

ROCKY TOP LOOP TRAIL

TRAIL INFORMATION

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NARRATIVE

The hike is special primarily because of the striking scenic vistas of the vast arid shrub-steppe portion of Eastern Washington it provides. This hike begins at the Rocky Top trailhead kiosk, but rather than following the most visible gravel path, this trail starts on the gravel driveway at the southeast end of the parking area and follows the edge of an old irrigation canal to the south beside an orchard. The trail signs mark a scenic trail up the ridge line offering spectacular territorial views of the surrounding area. The ridge trail intersects with the jeep road, which is the main access trail from the Rocky Top trailhead, at a gate in an old barbed wire fence. Hikers can choose either to continue to the summit, or follow the Rocky Top Loop Trail on the jeep road to return to the trailhead and parking area.

TRAIL LENGTH (AND TERRAIN)

In 2.18 miles of gentle grade the trail covers a ditch bank, a typical shrub-steppe footpath, and a jeep road.

DIFFICULTY (ADD COLOR)

Moderate

TRAIL USES (HIKING, BIKING, SKIING, HORSEBACK)

Hiking, biking, skiing, and horseback

TRAILHEAD DIRECTIONS (FROM VISITOR CENTER)

1. Head southeast on N Fair Ave toward E Yakima Ave
2. Take the 2nd right toward E Yakima Ave
3. Turn left onto E Yakima Ave
4. Turn right onto Summitview Ave
5. Turn left onto Rocky Top Rd
6. Turn left into the parking area surrounded by large boulders.

