

## Forest Lake Trail

Round Trip: 0.5 Miles  
Difficulty: Easy  
Hiking Time: 10-15 Minutes

U.S.G.S Maps: Kenai C-3  
Elevation Gain: 60 Feet  
High Point: 100 Feet

**Trailhead:** The trailhead is located at mile 10.4 on Swanson River Road, on the west side of the road.

**DESCRIPTION:** The trail descends gradually to Forest Lake, although there is a short steep section near the lake. The trail crosses through the footprint of two previous wildfires. The beginning of the trail burned in the 310,000 acre wildfire of 1947 and the end of the trail burned in the 79,000 acre fire of 1969.

**SCENIC VIEWS:** The only views available from the trail are from the lakeshore of Forest Lake.

**CAMPING:** There are no designated camping sites along the trail. Boil, filter or chemically treat all lake water.

**FISHING:** Rainbow trout and Coho (silver) Salmon can be found in Forest Lake. Check current fishing regulations.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Portaging a canoe to Forest Lake is relatively easy and may increase fishing success and wildlife viewing opportunities. Moose, black bear, snowshoe hare, common and arctic loons, shorebirds, beaver and muskrat may be seen in the area.

**WINTER ACTIVITIES:** The trail is suitable for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing during winters with adequate snow cover.

