

Goat Rocks Tour

31 miles total (including side trips), 6,500' gained

Beginning at the Walupt Lake trailhead, immediately head west on FR 2160, for about 1 ½ miles. Opposite the Coleman Weedpatch trail #121, look for the signed '7A.' Turn right into the forest. 7A is primitive – watch for flagging as you go. Follow the trail the first mile, crossing/fording the Cispus River. Continue a gradual ascent, crossing the first couple obsolete roads, then finally staying on a latter one for a couple miles. Reach FR 2150 and just walk it the last bit, passing by Chambers Lake and Snowgrass trailhead turnoffs. Reach Berry Patch trailhead, and #95.

Head up #95, passing by side trails to the left. Reach Jordan Basin (water), and then a quick ascent to the junction with #86, Lily Basin trail.

Side trip: At the 95/86 junction, continue uphill to a small saddle overlooking Lily Basin. At this point is also an unmarked trail to the right, which is the route to Hawkeye Point. A little over two miles round trip to Hawkeye Point and back from the junction.

Descend about a mile to Goat Lake. Prime camping spots.

From Goat Lake, make the gradual descent to Snowgrass, and then go left on #96 to the PCT.

Side trip: Head north on the PCT to Old Snowy. Take the 'Old Snowy alternate' to make the summit, which is a good four miles or so round trip from the 96/PCT junction.

Descend into Cispus Basin (water). Again, prime camping.

Continue south on the PCT, reaching Cispus Pass, and then the descent to the right turn at Sheep Lake for #98, Nannie Ridge trail, and mostly downhill to the trailhead.

