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CYCLING IN TETON VALLEY

Teton Valley offers some fantastic cycling – both road riding and mountain biking. The valley is a beautiful area with a variety of terrain, including unique mountain bike trails with incredible views. If you're on your road bike, you can combine our featured rides to do an 80 mile ride on a combination of roads, bike lanes and separated pathways. There are many more rides, road and mountain, in addition to the ones featured on this map.

TETON VALLEY IDAHO CYCLING MAP



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TETON VALLEY TRAILS & PATHWAYS



"Linking people and places"

TVTAP develops and maintains walking, biking, and Nordic skiing trails for a happy, healthy lifestyle

TVTAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to promoting healthy non-motorized recreation and transportation. This map is designed to be a useful guide to some of the best cycling in Teton Valley. The map of the valley floor includes shows access to select national forest trails. The mountain bike rides shown represent our choice of the best rides in the national forest. Many more excellent, demanding single-track trails beckon the adventurous rider!

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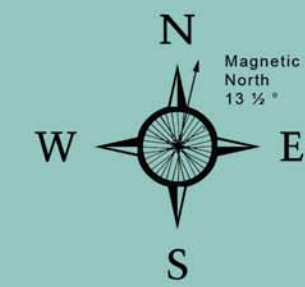
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Historical Tidbits - Driggs to Horseshoe Canyon
A lot of people pedaling west out of Driggs on Bates Road notice the sign on the right marking the Woods Creek Fen, and wonder what it is. The fen is a wetland nourished by limestone-rich groundwater that has filtered down from the Teton and under the valley floor. The chemical makeup of the water, along with the fact that the ground remains wet for most of the year, makes the fen particularly valuable wildlife habitat, as well as home to an array of rare plants. The 80-acre site is owned by the Teton Regional Land Trust, which runs it as an outdoor classroom for students young and old. Pull over, walk in, and you'll find a small interpretive display explaining the area's natural history.

Historical Tidbits - Driggs to Grand Targhee

From the pull-out on the road climbing to Grand Targhee Resort, you can earn breathtaking views of the Grand Teton, one of the world's most celebrated mountain peaks. It was from the canyon below, in 1871, that the expedition for the first ascent of the Grand was launched. Or was it?
James Stevenson and Nathaniel P. Langford, members of the 1871 Hayden Survey's Snake River Division, along with a dozen other men, set out on July 29 of that year from a camp located nine miles up Teton Creek, aiming to scale the Grand Teton. Their guide, Richard "Beaver Dick" Leigh, had informed them the peak had never been climbed, neither by white men nor Indians. Of their party of fourteen, they later reported, only Langford and Stevenson made it to the top.
Nearly three decades later, in 1898, an influential Wyoming official named William O. Owen climbed the Grand Teton with three other men, including the Reverend Franklin Spaulding (hence the still-popular Owen-Spaulding Route to the top of the Grand). Owen had a hundred reasons why he was sure Langford and Stevenson never made it to the summit, and he went to his grave claiming to be the first ever to get there.
The Reverend Spaulding, on the other hand, said, "I believe that Mr. Langford reached the summit because he says he did." Still, we may never know who was the first to savor the splendid views from the apex of the Grand Teton.

Historical Tidbits - The Loop

The pathway between Driggs and Victor follows the grade of a railroad that delivered passengers to Victor from 1913 until 1965—including skiers from "out below" headed to the Victor ski hill, which operated in Allen Canyon for a few years beginning in 1939.
Late in 1907, the Oregon Short Line, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific Railroad, had finished construction of its Yellowstone Park Railroad between St. Anthony, Idaho, and West Yellowstone, Montana. Subsequently, the railroad's management chose Victor as the terminus for a new Teton Valley Branch from Ashton. Once completed, the rail spur not only brought visitors to the upper Teton Valley, but it also spawned a host of service jobs for locals and transformed Victor into a lifeline for Jackson Hole. Despite the intimidating obstacle of Teton Pass, it was simpler and cheaper to transport goods, and guests for the budding dude-ranching trade, to Jackson Hole via Victor than from anywhere in Wyoming.
When the passenger train stopped running in 1965, it was a casualty of our crazy culture. That is why Teton Valley Trails & Pathways considers it a fitting twist of fate that today the old Oregon Short Line grade serves as the backbone of, and inspiration for, an expanding network of pathways and highway provisions for non-motorized travelers in and around our beloved valley.



