

Silver Star via Bluff Mtn. trailhead

12 ½ miles total, 1,500' gained

From the trailhead on the south side of Road #41, walk down a road (#502; 4x4 usable, but very overgrown) for about 2 miles. At this point, look for the actual trail #172 veering to the right at an obvious turnaround in the road (if you miss this, the road dead ends in just a couple hundred feet). Follow the trail downhill, then back up, skirting Bluff Mtn. At about 4 miles, traverse the talused south slope of Little Baldy. Continue on mostly uphill – passing by Starway Trail #175 – until just below the slopes of Silver Star. Look for an unmarked side trail going left, sharply uphill. (If you miss this, you will intersect Trail #180, which can be followed uphill to the summit). In just 100 yards or so, the side trail reaches a campsite. Turn left, and then after ¼ mile or so, left again to reach the top of Silver Star. Return the way you came.

Little Baldy summit side trip: as you pass beneath Little Baldy on the talused slope shortly after exiting the forest, chose a line up through the talus to the high point. You may find a path, or you may not. Either way, it will be a short scramble, with recently made 'pits' evident, and pleasant views.

