**Alpine Lakes**

The WDFW defines alpine lakes as those above 2,500 feet in Western Washington. Because the overall terrain is higher in Eastern Washington, 3,500 feet is the alpine level there. In Lewis County, there are about 80 named alpine lakes, plus numerous smaller unnamed ones. Those listed here are either known to currently have fish, or have had fish in the recent past. A few lakes from other counties that may be of local interest are listed here as well. Note that most of these lakes do not have self-reproducing fish populations, and depend on stocking every few years to remain viable fisheries. An exception is those with eastern brook trout, which, unlike our native rainbow and cutthroat trout, often manage to spawn in lacustrine (lake) environments, using underwater springs or upwellings to circulate water around their eggs.

Unless otherwise noted, alpine lakes are open to fishing year-round, but access is usually available only during summer months. You may be able to reach some of them as early as May, depending on elevation, exposure and winter severity, but access is generally better from June or July through October. Access routes (roads or trails) listed here are not guaranteed to be open or serviceable. For updated road and trail information, call the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District office in Randle at (360) 497-1100, the Gifford Pinchot National Forest headquarters in Vancouver at (360) 891-5000, the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument headquarters in Amboy at (306) 449-7800, or Weyerhaeuser in Longview at (360) 425-2150 (press 1 for recreational access information).

The USFS Cowlitz Valley Ranger District map, which shows roads and trails in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF), parts of the Mt. Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest that are managed with the Gifford Pinchot, part of the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, plus Goat Rocks, Tatoosh, and William O. Douglas wilderness areas, is a very helpful reference for this area. Commercial products such as the *DeLorme Atlas and Gazetteer* and *Benchmark Maps Washington Road & Recreation Atlas* are also useful (note that the DeLorme maps show Range, Township, and Section plus latitude and longitude information, while the Benchmark maps show only latitude and longitude). The Washington Forest Protection Association’s St. Helens West hunting map is a good navigation aid for the southern part of our area, especially for finding your way into Castle Lake.


Locations are given first by Township, Range and Section, then by latitude and longitude in degrees, minutes, plus decimal degrees (xx.xxxx degrees N, -xxx.xxxx degrees W) in parentheses (except for “drive-to” lakes). NAD83/WGS84 datum is used. To get an overhead view of these lakes and to reconnoiter their surroundings, go to Google Earth on the internet and enter the second set of numbers (the numbers in parentheses).

**Anderson lakes:** Two connected lakes, the upper at 3,960 feet elevation and 1.5 acres, the lower at 3,870 feet and 8 acres. They drain via Lake Creek to the Nisqually River. Both have stunted populations of eastern brook trout. A few tiger muskies were stocked in 2005 to help control the brook trout over-population, with not much in the way of positive results so far. In the unlikely event you should hook a musky, and even more unlikely event you should land one, remember they have to be 50 inches to legally keep. A logging road passes between the lakes. T14N, R6E, Sec 15; 46 deg 41.68 min N, 122 deg 01.97 min W (46.6946, -121.0333) at outlet of upper lake.

**Art Lake:** Elevation 3,760 feet, size is 1.5 acres; drains via Lake Creek to the Cowlitz River. Stocked almost annually with westslope cutthroat trout fry, which take a year or two to reach a desirable size. USFS Road 4830 skirts the lake’s north edge. T13N, R10E, Sec 19; 46 deg 36.21 min N, 121 deg 36.438 min W (46.6035, -121.6073) at north end.

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Backbone Lake: Technically not an alpine lake, as elevation is only 2,081 feet. Size is 3.5 acres. Drains to the Cowlitz River. Although cutthroat have been stocked in the past, a self-reproducing population of eastern brook trout is likely all you’ll find now. Backbone may be accessible as early as April because of its lower elevation and exposure. Access is via a half-mile hike on Backbone Ridge Trail #164 from USFS Road 1270. T14N, R10E, Sec 30; 46 deg 40.81 min N, 121 deg 36.11 min W (46.680, -121.602) at southwest corner.

Bertha May lakes: Two connected lakes, upper at 4,055 feet and 30 acres, lower at 3,671 feet and 6 acres. The lower lake is sometimes identified as Pothole Lake. Drain via Teeley Creek and Big Creek to the Nisqually River. Both lakes have been stocked numerous times with eastern brook, rainbow and cutthroat trout, but dense sculpin populations are a serious impediment to trout survival. Rainbow trout fry are currently stocked every few years, and a few brookies are still caught. Located in Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest (but shown on the GPNF map), access is by a three-quarter mile hike on Trail #251 off of USFS Road 8410. T14N, R7E, Sec 16; 46 deg 41.976 min N, 121 deg 56.16 min W (46.6996, -121.936) at upper lake outlet.

Bill Lake: Elevation 5,100 feet, size 4 acres; drains via Summit Creek to the Ohanapecosh River. Stocked periodically, usually every other year, with westslope cutthroat fry. Located in the William O. Douglas Wilderness north of White Pass, access is cross-country (i.e., no trail) about one-fourth mile from the Pacific Crest Trail. T14N, R11E, Sec 11; 46 deg 43.104 min N, 121 deg 23.322 min W (46.7184, -121.3887) at west shore.