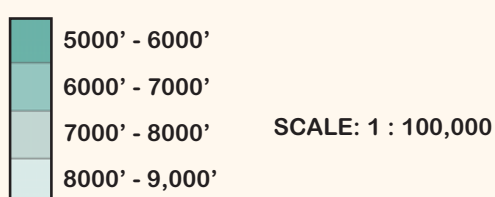
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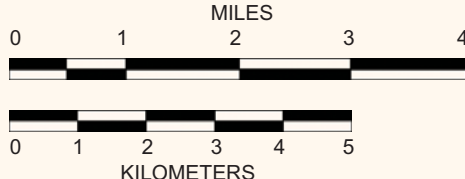
VALLEY MAP

- Highway
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Valley Map Elevation Guide



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MOUNTAIN BIKE MAPS

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Elevation Profiles:
Vertical Axis - Elevation in Feet
Horizontal Axis - Distance in Miles

The following trails are user-created routes - the Forest Service does not perform maintenance or repairs to these trails: the Sheep Bridge trail, the Popoese Creek portion of the Mill Creek Trail, the trails in Ricks Basin at Grand Targhee Resort, Channel Lock and the trails in the Packsaddle Loop area marked by a dashed blue line.

Contour Interval: 20 feet on most maps, 40 feet in some sections. This is due to the USGS maps from which the data was taken.

Sources
This map was made utilizing several sources of information, including: USGS 7.5 minute quadrads, 1:250,000 scale USGS maps, U.S. Forest Service Travel Plan maps and National Geographic Topo maps. All mountain bike routes were surveyed and documented with GPS and bike cyclometers. Trail descriptions were written from detailed field notes, reviewed and tested by several sources for accuracy. While every effort was made to make the trail mileages as accurate as possible, please keep in mind that mileage represented by bike cyclometers can vary because of calibration and other variables.

ROAD RIDING IN TETON VALLEY

This valley map has several scenic road rides highlighted, as well as the majority of mountain bike route trailheads. Many other roads in the valley are suitable for riding as they generally carry low traffic volumes. This map features our best valley rides, indicating whether they are on roads, bike lanes or separated pathways. It also shows whether the surface is paved, chip sealed, gravel or dirt. With this map in hand, you can plan a route across the valley or to town appropriate for you and your bicycle. We encourage you to use this map so you can make fewer trips by car and more via non-motorized means.

TVTAP has recently completed its first major pathways projects, expanding upon the backbone of the Driggs-to-Victor Pathway: Bike Lanes on the Ski Hill Road from Driggs to Alta, a Bike Route through Victor and a Shared-Use Road from Victor to Moose Creek. We are currently hard at work on a Bike Route through Driggs, a Separated Pathway between Driggs and Teton, and a second Bike Route through Victor that we call the East-West connector. TVTAP continues to work on expanding the existing cycling network within and between the valley's towns and public lands.

FEATURED ROAD RIDES

The Loop

The Loop is a 25-mile ride through the heart of Teton Valley. This classic ride offers great views of the valley and the surrounding mountains. Begin by riding south from Driggs on the separated pathway, continuing 8 miles to Victor. At the Teton Pass Trail trailhead parking lot, turn right (west) onto Cedron Road. From here you essentially stay on the main, paved road, following it all the way back to Driggs. You'll encounter one short section of broken pavement (as of spring 2005) on the west side of the valley, but the rest of the route is on good, paved surfaces.

Driggs to Targhee

The 25-mile out-and-back ride to Grand Targhee Resort takes in some of the best and smoothest new pavement in the valley. It's a safe route from Driggs to Alta, where you'll ride on bike lanes along Ski Hill Road. The route is relatively safe from Alta to the resort, following a narrower, but newly paved road. The road climbs about 200 feet in the 4 miles between Driggs and Alta, then another 1,500 feet in the 8 miles from Alta to the resort, all at a fairly moderate grade. You'll earn some incredible views of the Teton Valley as you look directly up Teton Canyon, and some great views down on Teton Valley as you make the climb to Targhee.

Driggs to Moose Creek

This 24-mile out-and-back ride is fairly flat and follows designated bike lanes or shared-use road the entire way. Follow the route from Driggs to Victor as described above in "The Loop." From the Teton Pass Trail trailhead parking lot, follow the pathway as it winds through Victor, passing through Pioneer Park, and onto the shared-use Old Jackson Highway road continuing to Moose Creek.

Driggs to Horseshoe Canyon

This 22-mile out-and-back takes you on a tour across the valley and into a beautiful, secluded canyon with impressive views of the Big Hole Mountains. Head west from Driggs on the paved Bates Road, and where Bates curves south, continue straight, following the pavement toward Horseshoe Canyon.

