

Silver Star loops

Short loop: 8 ½ miles total, 2,000' gained

Find the trailhead immediately across from the parking area. Proceed uphill a few steps, turning left onto the Tarbell trail (the road straight ahead will be the return). Follow this trail for about three miles, coming to an intersection with an old road. A wooden sign is marked 'Sturgeon Rock, Silver Star.' Turn right. (Straight ahead is Hidden Falls and the longer loop). Go uphill for a mile or so, then level out for ½ mile or so as you walk past Sturgeon Rock.

At the four-way junction, turn left (straight across is Indian Pits, right is for the return).

Go uphill a short distance to another junction; turn right (straight is Ed's trail/north trailhead).

Complete a switchback, going left at the saddle; Silver Star is the northerly hump.

For the return, proceed downhill, left at the first junction, then straight at the second (four-way).

About a ½ mile further on, stay to the right, picking up 180F, then mostly downhill to the lot.

Long loop: 16 miles total, 3,700' gained

Proceed to Hidden Falls, and then about 1 ½ miles further, find the wooden signs for Chinook trail and Silver Star summit. Proceed right, uphill for 2+ miles. At the road intersection, turn left, downhill, finding Ed's trail signed to the right. Follow this about 2 miles to the summit trail; go left. Return from the summit as described for the short loop.

