



Landmark #32
Lake Kaindy
Kazakhstan



Lake Kaindy is located in the south of Kazakhstan, within **Kolsai Lakes National Park**. It is located 2,000 meters above sea level, and 129 kilometers east and southeast of the Almaty city in Kazakhstan. The lake was formed as the result of a major limestone landslide forming a natural dam. It was formed in **1911** as a result of the **Kebin earthquake**, which caused the gorge to get blocked and filled by mountain river water. The track to Lake Kaindy has numerous scenic views to the Saty Gorge, the Chilik Valley, and the Kaindy Gorge. Lake Kaindy is about **400 meters long**, reaching depths of nearly 30 meters at its deepest point. Altered by **limestone deposits**, the water maintains a bluish-green color. The lake is well-known for its scenery, particularly its trunks of submerged ***Picea schrenkiana* trees** that rise above the surface of the lake. The area is often referred to as a '**sunken forest**'. The cold water helps preserve the tree trunks, which are overgrown with algae and various other water plants. In recent years, Lake Kaindy has become a popular international tourist destination.

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