

Next hike for our Selkirk, Cabinet, Purcell Hiking Group will be this next Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the twelfth hike this year to Chimney Rock on Trail 256. We will depart at 8:00AM from [Pace Home](#) (7087 Funkhouser St, Bonners Ferry), and 8:30AM from [Samuels Conoco and Store](#) on Hwy 95 and Pack River Road.

1. From Samuels, head West onto Pack River Road.
2. Stay on Pack River Road for 17 miles.
3. Turn Left (West) onto Forest Road 2653 (it ends at the trailhead)
4. One-way hiking distance: approx. 6 miles; 2.5-3.5 hours, but we will only need to go 4 miles to see everything we need to see

Here is [the Google Earth Folder for Chimney Rock on Mt Roothaan](#), and [here is an internet description of the hike from Summit Post dot Org](#). [Here is another one from Every Trail dot Com](#).

**PACK RIVER (east) SIDE (copied from the summit post dot org website):**

1. From Sandpoint, ID, drive US highway 2/95 north for approximately 10 miles, then turn west onto Pack River Rd (Rd 231).
2. Stay on Pack River Road 17 miles, then turn west (left) onto Forest Rd 2653. It ends at the trailhead at the West Fork (a primitive campsite is also here).
3. Drive across the Pack River bridge (11 miles from the highway; washed out in 2006, and restored in 2008) and turn left onto an old logging road. The trail follows the slope for 2 miles then trends right on another old logging road (#256). The trailhead (Chimney Rock Trailhead #256) may also be accessed by ATV or mountain bike.
4. This trail is an old logging road for ~2 miles. It trends left and turns into a trail (may be overgrown) near Chimney Creek, and crosses another bridge (Chimney Creek).
5. Cross the bridge and hike up a steep timbered hillside; the route is flagged & also has rock "ducks". Cross small meadows and go across granite slabs; carefully watch for the "ducks".
6. After crossing a large bench, then a smaller one, you will arrive at the head of the canyon. (The benches are suitable for camping, and the best sites on the east side route.) The east face of Chimney Rock is then visible and is unmistakable.

Plus, see my [Hiking Blog](#) for more information and great views of Boundary County.

Please RSVP if you are coming.

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