

Eight Mile Lake

Activity: Hiking

Region: Leavenworth District - Wenatchee NF, Washington

Difficulty: Easy

Round Trip Mileage: 7

Round Trip Time: 4 hours

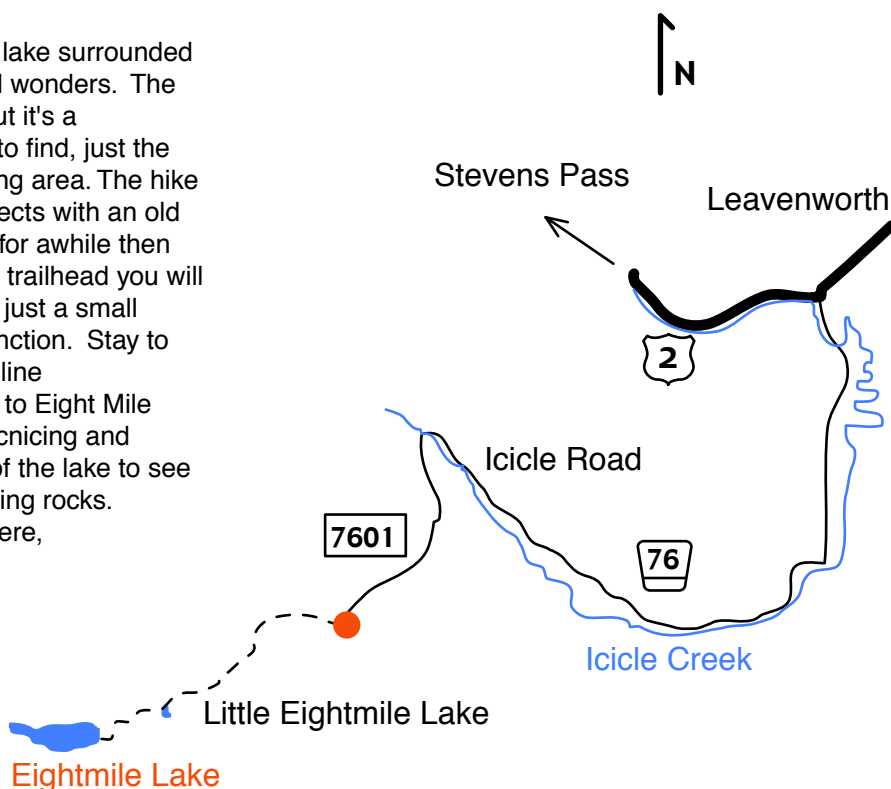
Suitable For: Adults and Hearty Teens

Seasons Open: Summer - Early Fall

Permits Necessary: USFS Trail Park Pass

Trail Description

This is a beautiful and popular hike to a lake surrounded by impressive mountains and geological wonders. The hike is generally uphill the whole way, but it's a reasonable climb. The trailhead is easy to find, just the opposite side of the road from the parking area. The hike begins climbing uphill and shortly intersects with an old logging road. The trail follows this road for awhile then dips off to the left. At 2.5 miles from the trailhead you will reach Little Eight Mile Lake (actually it's just a small pond). A few steps from the lake is a junction. Stay to the left (the right fork goes to Lake Caroline #1554). Follow the trail for another mile to Eight Mile Lake. The lake is great for swimming, picnicking and fishing. Curve around to the right side of the lake to see a large land slide of deep red lunar-looking rocks. You may expect Martians to greet you here, but more likely it will just be a marmot trying to steal your bologna sandwich.



Driving Directions

Follow US Highway 2 West through Leavenworth and go left at the end of town on Icicle Road (follow signs to the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, there is a large gas station at the corner). If you are coming from the East on Highway 2 over Stevens Pass go right on Icicle Road when you first enter Leavenworth. Follow Icicle Road for 8.5 miles and go left to road 7601 (signs to Colchuck Lake). Follow this road for three miles to the trailhead. Park on the left side of the road.

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