

HENRYS FORK - SMITHS FORK DRAINAGE

Two medium size drainages lying side by side on the middle north slope of the Uintas. Sixty-four lakes and ponds lie within this area; forty of these sustain trout populations. Excellent campsites, good fishing and enough horse feed to get by are generally the rule here. Some of the most scenic terrain in the Uintas lie within this region. Several of these lakes are among the most popular in the Uintas; others are seldom visited. Access into either drainage is via either Henrys Fork Campground or China Meadows. Both campgrounds are accessible by road for some 25 miles west and south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Most of the lakes lie near 10,500 feet in elevation. Trails are posted and generally good. There is a horse loading ramp at China Meadows. No resort accommodations are available.

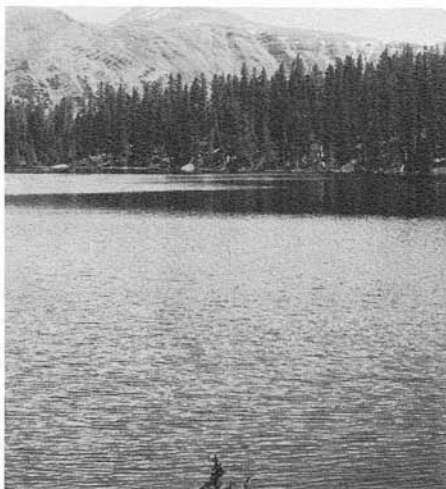
Plan your trip to have a good time!



ALLIGATOR, G-38. 15 acres, elevation 10,100 feet, maximum depth 30 feet, average depth 13 feet. 2 miles south of Henry's Fork Campground along good Forest Service trail, then proceed $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southwest along small stream over rough terrain. A long picturesque lake in dense conifers. Good fly fishing and camping area at the southwest end of the lake. Little horse feed. Brook and cutthroat trout. Stocked with brook. This lake is usually missed by fishermen.

BALD, G-63. 8 acres, elevation, 10,700 feet, maximum depth 17 feet, average depth 7 feet. 6 miles south of Hewinta Guard Station. Hewinta Station

is located on the Gilbert Meadow-Blacks Fork road out of Mountain View, Wyoming. A very clear lake lying at the base of Bald Mountain. Some open, rocky shoreline. Excellent campsites. There is a trail into the area, but not to the lake. Stocked. Another "new" lake to watch!



BEAR, G-7. 18 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 38 feet, average depth 14 feet. 12 miles from either China Meadows or Henrys Fork

Campground along good Forest Service trails. Timbered terrain. Campsites with a little horse feed in the area. Some open shoreline for fly fishermen. Unpredictable fishing for brook and cutthroat trout. Popular lake. Stocked with brook trout.

BLANCHARD, G-3. 34 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 30 feet, average depth 10 feet. 1 steep mile southwest of Henrys Fork Lake. No trail. Stream from Blanchard enters Henrys Fork Lake. Open terrain. Poor campsites and little horse feed. Spotty fishing for cutthroat trout. Seldom visited. Stocked with cutthroat.

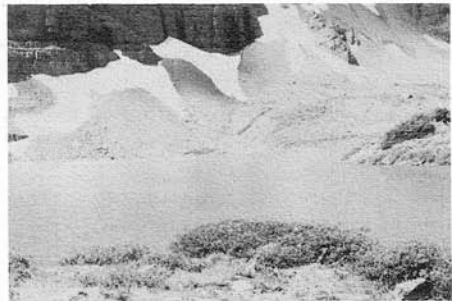
BRIDGER, G-20. 15 acres, elevation 9,350 feet, maximum depth 16 feet, average depth 11 feet. Accessible by road some 25 miles west and south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Timbered terrain with mostly open shoreline. Good fly fishing areas with numerous lily pads. Excellent Forest Service campground. A Forest Service guard station is located here. A popular lake. No resort accommodations. Stocked with brook and some rainbow trout.

CHINA, G-21. 27 acres, elevation 9,500 feet, maximum depth 41 feet, average depth 22 feet. Accessible by road for 27 miles west and south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Heavily timbered terrain and shoreline. A deep, somewhat elongated reservoir with some water-level fluctuation. Usually good fishing. Excellent campsites. A popular fishing water. Stocked with fingerling rainbow trout.



CLIFF, G-5. 40 acres, elevation 11,600 feet, maximum depth 60 feet, average depth 27 feet. 2 steep miles southwest from Henrys Fork Lake. Continue to follow stream on past Lake Blanchard. No trail. A large, deep, very high lake partially enclosed by vertical, rocky cliffs. Some open, rocky terrain. No good campsites or horse feed. Fishing is generally good for wary cutthroat trout. Little fishing pressure on this alpine lake. Stocked.