Bishop Ridge Pond: Elevation 4,275 feet, 2.5 acres; drains to the North Fork Cispus River. Westslope cutthroat fry are stocked periodically, usually every other year, but the shallow nature of the lake leads to occasional winterkill. In Gifford Pinchot National Forest, several hundred feet from USFS Road 7802. T11N, R9E, Sec 21; 46 deg 25.884 min N, 121 deg 42.264 min W (46.4314, -121.7044) at west shore.

Blue Lake: Elevation 4,058 feet, size 128 acres; drains via Blue Lake Creek to the Cispus River. This relatively large, deep lake in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest is not stocked, but provides decent fishing for eastern brook trout, with an occasional rainbow or cutthroat reported. The lake has campsites, outhouses, picnic tables, plus a decent trail around the lake. Blue Lake Trail #271 leads from USFS Road 23 to the outlet, a distance of about three miles, and is open to motorized bikes. T11N, R9E, Sec 33; 46 deg 24.222 min N, 121 deg 41.916 min W (46.4037, -121.6986) at outlet.

Bluff Lake: Elevation 3,845 feet, size 8 acres; drains via Purcell Creek to the Cowlitz River. Bluff has a self-reproducing eastern brook trout population, and is also stocked periodically, usually every other year, with westslope cutthroat fry. Located in the Goat Rocks Wilderness, access is via a two-mile hike on Trail #65 off of USFS Road 4612. T14N, R10E, Sec 34; 46 deg 39.48 min N, 121 deg 32.832 min W (46.658, -121.5472) at south end of lake. The trail heads at approximately 46 deg 39.27 min N, 121 deg 34.20 min W (46.6535, -121.570).

Castle Lake (Cowlitz County): Elevation 2,592 feet, size 264 acres; drains via Castle Creek to the North Fork Toutle River. Self-reproducing rainbow trout provide an excellent fishery, mostly catch-and-release, for those willing to put forth the effort. **Special fishing regulations are in effect, be sure to check the latest Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet.** Access is via a difficult hike downhill from Weyerhaeuser Road 3000 (from which the lake is visible), or an easier but longer hike down closed and poorly-marked logging roads connecting to Road 3000. Note that this road, which is jointly managed by Weyerhaeuser and the state DNR, is often snowbound until summer. T19N, R4E, Sec 14; 46 deg 15.6 min N, 122 deg 16.85 min W (46.260, -122.281) at outlet; 46 deg 14.904 min N, 122 deg 16.89 min W (46.2484, -122.2815) at westernmost shoreline.

Chambers Lake: Elevation 4,438 feet, size 14.4 acres; drains via Chambers Creek to the Cispus River. Self-reproducing brook trout, mostly stunted from overpopulation, provide the bulk of the fishery here.

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Catchable-size brown trout are stocked annually, and can grow to a decent size with all those little brookies to feed on. Located in Gifford Pinchot National Forest, USFS Road 2150 leads to a well-developed campground near the eastern shore. T11N, R10E, Sec 2.

**Coldwater Lake (Cowlitz and Skamania counties):** Elevation 2,493 feet, size 766 acres; drains via South Coldwater Creek to the North Fork Toutle River. A self-reproducing population of rainbow trout provides most of the excellent fishery, with both westslope and coastal cutthroat trout also present. **Special fishing regulations are in effect; be sure to check the latest Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet.** Access is via a well-marked side road off of Highway SR-504, downhill from the closed Coldwater Ridge Visitor’s Center. There is a well-developed access at the south end, with a paved single-lane boat launch, paved parking area, fish-cleaning station and rest rooms. Shoreline access is limited, but there are a few spots to fish from Lakes Trail #211, which heads at the boat launch. Fishing from unauthorized places will likely get you an expensive ticket from the Forest Service. The Forest Service charges a fee to use the area. **Internal combustion (gasoline) engines are not allowed on the lake.** Afternoon winds seem to always be blowing away from the boat launch, making it a challenge to get back in a float tube or small boat.

**Cora Lake:** Elevation 3,832 feet, size 28 acres; drains via Big Creek to the Nisqually River. Similar to nearby Bertha May lakes (described above), abundant sculpins make it difficult to establish a trout fishery. Also like Bertha May, limited success has been achieved with the current stocking plan of rainbow fry every few years. A few self-reproducing brook trout are present as well. Located in Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest (but shown on the GPNF map), access is via Trail #252 of off USFS Road 8420. T14N, R7E, Sec 23; 46 deg 41.442 min N, 121 deg 53.40 min W (46.6907, -121.890) at outlet.

**Coyote Lake:** Elevation 5,140 feet, size 4 acres; drains via Coyote Creek to the Clear Fork Cowlitz River. Stocked periodically with westslope cutthroat or rainbow trout fry, with the last plant of rainbows in 2009. Located in the Goat Rocks Wilderness, this beautiful lake in a spectacular setting is accessible via a cross-country hike or a secondary trail off of Trail #76, with a lung-testing 1,900 foot elevation gain from the Clear Fork. T13N, R10E, Sec 13; 46 deg 36.8 min N, 121 deg 29.82 min W (46.6127, -121.496) at eastern corner.