There are many more first-class rides in Teton Valley and the surrounding region. Check with one of the local outdoor shops for more information:

- Victor to Swan Valley (Pine Creek Pass)
- Victor to Wilson (Teton Pass)
- Teton to Ashton (Highway 32)
- Lamont to Warm River and other Fremont County Roads
- Warm River to Baker Draw (the Fish Creek Road)
- Mesa Falls Road
- Teton to Rexburg (Highway 33)



LOCAL SERVICES

GENERAL INFORMATION

Caribou-Targhee National Forest
Teton Basin Ranger District
525 South Main, Driggs
208.787.8787
www.fs.fed.us/4/caribou-targhee

Chamber of Commerce
Corner of 1st & Little Ave, Driggs
208.354.2500
www.tetonvalleychamber.com

OUTDOOR & BIKE SHOPS

Big Hole Sports
"The valley's most complete Trail Resource and Pro Shop"
65 South Main, Driggs
208.354.2209
www.bigholesports.com

Edge Sports
"Bike Rentals, Sales & Service"
490 W. Broadway, Jackson, WY
307.739.3916
www.edgesports.com

Fitzgerald's Bicycles
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245 W. Hansen St., Jackson, WY
307.734.6886
www.fitzgeraldsbicycles.com

Hoback Sports
"The oldest and largest bike shop in Jackson"
520 W. Broadway, Jackson WY
307.733.5335
www.hobacksports.com

Peaked Sports
"For the Mountain Minded!"
70 East Little Ave, Driggs
208.354.2354

Teton Cycleworks
"Run by Cyclists for Cyclists for 30+ years"
175 N. Glenwood Ave, Jackson, WY
307.733.4386
www.tetoncycleworks.com

Wilson Backcountry Sports
"Full Service Bike Shop at the base of Teton Pass"
Hwy. 22 in downtown Wilson, WY
307.733.5228

Yostmark Mountain Equipment
"Camping, Clothing & Nordic Skiing Specialists"
20 East Little Ave, Driggs
208.354.2828
www.yostmark.com

FOOD

Cheeseburger Factory
"Right on the Bike Path!"
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208.787.8787
www.grangetheghe.com

Grand Ole Grill
"Fueling Teton Valley's breakfast dependency!"
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208.354.8294
www.tetonhostel.com

Java the Hut
"Drive Thru Espresso, Fresh Baked Goods and Breakfast"
65 South Main, Driggs
208.755.7605

Knotty Pine Bar & Restaurant
"Good Food and Music"
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208.787.2866

Miso Hungry
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Tony's Pizza and Pasta
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208.354.8829

Victor Valley Grocery
"At the corner of Main St. and Hwy. 31"
5 S. Main St., Victor
208.787.2230

Wildlife Brewing and Pizza
"Hand-crafted Ale - Rated #1 Pizza in the Valley!"
145 S. Main St., Victor
208.787.2623

LODGING
Alta Lodge Bed and Breakfast
"At the foot of the Teton"
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307.353.2582
www.pdt.net/alta/altalodge

Best Western Teton West
476 North Main, Driggs
208.354.2363

CAMPING

National Forest Campgrounds
See the Valley Map for specific locations
Caribou-Targhee National Forest
Teton Basin Ranger District
525 South Main, Driggs
208.354.2312
www.fs.fed.us/4/caribou-targhee

Rainey Bridge Fishing Access
on Teton River
5 miles west of Driggs, then 1 mile north
Idaho Fish and Game campsite with minimal facilities (toilets) but excellent views and location close to many of the best Big Hole Rides. Free.

Teton Valley Campground
"Full service camping with RV hook-ups & cabins available"
128 W. Highway 31, Victor
208.787.2647

MEDICAL CARE
Four Peaks Clinic
141 Valley Center Dr., Driggs
(1 mile north of downtown Driggs)
208.354.4757

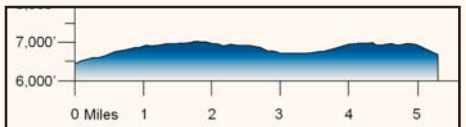
Teton Valley Hospital
Emergency Room services
120 East Howard Ave, Driggs
(1 block east of Main Street, 3 blocks north of the stoplight)

Victor Medical Clinic
South Main, Victor
208.787.9898

EMERGENCY
Teton County Sheriff (Search & Rescue)
On the back (east side) of the county courthouse building
Main Street, Driggs
208.354.2323, or 911

