

For the Selkirk, Purcell, Cabinet Club, the sixteenth hike this year will be to Hidden Lake and Red Top Mountain on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. We will depart from the [Big Flag Information Center Parking Lot, Bonners Ferry](#) at 8:00AM. Let us know if you want to be picked up at the Three Mile or other places along the way.

Here are some of Our Photos: [2013 Hidden Lake Red Top](#) and [2012 07 25 Hidden Lake Westfork Cabin](#). Here is the [Hidden Lake Red Top Google Earth Folder](#).

Red Top Hidden Lake is up Smith Creek before Westfork Cabin and Westfork Lake. From Hidden Lake we can hike up to a decision point on the ridge and either go left to Red Top or Right to Westfork Cabin or at least over to see the Westfork Cabin Meadow below. The plan right now is to just go to Red Top this year for a 3.4 mile hike one way.

According to Idaho Home Locator dot com, [Hidden Lake](#) is 42 miles north of the Pace Home (by way of Hwy 95, Hwy 1, Copeland Hill Road to Copeland Bridge, to Westside Road (Co Road 45) to Smith Creek Road), and only 12.1 miles up Smith Creek Road (there is a left turn in Smith Creek Road (road 281) 7.7 miles up and Hidden Lake trailhead (on road 655 to the right) is another 4.4 miles. The Trailhead is a mile from the lake. From the lake, we hike up a rather steep mile to a decision point between Joe Peak and Red Top (above the lake), and then over and up to Red Top.

From Red Top we should see: Red Top Mountain, Smith Peak, Joe Peak, Italian (Dago) Peak, Parker Peak, Silver Mountain, Saddle Mountain, Lone Tree, Lake (Cutoff Lake) Mountain, Trapper Peak, Bugle Ridge North, and look right down Smith Creek to the Kootenai Valley (Budweiser/Kokanee etc. Hop Farms). We will see Lister and the Skimmerhorns South and East of [Creston, BC](#).

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

Please RSVP if you are coming.

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