

## Washington / Mount St. Helens

### Harris Ridge Trail

DISTANCE: 8.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN: 1540 feet

ROUTE TYPE: Loop

Get a panoramic view of the devastation from the Mt. St. Helen's Crater, to Spirit lake and beyond. Not to be missed! This is an incredible route for getting a sense of the total devastation from the 1980 eruption.

You'll hike with the crater in front of you or on your right most the way, then turn towards the east mountains as you make your way to Harry's Ridge. From Harry's Ridge you'll view the crater, Spirit Lake with logs from the eruption still sliding across the lake back and forth with the wind, and on up towards the furthest parts of the damage.

Along the way, in the right season, you'll find berries and wildlife. If you're lucky, you'll return as the Elk head off the mountain into the valley to feed and rest for the night - they'll be on your right most the way back.

