North Lake to Grass Lake Hike

By the Parchers Resort Crew

Lamarck Lakes Trailhead at North Lake
(2 Miles Roundtrip and 600 Vertical Ft.)

Follow the North Lake road past the lake. When you come to the road to Bishop Pack Outfit and the Hiker Parking, turn right. Go to the parking lot and park. Start your hike here by walking back down the road you came in on until it reaches the road to the campground. Turn to the right and walk into the campground, about a ¼ mile walk. The trail begins to the right of the restrooms.

Follow the trail past the walk-in campsites and look for a trail junction marker. Take the fork to the left, following the sign to Lamarck Lake and Grass Lake. The trail meanders through the lush vegetation of the canyon bottom. This is an excellent place to view wild flowers in the early season. The trail ascends gently out of the bottom, working its way up the ridge into a more open forest.

There are a series of gentle switchbacks, but the trail is excellent, as you work your way out of the canyon. There is good tree cover through most of this stretch. After a mile or so of gentle uphill hiking, you come to a relatively flat bench. There is continued forest in this portion of the hike.

After hiking on the bench for a couple hundred yards you will come to a trail marker. The trail to Grass Lake is to the left. Follow the trail as it gently descends to Grass Lake. It is a leisurely 10 minute walk from the trail junction to the lake.

Grass Lake is a shallow lake with a large grassy meadow at the upper end from which it earns its name. There are nice trees to rest under near the outlet of the lake and there are small brook trout waiting for you to test your angling skills. When ready, retrace your steps back to North Lake.