



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

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Silver Butte Ridge # 295 3.4 Miles (4.7 miles with 293a Tie)

Recommended Season
Summer Fall

ACCESS: From Libby, head south on US Highway 2 for 28 miles and take the Silver Butte Road. Proceed up Silver Butte for 8.2 miles to a spur road on the left and the Waloven Himes and Waloven Tie Trailhead.

FACILITIES: None. Good trailer turn around and parking at the Trailhead.

SETTING: Closed canopy forest.

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

ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS:

The main attraction for this trail is access to the Silver Butte Ridge and Cabinet Divide East Trail #360E. There are limited views into Waloven Creek along the way and spectacular views when you reach the Cabinet Divide. For loop options; head west for about 2 ³/₄ miles to the road at Silver Butte Pass, or head east and down Waloven Creek for about 4.3 miles to get back to the Waloven Tie junction for a 10.3 mile loop.

TRAIL INFORMATION: To access this trail you need to take the Waloven Tie for 1.3 miles to the junction of the Waloven Himes and Silver Butte Ridge Trail. There is no sign at this junction and the Waloven Himes Trail hasn't been cleared for several years so watch for the junction and take the right fork. There is a foot bridge crossing the Silver Butte Fisher River on the tie and a stock crossing just upstream of the bridge. A couple of sections along the tie have washed out, but a path has been sawed out so (with care) stock can get around these sections.

The junction with Silver Butte Ridge Trail and the Cabinet Divide #360E is difficult to find. It is about .4 miles from the high point,

where the ridge changes from a southeast to southwest direction with a gentle spur ridge to the east.

The Silver Butte Ridge Trail traverses along a moderately steep ridge through closed forest canopy. While you can occasionally see the rock outcroppings in Waloven Creek, it is not a very scenic trail until you reach the Cabinet Divide.

ELEVATION: Beginning at 3480 at the junction with the Waloven Himes Trail to 5400' at the junction with the Cabinet Divide East Trail. The high point is on the ridge at 5700'.

USE: Low

DIFFCULTY: moderate

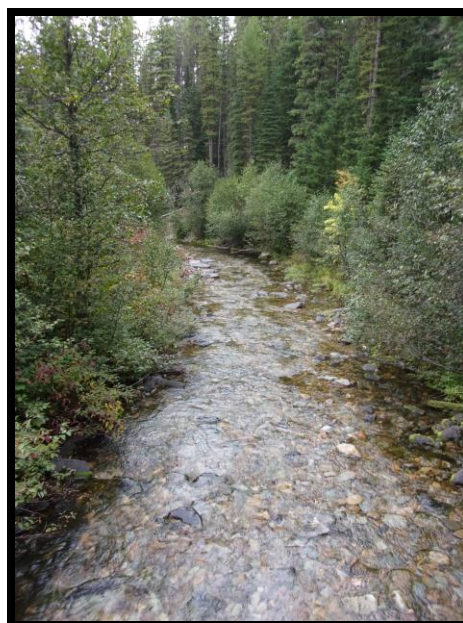
MAINTENANCE: Periodically cleared by Cabinet Back Country Horsemen.

Current Status -

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

MAPS: Forest Map, District Travel Map

CLOSURES: All motorized use



Silver Butte Fisher River on the Waloven Tie

Cabinet Divide Trail East #360E & Silver Butte Cr. Trail #296 + Silver Butte Ridge #295

