

Dirty Face Peak

Activity: Hiking

Region: Lake Wenatchee District - Wenatchee NF, Washington

Difficulty: Difficult

Round Trip Mileage: 9.5

Round Trip Time: 7 hours

Suitable For: Adults and Hearty Teens

Seasons Open: Early Summer - Early Fall

Permits Necessary: USFS Trail Park Pass

Trail Description

This trail provides wonderful views into Lake Wenatchee and the Glacier Peak Wilderness.

The views come with a price though, the trail is steep, dry, and hot.

The trail gains 4000 ft in 4 miles, ascending some 90 switchbacks. Bring lots of water, eat your Wheaties

and don't forget a camera. After

about an hour into the hike you will come upon an old logging road. Follow it

for about a half mile to its end where you will find the trail starts back up (and up, and up) again. There is an

old fire lookout site at the top of Dirty Face which has now been

reduced to a pile of rubble. How did this peak get such a distinguished name as Dirty

Face? Legend has it that JS Barnard homesteaded at the base of the peak in the late

1800's. He worked avidly clearing his land and burning brush day in and day out. Passers

by often found him with a sweaty, soot covered face. He came to be known as "old dirty

face" and the peak behind his homestead stands as a testament to his nickname.

Driving Directions

From Leavenworth, start your odometer after you pass the gas station on the corner of Icicle Road and Highway 2 West. Drive 14.5 miles on Hwy 2 West and take a right on route #207 following signs to Lake Wenatchee/Fish Lake Recreation Area (or if traveling from Stevens Pass go 20.2 miles and take a left on #207). Go 4.3 miles on #207 and cross the Wenatchee River. Stay on the main road as it bears left following the signs to Ranger Station. At about 9 miles you will come to the Ranger Station on the right. Just before the station, follow the driveway on the right for a few hundred yards to the trailhead.

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