



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

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Cabinet Divide East Trail #360E 11.1 Miles



Recommended Season
Summer Fall

ACCESS: From Libby, travel 28 miles south of Libby on US Highway 2. Turn right on the Silver Butte Road #148 and precede for 11 miles to the Powerline Road #594. Park just past this road junction, and travel about 5 miles on the closed 594 road to the Cabinet Divide and the trailhead on the left. This trail can also be accessed off the Silver Butte Road at the pass about 13 miles up.

FACILITIES: None

SETTING: The north half of this trail travels over open ridges, with amazing views of the south Cabinets and drainages to the east and west. The south half travels primarily through a coniferous overstory, but still has some outstanding views of the South Cabinets and Silver Butte Mountain. The trail is bisected by the Silver Butte Road, providing access at about trail midpoint.

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, viewing scenery, horseback riding, and hunting.

ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS: Trail #360E is in an inventoried roadless area and provides a pristine experience for visitors. This fairly rugged trail passes through some beautiful open ridge line alpine habitat with old growth subalpine forest in the basins below the ridge and provides excellent high elevation hunting opportunities. There are many day hike opportunities with the numerous loop trail opportunities to tie into the Silver Butte Creek Trail, the Silver Butte Road, and the Waloven Trail. Also provides access to the Canyon Peak Trail #903.

TRAIL INFORMATION: Trail 360E can be essentially divided into two trails - Silver Butte Pass to road #594 and from Silver Butte Pass to the Waloven Trail #293. Both halves climb considerably and you'll need to pay close attention to tree blazes and rock cairns. The true trailhead is located off powerline road #594, however the majority access this trail off the Silver Butte Road. Water availability is very marginal to non-existing on both halves. This is great grizzly bear habitat, so bring your bear spray.

ELEVATION: Beginning at the Powerline Road at the Cabinet Divide at 5920' and ending at the Waloven Trail #293 in the drainage at 4100'. Canyon Peak is the high point at 6300'.

USE: Low

DIFFCULTY: Difficult

MAINTENANCE: Periodically

For Current Status -

www.fs.usda.gov/activity/kootenai/recreation/hiking

MAPS: Forest Map, District Travel Map

CLOSURES: All motorized use.



South Cabinets

Prepared by Cabinet Back Country Horsemen

Cabinet Divide Trail East #360E & Silver Butte Cr. Trail #296

