

Hike of the Week – Baldy Pass

Stats:

- 8km
- 540m of climb
- 2-5hrs

Driving Directions:

- Follow Hwy 1 West of Calgary to the Hwy 40 intersection. Turn south on Hwy 40 and continue for about 15km. Baldy Pass is a signed parking lot on the right side of the highway.

Route Description:

- The Baldy Pass Trailhead is directly across from the parking lot. Cross Hwy 40 using the pedestrian crosswalk. Follow the trail as it climbs gradually up, staying left at the T-intersection. The trail was washed out by the flood in 2013, but a new route up the valley has been well established. As you get closer to the pass, the trail gets steeper. Once you gain the pass you can continue up on the ridge to your right to get better views. Once you've had enough, continue back the way you came.

Advanced Option:

- Continue up the ridge to Midnight Peak. This option does not have a defined trail and is considered a moderate scramble. If you want to come check out this route, come talk to me first 😊

Recommended Gear:

- Shoes with good grip (trail runners or hiking boots)
- Traction aids for icy sections (ie Kahtoola micro-spikes)
- Layers of clothing, the temperature will drop as you climb higher
- Bear spray
- Food and water
- Hiking poles may be helpful

Trip Report: Want to see some pictures? Check out Hiking with Barry's trip report.

<http://hikingwithbarry.com/2012/05/23/baldy-pass-kananaskis-country-hiking-alberta>