



<b>Date</b>	Mid August	<b>Time</b>	Late afternoon
<b>Location</b>	Merriam Lake – Mackay, ID	<b>Weather</b>	Clear and warm
<b>Fish Species</b>	Brook Trout	<b>Size Range</b>	10"
<b>Fish Caught</b>	Several		
<b>Flies Used</b>	Royal Wulff		
<b>Techniques</b>	Dry Fly		
<b>Comments</b>	One of the most beautiful lakes I've seen anywhere!		

Merriam Lake lies within the Lost River Range near Mt Borah. Mt Borah is the highest peak in Idaho at 12,662'. Merriam Lake sits at about 9,600' just a few ridges to the south. The trailhead is located in the Upper Pahsimeroi Valley at about 8200'. It is a moderate 2 mile hike to the lake from the trailhead. The peaks are stunning on the hike and drive in. The drive in once you leave the Doublesprings road is the issue. High clearance is needed for the boulder strewn road.

Directions: From U. S. Route 93, 46 miles north of Arco (32 miles south of Challis), follow FS Road 116 northeast over Doublespring Pass for 10 miles to the turnoff of FS Road 117. Follow 117 over Horseheaven Pass for 6 miles to the junction with FS Road 118. Follow 118 up the West Fork Pahsimeroi River for 4.5 miles to its junction with FS Road 267. Follow 267 for 2.5 miles up the West Fork Pahsimeroi River to the end of the road. The FS Trail to Merriam Lake begins near the end of the road.



The area is beautiful along with the eager Brook Trout. This area is definitely a back country adventure despite the short hike. If you want scenery and solitude this is the place. Another option from the trailhead is Pass Lake which is a 4 mile hike. It will definitely be a lake I'll hit in the future.





Merriam Lake







Brook Trout

The Upper Pahsimeroi Valley





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