

Cascade Village Nearby Hiking Trails

Engineer Mountain Trail

To drive to this hike, go left out of front entrance. Travel to Coal Bank Pass rest stop. The parking lot is just north of rest stop on the left. Look for small dirt road leading to a dirt parking lot.

Begin your climb on the west side of the parking lot, on the Pass Creek Trail. Stay on the main trail past a stagnant pond and up to a larger pond at 11,120'.

Continue upward for .75 mile to timberline and the wildflower meadows just above. A beautiful flower display adorns this area in midsummer and this is the destination for many hikers.

As the trail rises to this slope, it intersects the Engineer Mountain Trail traversing generally in a north-south direction. To your right is Jura Knob, where this trail goes and intersects the Colorado Trail to the north. Take a right, cross a small stream and pass a trail sign.

To your left and proceeding up the hill begins the "elevator" trail. This section rises to the red-colored ridge after going past a larger boulder known as "Social Rock" because of the ideal marker and meeting place it provides.

From here, the trail becomes very steep and is sometimes covered with snow. Above the rest point at the white overlook, 12,000', you are walking on loose plate rock. A trail stays on top of the ridge, or a bit right of it, as you climb toward the crux, which is a short chimney scramble.