



# Upland Idaho

<b>Date</b>	July 27-28, 2007	<b>Time</b>	Evening
<b>Location</b>	Jennie Lake, Boise Nat. Forest	<b>Weather</b>	Hot, Clear Skies
<b>Fish Species</b>	Cutthroat	<b>Size Range</b>	12"
<b>Fish Caught</b>	Cutthroat		
<b>Flies Used</b>	Adams		
<b>Techniques</b>	Dry Fly – cast to the rings		
<b>Comments</b>	Good place to take the family.		

Directions: Drive North on Highway 21 past Idaho City and over Mores Creek Summit to Edna Creek Campground (18 miles past Idaho City). Take FS RD 384 for 6 miles to FS RD 348 just before Willow Creek Campground (Do not cross bridge). Follow FS RD 348 for about 7.5 miles (cross a bridge at 5 miles, drive over the ridge and the trailhead is at the bottom of the ridge). Take a dirt road north about 200 yards to the main trailhead and registration box. The roads are good all the way suitable for a car.

The well worn easy to follow trail is an easy/moderate 4.5 mile hike to the lake with a 1950 foot elevation gain. Jenny Lake is a 4 acre cirque basin lake sitting at 7850 feet.



We saw Deer, saw where Elk had laid in the grass but didn't see any of the Mountain Goats that reside on Wolf Mountain that looms above the lake. It is a very beautiful setting at the head of Bear Creek.

We left Friday night and didn't reach the lake until just before dark after a 2 1/2 hour hike. There were many fish jumping. By the time I set up camp and got my girls fishing with a spinner outfit I had about 15 minutes to fish. The lake was shallow around the edges on our side of the lake so my girls didn't have much luck with the spinner. The fish were hugging the bank and it didn't take long for a 12" Cutthroat to rise to my small Adams.



By the time Kalyn reeled in the fish and Cami took pictures it was dark. The next morning we walked around to the deeper end of the lake. Unfortunately, the fish weren't very active especially around the edges. The fish only entered the shallows during low light conditions. We fished for a half hour without success and headed back down the mountain. It was a great overnight hike that my girls enjoyed.

Amazingly enough, for being so close to Boise, there were no other people at the lake and no smoke from the surrounding fires. Jennie Lake is a very popular lake denoted by several campsites. I'd say this was a fair to good lake for fishing and definitely worth an overnighter since it is one of the closest lakes to Boise and you can get there in a car. Make sure to give yourself time to fish in the evening!