

Mosquito Lake Trail

Round Trip: 0.3 Miles
Difficulty: Easy, Accessible with Assistance
Hiking Time: 15 – 30 Minutes

U.S.G.S Maps: Kenai C-3
Elevation Gain: 30 feet
High Point: 100 feet



Trailhead: The trailhead is located at mile 7.7 on Swanson River Road, on the east side of the road.

DESCRIPTION: Major trail renovations completed during the summer of 2005 provide easy access to Mosquito Lake. The trail is short and maintains a consistent 5-foot width of packed gravel. Slopes do not exceed 8%, however some wheelchair users may require assistance. The trail gently descends to Mosquito Lake while traversing through a mixed forest of Spruce and Birch. Much of this area burned during a major wildfire (79,000 acres) in 1969.

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

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

FISHING: Coho (silver) Salmon can be found in Mosquito Lake. Check current fishing regulations.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Portaging a canoe to Mosquito 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.

