

## Coldwater Lake

Coldwater Lake is on the north side of Mt. St Helens within the monument area; the lake is at an elevation of approximately 2500 feet. Access is via SR 504, Exit No. 49 on I5.

**Permits:** Fishing license, NW Forest Pass or Golden Age Pass (National Parks and Rec Areas pass for seniors). A NW Forest Pass can be purchased at 10600 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Circle, Vancouver (located off 112<sup>th</sup> Ave, Gher Road, and south of SR 500 in the Orchards area). A NW Forest Pass is also available at 42218 NE Yale Bridge Rd, Amboy, or at the Johnston Ridge Observatory when it is open (usually Memorial day into September).



**Camping:** Eco Park is the nearest camping approximately 20 miles from Coldwater; it is a private campground that offers variety including food, cabins, tent and RV sites, and more. Find more information at: [www.ecoparkresort.com](http://www.ecoparkresort.com)

### You Need to Know:

- **No gas motors** are permitted but you may use an electric motor
- You must have a pontoon, tube, canoe, boat, or some means of getting on the lake – no fishing is permitted from shore (if you hike the lake, you are restricted to “stay on the trail” and there are only two access points to the shoreline where boats may land).
- Check regulations for closed areas, gear rules, catch limit, etc.

**Where to Fish:** Approximately ten percent of the lake has shallow areas, old trees in the lake, near shore in deep areas, creek mouths – fish these areas first.

**What to Use:** Olive or black woolly bugger wet flies. A generic dry fly like an Adams or, since the lake can often be windy, a Tom Thumb (floats well) may work.