

Photos of Round Butte Trail
Umatilla National Forest - Pomeroy District

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Round Butte (on horizon at left) is a commanding, open promontory at the end of a long, narrow ridge.



The trail starts south from the primitive Indian Campground, at the end of Forest Road 450.



Within the first mile, there are views southwest through the trees over the Milk Creek watershed.



Further down the ridge, sweeping views open up to the east over the North Fork Wenaha watershed.



At 3.1 miles, one leaves the main trail and begins a half-mile, 300' cross-country ascent to the summit.



At the top, there are 360 degree views, including the snow-capped Wallowa Mtns. to the far southeast.



Scores of elk beds are found around the top of Round Butte, plus a few deep elk "dust bath" pits.



The most dramatic views are east down the North Fork Wenaha canyon, to the Wenaha River beyond.