

BARLOW BUTTE TRAIL #670



Northwest Forest Pass → Required-Access#1
Distance → 5.3 miles
Elevation → High 5,250 feet – Low 4,000 feet
Snow Free → June - October
Difficulty → Expert/Strenuous

Directions to Trailhead: Access #1: Travel on HWY 35 to Barlow Pass Sno-Park (Road 3531 – 2 miles east of the HWY 35/26 junction. Walk down Old Barlow Road #3530 to the trailhead sign.

Access #2: Travel on HWY 26 to Road 43 (14 miles south of Government Camp). Or take Road 48 to Road 43. Continue on Road 43 to the junction with the Old Barlow Road (3530). Go north on Old Barlow Road 2-1/2 miles to Kilinger's Camp where parking is available.

Trail Highlights: Great views of Mt. Hood, and to the south, Mt. Jefferson and Three Sisters.

Trail Description: Strong hikers will enjoy the out and back option to Barlow Butte. Others might consider a vehicle shuttle in order to take a pleasant day hike. You will find opportunities for solitude and rugged, panoramic views of Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson and the surrounding Cascades. The views are especially colorful in the spring and fall when the valleys and mountainsides are infused with seasonal colors. From the trailhead at Barlow Pass the trail starts along a section of the original Barlow Trail, passing through old growth forests. It then begins a long steep ascent on Barlow Butte. The trail crests on Barlow Ridge just below Barlow Butte. Hikers can take a user trail to the top of the butte for outstanding views of Mt. Jefferson and surrounding valleys and mountain ridges. The trail then travels southeast along meadows and rocky viewpoints interspersed with groves and smaller second growth trees. The tread is often faint and there are sections of embedded and loose rock, which makes footing very unstable at times. The section of trail (2 miles) between the ridge top and Kilinger's Camp is extremely steep and rough. It has not been maintained recently. The trail has many down trees, but is still accessible.

RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

Hood River Ranger District

6780 Highway 35 – Parkdale, OR 97041

541-352-6002

www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood



200606

Barlow Butte Trail #670

