



North Montana Lake:

Difficulty: *City Walk*

Distance: *0.5 miles*

Trailhead Elevation: 6795 feet; **Trailhead Lat/Long:** 46°48'54.88"N / 114°46'6.04"W

Lake Elevation: 6600 feet; **Lake Lat/Long:** 46°48'42.78"N / 114°45'54.31"W



Getting There: *Take the Fish Creek Exit on I-90 and proceed up Fish Creek Road #343, for approximately 16 miles and turn right on Surveyor Creek Road #7734 for 12 miles to the Schley Mountain Trailhead. This is a rough 12 miles, especially the portion past the Surveyor Lake trailhead at 8.5 miles. The Schley Mountain Trailhead has several places to camp and park along with a vault toilet. This trailhead and campground are dry, so bring plenty of water if camping. This is not the actual end of the road.*



The gate is only open from when the snow is off until August 31; the gate is not open over Labor Day weekend. The road behind the gate is designated by the Forest Service as a non-maintained road. The Forest Service does not maintain or brush out this road.



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From the Schley Mountain trailhead walk back down the road for a quarter mile or so. Look for an obvious unmarked trail that drops off the road and heads down to the lake.

At the Lake: North Montana Lake is no more than a pothole and contains no fish. It is a bigger lake than Lenore Lake, but probably just doesn't have the right characteristics to maintain a viable trout population. There used to be a primitive campsite by the lake but has seemed to have disappeared over the years. Most of the visitation is just to look and possibly swim.



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