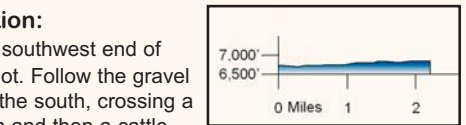
1 ASPEN TRAIL

Distance: 9.7-mile loop
Summary: The classic moderate single-track trail of Teton Valley and deservedly popular. The ride contours along the lower Teton foothills offering great views. This can be ridden as a loop in either direction, using the county road as a warm-up, or as an out-and-back entirely on the Aspen Trail. Riding the loop south to north is more difficult both aerobically and technically.
Aerobic Difficulty: Moderate, with a number of steep climbs and descents.
Technical Difficulty: Moderate, with a few difficult sections. An extremely fun trail for those who enjoy riding over obstacles, as sections of the trail are quite rocky.
Elevation Change: 430'
Total Elevation Gain: 1,060'
Trailhead: To get to the southern trailhead, where the route description starts, from Highway 33 between Driggs and Victor take 300 South east all the way to the mouth of Darby Canyon. Turn right at the "T", and continue for 0.3 mile. Use the parking area on the right side of the road.
Road Section Route Description:
0.0 From the parking area head back the way you came, to the mouth of the canyon. At the intersection with 300 South continue straight (north).
1.25 The gravel road ends at the intersection of 200 South and 275 East (signed). Continue north on 275 East.
3.6 Turn right onto a gravel road. You'll see a barn with white underbody base on your right, and a sign for Rapid Creek on your left. Follow the road until it turns to the right. There is an immediate junction, go right. A small brown trail sign points the way. Follow the road south to the trailhead.
Trail Section Route Description:
0.1 Trailhead, with FS signs for Trails 034 and 032. Go through the gate in the barbed-wire fence (please leave it as you find it, open or closed) and head up the hill. You can use either the two-track or the single-track.
0.2 Just past a second gate at the trail junction, follow FS 034 (signed) to the right. The trail changes to single-track.
0.6 Turn left just before a small creek.
2.6 First of three stream crossings in quick succession. After third stream crossing turn left uphill.
3.4 After a handful of steep climbs, you reach a view of the mouth of Darby Canyon, a nice reward before the descent.
4.3 The single-track ends. Turn right onto the gravel road.
5.2 Back at the parking area.
Note: If you are doing the ride counter-clockwise, this turn onto the single-track is 1.5 from the "T" at the mouth of the canyon, and is signed FS 034.

