

Silver Lake Boardwalk

Big Cottonwood Canyon

APPROX. ROUND TRIP

0.9 mile

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45 ft

DIFFICULTY

Easy

BEST FOR

Strollers, wildlife and first hikes

TRAIL STORY

A wetland high in the mountains

Silver Lake sits in an alpine basin where shallow water, marsh plants and forest meet. The boardwalk lets families look closely while keeping feet - and fragile wet ground - protected.

LIVE TRAIL PAGE



Scan for current trail details and trailhead directions.

LOOK FOR - SIGHTINGS ARE NEVER GUARANTEED

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| ☐ A duck or another water bird | ☐ Cones beneath a spruce or fir |
| ☐ Aspen leaves that tremble in the breeze | ☐ An insect moving over the water |
| ☐ Tracks, scat or another animal clue | ☐ A mountain reflected in the lake |

THREE TRAIL MISSIONS

- 1 Pause for 20 quiet seconds and list every sound.
- 2 Compare one needle-shaped leaf with one broad leaf.
- 3 Find a safe spot to watch the water without feeding wildlife.

MAP IT!

Sketch the lake shape and mark the boardwalk, forest and your favorite view.

Add a legend: start, water, rest stop, viewpoint and turnaround.

KIND HIKER CODE

- Stay on the signed trail.
- Give wildlife plenty of room.
- Leave plants, rocks and water alone.
- Pack out every snack scrap.

THIS TRAIL'S SMART RULE

Protected watershed: no pets or swimming/wading. Leave plants, water and wildlife undisturbed.

GROWN-UP CHECK

Weather, access, parking and closures can change.