

Photos of Summit Ridge Trail
Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

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The trail starts at a rock cairn with a trail sign, just off the Hat Point Road in the Jim Springs area.



The first views are west, across the Imnaha River canyon to the High Wallowas on the far horizon.



At 0.5 miles, the trail drops to a saddle, with views east across Saddle Creek to the Seven Devils Range.



As the trail descends Summit Ridge, one has glimpses south to Freezeout Saddle, the hike's destination.



At 1.4 miles, the trail begins a long switchback to the west, down a rounded grassy ridge with fir trees.



The last half mile to Freezeout Saddle is across a grassy slope, past picturesque mountain mahogany.



At 2.2 miles, in the saddle itself, the trail intersects the Saddle Creek Trail at a signed rock cairn.



The best lunch spots are a half mile further south in the saddle, with views into the Snake River canyon.