**Deadmans Lake (Skamania County):** Elevation 4,360 feet, size 34 acres; drains via Quartz Creek to the Cispus River. This lake in the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument contains numerous stunted eastern brook trout. Trail #217-C off of Goat Mountain Trail #217 leads to the lake. T10N, R5E, Sec 1; 46 deg 22.698 min N, 122 deg 07.752 min W (46.3783, -122.1292) at access.

**Duck Lake:** Elevation 3,169 feet, size 14 acres; drains through Goose Lake and Lake Creek to the Little Nisqually River. Although eastern brook, cutthroat and rainbow trout have all been stocked in the past, only the brookies seem to have persevered. The lake is not currently stocked, but the self-reproducing brook trout population provides a fishery. Located in the Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest (but shown on the GPNF map), access is via a half-mile trail from Goose Lake (see below). T14N, R4E, Sec 29; 46 deg 39.87 min N, 122 deg 19.776 min W (46.6645, -122.3296) at outlet.

**Dumbell Lake:** Elevation 5,091 feet, size 41.6 acres; drains via Buesch Lake and Summit Creek to the Ohanapecosh River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked in alternate years, last in 2011. Located in the William O. Douglas Wilderness, easiest access is via Cramer Lake Trail #1106 from Dog Lake Campground to Trail #1156A, a hike of about 3.5 miles. T14N, R11E, Sec 24; 46 deg 41.43 min N, 121 deg 22.50 min W (46.6905, -121.375) at easternmost point (which is on or near the Yakima County line).

**Frying Pan Lake:** Elevation 4,814 feet, size 23 acres; drains via Summit Creek to Ohanapecosh River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked every other year, last in 2011. Located in the William O. Douglas Wilderness, access is via trails #44 and #43 from Soda Springs campground. Total hiking distance is about 4.5 miles. T14N, R11E, Sec 3; 46 deg 44.028 min N, 121 deg 25.074 min W (46.7338, -121.4179) at north end.

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Gertrude Lake: Elevation 5,736 feet, size 14 acres; drains via Walupt Lake and Walupt Creek to the Cispus River. Gertrude has a self-reproducing population of rainbow trout from a 1951 plant. Located in the Goat Rocks Wilderness, access is 4.3 miles from Walupt Lake on Walupt Lake Trail #101 to the Pacific Crest Trail, then cross-country another 1.5 miles. T11N, R11E, Sec 35; 46 deg 23.538 min N, 121 deg 23.904 min W (46.3923, -121.3984) at north end.

Glacier Lake: Elevation 2,905 feet, size 19.8 acres; drains via Glacier Creek and Johnson Creek to Cowlitz River. Self-reproducing brook trout. Located in the Goat Rocks Wilderness, access is a two-mile hike via Trail #89 off of USFS Road 2110. T12N, R10E, Sec 8; 46 deg 32.87 min N, 121 deg 35.256 min W (46.548, -121.5876) at west end.

Goose Lake: Elevation 2,863 feet, size 8 acres; drains via Lake Creek to the Little Nisqually River. Similar to nearby Duck Lake, which feeds into Goose, self-reproducing eastern brook trout dominate the fishery. Rainbow trout apparently manage a little reproduction in the lake’s tributaries, as a few are caught. Brown trout fry are currently stocked every other year, in hopes that they’ll grow big enough to thin out the brook trout population. Located in the Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest (but shown on the Gifford Pinchot map), access is via USFS Road 74 and Spur 209, which passes a couple hundred feet east of the lake. T14N, R4E, Sec 29; 46 deg 40.128 min N, 122 deg 19.548 min W (46.6688, -122.3258) at east shore.

Granite Lake: Elevation 4,175 feet, size 29 acres; drains via Teeley Creek and Big Creek to Nisqually River. Cutthroat and rainbow trout have been stocked in the past, but eastern brook trout seem to be the only survivors here now. An occasional lunker brookie is taken. Located in the Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest, but managed by and shown on the GPNF map. Access is via a half-mile hike past Bertha May Lake on Trail #251, off of USFS Road 8410. T14N, R7E, Sec 16; 46 deg 41.88 min N, 121 deg 55.54 min W (46.698, -121.926) at outlet.

Greenwood Lake: Elevation 4,462 feet, size 7.5 acres; drains via Catt Creek and Big Creek to the Nisqually River. Self-reproducing eastern brook trout grow to decent size here. Greenwood is located in the Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest, but shown on the GPNF map. Access is via Trail #253, which crosses USFS Road 8511 about half a mile south of the lake, but is poorly-maintained and difficult to follow. T14N, R7E, Sec 34; 46 deg 39.546 min N, 121 deg 54.63 min W (46.6591, -121.9105) at northwest corner.

