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Kloochman Rock

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Kloochman Rock stands on the southern slope of the Tieton Basin an southeast of Rimrock Lake in the Central Washington Cascades. This large, jagged rock running north-south is the remains of ancient volcanic activity in this area. Kloochman is almost a mile long and rises 2,000 feet above the basin.

Kloochman Rock is an intrusive body composed of Pyroxene-rich andesite. It was created through a geologic process known as intrusion, as were the adjacent features Goose Egg Mountain and Westfall Rock. These local land features were emplaced during the Miocene and Pliocene geologic periods.

Kloochman Rock is associated with Native American legend. Andrew Jackson Splawn, a prominent cowboy in this area at the turn of the century, recorded the Kloochman legend in his famous book, "Kamiakin". Splawn related the legend of the rocks formation and its legendary association with Goose Egg Mountain.

Few developed trails are available in the area around Kloochman Rock. This area is managed as a non-trailed area, suitable for exploring and cross-country foot or horse travel. Kloochman Rock is not suitable for technical rock climbing. A peak register is located at the summit.

The picture above shows the route to the top. This is the west side of the rock. (Unknowledgeable climbers occasionally tackle the east side which is dangerous and is also the side William O. Douglas immortalized in his book "Of Men and Mountains"). The right side of this picture is the south end of the rock. If you park on the Road 1201 between Lost Lake and Long Lake and wander down to the south end of the rock you will see a trail right against the rock. Simply follow that trail around the south end of the rock heading west and you will work your way up onto the rock on that sloping bench which is so clear on the picture. At the top of this trail you will enter a long, vertical talus slide which you can scramble on up to the top.

If you wish to explore this area, please remember to practice good camping techniques recommended for dispersed campers. A parking area and bulletin board are located south of the Rock along Forest Service Road 1202. Please park in a responsible manner.

The U.S. Forest Service provides a variety of recreation opportunities on National Forest lands. Acceptable camping ranges from developed camping at Hause Creek Campground to more primitive camping in the Wilderness areas along the Cascade Crest. One of the most popular types of camping on National Forest lands is dispersed Camping. This type of camping occurs where there is minimal or primitive recreation development and where facilities such as tables, water pumps, or fireplaces are *not* provided. Dispersed campers must provide their own camping facilities and water.

The Forest Service manages dispersed camping in the Tieton Basin on a "Self Serve" basis. Dispersed campers in this area are requested to preserve the primitive setting, protect the natural resources, and pack out whatever they pack in.

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