

## Siouxon Creek

12 miles total, 900' gained

Do the extra couple miles on #130, passing by the traditional trailhead and go right, downhill. Proceed a little over a mile on #130, passing by the first Horseshoe Ridge (#140) on the right. Another mile and a half or so further - and prior to the second junction with #140 - look for a sign indicating 'Wildcat Trail #156'.

Go left a few steps to Siouxon Creek. This will be a ford of the creek – or rock hop with low water - with the trail immediately opposite. (If you choose not to ford due to high water, continue straight ahead on #130. It's 12 miles out and back to just Chinook Falls, 14 ½ miles out and back passing by Chinook Falls and then on to Wildcat Falls).

After the ford, proceed slightly left, uphill, for 1/4 mile to the viewpoint of Wildcat Falls.

After viewing the falls, come back down on #156 (Wildcat Trail), cross Wildcat Creek and head east for less than a mile to the junction with #130A (Chinook Trail). Go straight ahead (downhill) on #130A a short distance to Chinook Falls. Cross Chinook Creek and continue on #130A a short distance to the Siouxon Creek bridge location. (2021: bridge burned out; must ford the creek). After the ford, go right, following Siouxon Creek 5 ½ miles or so down #130, back to the lot. (*Going east on #130 for about 1 ½ miles will take you to middle and upper falls*).

Two longer, tough, loop options:

Huffman Peak – about 14 miles, around 3,000' gained, mostly in the woods unless you make the bushwhack to the summit. From Wildcat Falls, continue up #156, then just after a short descent, go left on #129. Follow this downhill to a wide, shallow ford, then left on #130 to the lot.

Siouxon Peak – about 20 miles, around 4,000' gained, more open, good views. Take #130/130A to Chinook Falls. Shortly after the falls, go right, uphill on #130A (#156 goes straight ahead). Go left on Rd. 6403, which is #129. Proceed on #129 – taking the short side trail to Siouxon Peak – and look for #156 veering left, uphill. After this short ascent, follow #156 downhill, making the ford below Wildcat Falls across the creek to #130, and then right back to the lot.

### 2021 Update:

*Due to the 2020 fire, the traditional trailhead indicated below is inaccessible. About two miles to the west, the hike now starts at or near the hairpin turn on Rd. 5701, which is the lower, or horse, trailhead. Find trail #130 just below this point.*