Hager Lake: Elevation 2,932 feet, size 2 acres; drains via Hager Creek and Hall Creek to the Cowlitz River. The state Game Department tried to rehabilitate the lake with rotenone in 1980 to remove a stunted eastern brook trout population, but this effort failed. Some brook trout survived, and the lake is again over-populated with stunted brookies. Rainbow trout fry are planted periodically, last in 2009. USFS Road 48 passes close by the south end of the lake, and secondary road 4830 crosses the outlet just west of the lake. T13N, R9E, Sec 35; 46 deg 34.668 min N, 121 deg 38.202 min W (46.5778, -121.6367) at west end.

Hugo lakes: Two connected lakes, the upper at 4,013 feet elevation, the lower at 3,990 feet; both are 1.5 acres in size and drain via Johnson Creek to the Cowlitz River. Although the lower lake once supported a small population of westslope cutthroat, it and the upper lake are now probably too shallow and swampy for trout survival. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, USFS Road 21 passes a few hundred feet to the west of these lakes.

Jackpot Lake: Elevation 4,551 feet, size 5.5 acres; drains via Jackpot Creek to the North Fork Cispus River. Stocked almost annually with westslope cutthroat trout fry. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, USFS Road 20 passes a few hundred feet north of the lake. T11N, R9E, Sec 4; 46 deg 28.04 min N, 121 deg 41.88 min W (46.4672, -121.698) at north end.

Janelle Lake: See West Fork Lake below.
**Jess Lake:** Elevation 5,118 feet, size 4 acres; drains via Summit Creek to Ohanapecosh River. Stocked almost annually with westslope cutthroat trout fry. Located in the William O. Douglas Wilderness, Jess is a short hike cross-country from the Pacific Crest Trail. T14N, R11E, Sec 14; 46 deg 42.32 min N, 121 deg 23.26 min W (46.7051, -121.3877) at southeast corner.

**Johnson Lake:** Elevation 4,222 feet, size varies 4 - 8 acres; drains via Johnson Creek and Skate Creek to the Cowlitz River. Westslope cutthroat trout have been stocked in the past, but are not currently part of the management plan here. The lake does have a self-reproducing population of coastal-strain cutthroat trout, however, which can make the arduous hike worthwhile. Located in the Tatoosh Wilderness, access is via a steep, rocky one-mile hike up the outlet creek from overgrown USFS Road 4745. T14N, R8E, Sec 2; 46 deg 43.82 min N, 121 deg 46.09 min W (46.730, -121.7683) at outlet.

**Jug Lake:** Elevation 4,416 feet, size 28 acres; drains via Jug Creek and Summit Creek to the Ohanapecosh River. Jug is not currently stocked, but has self-reproducing, stunted eastern brook trout. Located in the William O. Douglas Wilderness, access is from Soda Springs campground via Trail #44 to Trail #43, a distance of about 3.5 miles. T14N, R11E, Sec 9; 46 deg 43.42 min N, 121 deg 26.13 min W (46.724, -121.436) at northeast corner.

**Knuppenburg Lake:** Elevation 4,106 feet, size 4.5 acres; drains via Millridge Creek to the Clear Fork Cowlitz River. Ever wonder about that little lake on the right just before you get to White Pass going east on Highway US-12? That’s Knuppenburg. It has been planted with rainbow, cutthroat, eastern brook and brown trout in the past, but currently only catchable-size browns are stocked. There is some eastern brook trout natural reproduction, though, so you might find either browns or brookies. High winter flows scour out the spawning gravel and even flush fish out of the lake, so the population never seems to grow too large. There is a pull-out and picnic area.

**Leech Lake (Yakima County):** Elevation 4,412 feet, size 41 acres. Just east of White Pass on the north side of Highway US-12, **this lake is open to fly-fishing only.** It has a self-reproducing population of eastern brook trout, and triploid rainbow trout have been stocked. Facilities include a Forest Service campground and boat launch, but **motors are prohibited.** Be sure to check the latest Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet for special regulations.

**Lily Lake:** Elevation 3,655 feet, size 25 acres; drains to the Clear Fork Cowlitz River. Self-reproducing eastern brook trout inhabit the lake, but never seem to be abundant, which allows them to grow to a better-than-average size. Located in the Goat Rocks Wilderness, access is via USFS Road 46 and a short hike from Trail #61. T13N, R11E, Sec 6; 46 deg 38.59 min N, 121 deg 28.38 min W (46.6245, -121.473) at north end.

**Lone Tree Lake:** Elevation 3,880 feet, size 2.5 acres; drains via Cunningham Creek to the Cowlitz River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked every other year, last in 2011. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, spur 012 from USFS Road 5505 passes several hundred feet north of the lake. T12N, R8E, Sec 32; 46 deg 28.95 min N, 121 deg 50.30 min W (46.4825, -121.8385) at north end.

**Long Lake:** Elevation 3,822 feet, size 7 acres; drains via Willame Creek to the Cowlitz River. Annually-stocked catchable-size brown trout provide the current fishery. The lake is visible and can be accessed from USFS Road 4720 passing to the north. T13N, R8E, Sec 9; 46 deg 37.752 min N, 121 deg 48.26 min W (46.6292, -121.804) at outlet.

