The Haystack Mountain (2,874 feet) trail extends 3.3 miles and ascends 1,210 feet from the Ray Brook Trailhead. The trail is the same trail as the hike to McKenzie Mountain from this trailhead with the first 2.2 miles being mostly flat. There is a 0.2-mile moderate ascent to the 2.4 mile mark where the Haystack Mountain Trail leaves the McKenzie Mountain Trail. The trail continues a moderate ascent for the next 0.3 mile before a 0.6-mile steep ascent to the summit. The summit provides great views to the west and southwest.