



BONNIE LAKE - WESTERN UINTAS



Rating: Easy Hike

Length: 1-2 hours (2 miles)

Gear: Standard Hiking Gear

Maps: MIRROR LAKE, UT

Season: Summer, Fall

Waypoints:

Mirror Lake Trailhead	12T 509515mE 4505554mN N40° 42' 03" W110° 53' 15"
Highline Trailhead	12T 509844mE 4505473mN N40° 42' 00" W110° 53' 00"
Campground Jct	12T 509894mE 4506177mN N40° 42' 23" W110° 52' 58"
Bonnie Lake	12T 510334mE 4506577mN N40° 42' 36" W110° 52' 40"

Hype

Bonnie Lake is often reached via a short few minutes walk from Mirror Lake Highway. The formal trail to the lake is part of the Highline Trail and starts at Mirror Lake proper. The lake is scenic but can be a bit overwhelmed with road noise.

I recommend this hike, however, if you are camping in the Mirror Lake Campground and looking for a shorter outing without needing to move the car. The distance and little elevation gain make it an amble suitable for younger children.

Tags: *hike, dog friendly, family friendly, access: paved*

Trailhead

Note: The Mirror Lake highway that is used to access this hike is closed in the winter. The gate is typically open from Memorial Day until late October, but if planning this hike on the shoulder season, call the forest service to see if it is open. ((801) 466-6411)

The trailhead is off of the Mirror Lake Highway at milepost 31.3. This is 31.3 miles out of Kamas, UT on UT-150. This is also about 46 miles south of Evanston Wy on the Mirror Lake Highway.

A well signed paved side road leads down to the lake, day use area, trailhead, and campground. The trailhead is signed and on the south side of the campground.

Route

From the Mirror Lake Trailhead, follow the Highline Trail north. Be sure you are on the trail signed Highline Trail that heads north. The other path that leaves the trailhead parking area heads south to the Duchesne River and decidedly NOT in the direction of Bonnie Lake!

The trail ambles at a gradual uphill for about 0.5 miles to a junction. Left goes back to the campground in just a few short minutes. Stay right.

The trail to Bonnie Lake continues uphill briefly, then flattens out and passes a small pond that makes a great break spot for the youngsters.

Bonnie Lake is another 10 minutes down the trail from the pond. Return the same way.