**Lost Lake:** Elevation 5,165 feet, size 21 acres; drains via Lost Creek and Coal Creek to the Cowlitz River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked periodically, last in 2009. Note: there are at least 31 “lost” lakes in Washington, but this is the only one you’ll find in Lewis County that has fish in it. Located in the Goat Rocks Wilderness; access is by way of Clear Creek Trail #76 to Trail #78, a strenuous hike of almost eight miles from Highway US-12, with an elevation gain of 2,750 feet. T13N, R10E, Sec 23; 46 deg 36.0 min N, 121 deg 30.69 min W (46.600, -121.5115) at south end.

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Lost Hat Lake: Elevation 5,580 feet, size 3 acres; drains via Lava Creek to the Clear Fork Cowlitz River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked periodically, last in 2011. Located in the Goat Rocks Wilderness about two miles north of Lost Lake (see above); access is via trails #76 and #78. T13N, R10E, Sec 13; 46 deg 37.152 min N, 121 deg 30.53 min W (46.6192, -121.509) at north end.

Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked periodically, last in 2011. Located in the Goat Rocks Wilderness about two miles north of Lost Lake (see above); access is via trails #76 and #78. T13N, R10E, Sec 13; 46 deg 37.152 min N, 121 deg 30.53 min W (46.6192, -121.509) at north end.

McKinley Lake: Elevation 3,180 feet, size 3 acres; drains to East Fork Tilton River. The beaver dam impounding this former brook trout lake has broken, effectively draining the lake and eliminating that fishery.

Moss Lake: Elevation 3,025 feet, size 3.5 acres; drains to Newaukum Lake and the South Fork Newaukum River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked every other year (last in 2011), and eastern brook trout may also be present. Road E337 leads to near the lake. T14N, R3E, Sec 31; 46 deg 39.678 min N, 122 deg 28.65 min W (46.6613, -122.478) at outlet.

Mouse Lake: Elevation 4,475 feet, size 9 acres; drains via Mouse Creek and Buck Creek to the Cispus River. Westslope cutthroat fry have been planted, but not in recent years. The lake is subject to winterkill because it’s so shallow, so should be considered a poor prospect. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, access is via a half-mile hike from the end of Spur 642 off of USFS Road 7812. T10N, R9E, Sec 14; 46 deg 21.558 min N, 121 deg 39.828 min W (46.3593, -121.6638) at outlet.

Mud Lake: Elevation 4,864 feet, size 7.5 acres; drains via Timonium Creek to the Cispus River. Similar to Mouse Lake (see above), winterkill is a danger to fish survival. Westslope cutthroat fry are still stocked periodically, last in 2010. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Spur 027 off of USFS Road 7807 leads to the lake. T11N, R10E, Sec 31; 46 deg 23.71 min N, 121 deg 36.97 min W (46.395, -121.616) at road access.

Newaukum Lake: Elevation 2,982 feet, size 17 acres; drains to the South Fork Newaukum River. The self-reproducing eastern brook trout appear to be stunted from over-population. Brown trout fry have been introduced the last couple years in hopes they’ll grow big enough to thin out the brookies. Road E337 leads near the lake. T14N, R3E, Sec 30; 46 deg 39.99 min N, 122 deg 28.56 min W (46.6665, -122.476) at outlet.

Packwood Lake: Elevation 2,857 feet, size 452 acres; drains via Lake Creek to the Cowlitz River. Unlike other alpine lakes listed here, Packwood has a closed season: open last Saturday in April through October 31. Special regulations are also in effect; be sure to check the latest Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet. Various strains of rainbow trout have been stocked here in the past, but the unique Packwood rainbows have managed to survive “gene pool intrusion.” More closely resembling inland, or “redband” rainbows, these beautiful fish are more colorful than coastal rainbow trout. They don’t seem to grow to trophy size, with 12 to 14 inches near maximum. Packwood Trail #78 heads at USFS Road 1260; motor bikes are allowed. Distance to the lake is 4.6 miles. T13N, R10E, Sec 21; 46 deg 34.07 min W (46.3955, -121.568) at outlet.

Pipe Lake: Elevation 5,194 feet, size 8.5 acres; drains via Jess Lake and Summit Creek to the Ohanapecosh River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked periodically, last in 2011. Located in the William O. Douglas Wilderness, the Pacific Crest Trail skirts the eastern edge of the lake. One glance from the air or Google Earth will validate the name. T14N, R11E, Sec 14; 46 deg 41.95 min W (46.603, -121.385) at northeast corner.

Pothole Lake: See Bertha May lakes above.

