

Trail Hike and Alpine Fishing at Elk Lake



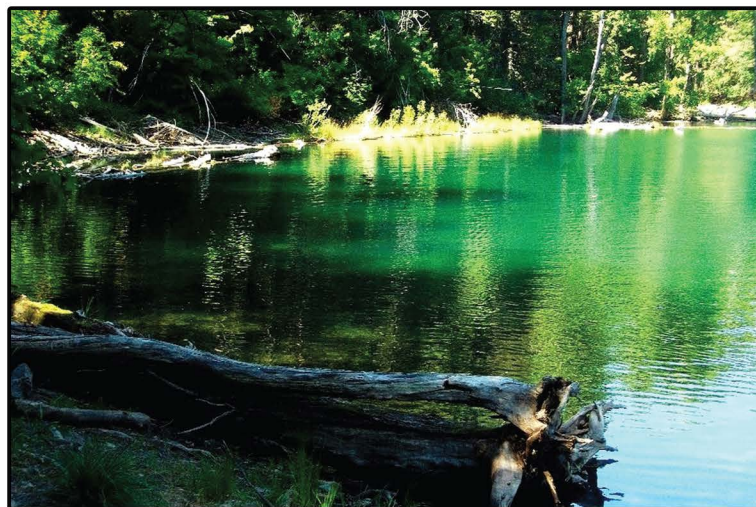
Trout Creek, Sanders Co., Montana

The Elk Lake hike is approximately 1-1.5 miles long. Although, there is a 4-wheeler trail that is for expert hikers which is only about 3/4 mile long. The 4-wheeler trail is very steep the entire way.

The directions: To get to the trailhead from Trout Creek, MT, you will travel West on MT Hwy 200 about one mile. Just beyond the highway bridge, there will be Blue Slide Road to the right. Take this road about 4-5 miles and just before you cross the first bridge on Blue Slide Road, you will take a left up Vermillion River Road. It is a dirt road. Take Vermillion River Road approximately 9.5 miles. Then take a left at the road marked 'Elk Lake Trailhead.' You will travel on this for 3 miles.

You can also access this trail starting in Thompson Falls, drive 1/2 mile west of town, go right at Blue Slide Road. Take Blue Slide Rd to Vermillion River Rd - go Right. Follow directions above to trailhead.

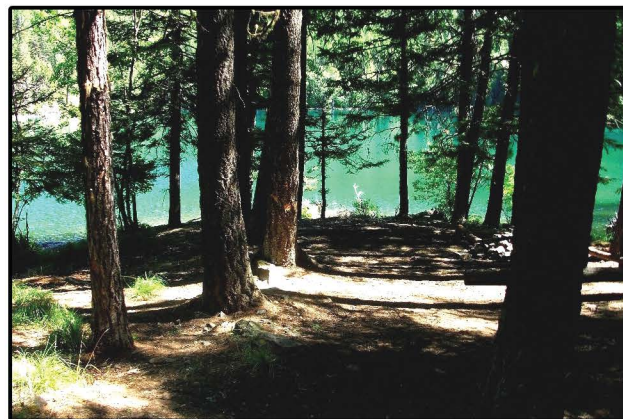
"My boyfriend, Jason, and I hiked the 4-wheeler trail up to Elk Lake," states Jubilee Anderson, "It is definitely not a beginner trail, but once we got to Elk Lake it was gorgeous and the fish were biting. We couldn't have asked for a better day."



Caution: The Elk Lake Road is a VERY rough and narrow road, so a 4-wheel drive vehicle is strongly recommended (and the higher the clearance, the better). There are many ruts and rocks on this road.

The trailhead will be to the right, the 4-wheeler trail is about 200ft beyond the trailhead sign on the road. We do not recommend taking a 4-wheeler up the 4-wheeler trail – yes, it's that steep.

There are camping spots available. Follow fire restrictions.



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For a complete list we suggest checking out this website:
<http://www.fishingworks.com/lakes/Montana/sanders/>

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