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### 8/15-16 NORTH CASCADES EXPLORER

The view from Maple Pass just might be the most astounding 360° view in the Northwest, which alone would make this one of the best hikes in this region. However, add two sublime little cirque lakes and you have one of the most gratifying, soul-satisfying day hikes I can think of. The trail starts with switchbacks through the forest but soon lessens its gradient as it crosses an open slope with views to the north. At 1 mile the trail forks, with the Lake Ann trail leading 1 flat mile to this perfect little cirque lake with an island at the far end. Sloping to the lake's shores are subalpine forest, talus slopes, and meadows. The view of the lake is actually much better from the Maple Pass Trail, so you can save yourself 2 miles of hiking to the lake and back by simply heading up this trail to begin with. The trail climbs steadily through meadows and talus slopes to Heather Pass in another mile. But Maple Pass can be seen above, beckoning with the promise of southerly views (Heather has a superb westerly view that includes Lewis Lake). Crossing some cliffs where the trail has been carved out of rock, it climbs to the undulating meadows at the pass and an astonishing view of Glacier Peak and the Stuart Range to the south. The loop is 7.5mi. and 2,000' elevation gain. Saturday night we will stay in Mazama at one of their wonderfully cozy lodges and do another of the North Cascades remarkable hikes the next day. Provided: transit, lodge, maps. Dates 8/15-16 Donation premium for "Adventurer" level x2 (\$170)



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