DOLLAR LAKE, G-2. 11 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 19 feet, average depth 9 feet. 10 miles from Henrys Fork Campground by good Forest Service trail. A picturesque, natural lake, with mostly open shoreline. Good fishing. Campsites with some horse feed. Popular lake. Cutthroat trout stocked.



EAST RED CASTLE, G-17. 25 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 58 feet, average depth 27 feet. By trail, 2 miles southeast of Lower Red Castle. Open terrain with rock slides encom-

passing most of the lake. Good campsites and horse feed in the area to the north. The cutthroats here are unusually cautious and fishing is sometimes slow. Fly fishing best. Not often visited. Stocked.

GRASS, G-8. 5 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, average depth 3 feet. A shallow meadow lake lying on a trail $\frac{1}{2}$ mile northwest of Henrys Fork Lake. Campsites and horse feed in the area. Good fly fishing for brook and cutthroat trout. Stocked with cutthroat.

G-4. 4 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 8 feet, average depth 4 feet. 200 feet east of Blanchard. A small, alpine lake lying in open terrain. Poor campsites and little horse feed. "Hot" or "cold" fishing for cutthroat trout, as fish move in or out from Blanchard.



G-10. 6 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 9 feet, average depth 5 feet. 1 mile south of Bear along good Forest Service trail. Lake is visible from trail and lies about 300 yards east. Campsites with some horse feed. Mostly open shoreline in timberline terrain. Stocked experimentally with brook.

G-13. 8 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 16 feet, average depth 8 feet. By trail $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Lower Red Castle. A somewhat elongated lake in heavily timbered terrain. Good



campsites and horse feed in the area. Good population of cutthroat and brook trout. Stocked with brook trout.

G-14. 17 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 19 feet, average depth 8 feet. A long irregular shaped lake lying in a basin with open rocky shoreline. The farthest lake in the East Fork of Smiths Fork Basin, some 2 miles southeast of Lower Red Castle and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southeast of East Red Castle. There is a trail to East Red Castle. Seldom visited. Fishing unpredictable. Campsites and horse feed in the area to the north. Stocked with cutthroat trout.

G-16. 27 acres, elevation 11,600 feet, depth unknown. A rocky lake up on a steep ledge $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Upper Red Castle. No trail. No campsites. Slow fishing for large cutthroat trout. Fishing pressure light. Stocked periodically.

G-29. 2 acres, elevation 9,300 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, average depth 3 feet. Located at the "fork" in the Bridger-Marsh Lake road, 1 mile north of Marsh Lake. A beaver pond containing small brook trout. Fair fishing, if you don't let them see you. Good campsite. Often fished. Stocked.

G-30. 2 acres, elevation 9,200 feet, maximum depth 10 feet, average depth 5 feet. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Marsh Lake, along stream. A small beaver pond. Mostly timbered terrain, but some

open shoreline. Stocked with brook trout. A good one to fish.



G-34. 1 acre, elevation 9,400 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, average depth 3 feet. A small reservoir located at the China Meadows Campground via road 1 mile south of Marsh Lake. Fair fishing for rainbow trout. Mostly open shoreline, but timbered terrain. Very heavy fishing pressure. Stocked.

G-42. 2 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, average depth 3 feet. By trail 1 mile southeast of Henrys Fork Lake. A shallow, meadow lake lying in open, brushy terrain. Campsites with some horse feed. Fast fly fishing for small cutthroat trout. Natural reproduction. Occasionally stocked.



G-45. 3 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 10 feet, average depth 6 feet. 300 yards southeast of East Red Castle. No trail. Open rocky terrain. Campsites and horse feed in the

area to the north. Stocked with brook trout.

G-49. 2 acres, elevation 11,000 feet, maximum depth 15 feet, average depth 6 feet. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Lower Red Castle. This slender lake lies east of the trail against the rock slides. Excellent campsites with horse feed in the area. Open shoreline for fly fishermen. Stocked with brook trout.

G-50. 3 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum and average depth 6 feet. 1 mile west of Broadbent Meadows along stream. Broadbent Meadows lie a couple of miles north of Lower Red Castle, as posted. Good campsites and horse feed. Heavily timbered with little open shoreline. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.



G-51. 8 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum and average depth 5 feet. 2 miles northeast of Lower Red Castle. No trail to the lake. Follow down large meadow coming out of the East Fork to "neck" area where the stream comes out of the timber. Lake lies east up under the Bald Mountain. Excellent campsites with plenty of horse feed. Good fishing for both brook and cutthroat trout. Seldom visited. Mostly open shoreline with timbered camp areas. Very scenic setting. Stocked with brook trout.



G-52. 2 acres, elevation 11,400 feet, maximum and average depth 3 feet. 100 yards northwest up slope from G-53. Follow stream. A small, clear lake lying at the base of the rock slides, campsites and horse feed in the area. Open terrain. Stocked experimentally with cutthroat trout.

