

Parchers Resort to Green Lake

By the Parchers Resort Crew

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(5.2 Miles Roundtrip and 1800 Vertical Ft.)

Right behind the Old Chimney Gathering area at Parchers Resort is the trail that leads to South Lake. You can access this trail near Cabin 20, the old chimney, or behind the employee housing. Follow the trail up canyon. If you need help finding the trail, ask at for directions at the Parchers Store.

There is a short climbing stretch for the first quarter mile. Then there is a meadow segment that is rife with wildflowers during July.

The trail moves away from the creek and goes through another set of mild switchbacks. This is all forest covered and provides a feeling of solitude. The trail climbs up to a ridge and then winds its way to a tumbling creek bed which can be bounding in early season or dry in late season.

About 100 yards beyond the creek crossing you will come across a large boulder to your left. The trail junction is just a few yards beyond the boulder. This trail junction is easy to miss so keep looking to your left. It is marked with a sign saying "Green Lake." Take the trail up the hill.

Once on the Green Lake trail there is a long stretch of switchbacks through the forest. As you ascend up the canyon wall, the forest thins and views down canyon become visible. There is an excellent view of Parchers Resort at the point where the trail meets the old pipeline.

As you continue up the switchbacks, the trail levels out and moves into a large and relatively flat meadow. There are many different types of wildflowers to be viewed in this section of the trail. Continue to follow the trail until it reaches Brown Lake.

Follow the trail up-canyon from Brown Lake until it enters the thin forest, taking the hiker through another stretch of switchbacks. The trail flattens out as Green Lake comes into view. There are multiple nice campsites to lounge or you can try your angling skill on the large rainbow trout that inhabit Green Lake.



