

Mt. Kobau

Mt. Kobau is a large flat-topped mountain about 10 km west of Osoyoos. Little is known about how it got its' name. What people do know is that the name was first used on a map made in 1877 by Dr. George Dawson, a famous Canadian geologist who passed through Osoyoos. Unfortunately, he left no clue about the meaning of the name. The local Syilx people have long referred to Kobau as Txasqin, or "Nice Top."

Mt. Kobau is a focus for people interested in nature & astronomy.



It is best known for its annual Star Party - a group of people who like astronomy and camp overnight every summer to take in the galaxy. At one point in the 1960's Mt. Kobau was to be an observatory to study space because of the clear air. In the end, growing

Many people are attracted to Mt. Kobau because of its' amazing



view of the Okanagan Valley and lake. It is an easy location to hike from as there is a small parking lot at the highway look out. The trails are relatively flat and suitable for the whole family.



The Mt. Kobau area is also known as the South Okanagan Grasslands. It is

the home to many species of plant and wildlife. Some endangered, others are close to being endangered. On a hike you might see a pygmy short-horned lizard, grasshopper sparrow, deer, sage thrasher, big horn sheep and black bears.

