



Thompson Pass Loop:

This is a loop route that begins and ends at Thompson Pass and visits all 4 lakes (Lower & Upper Blossum, Pear and Revett Lakes) in the Thompson Pass area.

Difficulty: *Classic (with about a mile of cross-country travel)*

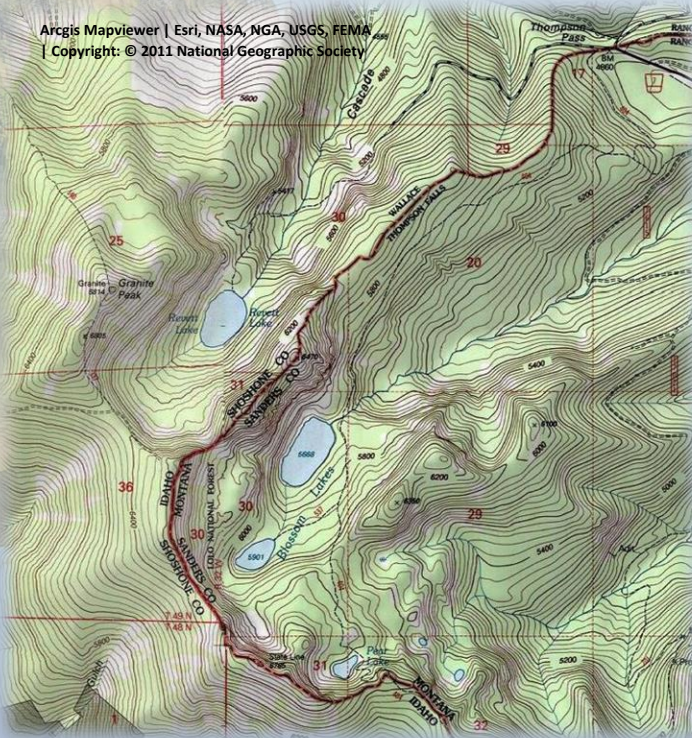
Distance: 10.0 miles

Trailhead Elevation (begin & end): 4850 feet.

Trailhead Lat/Long: 47°34'37.42"N / 115°43'0.10"W

Getting There: At the top of Thompson Pass trail #404 takes off just on the Montana side of the pass. There is a sign there where the trail takes off from the parking lot. The trail starts out very

flat as you walk on the remnants of an old road and along the old canal. The canal used to bring water over from Montana to the mining activities on the Idaho side of the crest. It is about a mile of good walking and then you turn up the hill into a series of switchbacks. After a bit the trail lines out at a good grade for about 1.5 miles before you top out and drop down a grade for a bit before going uphill again; but not nearly at the same grade. Except for a rocky outcrop and overlook, the entire trail is under the forest canopy and well shaded. There isn't any water along the entire route until just before the Lower Blossum Lake, so bring enough water for yourself and your dog. Except for at the 4 lakes there just isn't much water



available along the loop. To reach the Upper Blossum Lake cross over the outlet and head along the lower lake on a good trail; still trail #404. The upper lake is about a mile of easy walking in the shade, stay to the right on trail #537 at the half mile mark where the left fork (trail #404) continues to Pear Lake and eventually the state line trail. After visiting Upper Blossum Lake return on trail #537 and hang a right on trail #404 to Pear Lake. Trail #404 does climb a good bit with a couple switchbacks as you pass over the ridge from the Blossum Lake drainage into the upper portion of the Glidden Gulch but is still a pleasant hike. The trail eventually heads downhill to the lake. Continue past Pear Lake



Revett Lake 2023





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on trail #404 and climb up to the state line trail, which is just a continuation of trail #404. Head West (right) and up on the trail for about 1 mile until you look directly down at Upper Blossum Lake from the ridge at a steep and rocky switchback. The trail will swing south off the ridge and into the trees just after that. Leave the trail at that point and stay on the ridge. Follow the ridge until just before the dividing ridge between Revett and Blossum Lakes. There is a bit of a saddle there. At that point drop down the east side of the mountain, swinging below the rocky area and heading to the low saddle. Aim to split the prominent rockslides on the east hillside to attain the low saddle

along the dividing ridge; see the cross-country image. Head straight down through the rockslide on the Revett Lake side, then angle down towards Revett Lake taking the best route available. This portion is not steep and surprisingly not very brushy. You should end up at the west end of Revett Lake where

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shoreline trail around the lake. From there it is an easy hike back to the Revett Lake trailhead and back to Thompson Pass on the road.

The day Colter and I completed this loop there was a gentleman that hiked the same route except he went on to Granite Peak and then dropped into Revett from there. We also saw a man and his teenage son climb over the ridge from Lower Blossum Lake and drop into Revett Lake, we saw them at Revett Lake while we were having a snack.

