

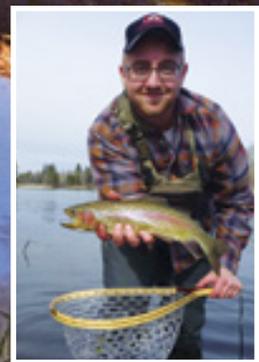
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## Seeley Lake

### LOCAL Expert TIPS

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Mountain Biking  
Snowmobiling & More

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## Where is Seeley Lake Montana?

### Seeley Lake is accessible by air from:

Lindey's Landing West Seaplane Base  
 Seeley Lake Airport  
 Missoula International Airport  
 Helena Regional Airport  
 Glacier Park International (Kalispell)

### Seeley Lake is a beautiful drive from:

Missoula, Montana ..... 59 minutes  
 Helena, Montana..... 117 minutes  
 Kalispell, Montana..... 119 minutes  
 Butte, Montana..... 142 minutes  
 Glacier National Park..... 149 minutes  
 U.S. / Canadian Border..... 190 minutes  
 Bozeman, Montana..... 199 minutes  
 Spokane, Washington..... 262 minutes  
 Yellowstone National Park..... 306 minutes

# Why Seeley Lake?

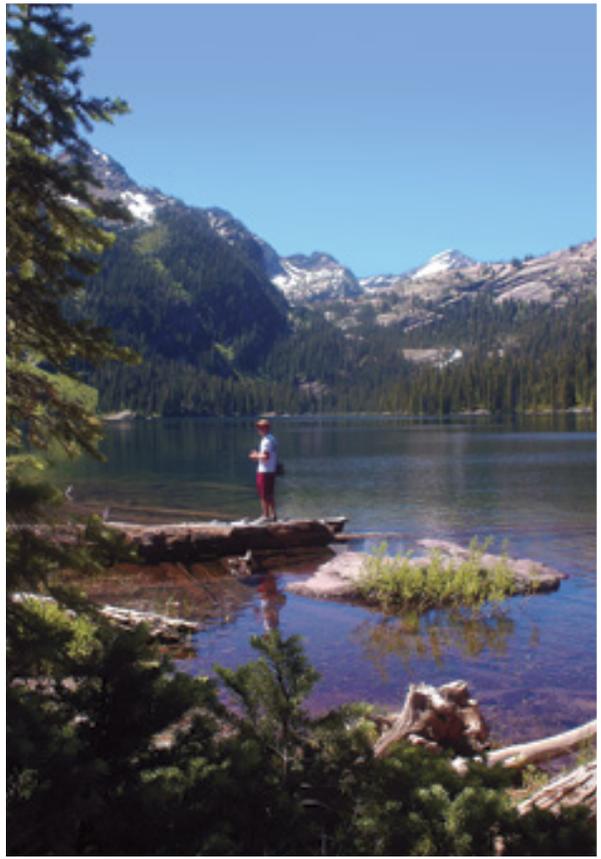
**The Seeley-Swan Valley** is an 80-mile long, 30-mile wide region comprised of two scenic river valleys - the Clearwater and the Swan and is bordered by the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Mission Mountain Wilderness Areas. The Swan River flows north to Flathead Lake from its headwaters in the Mission Mountains; the Clearwater River flows south through a “chain of lakes” to the Blackfoot River near the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range where several hundred head of elk & deer winter. Montana Highway 83 leads through this region, linking several communities including Swan Lake, Condon, & Seeley Lake. Scenic wildlife viewing areas can be accessed along Highway 83. The southern gateway to the valley is located 35 miles northeast of Missoula.

**The Swan Mountain Range** is the entrance to the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Lincoln Scapegoat Wilderness Areas. Over a million and a half acres of wilderness area extend about 1,000 square miles from north to south along the Continental Divide in Northwestern Montana. Elevation varies from 4,000 foot valley floors to over 9,000 feet along the Continental Divide. The “Bob” can be accessed by foot or horseback through a well-developed trail system in the area. Pack trips are available through local outfitters. The Chinese Wall, a vertical face, can be seen approximately 30 miles from the Holland Lake entrance. Big game animals abound; wolverine, grizzly bears, deer, elk, moose, black bear, mountain goat, sheep and mountain lion as well as a wide variety of birds. Fish, hunt, hike, float, pick berries or just enjoy this beautiful wilderness area.



*Swan Mountains in late fall with the Western Larch turning gold*

**The Mission Mountain Range** is the gateway to the Mission Mountain Wilderness Area, a 73,877-acre paradise for hiking, camping and fishing. An area of outstanding scenic beauty, rugged snow-capped peaks and several small glaciers, alpine lakes, meadows and clear, cold streams. Elevation ranges from 4,500 feet to the 9,820-foot McDonald Peak. There are about 45 miles of maintained Forest Service system trails in the area. Mountain goats, grizzly and black bear, elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer are found in the wilderness. Some mountain lion, marten, mink, bobcat, lynx, weasel, and wolverine may be occasionally seen along with many birds including bald and golden eagles, common loons and woodpeckers.



*Glacier Lake in the Mission Mountain Wilderness Area*

**The Blackfoot River Valley** extends from the headwaters at the base of the Continental Divide to its confluence with the Clark Fork River just upstream from Missoula. The Big Blackfoot River winds its way through the valley floor. Lying just to the south of the majestic snow-capped mountains of the Scapegoat - Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, and topped off by Montana's famed Big Sky, the Blackfoot Valley truly offers spectacular scenery and outstanding recreational opportunities.

Montana State Highway 200 meanders through the 70+ mile area, servicing the small communities of Lincoln, Ovando, Helmville and Potomac. Watch deer, elk and moose wander through green fields full of springtime wildflowers. Horseback or snowmobile over hundreds of miles of mountain trails, dangle a line in the Blackfoot River or numerous tributary streams. It's not a dream here, it's reality.



*Blackfoot River*