

Explore Idaho Peak

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Wildflowers are visible all summer, but during July and August they abound, filling the meadows with hundreds of fragrances and a riot of colour. Visitors are reminded not to pick any flowers, but make sure to bring a camera— it's a sight you'll want to keep forever!

From there, it's a short 2-kilometre hike along old ridge-top pack trails to the summit, where Idaho Peak Forestry Lookout Tower is located. From the lookout, there is a breathtaking panoramic view of Slocan Lake, the Selkirk and Valhalla mountain ranges, and the villages of New Denver, Silverton and Rosebery.

Bicycles are no longer allowed on this trail. Idaho Peak also makes a perfect jumping off spot for hang gliding enthusiasts, who ride the air currents down to land at the New Denver campgrounds far below. Even for less adventurous souls the hike is well worth the effort, however, as the Peak is one of the tallest and most accessible in the entire area.

Please Note —

The Idaho Peak Road is a Forestry Department road. It is steep and narrow, and although there are pullout areas along the route, visitors are reminded to use caution and obey all road signs. The road is generally open from July to September, and a shuttle service is often available for larger groups. Enquire about road conditions at the Sandon Historical Society

Museum and Visitors' Centre. This road is not suitable for large motorhomes, vehicles pulling trailers or vehicles with low clearance.