

Spider Meadow

Activity: Hiking

Region: Lake Wenatchee District - Wenatchee NF, Washington

Difficulty: Difficult

Round Trip Mileage: 12.5

Round Trip Time: 8 hours

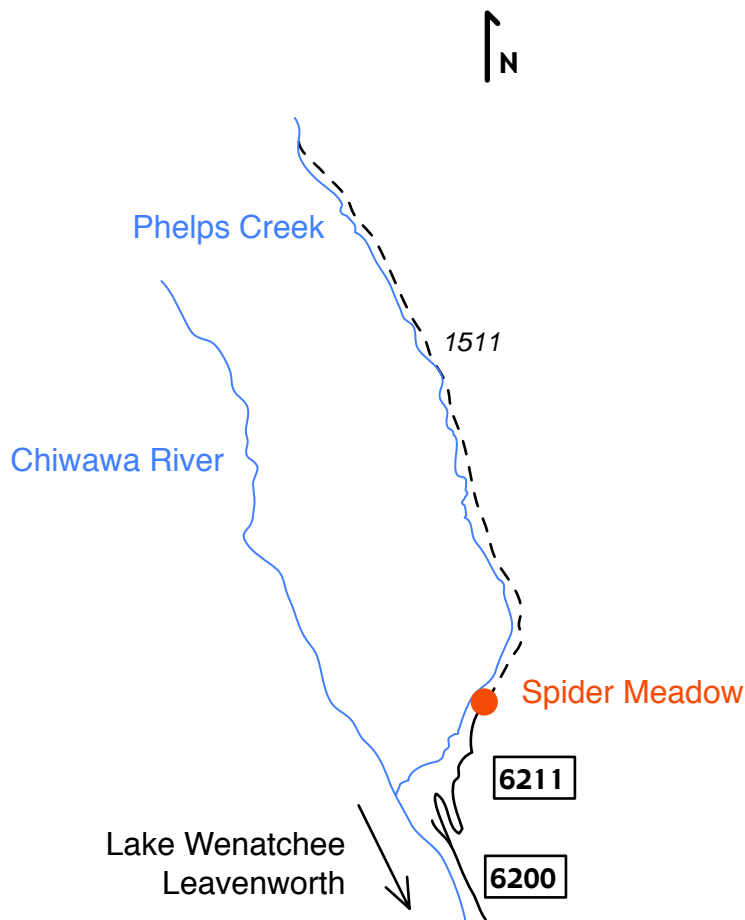
Suitable For: Adults and Hearty Kids

Seasons Open: Summer - Early Fall

Permits Necessary: USFS Trail Park Pass

Trail Description

Perhaps one of the most spectacular high alpine meadow hikes in the Pacific Northwest. The most challenging part of the hike, perhaps, is the long car drive to the trailhead. But, the dirt road is in relatively good condition and the views as you work your way up the trail is reminiscent of the Swiss Alps. The trail begins at the gate in the road and rambles up, and over creeks and past tributary trails. Follow signs to Spider Creek. At 5.5 miles you will break out through the forest and begin to get glimpses of the meadows and the hanging cliffs of Red Mountain. Explore the trail from here as far as you like. In the earlier part of the season be sure to bring lots of bug repellent!



Driving Directions

From Leavenworth, start your odometer after you pass the gas station on the corner of Icicle Road and Highway 2 West. Drive 14.5 miles on Hwy 2 West and take a right on route #207 following signs to Lake Wenatchee/Fish Lake Recreation Area (or if traveling from Stevens Pass go 20.2 miles and take a left on #207). Go 4.4 miles on #207 and, after crossing cross the Wenatchee River, veer right on Chiwawa River Road. At 5.8 miles turn left onto Chiwawa River road (FS62/6200) signed Meadow Creek Road. At 28.1 miles take right fork to Phelps Creek trailhead (FS6211). At 30.4 miles and 3500', park your car with the masses.

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