



Driving Directions

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Here are directions to the Tool Cache trail.

Take US 95 to Cambridge, turn Left at the Sinclair station onto HWY 71.

Travel 3.4 miles to West Pine Creek road, turn Left (gravel road). Continue W. Pine creek road 7.4 miles to intersection of Mill creek road, stay to Left, sign points to Tool Cache summit and Hitt Mountain.

The Hitt mountain trailhead is 5.6 miles and well signed. It has good open area for trailers and places to highline or electric fence. There is also a hitch rail and FS toilet. Trail 270 is about 1/4 mile from this trailhead, with streams for horse water. There is no water at trailhead





Sturgill Peak - 7,589 and Hitt Mountain - 7,410

Stugill Peak, while not as commanding as its neighbor Cuddy Mountain, is a much more pointed and aesthetically pleasing mountain. Like Cuddy, Sturgill is also one of Idaho's 50 finest. Sturgill is also the highpoint of the Hitt Mountain Range.

We climbed from Tool Cache saddle. Coming from Cambridge, ID, take SR 71 north about 5 miles. Turn onto West Pine Creek Road. We followed this 2-wheel drive road past the defunct Hitt Mountain ski area to Tool Cache Summit in about 13 miles.

The path we chose was about 8.5 miles and 3000 feet in elevation gain (roundtrip). From the summit, we followed a road that ran west for about 1/2 a mile until a signed junction for Sturgill Peak lookout directed us south. We followed the road, which turned into a trail until it met up with another road on the ridge between Sturgill and Hitt. We hiked this road south and hiked cross country to the top of Hitt. We then descended Hitt and hiked down the road towards Sturgill again. Once the road quit heading for Sturgill, we climbed up onto a plateau and met up with a road that ran to Sturgill's summit.

Sturgill's two summits are covered with radio towers and lookouts. We found benchmarks on the higher northern summit. The view of the Wallowa Range in Oregon from the top is nothing short of stunning. The view of the valleys to the southeast will not disappoint either.

