

Photos of Midnight Mountain Hike
Colville National Forest, Kettle Falls Ranger District

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Midnight Mountain is a 6,660' prominence on the Kettle Range crest, with easily-accessible open slopes.



The hike starts on the Old Stage Trail, a restored section of wagon road constructed in 1892.



For 1.7 miles, the route gradually climbs the old road, meeting the Kettle Crest Trail in a low pass.



Just 0.2 miles north on the Kettle Crest Trail, the route starts cross-country, steeply up alpine meadows.



Climbing the south ridge of Midnight Mtn., one has superb vistas south of Copper Butte and environs.



Nearing the summit, one needs to negotiate stretches of downed trees, killed in a 1995 lightning fire.



The summit ridge also abounds with wildflowers in early summer, including carpets of blue lupine.



At 3.0 miles, on the north end of the summit ridge, are long views west over the Okanogan Highlands.