

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:** Fires permitted only in attended fire ring and attended charcoal grill.
- ◆ **Respect Wildlife:** Be sure you have combination for locks on storage boxes for food storage. 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.

Site Location: Follow trail on southwest side of lake for about .5 miles until you reach sign that reads “Accessible Backcountry Campsite,” then leave trail by side of lake and follow path that winds through aspen and lodgepole pine to site (about 120 yards). Gear must be carried in from Sprague Lake Parking Lot. **Camp safely away from standing dead trees, as near as is safely possible to the silver metal arrowhead.**

Number of Sites: 1 (maximum of 12 people)

Elevation: 8,730 ft.

Distance: .5 mi. from Sprague Lake TH

Elevation Change: 20 ft. gain

Approx. Travel Time: .5 hrs.

Privy: YES

Other Facilities: 2 picnic tables, 2 storage boxes, charcoal grill and fire ring (must bring own fire wood and charcoal).

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

Key Regulation: Assistance dogs are the ONLY dogs allowed on trail by Sprague Lake and at site.

How to Use: Toilet and storage boxes have combination locks. The combination will be given to permittee when permit is obtained. Use of site is by reservation only. There is a 3-night camping limit at site. To make reservations write to: Rocky Mountain National Park; Backcountry Office; 1000 West Highway 36; Estes Park, CO 80517 or call 970-586-1242.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): **Sprague 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 approx. 5.7 mi. to Sprague Lake Road. Turn left onto Sprague Lake Road and drive .3 mi. to the TH.

