

Recreation Opportunity Guide

LAKE DINAH TRAIL #12

Trail Beginning: 6320 ft. elevation. End of Forest Road #465
 Trail End: 6460 ft. elevation. Lake Dinah
 Trail Length: Approximately 2.0 miles (One Way)
 Season of Use: Summer/Fall
 Usage Rate: Moderate
 Difficulty: More Difficult
 Map Location:

Lolo National Forest Visitor Map - Seelev Lake
 USGS Topographic Quadrangles - Upp5r Jocko & Lake Marshall

Lake Size:

Lake Elsina - 30 acres - 6300 ft. elevation
 Lake Dinah - 36 acres - 6460 ft. elevation

NARRATIVE

Lake Dinah Trail, which begins at Lake Elsina, climbs a short distance and then gradually descends to the southwestern edge of Lake Dinah. Several suitable campsites are available at both lakes. The area is known to have played host to moose, deer, elk, mountain lion and bear. Lake Dinah reportedly supports some large cutthroat trout and can offer a very good view of the Seeley Lake Valley is seen from the trail on your approach to Lake Dinah. Wildflowers bloom a little later in the summer at this higher elevation.

ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS

The Lake Dinah Trail and surrounding area is closed to motorized vehicles year long. The last mite of access road to the trailhead is rough and may be difficult to traverse. Use of low clearance vehicles is not advised. The trail traverses primarily subalpine habitat forest. Come prepared with mosquito repellent too! No developed water source is available at Lake Elsina or Lake Dinah.

REMINDERS > Visitors are reminded to practice Leave No Trace Camping techniques in this fragile country.

We hope you enjoy your experience in the wild! If you would like further information, contact the Seeley Lake Ranger District at (406)677-2233, located three miles north of the town of Seeley Lake on Montana Highway 83.

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