

## Vidler Ridge Hike Description

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### Statistics

Hike distance	11km round trip	Altitude gain	600m
Hiking time	5 hrs round trip	Max altitude	2070m
Govt of Canada topo map 82 L/8 Mt Fosthall		Difficulty	Moderate

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Vidler Ridge offers superb views of Monashee summits around you as well as vistas of nearby Sugar Mountain and Sugar Lake. This is a hike to be enjoyed on a clear summer or early fall day to enjoy the views.

While this is thoroughly enjoyable trail with great views you may encounter navigation challenges when hiking the trail for the first time due to the increasing number of new trails being cut over the ridge in various directions by ATV riders. In wet weather be prepared for mud in the low areas of the trail. Use of a GPS capable device and appropriate GPS enabled maps from Backroads maps or similar may prove very helpful or bring a topo map and compass.

After an initial climb to the NE from the trailhead the general direction of the trail is in a NW direction along the shoulder of the ridge. As you approach the shoulder of the ridge you will have great views across to the Monashee summits and down into the valley containing Rottacker Lake Recreation Site.

After approx. 2.5 km of hiking the trail will descend for about 500m before approaching the summit. If in doubt keep to the right while being mindful that the relatively level summit area ends in a steep drop to the valley! The trail then climbs above the treeline and provides breathtaking vistas in all directions. The summit area has open meadows and rocky outcrops and is a great spot to visit in wildflower season.

After reaching the summit you can continue north to end of the ridge and great views of Sugar Mountain, Goat Mountain and Twin Peaks. Return the way you came.