

Silver Star Mountain, south ridge route

8 miles total, 2,800' gained

Find the trailhead on the right side of the four way junction, next to the gate.

Step around the gate and stay left at the nearby fork. Continue uphill on the robust gravel road.

After about a mile, look for a jeep track heading sharply uphill on the left. Take this.

Proceed through the forest – staying left at an upcoming junction – until you pop out of the trees and see the expansive area in front of you. The trail is visible, heading across rock debris slopes, towards Silver Star.

Continue straight past a side trail to Pyramid Rock, and then a short distance later, stay right at the intersection with the main trail from Grouse Vista.

Carry on uphill, going straight at the four way junction, and then right a short distance further as the summit of Silver Star is nearby. For the return, proceed downhill the way you came all the way up.

Or, make an interesting loop through Indian Pits. For this, go left at the four way junction passed through earlier, and proceed across the ridgeline to the pits. From this high point on a clear day, you can see the trail down below that was ascended earlier, making this off trail segment fairly straightforward. Make your way through the rocky terrain – maybe finding a faint path – down the nose of the ridge. Return the way you came from that point.