St. John Lake: Elevation 5,108 feet, size 3 acres; drains via St. John Creek to the North Fork Cispus River. This is one of the few places Washington anglers can hope to catch a golden trout. Golden trout fry have been unavailable for the last several years, however, so fishing is likely to be slow or non-existent this year. WDFW hopes to have some goldens to stock in 2012. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.
Access is via either a steep uphill climb from the north side of St. Michael Lake (see below), or a longer but easier hike on Trail #7, accessible by cross-country hike from USFS Road 20 or Road 2130. T 11N, R10E, Sec 6; 46 deg 28.19 min N, 121 deg 37.11 min W (46.470, -121.6185) at east end.

**St. Michael Lake:** Elevation 4,714 feet, size 9 acres; drains via St. Michael Creek to the North Fork Cispus River. Westslope cutthroat are stocked periodically, and a few golden trout have been slipped in on the way to St. John Lake in the past. In addition, a few self-reproducing rainbow trout are reported. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. A three-quarter mile hike cross-country up the outlet creek, accessible from Spur 670 off of USFS Road 2212, will get you there. T11N, R10E, Sec 6; 46 deg 27.69 min N, 121 deg 37.44 min W (46.4615, -121.624) at outlet.

**Snow Lake:** Elevation 4,938 feet, size 8 acres; drains via Summit Creek to the Ohanapecosh River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked periodically, last in 2011, but occasional winterkill occurs due to the shallow depth. Located in the William O. Douglas Wilderness, access is either by way of trails #44 and #45 from Soda Springs campground, or from the Pacific Crest Trail, which skirts the western shoreline. T14N, R11E, Sec 11; 46 deg 43.398 min N, 121 deg 24.228 min W (46.7233, -121.4038) at west end.

**Snyder Lake:** Technically not an alpine lake, as the elevation is only 2,038 feet; size is 3 acres; drains via Snyder Creek and Hall Creek to the Cowlitz River. Snyder has a self-reproducing population of eastern brook trout. Due to it’s lower elevation, it may be accessible as early as late March or early April. Located within a few hundred feet of USFS Road 1260. T13N, R9E, Sec 26; 46 deg 35.628 min N, 121 deg 38.652 min W (46.5938, -121.6442) at outlet.

**Vanson Lake:** Elevation 4,514 feet, size 10 acres; drains via Green River to the Toutle River. Over-populated and stunted eastern brook trout are available. Located in the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. Vanson Lake Trail #217-B is a quarter-mile spur off of Goat Mountain Trail #217, which heads on USFS Road 2612 near Ryan Lake. An alternative route is by way of Trail #205, which heads at the end of USFS Road 2750, to trails #217 and #217-B. T11N, R5E, Sec 27; 46 deg 24.192 min N, 122 deg 09.54 min W (46.4032, -122.159) at access on east shore.

**Walupt Lake:** Elevation 3,927 feet, size 384 acres; drains via Walupt Creek to the Cispus River. Rainbow trout similar to the Packwood strain (see above) are the dominant species. Cutthroat were stocked prior to 1970, and some cutthroat and cutthroat/rainbow hybrids occur. Trout are no longer stocked. Unlike other alpine lakes listed here, but like nearby Packwood Lake, Walupt has a closed season: open last Saturday in April through October 31. Various special regulations are in effect to protect the self-reproducing fish populations; be sure to check the latest Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet. USFS Road 2160 leads to the lake, with a large campground and boat launch facilities; internal combustion (gasoline) engines are not allowed. T11N, R11E, Sec 19 at access.

**Watch Lake:** Elevation 3,559 feet, size 15 acres; drains via Lake Creek and Silver Creek to the Cowlitz River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked in alternate years, last in 2011. A Murray-Pacific logging road skirts the north side of the lake, but is not reliably open to vehicular traffic. Anglers can also hike in from USFS Road 7561. T13N, R7E, Sec 31; 46 deg 34.49 min N, 121 deg 58.45 min W (46.575, -121.974) at northeast corner.

**West Fork Lake:** Elevation 3,301 feet, size 7 acres; also known as Janelle Lake, drains via the West Fork Tilton River to the Tilton and Cowlitz rivers. Westslope cutthroat fry are stocked about once every three years, last in 2011. The lake also has a thriving crayfish population. Although this lake is located in the Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest, it is shown on the Gifford Pinchot map. Access is down the hill a few hundred feet from a secondary road off of USFS Road 74. T14N, R4E, Sec 32; 46 deg 39.52 min N, 122 deg 19.21 min W (46.659, -122.320) at outlet.
**Willame Lake:** Elevation 4,062 feet, size 7 acres; drains via Willame Creek to the Cowlitz River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked in alternate years, last in 2011. **Willame has a closed season:** open last Saturday in April through October 31. *Special size and gear rules are also in effect;* be sure to check the latest Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet. A well-worn trail off of USFS Road 4730, Spur 042, which passes within half a mile, leads to the lake. T13N, R8E, Sec 21; 46 deg 35.778 min N, 121 deg 48.36 min W (46.5963, -121.806) at west end.

**Wobbly Lake:** Elevation 3,333 feet, size 8 acres; drains via Wobbly Creek to the North Fork Cispus River. Eastern brook trout provide decent action here. The state record brook trout (9 pounds!) was reportedly caught from this small lake in 1988 after an apparently unsuccessful rehabilitation attempt by the state. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Access is via Trail #273, a hike of about 1.75 miles from the trailhead on USFS Road 2208. T11N, R10E, Sec 20; 46 deg 25.35 min N, 121 deg 35.82 min W (46.423, -121.597) at north end.

