

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 Leave No Trace Ethics

- ◆ **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- ◆ **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- ◆ **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- ◆ **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- ◆ **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- ◆ **Respect Wildlife:** Use carry-in/carry-out bear resistant food storage canister May 1st through October 31st. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- ◆ **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, call Park Dispatch at (970) 586-1203 or 911. Map (over) shows the location of the nearest phone.

Site Location: Site is in a spruce/fir forest on north side of lake. Trail from Fern Lake to Spruce Lake is not maintained, and horse use is not permitted. A wood sign indicates the path to the site; the path may be marked by red arrowheads on trees. **Camp safely away from standing dead trees, as near as is safely possible to the silver metal arrowhead.**

Number of Sites: 2

Elevation: 9,670 ft.

Distance: 4.6 mi. from Fern Lake TH
5.5 mi. from Bear Lake TH

Elevation Change: 1,520 ft. gain from Fern Lake TH
Net gain 190 ft. from Bear Lake TH
(1,380 ft. gain; 1,190 ft. loss)

Approx. Travel Time: 5 to 6 hrs.

Privy: YES

Water Source: Water is available at inlet or outlet streams of lake. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): Fern Lake TH: From Beaver Meadows Visitor Center follow Hwy 36 west to Bear Lake Road (approx. 1.3 mi). Turn left onto Bear Lake Road and follow for 1.3 mi., then turn right onto Moraine Park Campground Road. After a short distance turn left at a sign indicating that Riding Stable and Trailheads are ahead. This road will take you along the edge of Moraine Park to the TH. The TH is at the end of the road.

Spruce Lake Sites

