



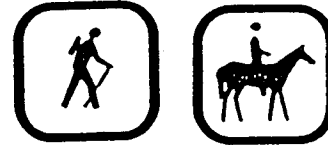
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WEST LAKE WAY TRAIL # 556

Recommended Season: June to November



Length: 1.1 miles Use: Medium
Elevation: 4400' to 4690' Difficulty: Most difficult
USGS Map: Battle Ax NE 1979

Description: *(in Bull of the Woods Wilderness area, closed to mountain bikes and motorized vehicles).*
West Lake Way Trail # 556 is a short connecting trail between Upper Welcome Lake and the Schreiner Trail # 555 near its low point above Big Slide Lake. It passes through the open rocky and scenic West Lake Basin, but does not go to West Lake itself.

Trail Access: *(No access via road, see the Trail Use Guides for trails mentioned below).*
West Lake Way Trail # 556 connects Welcome Lakes trail # 554 to Schreiner Peak Trail # 555.

Trail Mileage Log:

- 0.0 Leave the Welcome Lakes Trail # 554 at the Upper Welcome Lake camping area and cross the creek to Upper Welcome Lake which is on a ledge with a view east. Continue along the east side of the lake.
- 0.1 Leave lake and begin climb through low forest, bearing west.
- 0.2 Start descent into open, rocky West Lake Basin, traversing face of slope.
- 0.7 Cross a creek and begin climbing.
- 0.8 Top of a rise. Open, rocky area with good views around the Basin. Cross over the rocks to look down on West Lake. There is no trail to the lake.
- 0.9 Trail begins climb out of Basin through low, open forest with an occasional view back at the lake.
- 1.1 Trail ends at the Schreiner Trail # 555 about 0.2 miles east of the Dickey Creek Trail # 553 which goes down to Big Slide Lake.



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