**Wright Lake:** Elevation 3,100 feet, size 3.5 acres; drains via Johnson Creek to the Cowlitz River. Westslope cutthroat trout fry are stocked every other year, last in 2011, and an occasional lunker rainbow or cutthroat is reported. Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. USFS Road 21 passes a few hundred feet north and west, with a rough dirt road sneaking south through the trees to the lake. Access is hindered by brush and aquatic vegetation that completely surrounds the lake. T12N, R10E, Sec 33; 46 deg 29.628 min N, 121 deg 34.53 min W (46.4938, -121.5755) at north end.
High Lakes Fishing
Southwest Washington

Codes:  BRN - brown trout       EB - eastern brook trout
        CT - cutthroat trout       RB - rainbow trout
        SRP - self-reproducing     TLCT - twin lake cutthroat
        TT - tiger trout

Drive Up Lakes

Cowlitz County

Castle Lake (200 acres; 09N-4E-23) - SRP RB
        Contact Gifford Pinchot Forest Service for access information
        (360) 891-5000

Coldwater Lake (750 acres; 10N-5E-31, 09N-4E-1) - SRP CT, SRP RB, SRP TLCT
        Fee area to enter the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument
        Boat launch, picnic area
        Electric motors only, 5 mph speed within 100 yards of dock, launch
        or occupied shoreline
        Directions: Take the Castle Rock exit off I-5, then east on SR 504 to
                    the Visitor’s Center.

Lewis County

Walupt Lake (384 acres, max depth 200+ ft.; 11N-11E-28,28) - SRP CT & RB
        Campground, boat launch
        Gas and electric motors allowed. Maximum speed 10 mph.
        Directions: From I-5 take US 12 east to FS 21 (just west of the
town of Packwood). Take FS 21 south to FS 2160.

Skamania County

Big Mosquito (24 acres, max depth 15 ft.; 7N-8E-2) - EB
        Electric motors only.
        Directions: Travel HWY 14 east to Cook Rd. Take Cook Road
                    through the town of Willard. Take FS 66 to FS 60,
                    then to FS 24. Take FS 8851 to lake.
Chain of Lakes (30 acres, max depth 15 ft.; 9N-10E-5) - BRN, EB
   Campground
   Boat motors not allowed
   Directions: Take HWY 12 from I-5 east to Randle. Travel south from Randle on FS 131 (becomes FS 25) to FS 23. Turn left onto FS 23. At the FS 2329 junction turn left onto 2329. Take right on FS 022.

Council Lake (48 acres, max depth 46 ft.; 9N-9E-13) - EB
   Campground
   Electric motors only
   Directions: Take HWY 12 from I-5 east to Randle. Travel south from Randle on FS 131 (becomes FS 25) to FS 23. Turn left onto FS 23. Turn off FS 2334.

Forlorn Lakes (1-20 acres; 6N-8E-36) - CT, EB, RB, TT
   Campground
   Boat motors not allowed
   Directions: Travel HWY 14 east to Cook Rd. Take Cook Rd. through the town of Willard. Take FS 66 to FS 020 (turns into 6135 then into 6035).

Goose Lake (58 acres, max depth 25 ft.; 5N-8E-11) - BT, CT-Sea Run, EB
   Campground, boat launch
   Electric motors only
   Directions: Travel HWY 14 east to Cook Rd. Take Cook Rd. through the town of Willard. Take FS 66 to FS 020, then to FS 60.

Hidden Lakes (4-8 acres, max depth 6-10 ft.; 7N-8E-36, 7N-9E-31) - EB
   Boat motors not allowed
   Directions: Travel HWY 14 east to Cook Rd. Take Cook Rd. through the town of Willard. Take FS 66 to FS 60, then to FS 24. Take FS 24 to FS 168.

Horseshoe Lake (24 acres; 10N-10E-33) - EB, TT
   Campground
   Electric motors only
   Directions: Take HWY 12 from I-5 east to Randle. Travel south from Randle on SR 131 (becomes FS 25) to FS 23. Turn left on FS 23. At the FS 2329 junction, turn left and on to 2329. Follow 2329 past Takhlakh Lake. Hike into lake.
Little Fish Lake (4.5 acres, max depth 25 ft.; 8N-9E-29) - EB
    Boat motors not allowed
    Directions: Travel HWY 14 east to Cook Rd. Take Cook Rd. through the town of Willard. Take FS 66 to FS 60, then to FS 24. Take FS 24 to FS 8851. Turn north on FS 88 go to FS 8871.

Ollalie Lake (15 acres; 9N-10E-6) - BRN, EB
    Campground, boat launch
    Electric motors only
    Directions: Take HWY 12 east from I-5 to Randle. Travel south on SR 131 (becomes FS 25) to FS 23. Turn left on FS 23. At the FS 2329 junction turn left on 2329. Take FS 5601 to lake.