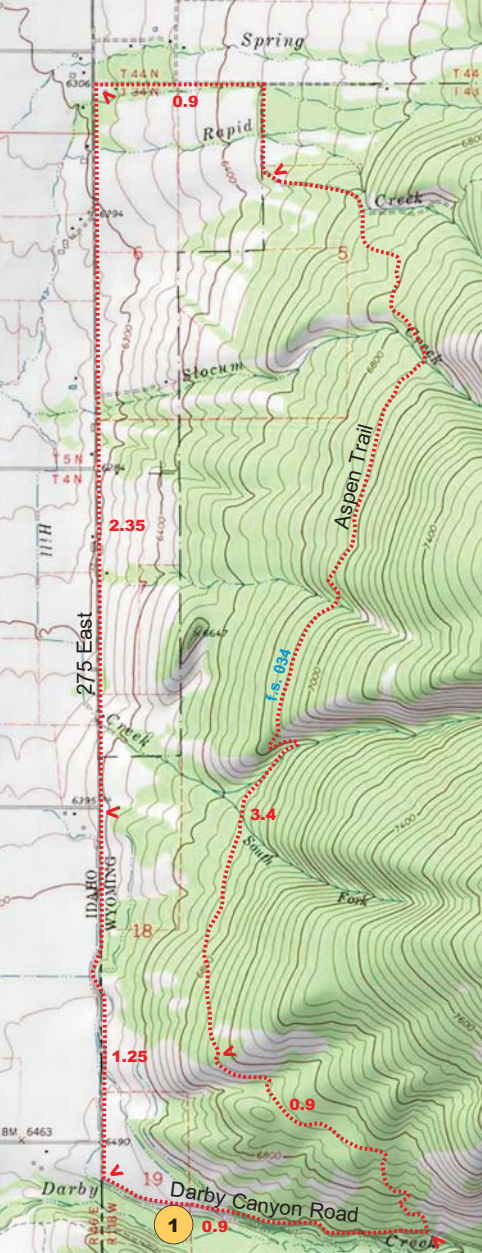


2 SHEEP BRIDGE TRAIL

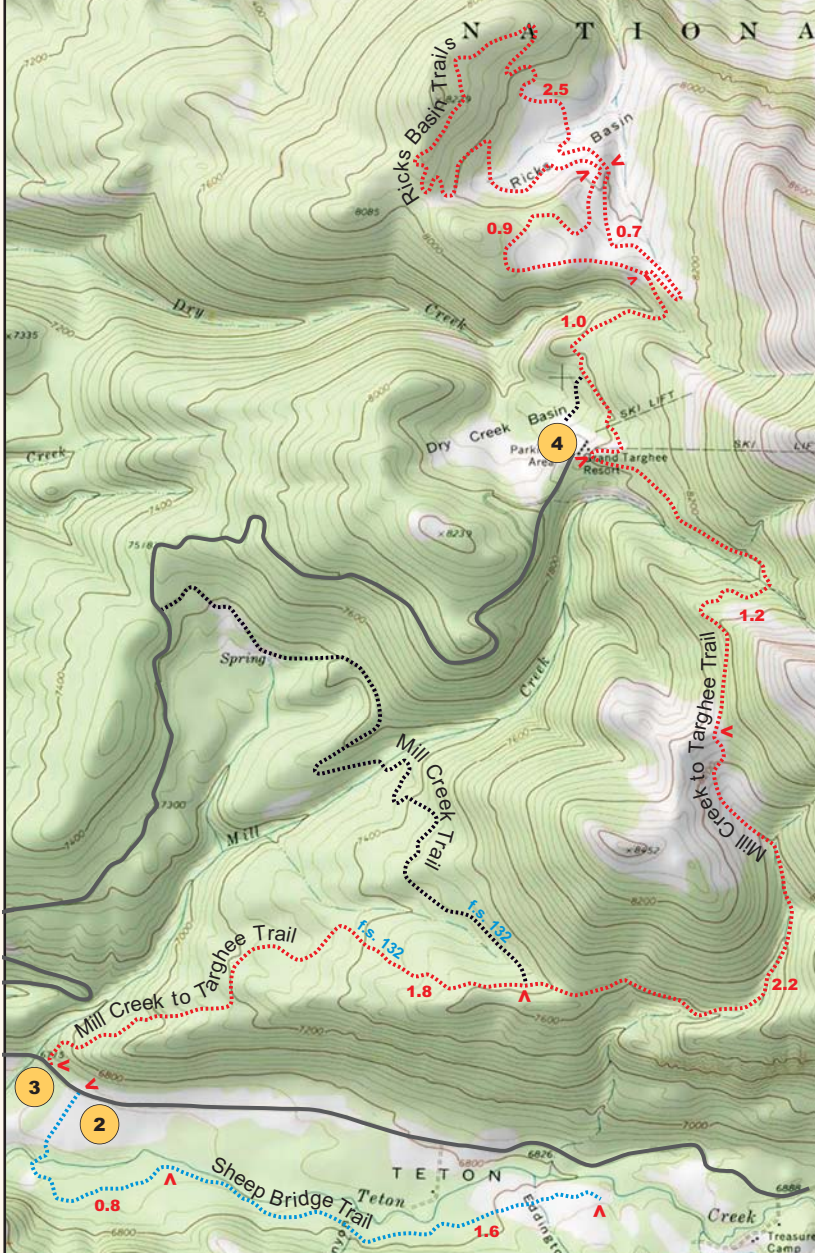
Distance: 4.8 miles
Summary: An out-and-back, easy, scenic, mostly flat trail -- good for beginners and families with children. The trail begins and ends by crossing its namesake -- a sturdy footbridge over Teton Creek built for sheep. Year around, Teton Creek's cascading water sends a cool breeze up to the bridge, making it a nice place to cool off at the end of the ride. This is also a great ride for dogs, with easy running and swimming holes.
Aerobic Difficulty: Easy
Technical Difficulty: Mostly a smooth dirt single track with a few, easy rocky sections.
Elevation Change: 140'
Total Elevation Gain: 270'
Trailhead: Drive East from Driggs on Ski Hill Road, turn right into Teton Canyon. Park 3/4 mile in at the winter parking lot.
Route Description:
0.0 Head back toward Ski Hill Road.
0.1 100 yards before re-crossing Mill Creek, look for signed FS 132, a single-track on your right, going uphill. The trail starts out very steep for about 1/4 mile, after which you reach a plateau where you can catch your breath (before the really steep riding begins!).
0.8 Rock Garden -- look for a single-track on the right, which you can ride to bypass most of the rock garden, which is technically challenging.
1.0 Trail forks, bear right.
1.8 The Mill Creek trail turns left (north) here and connects back to Ski Hill road in approximately two miles.
2.1 Enjoy a view of the Grand Teton framed by timber.
3.1 Start of gravel road. This is a good spot to turn around if you'd like a little shorter ride. From here to the top of Lightning Ridge the road is extremely steep, with loose cobbles and gravel.
4.0 Top of the climb to Lightning Ridge, and a junction with the ski area access road and a single-track. Take the road to the right and follow signs to Base Area.
5.2 Base of the ski area.



