

Photos of Billy Clapp Lake Hike
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The trail begins north up the hill behind the vault toilet for the boat launch at Pinto Dam.



At 0.7 miles, the main trail ends at lakeside and the route ascends a game trail up the open slope at left.



In Spring, the moister flats above the lake are a showcase for wildflowers, including bush lupine.



For about two miles, the route is gradually up and down as it traverses various benches along the lake.



At 2.5 miles, one meets a deep coulee and the best route to the upper lake is right of the central pillar.



Looking back past the coulee and central pillar, the hike continues along a flat bench with wildflowers.



The upper lake has a remote, wilderness feel, disturbed only by the occasional motorboat on the lake.



There are several coves along the lakeshore where one can enjoy solitude and a rest at water's edge.