



Trail 57--Silver Lake Flat

Duration: 2.5 hours

Distance: 6.4 out-and-back; add another mile if you round the reservoir

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Trailhead: Tibble Fork Reservoir parking area

Elevation: Tibble Fork parking area 6389'; Silver Lake Flat trailhead 6720'; Silver Lake Reservoir 7560'

Avalanche: Low

Map: Timpanogos Cave 7.5 quadrangle; Dromedary Peak 7.5 quadrangle

GPS Coordinates: None

Dogs: Allowed on leash

Introduction: The hike to Silver Lake Reservoir overflows with scenic views that open to the south. The awe-inspiring climb shows grand evergreen slopes, dramatic surrounding peaks, even Tibble Fork Reservoir below. Once at the reservoir you can continue your trek around Silver Lake.

How to get there: From the fee booth up Hwy 92/American Fork Canyon, travel 4.75 miles to a fork in the road. Take the left fork for another 2 miles to the Tibble Fork Reservoir Parking Area. Park here.

Trail description: From the Tibble Fork Reservoir parking area snowshoe up the road that takes off from the far east side of the lot and follow it as it curves to the north. The turn off to Silver Lake Flat is located .8 mile up the road just before the Granite Flat Campground entrance. From here the trail climbs on a wide open snow-covered road 2.4 miles to Silver Lake Reservoir. The trail is easy to follow because the road indentation is clear. Once you reach Silver Lake Reservoir the road winds around to the north side of the reservoir. Enjoy the area around the reservoir before heading back down the road and returning to the parking area.

Other: On your climb, you will pass the Dry Creek trailhead mentioned in the following trail (Trail 57). In addition, on the far northern end of the reservoir, there is another trail that continues up into the mountains to Silver Lake high above.