

Photos of Packrat Ridge Hike
Colville National Forest, Republic Ranger District

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From 6,770' elevation, Packrat Ridge descends gradually west from the crest of the Kettle River Range.



The route starts from the little-used Sherman Trailhead, at the end of Forest Road 065.



For the first 1.5 miles, the trail switchbacks up through uncut fir forests to meet the Kettle Crest Trail.



On the Kettle Crest Trail, at 2.9 miles, the route passes a spring and wet meadow, below granite rocks.



200 yards past the spring, the route leaves the trail and climbs cross-country, with long views south.



The route to the ridge top is up through alpine meadows, scattered firs and thick blue lupine in July.



From Packrat Ridge, at 3.3 miles, the views north are along the entire Kettle Range, to British Columbia.



The views to the south include Columbia Mountain and Sherman Peak, all the way to White Mountain.