

**Photos of Boulder Butte Hike**  
Malheur National Forest, Blue Mountain District

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The hike to Boulder Butte is along the mostly open Greenhorn Ridge, starting at Indian Rock (far center).



The trailhead is at the Head O' Boulder forest camp, just off Road 537 to the Indian Rock Lookout.



For the first mile, the trail climbs through open meadows and stands of subalpine fir east of the lookout.



At 1.8 miles, the trail tops the ridge and one has the first views southeast to Boulder Butte (right center).



The cairn-marked ridge trail also offers long views south over the Middle Fork John Day River drainage.



At 2.9 miles, the trail rounds Point 7425 to a junction, then starts northeast toward Boulder Butte (center).



The 360 degree views from Boulder Butte are spectacular, both further east down the Greenhorn Ridge...



...and to the north down the once-glaciated South Fork Desolation Creek watershed.