Steamboat Lake (9 acres, max depth 10 ft.; 8N-9E-31, 7N-9E-5) - BRN, EB
    Campground, picnic area
    Boat motors not allowed
    Directions: Travel HWY 14 east to Cook Rd. Take Cook Rd. through the town of Willard. Take FS 66 to FS 60, then to FS 24. Take FS 24 to FS 8851 then FS 8854 to campground.

Surprise Lake (17 acres, max depth 12 ft.; 7N-8E-13) - EB
    Directions: Travel HWY 14 east to Cook Rd. Take Cook Rd. through the town of Willard. Take FS 66 to FS 60, then to FS 24. Take FS 24 to campground.

Takhlakh Lake (35.5 acres; 9N-10E-8) - EB
    Campground, boat launch, picnic area
    Electric motors only
    Directions: Take HWY 12 east from I-5 to Randle. Travel south on SR 131 (becomes FS 25) to FS 23. Turn left on FS 23. At the FS 2329 junction turn left on 2329. Follow signs to campground.
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Hike In Lakes

Indian Heaven Wilderness

Bear Lake (8 acres, max depth 32 ft.; 6N-8E-10) - TLCT
Blue Lake (12 acres, max depth 46 ft.; 6N-8E-27) - TLCT
Brader Lake (3 acres; 6N-8E-17) - EB
Clear Lake (13 acres, max depth 30 ft.; 6N-8E-10) - EB, RB, TLCT
Cultus Lake (4 acres, max depth 12 ft.; 6N-8E-2) - TLCT
Dee Lake (2.5 acres, max depth 6 ft.; 6N-8E-17) - EB
Deep Lake (6 acres, max depth 26 ft.; 6N-8E-2) - RB, TLCT
Deer Lake (5.5 acres; 6N-8E-10) - EB
Elk Lake (13 acres, max depth 17ft.; 6N-8E-10) - RB, TLCT
Eunice Lake (6.5 acres, max depth 22 ft.; 6N-8E-17) - EB
Heather Lake (3 acres, max depth 7 ft.; 6N-8E-17) - EB
Kwaddis Lake (3.5 acres, max depth 10 ft.; 6N-8E-20) - EB
Little Rock (.8 acres, max depth 8 ft.; 6N-8E-21) - TLCT
Naha Lake - (.5 acres, max depth 7 ft.; 6N-8E-21) - EB
Placid Lake (19.2 acres, max depth 15 ft.; 6N-8E-4) - TLCT
Rock Lake (2 acres, max depth 6 ft.; 6N-8E-16) - TLCT
Sahalee-Tyee Lake (7 acres, max depth 25 ft.; 6N-8E-22) - EB, RB

Thomas Lake (17 acres, max depth 12 ft.; 6N-8E-17) - EB, RB

Tokie Tie Lake - (3.5 acres; 6N-8E-22) - EB

Tombstone (2.5 acres, max depth 6 ft.; 6N-8E-27) - EB

Wapiki Lake (10 acres, max depth 25 ft.; 6N-8E-12) - RB, TLCT

Wood Lake (12.5 acres, max depth 15 ft.; 7N-8E-34) - EB, TLCT

**Trapper Creek Wilderness**

Soda Peaks Lake (5N-6E-27) - BRN, EB

**Mt. St. Helens Area**

Blue Lake (8 acres, max depth 8 ft.; 08-N-4E-13) - CT

Deadman's Lake (34 acres, max depth 60 ft.; 10N-5E-1) - SRP EB

Elk Lake (30.5 acres, max depth 46 ft.; 10N-5E-19) - BRN, EB, TLCT

Fawn Lake (23.6 acres, max dept 46 ft.; 10N-4E-25) - SRP EB

Forest Lake (8 acres; 10N-5E-19) - SRP EB

Goat Marsh Lake (5 acres; 08N-4E-23) - SRP EB

Hanaford Lake (23.6 acres, max depth 50 ft.; 10N-5E-19) - EB, TLCT

Holmstedt Lake (5 acres; 10N-5E-24) - TLCT

Island Lake (11 acres; 10N-5E-15) - TLCT

Lower Venus (8 acres; 10N-5E-14) - SRP RB

Obscurity Lake (7 acres, max depth 55 ft.; 10N-6E-19) - SRP EB - *No stocking allowed*

O'Connor Lake (4 acres; 10N-5E-15) - TLCT

Panhandle Lake (15.1 acres, max depth 71 ft.; 10N-5E-24) - SRP EB - *No stocking allowed*
Shovel Lake (5 acres, max depth 100 ft.; 10N-5E-24) - SRP EB - No stocking allowed

Strawberry Lake (10 acres; 10N-6E-28) - SRP EB

Tradedollar Lake (12.1 acres, max depth 40 ft.; 10N-5E-18) - TLCT

Vanson Lake (10 acres, max depth 40 ft.; 11N-5E-27) - SRP EB

Venus Lake (21 acres; 10N-5E-14) - SRP RB

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