



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

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Standard Creek #116 5.0 Miles

Recommended Season
Summer Fall

ACCESS: From Libby, travel 26 miles south on US Highway 2. Turn right on to the West Fisher Road #231 and continue for 7 miles to the junction of the 6745 Road on the left. Follow the 6745 Road for 1.5 miles to the end of the open road. Trail starts on the old closed road on the north side of the creek.

FACILITIES: None. There is no turnaround for trailers at the trailhead, so horse users will need to park at the junction of the 231 and 6745 roads and add another 1.5 miles to their ride.

SETTING: The first 3 miles are in a closed forest setting. The upper 2 miles climb along a small spur ridge and undulate between closed and open forest with brush fields to rocky openings.

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

ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS: The end of the trail provides spectacular views of Upper Libby Creek, Elephant Peak, Twin Peaks, and the south Cabinet Mountain Wilderness.

An additional attraction of this trail is the historic mining that occurred in Standard Creek and Great Northern Mountain. Many of the mining claims were developed in the 1890's, with several claims in the head end of Standard Creek. The Standard Creek Road was likely constructed over an old mining trail in the 1890's to early 1900's. The first maps that showed the upper Standard Creek Trail were in the early 1930's but it is likely the

trail was developed in the early 1900's, although it did not show up on the 1905/1906 Libby and West Fisher Mining District maps. Evidence of mining activity can still be seen on the landscape.

TRAIL INFORMATION: The trail is on the old Standard Creek Road for the first 2.5 miles, with the first mile in the bottom with a gentle grade and nice tread. The road starts climbing for another 1.5 miles and trail becomes much rockier and washed. The last 2 miles transition to a steeper climbing trail with numerous switchbacks and 1700 feet in elevation to the summit. There is water at the end of the trail where it crosses the draw. You can bushwhack to the top of Great Northern Mountain from the summit.

ELEVATION: Beginning at 3500' at the Standard Creek Road, and ending at 6500' at Great Northern Mountain Summit

USE: Moderate

DIFFICULTY: Moderate/Difficult

MAINTENANCE: Periodically. **Current Status**
- www.fs.usda.gov/activity/kootenai/recreation/hiking

MAPS: Forest Map, District Travel Map

CLOSURES: All motorized use



Great Northern Mountain (photo by Tim Auer)

Howard Lake #823, Libby Cr. 119, Standard Cr. #116, Gloria Mine #301, Wayup Mine #815

