

## **Oregon Peak:**

## Missoula Lake Option:

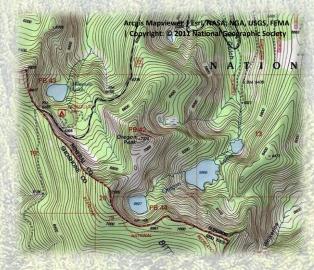
<u>Difficulty:</u> Classic <u>Distance:</u> 1.5 miles

<u>Trailhead Elevation:</u> 6370 feet; <u>Trailhead Lat/Long:</u> 47° 3'28.44"N / 115° 6'45.72"W Summit Elevation: 7260 feet; Summit Lat/Long: 47° 3'27.94"N / 115° 6'10.52"W

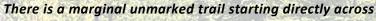
Getting There: From Superior, take Cedar Creek Road #320 and head toward Missoula Lake and Cascade Pass, 25 miles; stay on the main road as there are several other roads that connect.

After coming off Miller Saddle, (about 20 mi) there will be an intersection at the bottom of the drainage. Stay straight crossing Oregon Creek. The right fork at this intersection (road #7763) heads down the hill to the Big Flat; the left fork will take you up to the Oregon Lakes trailhead (1/2 mi). About a mile from the

stateline (Cascade Pass) there will be a road dropping off to the



right and signage for Missoula Lake and campground. Go past this turnoff for about 2 tenths of a mile where there is a wide spot on the right to park; also at this point is a trail coming out of the Missoula Lake Campground.



from this point near a

small stream that will wind its way through the scrub trees and eventually make a steep climb up to the saddle. Take care with your route finding as there are several other false trails that can be followed but do not lead anywhere. Once you cross the small stream about halfway up the basin the trail becomes much better. The trail gets more defined as you get farther up the hillside from the road. It is less than a mile to the saddle from the road.







From the saddle head left along the ridge towards the summit. It is less than 300 feet up to the summit. Going is easy as there isn't much brush, and it is not real steep.

## Cascade Pass Option:

Difficulty: Classic
Distance: 2.5 miles

<u>Trailhead Elevation:</u> 6480 feet; <u>Trailhead Lat/Long:</u> 47° 3'40.59"N / 115° 7'13.80"W Summit Elevation: 7260 feet; Summit Lat/Long: 47° 3'27.94"N / 115° 6'10.52"W

Getting There: Another route is to start at Cascade Pass (Missoula Lake Saddle) and head south on the state line trail towards Illinois Peak. From Superior, take Cedar Creek Road #320 and



way back north along the ridge to connect with an obvious game trail that traverses the hillside towards Oregon Peak. This is a marginal trail that connects into the trail from Missoula Lake just below the low saddle on the lake side. This route is about twice as far as the route over the low saddle from Missoula Lake.

head toward Missoula Lake and Cascade Pass, 25 miles; stay on the main road as there are several other roads that connect. After coming off Miller Saddle, (about 20 mi) there will be an intersection at the bottom of the drainage. Stay straight crossing Oregon Creek. The right fork at this intersection (road #7763) heads down the hill to the Big Flat; the left fork will take you up to the Oregon Lakes trailhead (1/2 mi). Continue past Missoula Lake to Cascade Pass (Missoula Lake saddle).

Take the state line trail #738 south towards the Illinois Peak. When you get back to the state line overlooking the Upper Oregon Lake, leave the trail and work your



From the saddle head right along the ridge towards the summit. It is less than 300 feet up to the summit. Going is easy as there isn't much brush, and it is not real steep.





## Lakes of the Great Burn & More

On the Summit: The summit is a rocky point that offers a fabulous 360-degree view of the region. There are outstanding views of both the Upper Oregon Lake and Missoula Lake. You do have to go down off the summit a bit to see the Middle & Lower Oregon Lakes. The high point

Middle Oregon Lake

across the way on the other side of the saddle offers a great view of all 3 Oregon Lakes. If you go north down the rocky spine a bit you can see a small lake/pond in the valley below. You can almost see the Bonanza Lakes from here, but need a bit more elevation. There isn't a register on the summit. The last time I was on the summit it only took 1.5 hours from the Missoula Lake campground, so it is a relatively easy hike to the summit.