3 MILL CREEK TO TARGHEE

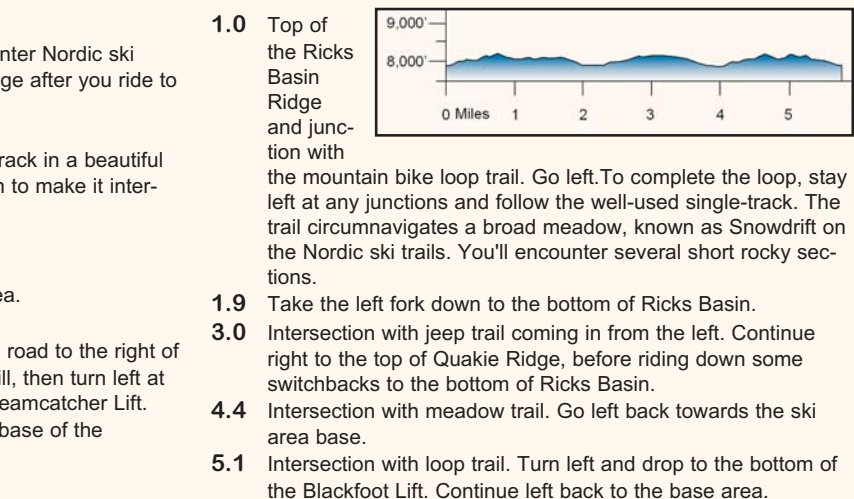


4 RICKS BASIN



Distance: 6.1 miles
Summary: Rolling, smooth trail following the winter Nordic ski trails. This ride can also be added for more mileage after you ride to Targhee on the Mill Creek Trail.
Aerobic Difficulty: Moderate
Technical Difficulty: Easy, enjoyable single-track in a beautiful location with just enough rocky sections thrown in to make it interesting.
Elevation Change: 269'
Total Elevation Gain: 740'
Trailhead: Park at the Grand Targhee base area.
Route Description:
0.0 At the base of the ski area turn right up the road to the right of Dreamcatcher Lift. Follow the road left uphill, then turn left at the junction to follow the road under the Dreamcatcher Lift.
0.4 Junction with the road coming up from the base of the Shoshone Lift.
0.6 Road forks. Turn left.
1.0 Top of the Ricks Basin Ridge and junction with the mountain bike loop trail. Go left to complete the loop, stay left at any junctions and follow the well-used single-track. The trail circumnavigates a broad meadow, known as Snowdirt on the Nordic ski trails. You'll encounter several short rocky sections.
1.9 Take the left fork down to the bottom of Ricks Basin.
3.0 Intersection with jeep trail coming in from the left. Continue right to the top of Quake Ridge, before riding down some switchbacks to the bottom of Ricks Basin.
4.4 Intersection with meadow trail. Go left back towards the ski area base.
5.1 Intersection with loop trail. Turn left and drop to the bottom of the Blackfoot Lift. Continue left back to the base area.

5 RICKS BASIN



IMBA RULES OF THE TRAIL

The way we ride today shapes mountain bike trail access tomorrow. Do your part to preserve and enhance our sport's access and image by observing the following rules of the trail, formulated by IMBA, the International Mountain Bicycling Association. These rules are recognized around the world as the standard code of conduct for mountain bikers. IMBA's mission is to promote mountain bicycling that is environmentally sound and socially responsible.

1. Ride On Open Trails Only
2. Leave No Trace
3. Control Your Bicycle!
4. Always Yield Trail
5. Never Scare Animals
6. Plan Ahead

