

Photos of Thirteenmile Mountain Hike
Colville National Forest, Republic District

June 9, 2015



The trail follows a long, sparsely-forested ridge to the 4,885'-high summit of Thirteenmile Mtn. (far right).



The hike starts at the little-used Cougar Trailhead, in a large gravel parking area off Road 2054.



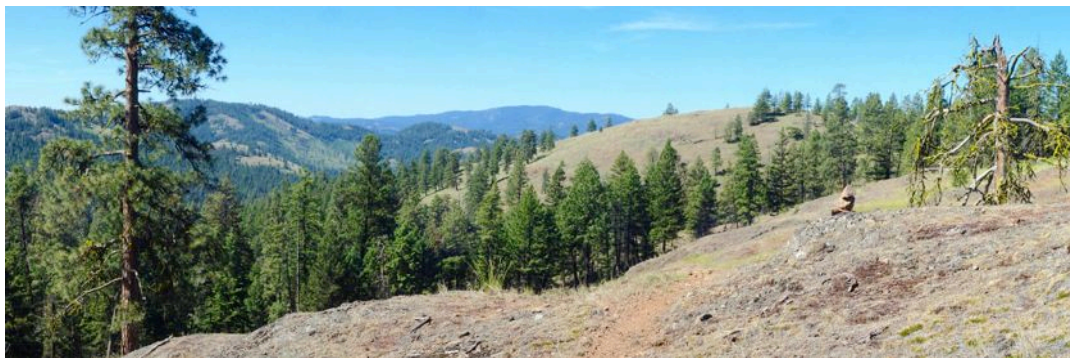
In the first quarter mile, the trail descends into a shady, spring-fed creek, with old-growth larch trees.



Past the creek, the trail climbs steeply to the ridge crest, with long views south down Thirteenmile Creek.



At 2.2 miles, as the trail climbs along the ridge, one has wide vistas north over the Okanogan Highlands.



At intervals, the trail dips into shady folds along the ridge, with thick stands of fir and larch.



At 2.6 miles, the route leaves the trail and climbs steeply cross-country up the west ridge to the summit.



The summit views are big and panoramic, west to the High Cascades and east to the Kettle River Range.