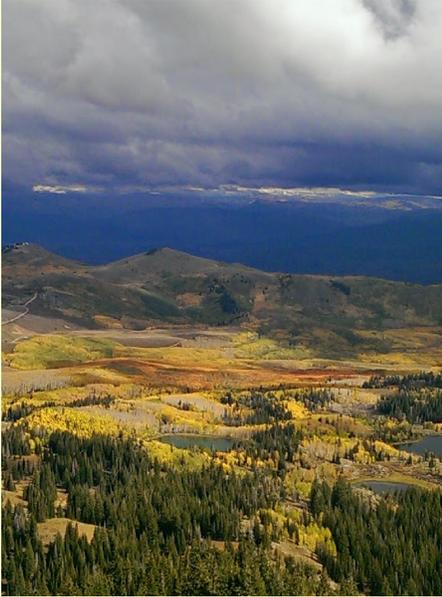




LACKAWAXEN LAKE - WASATCH FRONT



Rating: Easy Hiking.

Length: 2-3 hours (3 miles)

Gear: Standard Hiking Gear

Maps: Brighton, UT;

Water: Filterable at the lake.

Season: Late spring through fall.

Waypoints:

Trailhead

12T 453051mE 4495265mN

N40° 36' 25" W111° 33' 18"

Lake

12T 452950mE 4493630mN

N40° 35' 32" W111° 33' 22"

Hype

Lackawaxen Lake is the pretty lake, with an odd name. It, presumably, is named after the Lackawaxen River (or Township) in Pennsylvania. This Lackawaxen is a great, short hike that sits just over the ridge from Brighton. It is out of the Big Cottonwood drainage, so dogs are allowed. Being scenic, it is a very popular hike on weekends. The close proximity to Salt Lake, and short distance, make this an ideal family friendly hike or even short overnight backpack.

Those looking for dramatic autumn leaf viewing would be well advised to drive to the trailhead, even if skipping the hike. The small parking lot is generally packed in the autumn when the leaves are changing color.

Tags: *roadside, hike, fall colors, dog friendly, access: paved*

Trailhead

From Salt Lake City, go up Big Cottonwood canyon. (Signed Brighton Ski Area, exit 6 off of I-215 on the east side of Salt Lake).

Just before Brighton, the signed Guardsman Pass road goes off on the left (north side). It is a paved 2 lane road, but comes in quickly and can be easy to miss. If you end up at Brighton, just backtrack a short distance. Follow the Gaurdsman Pass road about 3 miles to the pass proper and large parking area on the right (south) side of the road. This is the trailhead.

Route

From the trailhead, a use trail goes up the ridge, and one goes down toward Blood Lake. Go right, on the one up the ridge. The trail to Blood Lake is on private property, and signed as closed a short distance from the trailhead.

The trail climbs the ridge steeply, with Blood Lake visible to the east. After the trail circles around a sub -peak, it follow the ridge to a junction. Left descends, straight continues up to the next ridge to the communications site. Go left, descending down to a final junction. Go right here, while the trail meanders over to, and across a boulder field before reaching the Lake.

Note: On the return, the lower trail from the last junction looks inviting. It crosses the signed no trespassing land. Please be respectful and re-gain the ridge here, following the same route back to the trailhead that you took to the lake.

