

Rachel Lake

Categories:

Camping

1-2 Nights

3-4 Nights

5+ Nights

Hiking

Easy

Moderate

Hard

Climbing

Easy

Moderate

Hard

Biking

Easy

Moderate

Hard

Afloat

River/Stream

Lake

Ocean

What made it great?

Rachel Lake hike is about 4.5 miles into the lake, 2100' elevation gain. Most elevation is in the last 1.5 miles. Its challenging, both in elevation gain, and the roughness of the trail (river crossing below a waterfall, roots, stepups, etc). However, the lake is stunning, perched on a bowl with a VERY thin lip on the south side. You can watch hawks fishing in the lake and hummingbirds flying around the trees. Fishing is good. An extra mile and 500' will get you to the Rampart lakes, which are incredible in late spring, with blue icebergs floating on them. Avoid the area in July due to mosquitoes.

Location

Near Lake Kachess, off I-90 just east of Snoqualmie Pass. Drive I-90 to the Stampede Pass/Lake Kachess exit 62 12.5 miles east of Snoqualmie Pass. Turn north and drive 5 miles to the Lake Kachess CG, then turn left for 4 mi on Box Canyon Road #4930, then left for again for .2 mi to TH. Trailpark Pass required

Appropriate/Available time of year/season

Late May through October depending on snow. Best in June or August/September. The June snow up there is a lot of fun.

Appropriate length of activity

Appropriate ages & group size

Most scouts can do the hike with proper equipment and preparation.

Approximate cost per youth

nominal.

Contact Information

Misc

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