

Imogene Lake, Sawtooth Wilderness, Sawtooth NRA, ID

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Description

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Dates

Aug 29 - Sept 4, 2021

Service Project

Trail maintenance in McGown Lakes area.



Free Days

Day hiking to area high points and lakes, fishing, photography, wildlife & wildflower viewing

Accommodations

Tent camping

Project Difficulty

Challenging : 8.6 mi backpack with 1,500' elevation gain, site, digging, lifting, bending, and sawing.

Leaders

Karen Zietlow
Max Gordon

Equipment List

Mountain

Central Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Sawtooth Wilderness are known for the rugged grandeur of their soaring 10,000 foot peaks, flowery mountain meadows, crystal clear lakes, towering alpine forests, and abundant wildlife, including elk, mountain goats, black bear, wolves, wolverines, and pikas! Backpacking and hiking are spectacular in this country, and trout fishing is exceptional in backcountry lakes and streams. Our journey will begin at the beautiful Stanley Lake – just a few miles outside of the alluring mountain community of Stanley, Idaho. The area has several accessible hot springs, historic sites, and other great places to play in and explore.

Our service project will be trail maintenance in the remarkable Sawtooth Wilderness. We'll set up a base camp at Imogene Lake at 8436' elevation after a backpack of 8.6 miles with 1,500' elevation gain with pack support for tools, food and commissary supplies. The crew will camp at Imogene Lake and hike different to project sites. Our project will be to assist the Forest Service to complete trail maintenance of many of the trails out of our basecamp at Imogene Lake. Most of the work will be focused on heavy trail

maintenance and tread repair between Imogene and Hell Roaring Lake. Tread will need to be regraded to standard width, rocks removed, and drainage features maintained with hand tools. Other work will include removing and rehabilitating fire rings and picking up litter around the lake. Free time can be spent exploring the ever-beautiful Sawtooth Wilderness - relaxing, fishing in alpine lakes, taking pictures, or setting off on a more strenuous hike to the amazing Sand Pass viewpoint. Free time can be spent exploring the ever-beautiful Sawtooth Wilderness - relaxing, fishing in alpine lakes, taking pictures, or setting off on a more strenuous hikes.

We **highly recommend** that those coming from low elevation (anything below about 5,000 feet) plan an extra couple days in the area **before the trip** to acclimate to the elevation for your own safety. Altitude sickness is a concern when traveling from low elevation to high elevation and getting acclimatized before the trip is one of the easiest ways to prevent it. If you need ideas on things to do/see before the trip contact your leaders.

This project is rated as a [challenging](#) project.

