



Summary

The pyramidal peak of Nasaasaaq (“like a hat”) is a Sisimiut icon. There are 2 routes to explore depending on your experience.

The trail to the bluff is well-marked but narrow and steep. The trail to the peak is even more extreme, with long vertical drops on either side of the narrow trail, and technical sections.

LEAVE NO TRACE

- Follow the marked trail
- Carry out all trash
- No fires. Be careful of cigarettes
- Do not disturb wildlife
- Respect the tranquility of nature



SAFETY FIRST

- All passage is at your own risk
- No cellphone reception on trail
- Refill water from any stream
- Watch the weather
- Be careful of slippery and unstable surfaces

hiking.gl (GPX route, feedback)

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NASAASAAQ TRAILS

CHALLENGING ●●●●●

5.8 / 6.5 KM RETURN

650 / 784 M MAX ALTITUDE



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

From the furthest end of “dog town”, take the ATV track that heads off to the right towards the base of Nasaasaaq. Follow the track as it climbs the valley and at about the 2.6 km mark, you will find a cairn with both blue and red markings on it.

Follow the obvious trail off to your right as it ascends moderately towards Nasaasaaq.

At the first saddle point, follow the cairns to the west (ignore the blue dot on the wall) and you will find a stone staircase - the first piece of built trail in all of Greenland. At the top of the staircase there is a bit of a scramble, but after that it once again becomes fairly easy hiking.

At the top of this relatively short section, the trail turns sharply to the right, and enters a wide, rock-strewn valley. Follow the valley up to the next saddle point that lies between the peak on your left and the bluff on your right. There is no water past this point, so make sure you refill your water bottle here.



Nasaasaaq Bluff

As you approach this second saddle, you will see blue trail markings heading off to the right towards the bluff. Follow these to reach the main cairn and the northwest viewpoint. You can hike around the bluff looking for other vantage points (particularly to the south), just mind your footing and don't get too close to the edge (there are cracks in the rock!)

Nasaasaaq Peak

This should *only* be attempted by those who have a lot of hiking (and preferably some climbing) experience. The trail follows very narrow ridges with steep drops to either side and there is some assisted rock climbing required to reach the summit.

