

Photos of Poker Jim Ridge Hike
Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge (USFWS)

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The hike starts at Petroglyph Lake and the destination is the juniper-covered ridge on the horizon at right.



Along the lake's west shore, ancient petroglyphs are scratched into the rock varnish. Do not touch!



From Petroglyph Lake north to the rim, the hike is across an open sage plain with almost no tree cover...



...but small, curious herds of pronghorn antelope are common here.



The last 0.4 miles to the ridge top (Promontory 6049) is a gradual ascent up through scattered junipers.



From Promontory 6049, it's an easy 1.7 mile walk northeast along Poker Jim Ridge to Promontory 6315.



Along the ridge top, there are nice views back southwest over Hart Mountain...



...and panoramic vistas of the pothole lakes to the northwest. Look for rare bighorn sheep below the rim.