



Lakes of the Great Burn & More

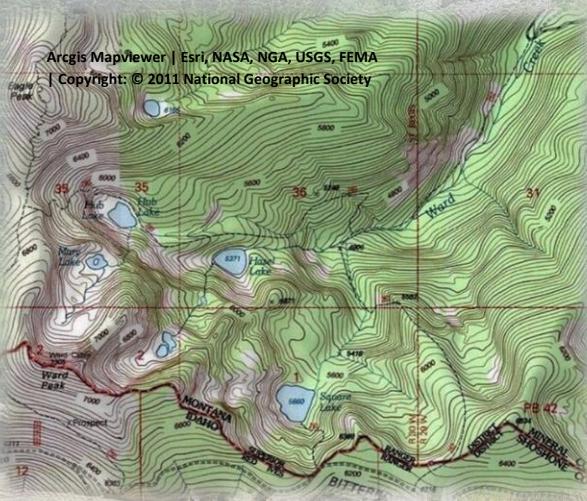
Hazel Lake:

Difficulty: *Classic*

Distance: *3.0 miles*

Trailhead Elevation: *4015 feet; Trailhead Lat/Long: 47°17'12.16"N / 115°20'19.52"W*

Lake Elevation: *5380 feet; Lake Lat/Long: 47°16'24.98"N / 115°21'52.44"W*



at mile 3. The lookout is rentable, but not recommended for small children for safety reasons. Trail (#262) starts out meandering through the bottoms and some cedar groves. The trail climbs moderately and after a mile or so you will get to a nice set of waterfalls that are far below the trail. It is a very steep climb down to them but worth it.

The trail splits shortly after the falls with trail #262 turning left steeply up the hill and back towards the state line; there is (was) a sign at the intersection. This is not a shortcut to Hazel Lake, nor does it go to Square Lake. Rather it ends up on the state line road (#391) about 1/4 mile from the Square Lake trailhead. You can see portions of it along the hillside across the valley if you look closely.

Getting There: Take the Ward Creek Road (#889) exit off I-90. The exit is only accessible from the East bound lanes and sits right on a sharp corner, if not paying attention you could miss it. Drive (~6 miles) to a switchback and bridge across Ward Creek where there is a sign for the trailhead and ample parking. Stay on the main road, you will pass the road that leads to Up Up Lookout

Kathy & I, Hazel Lake 2022





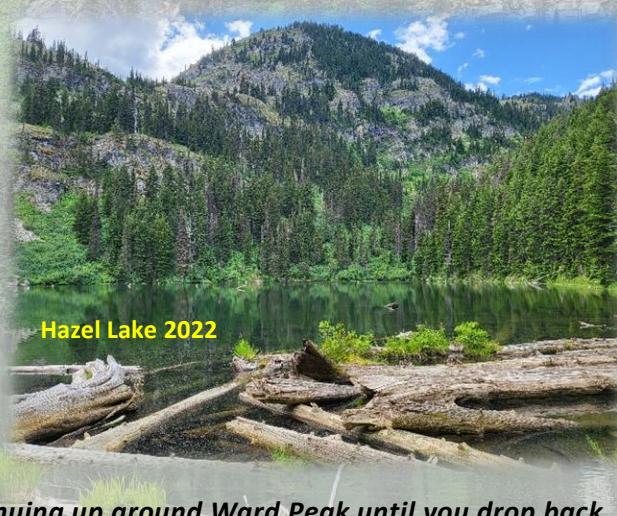
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Kelly Crossing Near Hazel Lake

Continue straight on trail #280 that heads back along the hillside to a couple of switchbacks before the trail lines out for the lake. The trail has plenty of water for your dog, so no need to take extra. Hazel Lake is about 3 miles from the trailhead.

At the Lake: *I have been to this lake a number of times but have not fished it in a long time. The lake contains Cutthroat Trout. It is a steep drop into the lake from the main trail and a campsite is on the other side of the outlet. Mosquitoes tend to be very prevalent so plan accordingly.*



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Hazel Lake 2024



Hazel Lake from Above 2025





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Hazel Lake from Mary Lake



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