

Trinity Lakes Campout

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The girls love to go camping and Trinity Lakes is one of our favorite camping spots. Trinity Mountain is west of Featherville, ID. Trinity Lakes is a beautiful location that has several lakes for fishing. A highlight of this area is hiking the two miles up to the Trinity Lookout and looking down at the nine lakes in Rainbow Basin.

We camped at Big Trinity Lake. The campsite was isolated from the others and it had a walkway to our own little beach on the lake. We caught a couple small Rainbow & Cutthroat.



The girls enjoying an early evening around the campfire



Hailey holding Cosmo

Fishing at the lake





The next day we hiked the two miles and 1400' in elevation gain to 9,451' Trinity Lookout. There was some complaining but overall it went very well and we were rewarded with some great views. We even saw some smoke from a forest fire on a nearby mountain. They will probably appreciate this one more when they look back at the pictures.

I hiked into all the lakes in Rainbow Basin a few years ago and had some great fishing. I remember that Hideaway Lake had some nice Cutthroat and is reported to have Grayling. Upper and Middle Rainbow lakes also had some nice sized Rainbows. It is worth an overnighter to hike the nine or ten miles to fish the nine lakes.

This area is nice because you can bring a canoe to three or four lakes with roadside camping or find solitude by hiking to a lake. One time when we came we saw an Osprey dive from the sky, smack the water, and come away with a fish in its talons. We also saw River Otter in Big Roaring Lake where we camped. Don't be surprised if you see a Bear on the trip. It's a great place near Boise if you're looking for an adventurous campout.



The family except for me and Kylie (asleep in the backpack) with Trinity Lookout in the background





