

Washington Lake Fishout

Washington Lake is located about 25 miles east of Kamas, Utah, just off Mirror Lake Highway (see directions below).

At over 10,000 feet in elevation, Washington is a cold alpine lake holding mostly 10-15" rainbow, brook, and tiger trout. Like other nearby lakes accessible by car (Trial, Lost Creek, Lilly, Mirror, Crystal, etc.), it is popular with a variety of anglers. Fly fishing at Washington can be very productive, even from shore, with great dry fly action throughout the day.

There are a number of hike-in lakes in the area that hold healthy trout populations as well (see <https://goo.gl/maps/JebKW5hiCvz>).

This is also a good outing for nonfishing family members with trailheads for a variety of hikes located close by.

Recommended flies are the usual stillwater patterns. Our members have had particular luck in past years with #12 black and brown weighted wooly buggers on a floating or intermediate sink line, and midge, damsel, and callibaetis nymphs under an indicator. As for dries, try orange stimulators, black ants, parachute Adams, and hoppers in sizes #12-16. These may be small fish, but they do not seem to be intimidated by large flies.

The lake is just yards from the group site, but boat launching may be easier from the individual campsite area. Float tubes can easily be carried the short distance to the lake.

We have reserved the Kenn Group Site, which is located at the north end of the group site area. Check-in time is 2 P.M. Friday, August 18 and checkout is 1:00 P.M. Sunday, August 20.

If you would like to come early or stay late, we encourage you to reserve your space as soon as possible, as they book up early. A portion of the sites cannot be reserved and are available on a first come basis.

Our group site has a limit of 20 vehicles (car + tent = 1 vehicle and car + camp trailer/pop-up = 2 vehicles) and is limited to small campers. Advance reservations and a \$5.00 fee through the HCFF [website](#) is required. Larger RVs (>20 feet) will not fit into the camping area, but there are a number of campgrounds within a few miles that can accommodate them, including Trial Lake (closest) and Lost Creek. That said, we have not had trouble accommodating a few large RVs in years past; however, there are no guarantees.

Our group campground has toilets, but potable water is not available at the Washington Lake camping area. You should fill your water containers before arriving. Potable water is available at Lost Lake campground about two miles to the east.

Directions

From Kamas, go east on State Highway 150 for 23.6 miles to Forest Road 041. Watch for "Wash Lake" sign on the north side of the road. Go north on Forest Road 041 approximately a half-mile to the campground. Do not turn when you see the sign directing you to the campgrounds. Continue on 041 until you see the sign for the group sites, which is at Forest Road 047. The following link provides directions from Kamas. <https://goo.gl/maps/dvtMcaGWw6P2>

CAUTION: TWO OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE HIT DEER ON THE DRIVE OUT IN THE EVENING, SO BE CAREFUL.