

Photos of the Okanogan Highlands

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The continental ice sheet ground the Okanogan Highlands into rounded ridges, seldom over 5,000' high.



The glacial ice carved broad valleys with deep soils between the rounded granite ridges...



...and today one can still find homestead cabins from the early 1900s throughout these valleys.



The glacial ice also left terraced lateral moraines (at center), here near Torada in the Kettle River Valley.



The Thirteenmile Canyon trail offers a chance to see towering, glacier-carved granite cliffs up close...



...while both the Virginia Lilly and Maple Mountain trails feature pristine, old-growth forests.



The rounded ridges of the Highlands are easy to hike, such as the trail to Thirteenmile Mtn. (at far right).



The terrain is also accommodating enough to invite cross-country rambles, as on the Bamber Ridge hike.