

HIKING



Hiking is hands down one of the most popular activities in McCall. There is a huge variety of trails to explore around McCall. Only have an hour? No problem, we have a trail for that. Want to turn a hike into a day-long adventure? We have that covered, too. And the scenery is epic no matter which trail you take.



PRO TIP:

MANY RECREATION AREAS ARE OUT OF CELL RANGE. DOWNLOAD MAPS, DIRECTIONS AND GUIDES BEFORE SETTING OUT ON YOUR ADVENTURE!

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From blooming wildflower fields to pristine high-mountain lakes, the hikes around McCall take you through some of the most stunning scenery imaginable. Get started with some of our favorite trails:

GOOSE CREEK FALLS (EASY)

(Trail #354) In a little over a mile, this trail takes hikers to Goose Creek and the waterfall. The first portion of the trail goes steadily downhill until it reaches Goose Creek Bridge and is not recommended for small children. Unlike most trails which gain elevation, Goose Creek Falls Trail starts at 5760' and drops to 5080'.



TWIN LAKES (EASY)

(Trail #165) This trail involves a 1-mile walk up to the Twin Lakes. It climbs steadily but not steeply for an elevation gain of about 400 feet. Fishing is good, however the lake is subject to drawdown at the dam so you will want to go early in the season. It's a fun place to take the kids for a picnic.

HAZARD LAKES (EASY)

(Trail #169) There are three Hazard Lakes: Hazard Lake, Upper Hazard Lake and Big Hazard Lake. All three are popular fishing lakes. The one-half mile walk to Big Hazard Lake is flat and suitable for most people. The trail to Upper Hazard Lake is a bit more strenuous, covering 2 miles, and gains about 348' in elevation, starting at 7080' and ending at 7400'. The hike to Upper Hazard Lake is a perfect hike for children and seniors because of its relatively flat terrain.



TWENTY MILE (MODERATE)

(Trail #085) This trail winds for six miles through the burn of the 1994 Corral/Blackwell fires and takes hikers to the Twentymile Lakes. The first three miles of the trail are relatively flat, then climbs steeply for the last three miles.

LOUIE LAKE & JUGHANDLE MOUNTAIN (MODERATE)

Designated as a trophy lake, Louie Lake is backdropped by the magnificent cliffs of Jughandle Mountain. The trail in to the lake is 2 miles long, and is a steady uphill hike. To make a loop, continue onto the Jughandle trail over to Boulder Lake.

The loop is 6.8 miles long and passes 3 lakes: Louie, Boulder and Boulder Reservoir.

DUCK LAKE & HUM LAKE (MODERATE)

(Trail #085 and Trail #082) Duck Lake is a short hike of approximately 2 miles round trip. It has little elevation gain and makes an ideal hike for most ages and abilities. Hum Lake trail takes off from Duck Lake and is a three-mile one-way hike with about a mile of steep grade. It takes hikers over a ridge, into a meadow and to the glacial Hum Lake.

BOX LAKE (MODERATE)

(Trail #110) The starting elevation is 5680' with an elevation gain of 1863' and a 343' drop from a ridge to the lake. This trail is 3.5 miles long and suggested as an overnight hike for many people especially if you plan on fishing and swimming. The trail switchbacks 800 feet in the first mile and continues to be steep for another mile.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY STAND OUT BOULDER LAKE

There is no end to the options when it comes to great hiking around the greater McCall area, but this hike is a top pick for families because of its easy access and long list of fun 'distractions'. The hike is labeled as moderate in some hiking books, but many families find it suitable for all but the smallest kids. The hike to the lake is about two miles long with an elevation gain of about 700 feet. The trail climbs slowly until just before the lake where you follow a few steep switchbacks among the rocks. This quick scramble adds to the fun; the stunning alpine lake reveals its beautiful self at the top. Once there, your family can enjoy inspiring views as well as fishing, swimming or poking around in search of small waterfalls, wildflowers, huckleberries and forest critters of all shapes and sizes.

Pro tips: bring a picnic lunch and a couple of fishing poles. Boulder Lake is open to fishing year-round, limit is six fish per angler. Fishing rules are available where fishing licenses are sold and on-line through Idaho Fish & Game.