

## Silver Lake Trail

Round Trip: 1.6 Miles  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Hiking Time: 45 Minutes – 1 Hour

U.S.G.S Maps: Kenai C-3  
Elevation Gain: 50 feet  
High Point: 100 feet



**Trailhead:** The trailhead is located at mile 9.4 on Swanson River Road, on the east side of the road.

**DESCRIPTION:** Silver Lake Trail meanders through the gentle rolling terrain of a mature Spruce forest and provides access to Silver Lake. The forest floor is open and lined with a thick covering of mosses and wildflowers. The trail is relatively flat, but a few short steep sections exist. The number of dead and down trees near the beginning of the trail is evidence of a recent Spruce Bark Beetle infestation.

**SCENIC VIEWS:** The end of the trail offers a nice view of Silver Lake and a few adjacent peaks of the Kenai Mountains.

**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 Silver Lake.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Opportunities for wildlife viewing include moose, black bear, loons, beaver, muskrat, waterfowl and a variety of shorebirds.

**WINTER ACTIVITIES:** Access to Silver Lake during winter months with adequate snow cover is possible with snowshoes.

