

Haystack Mountain #82 (National Recreation Trail)



Managed Use(s): Hike, Bike, and Horse

Difficulty: There are some steep sections of this trail that may be difficult for some hikers.

Trail Length: 3.6 miles from the trailhead, additional 1.2 miles from the gate on Forest Road #1538.

Attractions and Considerations

Site of the old Haystack Mountain lookout. Haystack Mountain provides panoramic views of Boulder River Valley, Elk Park, and other vistas.

Trailhead Directions

From Butte, take Interstate 15 north to Helena and exit at Elk Park. Turn right and then left onto Frontage Road paralleling the interstate for approximately four miles, then take a right turn onto Forest Road #1538. Visitors can drive up the road past the gate for another mile, however, the road is not suitable for two wheel vehicles. This would add approximately another mile of walking to the hike.

