

Recreation Opportunity Guide



PASS LAKE TRAIL

Description: The Pass Lake Trail is an easy stroll on a boardwalk out to a wildlife viewing platform. The viewing platform sits directly on Pass Lake and provides visitors with great bird and other wildlife viewing opportunities.



Access: You can access the Pass Lake Trailhead by following State Highway 903 (Hydaburg Road) to the Polk Inlet turnoff, Forest Service Road 21 (approximately 9 miles on the Hydaburg Road). Pass Lake Trail is located between Twelvemile and Polk Inlets. Parking is available for 2 vehicles.

Distance: 1,600 feet (one way)

Trip Time: 20 minutes (one way)

Difficulty: Easy

Elevation Change: 0 change

Terrain: The Pass Lake Trail is an accessible boardwalk trail. It is flat and traverses a muskeg to reach Pass Lake and the wildlife viewing platform. A picnic table is available for lunches, or for just sitting and enjoying the scenery.

Recommended Seasons

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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USGS Map: Craig B-3

Attractions: Pass Lake Trail is dedicated to a former Forest Service employee, who perished in an airplane crash. Located on the pass between Twelvemile and Polk Inlets, Pass Lake Trail has beautiful views of the surrounding Polk area mountains. In the foreground, Pass Lake Trail offers an excellent opportunity to observe muskeg plants and animals. Due to its relatively high elevation and its extremely wet soils, the Pass Lake Trail muskeg contains only low growing plants and tree species. Look for scrubby lodgepole pines, crooked cedars, Labrador tea, cranberries and shooting star flowers among the muskeg plants. Wildlife viewing is a common activity in this area. Many birds stop and rest in Pass Lake before continuing their migration to other areas.



Special Considerations: The boardwalk trail may be slippery. Be careful especially when the trail is wet.

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.*



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