

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

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Cedar Creek # 141 4.5 miles

Recommended Season
Summer Fall

ACCESS: From Libby, travel 4.5 miles west on US Highway 2 and turn left onto the Cedar Creek Road. Travel 2.5 miles to Cedar Creek Trailhead #141

Trail accesses Cabinet Wilderness, lower and Upper Cedar Lake, and access to Scenery Mtn #649 at the one mile and the Cabinet Divide #360N, and North Fork Parmenter #139 where it ends at Upper Cedar Lake.

FACILITIES: Parking is limited, so stocker users are asked to park just below trailhead at the road junction just downstream of the trailhead. An old stock loading ramp is available at the trailhead.

SETTING: The lower section of the trail parallels Cedar Creek and passes through closed forest canopy. Just past the wilderness boundary the trail works through a fire from 1994, and downfall is common. Watch for falling snags if the wind picks up. The section between the lakes is rocky but open and provides spectacular views of the Cabinets and Lower Cedar Lake

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, backpacking, fishing, viewing scenery, horseback riding, hunting, and snowshoeing.

ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS: This trail runs adjacent to Cedar Creek for its entire length up to the Wilderness boundary. The first section of trail is located on an old wagon road that once accessed a mine. About a mile beyond the trailhead, Scenery Mountain Trail #649 departs to the north. The Cedar Creek trail provides access to Lower and Upper Cedar Lake, and offers fishing, and primitive campsites at both lakes.

TRAIL INFORMATION: This is a relatively gentle trail with good tread and is an excellent “arduous” day hike. The first 2 miles of the trail can be wet and boggy as there are several springs and streams that run across the trail. The upper section between Lower and Upper Cedar Lakes traverses through rock and stock users need to be cautious working through this section. This is grizzly bear country so take your bear spray.

ELEVATION: Beginning at 2800’ at the and ending at 5900’ at Upper Cedar Lake

USE: Moderate to High

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

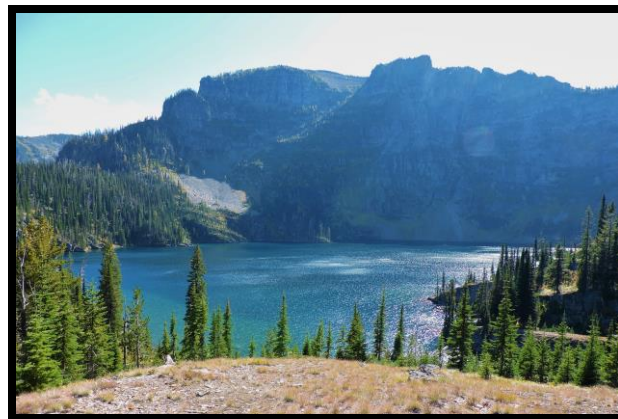
MAINTENANCE: Yearly **For Current Status**

- www.fs.usda.gov/activity/kootenai/recreation/hiking

MAPS: Forest Map & District Travel Maps

CLOSURES: All motorized use

RESTRICTIONS: Stock is not allowed within 200 feet of the lakes. Equine users are encouraged to minimize impact when tying stock, and highlines are recommended for longer periods.



Upper Cedar Lake

Cedar Cr. #141, Scenery Mtn. #649 & 649A, Norman Mtn. #316, Grambauer Ridge #319 & 322

