

**Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics**

- ◆ **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- ◆ **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- ◆ **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- ◆ **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- ◆ **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- ◆ **Respect Wildlife:** Bear canisters are required at all backcountry campsites below treeline. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- ◆ **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

**EMERGENCIES:** In case of emergency, call Park Dispatch at (970) 586-1203 or 911. Map (over) shows the location of the nearest phone.

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**Site Location:** The individual sites are located in a forested area north of the trail about 300 yards east of the lake. A wood sign indicates the path to the site; the path may be marked by red arrowheads on trees. From the sign, the trail to the sites follows a small creek and is marked by red arrowheads. The stock site is about 100 yards from the lake on the south side of the trail and slightly east of the hitchrack. Pitch tent(s) as close to the indicated site as is safely possible out of potential hazard from standing dead trees. Horse parties are required to use the stock site.

Number of Sites: 3 indiv., 1 group & 1 stock

Distance: 6.8 mi.

Bear Box: Yes

Privy: YES

Elevation: 10,574 ft.

Approx. Travel Time: 5½ to 6½ hrs.

Elevation Change: 2,574 ft. gain

Water Source: Obtain water from the stream west of the campsites. Boil or adequately treat all water.

**To Reach the Trailhead (TH):** The TH is located at the Wild Basin Ranger Station. Take CO Hwy 7 south from Estes Park; pass the Longs Peak Area, Meeker Lodge and look for the Wild Basin Area sign and road. After passing summer cottages and the Wild Basin Inn the road splits. The Entrance Station can be seen to the right. Proceed to the end of the road at the Wild Basin Ranger Station and parking area.

