Three Lakes in One

And a creek.
Take your lunch for an early morning paddle out on Hosmer Lake, which has a deep lake, a neck that winds through the lily pads, and a large shallow lake dotted with islands. At the far left corner of this last part of the lake is Quinn Creek. Paddle up to the horse bridge and take a hike.
The parking at the boat launch can fill up early, so pick up some donuts at Wickiup Station and get an early start. Picnic on the banks of Quinn Creek, or tie your kayaks together and have a sandwich while you free-float around the shallow end of the lake and watch the birds fly around the islands and reeds.

Getting there:
Distance: 40 miles
Driving time, 50 minutes.
From the Chamber of Commerce:
Turn left on Huntington Rd, for 2.5 miles
Turn left on Burgess Road for 10 miles
Turn left on S Century Drive for 9 miles
Turn right on Cascade Lakes National Scenic Byway for 16.5 miles
Turn right at the Hosmer Lake sign for 1.2 miles.
Turn right on NF 605.
Before you Go
The islands in the lake are reserved for birds and animals. Please don’t disturb them. Afternoons can be windy and make a return trip difficult for small paddlers, and there’s no road access at the far end of the lake.

Fly fishing only.
Check weather reports in spring and fall.

Amenities
Vault toilet. No water.

What to Bring
Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, food, and water.

Shoes for hiking at the horse bridge, binoculars for bird watching, camera, and fly fishing gear may add to your enjoyment.