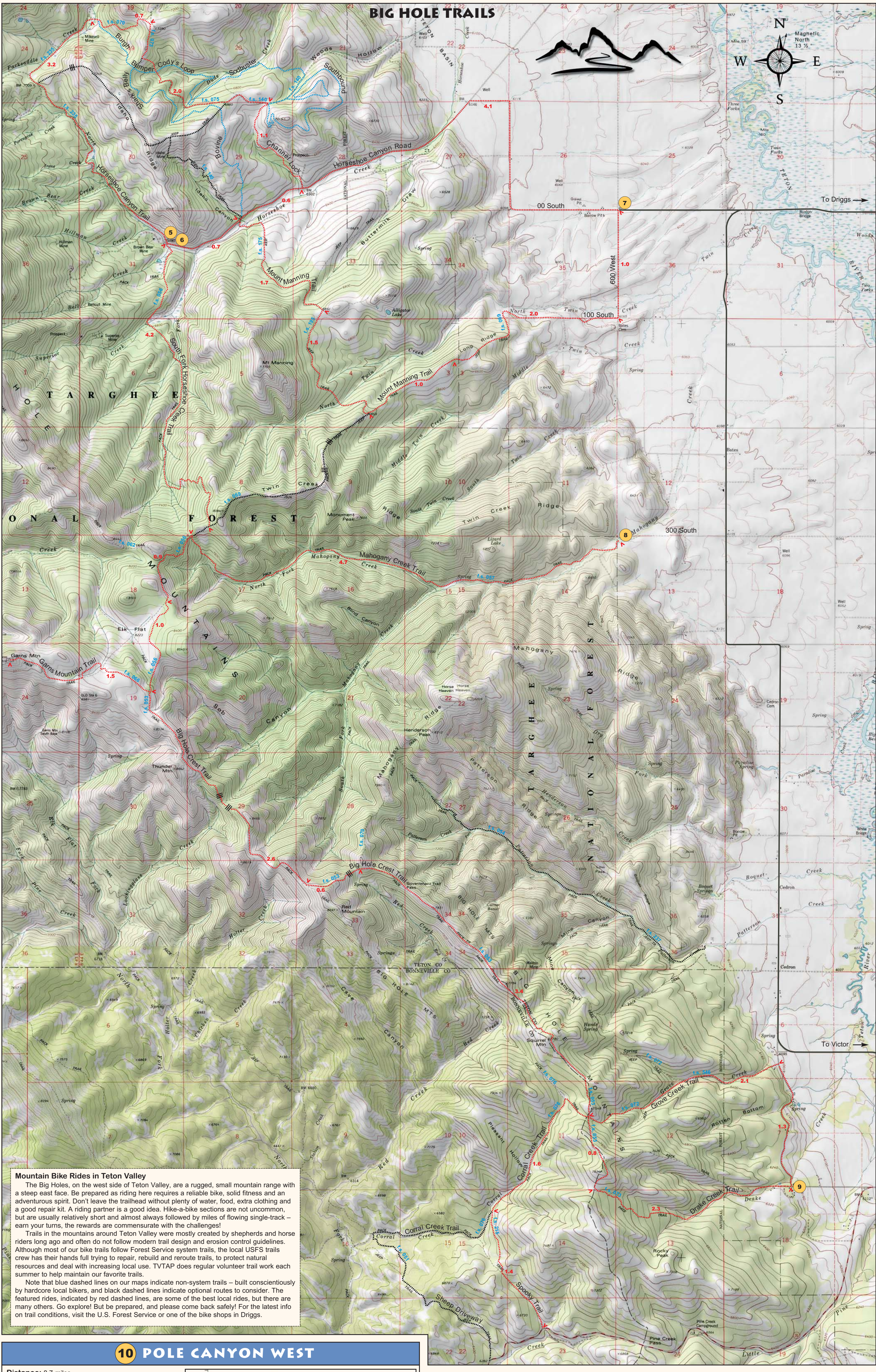


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TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- Bikers yield to everyone. Everyone yields to horses.
- Announce your presence and ask horse riders what they would like you to do.
- Uphill traffic always has the right of way.
- If you stop on the trail, leave the way clear for others to pass.
- Leave gates as you find them or as marked.
- Avoid trail erosion: No skidding, no cutting of switchbacks and stay off muddy trails.



Mountain Bike Rides in Teton Valley

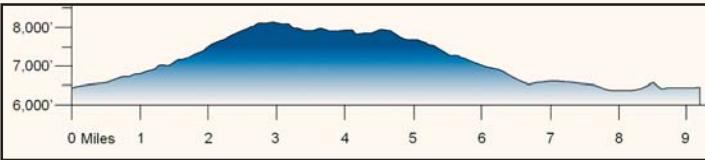
The Big Holes, on the west side of Teton Valley, are a rugged, small mountain range with a steep east face. Be prepared as riding here requires a reliable bike, solid fitness and an adventurous spirit. Don't leave the trailhead without plenty of water, food, extra clothing and a good repair kit. A riding partner is a good idea. Hike-a-bike sections are not uncommon, but are usually relatively short and almost always followed by miles of flowing single-track – earn your turns, the rewards are commensurate with the challenges!

