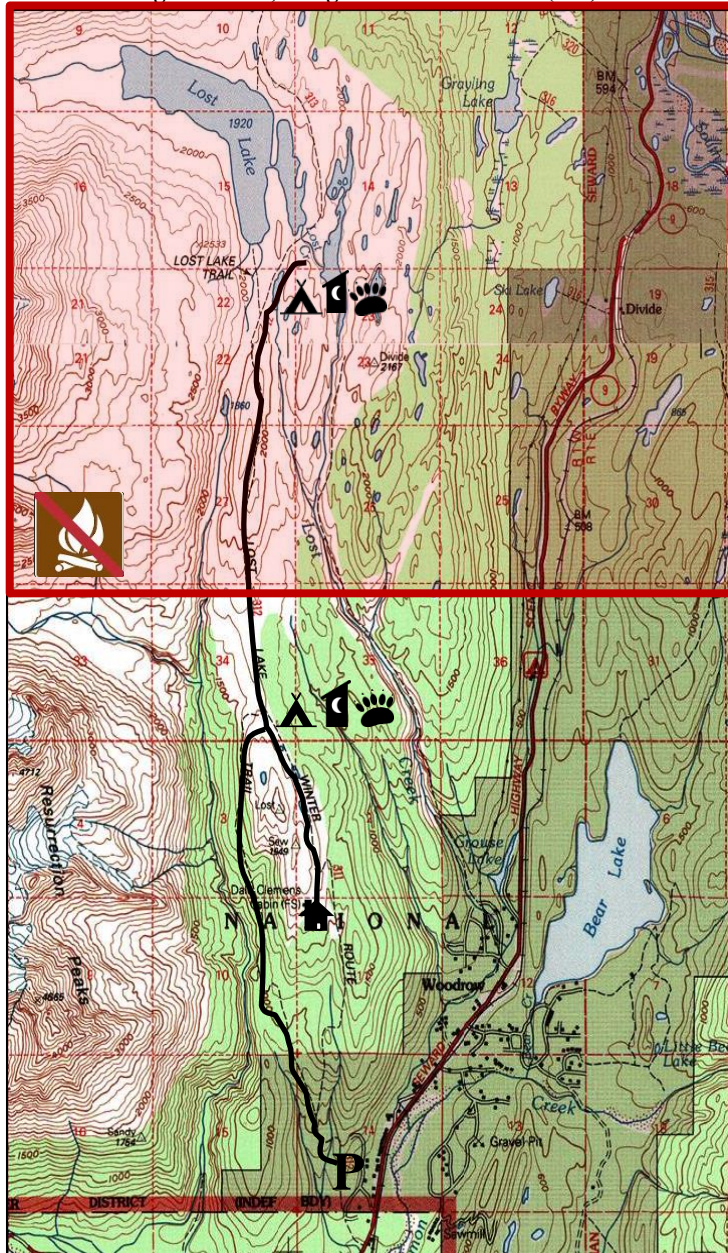
Cabin Reservations

Occupancy of Forest Service cabins is by permit only. Reservations may be made up to 180 days in advance by calling 1-877-444-6777 or via the Internet at www.recreation.gov.



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Map not to scale



Designated Campsites

Mile 3.68 N 60° 12' 57" W 149° 25' 18"

Mile 7.3 N 60° 15' 25" W 149° 24' 45"



Dale Clemen's Cabin

N60° 11' 51", W149° 24' 48"

Practice Leave No Trace ethics by camping
out of sight of the lake & trail.

LEGEND

- Lost Lake Trail
- Trailhead Parking
- Forest Service Cabin
- Designated Campsite
- Bear Box (food storage)
- Backcountry Toilet
- No Fire Area