



Trail 6 – Ogden Canyon Overlook Trail

Duration: 2 hours

Distance: 4 miles out-and-back; .7 mile approach to the trailhead

Difficulty: Moderate

Trailhead: Ogden Canyon Overlook trailhead in Maples picnic area

Elevation: 6240' to 6872' (Where are these from?)

Avalanche: Low

Map: Snowbasin 7.5' quadrangle and Ogden 7.5' quadrangle

GPS Coordinates: Ogden Overlook--12 T 0426343/4564909

Dogs: Allowed

Introduction: A magnificent overlook with views of Ogden Canyon, Mount Ogden, Sardine Peak, and the rugged backcountry. This is an ideal place for watching the sunset as well. A journey and a destination trail, Ogden Canyon Overlook trail provides views on the way up the mountain and the view from the top. Perfect mileage for a nice half-day workout, great views, and solitude.

How to Get There: Driving Directions to Snowbasin Ski Resort: From Salt Lake City take I-15 northbound and exit to northbound US-89 (exit #324). Merge to I-84 eastbound and exit at Mountain Green (exit #92). Continue east on Old Highway and turn left on State Road 167 heading north (just east of the Sinclair station). Turn left on State Road 226 heading west and proceed approximately three miles to Snowbasin. Park at the Snowbasin Parking Lot #2 where the Nordic trails begin. There is a .7 mile approach from the parking area to the trailhead. Follow the groomed Nordic trail to Maples Picnic Area. The trailhead is found on the west side of the picnic area. It is well signed.

Trail Description: The trail to the overlook begins on the far west side of the Maples picnic area. A small kiosk and a fence entry marks the spot. The trail heads off into the trees and up the east face of the mountain. Long, winding switchbacks up this east-face take you just under two miles before you round the corner and the first view unfolds. Green plastic ribbon markers mark the trail as you make your way up, but if those are not there note that in general the trail winds below the powerlines making their way up the hillside. Views of Snowbasin Ski Resort, the parking area, and the grand mountains around you treat you on the way up. Toward the last half, the trail juts out and curves around the northeast side of the mountain and then climbs its way across the north face as it rounds its way to the top west side. The views of the surrounding mountains are spectacular--plan to have time to enjoy it. This trail is perfect on a clear day. Return using the same route you ascended on. Because of the switchbacks there will be opportunities to cut straight down the mountain on the return trip and get a little more down hill reconnecting with the trail below you as it winds back around.