G-53. 8 acres, elevation 11,300 feet, maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 7 feet. 1 mile northwest from the large meadow just north of Lower Red Castle. Mostly open terrain with sparsely scattered timber and rock ledges. Very good camp areas with some horse feed. Seldom visited by anglers. Cutthroat trout numerous. Open shoreline with very fast fly fishing. Keep the fry pan handy as well as the skeeter dope. Natural reproduction.

G-56. 2 acres, elevation 11,100 feet, maximum depth 20 feet, average depth 8 feet. 1 mile southwest of Lower Red Castle. No trail. An isolated lake lying in a small basin. Open, brushy terrain. No campsites or horse feed near lake. Stocked with brook trout.

G-59. 4 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 13 feet, average depth 6 feet. ½ mile south of Hessie along the rock slides. No trail. Mostly open, rocky shoreline. Lies against the rock slides. Good campsites with some

horse feed in the area. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.

G-60. 5 acres, elevation 10,600 feet, maximum and average depth 3 feet. A large beaver dam located just south of the trail in the open meadow ½ mile east of Lake Hessie. Mostly open shoreline, good horse feed and excellent campsites. Some stream fishing. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.

G-61. 4 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 8 feet, average depth 4 feet. Lake 300 yards south uphill from G-60. No trail. Heavily timbered terrain. Good campsites with horse feed in the area. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.



HENRYS FORK LAKE, G-1. 20 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 22 feet, average depth 9 feet. From Henrys Fork Campground 12 miles or from China Meadows 15 miles along good, posted, Forest Service trail. Generally open, timberline terrain. Very good fly fishing areas for cutthroat trout. Good stream fishing. Campsites with some horse feed in the area. Exceptional scenery in this basin with plenty of running water. Natural reproduction.



HESSIE, G-18. 13 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 22 feet, average depth 11 feet. 9 miles by good, well-marked Forest Service trail from China Meadows. When you come to a large meadow, with a stream and beaver dam, cut back due west for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Hessie lies at the base of a rocky point. Heavily timbered terrain with closed shoreline. Good campsites, some horse feed in the area. Good evening fishing for wary cutthroat trout. Stocked.

ISLAND, G-9. 11 acres, elevation 10,900 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, average depth 3 feet. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Henrys Fork Lake. No trail, but easy going. Productive, shallow lake with a small island in the center. Mostly open terrain. Stocked with brooks. Campsites with some horse feed.



LOWER RED CASTLE, G-12. 35 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 29 feet, average depth 9 feet. A large, alpine lake in a scenic setting at

the base of Red Castle Mountain. 14 miles by good, well-marked Forest Service trail from China Meadows. Excellent campsites. Some good stream fishing in the area. Mostly open shoreline provides some very good fly fishing for cutthroat, brook and rainbow. A small rubber boat would be useful on this lake. Fishing is usually hot, so you shouldn't go hungry. A very popular lake, especially for scouts. Don't forget your camera or mosquito dope! Stocked with cutthroat trout.

MARSH, G-19. 33 acres, elevation 9,350 feet, maximum depth 33 feet, average depth 11 feet. Reservoir with 4 foot fluctuation. Accessible by road some 25 miles west and south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Timbered terrain. Excellent Forest Service campgrounds. Heavy fishing pressure on weekends and holidays. This area is a popular "take off" point into the high lakes. Both brook and rainbow trout. Stocked with catchable rainbows and fingerling brook. No resort accommodations available. Very good fly fishing areas.

SARGENT, G-35. 9 acres, elevation 9,800 feet, maximum depth 24 feet, average depth 14 feet. From China Meadows 1 short mile east. No trail. Heavy timber surrounds the lake. A few campsites. Stocked with brook. Produces some nice trout.

SAWMILL, G-6. 8 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 21 feet, average depth 7 feet. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Bear Lake. No trail. Rough, heavily timbered terrain. Campsites with a little horse feed in the area. Shoreline mostly closed. A small rubber boat would come in handy. Good fishing for cutthroat trout. Often overlooked by anglers. Stocked.



UPPER RED CASTLE, G-15. 175 acres, elevation 11,300 feet, maximum depth 105 feet, average depth 37 feet. 15 miles south of China Meadows via

good, posted Forest Service trail. Largest natural lake in the Uinta Mountains lying in the shadow of Wilson Peak, (13,095 feet). This lake has scenic beauty and cutthroat trout fishing surpassed by none. Reputation of fishing either "hot" or "cold." Because of the size and depth of this water, a small rubber boat or other floating device with life jackets is highly recommended. Open, rocky shoreline and terrain. Excellent campsites, and running water in the area to the north. Popular scout lake. Heavily fished. Stocked with cutthroat trout.

