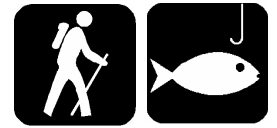


Recreation Opportunity Guide



KARTA WILDERNESS TRAILS

Description: The Karta River Trail travels 5 miles from the mouth of the Karta River at Karta Bay to Salmon Lake Cabin. It provides exciting and challenging access to wilderness resources, including free-flowing rivers, forests and opportunities for solitude. Also, Karta Falls and Karta Bay Trails extend from the Karta River Trail. At Salmon Lake Cabin, more adventurous hikers may follow the Anderson Creek Trail to the mouth of Anderson Creek. This 1.5-mile trail is in poor condition and may be difficult to follow.



Access: You can access the Karta Wilderness Trails by boat or floatplane. A mooring buoy is located in Karta Bay on a first-come first-serve basis.

Distance: 6.5 miles (one way)

Trip Time: 5-7 hours (one way)

Difficulty: More Difficult

Elevation Change: 300 feet

USGS Map: Craig C-2

Terrain: The beginning of the trail follows an old roadbed then changes to natural tread and boardwalk or puncheon. Many opportunities to access the Karta River are available along the trail system.

Recommended Seasons

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Attractions: This area lies within the heart of the Karta Wilderness Area. The Karta River has runs of coho, pink, chum, and sockeye salmon, as well as native populations of dolly varden, cutthroat trout, and steelhead. People are not the only ones that come to the Karta River for the salmon. Bears, eagles and other wildlife species also may be seen fishing at the river. Karta River, Karta Lake and Salmon Lake cabins are located along the Karta Wilderness Trails. Make reservations for the use of these cabins at www.Recreation.gov.



Special Considerations: The Karta River Trail is located within the Karta Wilderness Area. Wilderness Areas are special areas where human presence should be temporary and evidence of it should not remain. Mechanized tools are not permitted in the Wilderness Area. Practicing Leave No Trace skills is especially important in the Karta Wilderness Area. Trail hikers must ford Piggyback Creek between Karta Lake and Salmon Lake Cabins. Take necessary precautions during high water levels.

Practice Leave No Trace Skills and Ethics

- ✓ *Plan Ahead and Prepare*
- ✓ *Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces*
- ✓ *Dispose of Waste Properly*
- ✓ *Leave What You Find*
- ✓ *Minimize Campfire Impacts*
- ✓ *Respect Wildlife*
- ✓ *Be Considerate of Other Visitors*



Safety Tips

- ✓ *Discharging firearms is prohibited within 150 yards of cabins and across, or on, a body of water.*
- ✓ *Do NOT feed or approach bears!*
- ✓ *Water for consumption should be treated or boiled.*
- ✓ *Rubber boots, rain gear and insect repellent are recommended.*



