



Copper Lake:

Difficulty: *City Walk*

Distance: *1.25 miles*

Trailhead Elevation: *4385 feet*; **Trailhead Lat/Long:** *47°26'19.67"N / 115°41'50.70"W*

Lake Elevation: *5000 feet*; **Lake Lat/Long:** *47°25'27.39"N / 115°42'16.85"W*

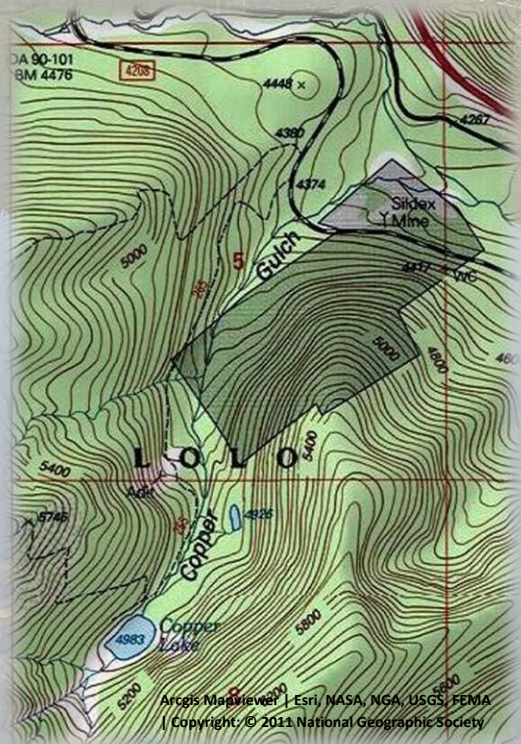


Getting There: *Take the exit atop Lookout Pass and head to the ski area. Hang a hard left, almost a U-turn, near the maintenance area on the old Northern Pacific Railroad grade. Head down the grade for a little over 2 miles. There is a nice place to park and a sign to the lake, well in 2024 the sign has been taken.*

You may also take the old US 10 highway that takes off directly from the interchange, but you will have to climb up a marginal road to get to the railroad grade



Copper Lake 2019



near the chair 2 road. Be careful on this road as there are several little sink holes





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that could bust a tire. The trail (#265) is an old mining road that is drivable with a SxS, motorcycle or E-bike. The road climbs steadily past an old mine tailings pile and eventually to the lake at about the 1.25-mile marker.

At the Lake: The lake itself is not much more than a pond; there might be a place or two more than 8 feet deep. A lot of the lake shore is swampy, especially early in the summer. There are some small fish available, but not big enough to keep.

There is a good camping site just off the road that is a bit beat up as people can drive in. There is an additional small site on the other side of the outlet.



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Kathy & I in 2025



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