

Hangover - 2011

Parking at Picnic Bench

4.4 miles

1438 ft Cumulative Elev. Change

2.5 h moving time

Parking off Schnebly Rd by Damfino

5.1 miles

3.0 h moving time

Huckaby Trailhead

6.4 mi

1540 ft Cumulative Elev. Change

3 h 38 min moving time

Hangover takes one from Huckaby (or closer entry points along Schnebly Hill Road) to a biker developed trail up to a saddle east of the Windows mass and then along the north overhang of the formation between Windows and Mitten Ridge. There are several options for starting this hike. The longest option is to start at the Huckaby trailhead up Munds Wagon Trail (**Park 1**). Another is to start at the end of Damfino canyon along Schnebly road where there is a small parking area (**Park 2**) on the left side after you make the hairpin turn at Damfino Canyon. The most efficient is to travel even further up Schnebly road to two picnic tables are near another small parking area. If you start at the picnic tables you will need to go back down valley just a few steps to find the Munds Wagon trail and the route off trail (**Off Trail**).

Assuming a Huckaby start, take Munds Wagon trail past the creek crossing. Soon after the crossing you will be at about creek level and see the road on the opposite side of the creek. Here there is a small meadow-like area abutting the creek on your right side. There is a big rock cairn and a small dead tree standing starkly next to the trail. Look for an informal route heading up the rise on your left (**Off Trail**) about a mile out of Huckaby. Take this trail up and follow it as best you can up the small rise. You will cross several drainages and work your way somewhat to the right as you climb. Near the top of the rise you will hit a well-constructed trail that crosses your path (**Meet Bike Tr**). Turn left to follow this route to the saddle (**Ridge**) between the Windows and the teapot rock formations. (If you make a right turn the bike trail it will take you back down to Munds Wagon further up Schnebly Hill.)

At the saddle you are on a big rock ledge. Take this ledge around to the right (easterly direction) behind the big red rock formation so you can see Midgley Bridge below you. As you follow the contours you will see a big red boulder with a rock on top if it has not been removed. This is your signal that the trail heads up the ledges to your right. Look for tire marks on the ledges and a path through the brush. There may also be some cairns to mark the spot.

Follow this trail up the ledges. At first you will follow a dirt track up, then you will see rocks rearranged to allow bikers to get up and you will also follow a large crack in the rocks as you get ever higher. Eventually you will reach a wide ledge. Turn right here and follow the ledge back around until you are over the saddle and past it. (If the ledge you are on gets narrow, you have turned too early and need to work your way up to a higher level). When you are past the saddle the trail will make a sharp u-turn and head higher through the trees and brush until it is up against the rock wall. At this point the trail is very easy to follow and will take you along the rock wall all the way to Mitten Ridge.