Trails in the mountains around Teton Valley were mostly created by shepherds and horse riders long ago and often do not follow modern trail design and erosion control guidelines. Although most of our bike trails follow Forest Service system trails, the local USFS trails crew has their hands full trying to repair, rebuild and reroute trails, to protect natural resources and deal with increasing local use. TTVAP does regular volunteer trail work each summer to help maintain our favorite trails.

Note that blue dashed lines on our maps indicate non-system trails – built conscientiously by hardcore local bikers, and black dashed lines indicate optional routes to consider. The featured rides, indicated by red dashed lines, are some of the best local rides, but there are many others. Go explore! But be prepared, and please come back safely! For the latest info on trail conditions, visit the U.S. Forest Service or one of the bike shops in Driggs.

10 POLE CANYON WEST

Distance: 8.7 miles
Summary: Climbing Pole Canyon is truly an aerobic challenge. After the climb, the route follows a well-defined two-track downhill back to the beginning of the loop.
Aerobic Difficulty: Difficult. The climb to the ridge gains 1,680 feet in 1.9 miles.
Technical Difficulty: Moderate to difficult. Some of the trail is rocky single-track, with a few spots unbikeable.
Elevation Change: 1,680'
Total Elevation Gain: 1,950'
Trailhead: Drive or ride west out of Victor, and turn left (south) on 100 West. Continue to the end of the pavement, where the route description begins.
Route Description:
0.0 Take the left fork just beyond the end of the pavement.
0.4 Trailhead and a parking area. Go through the gate on FS 174. The trail becomes well-used two-track, dishing up frequent creek crossings.



- 1.4 The trail starts to climb away from the creek and turns exceedingly steep as it switchbacks up.
- 2.9 The trail forks near the top of the climb, bear right across the hill.
- 3.3 Summit, where you're at the intersection of several trails. Take the trail to the right and watch for a FS 052 sign placed downhill of the summit. Follow the well-defined two-track along the ridge, and then down to the northwest.
- 7.3 Turn right (east) onto Powerline Road.
- 8.7 Back to the junction with Pole Canyon.

11 POLE CANYON TO MIKESSELL CANYON

Distance: 18.1
Summary: This loop goes deep into the Palisades Mountains, starting with a climb at a grade of 11 percent. It then drops down the North Fork of Palisades Creek to a remote area, climbs along Elbow Fork back to the ridge, and then descends into Mikesell Canyon back to Highway 22.
Aerobic Difficulty: Difficult, with two extended steep climbs.
Technical Difficulty: Difficult, steep and rocky.
Elevation Change: 2,240'
Total Elevation Gain: 2,860'
Trailhead: Park at Pioneer Park in Victor, located two blocks east of the City Hall.
Route Description:
0.0 Head south on the separated pathway. Turn right at the "T" across from Grand Teton Brewery. Continue straight (south) on the pathway to the right of the road, following it as it passes beneath the highway.
1.1 Turn right (west) onto unsigned 950 South, a paved county road.
2.1 Turn left onto signed 100 West.
3.5 Just beyond where the pavement ends, take the left fork.
3.9 Trailhead and parking area. Go through the gate on FS 174. The trail becomes well-used two-track, with frequent creek crossings.
4.9 The trail starts to climb away from the creek and turns exceedingly steep as it switchbacks up.
6.4 The trail forks near the top of the climb, bear right across the hill.

- 6.8 Summit, where you're at the intersection of several trails. Take the trail to the right and watch for a FS 052 sign placed downhill of the summit. As you start downhill, take the immediate left, signed "Closed to Motorized Vehicles." The initial downhill is ugly, but it soon becomes beautiful.
- 7.4 Defined intersection with a big F.S. sign. Take the left fork, signed "No. Fk. Palisades Cr."
- 9.1 Intersection with Elbow Fork Trail, which comes in sharply from the left. (Watch closely for this junction.) Turn left onto the Elbow Fork Trail, which is rocky and can have deep mud.
- 10.5 The trail, now a two-track, forks in a meadow just past a stream crossing. Take the left fork (unsigned).
- 10.6 Turn right uphill where the trail you're following runs into the signed ridge trail.
- 11.2 Enjoy the view, because you've certainly earned it! From here you can see the Teton Valley floor and Highway 33.
- 14.1 The dirt road joins a well-maintained gravel road. Turn right, following it across the highway directly onto the Old Jackson Highway (initially unsigned). Follow this bike route back into Victor.
- 17.5 Turn right across from Grand Teton Brewery, then immediately left onto the pathway.
- 18.1 Back at Pioneer Park.

9 GROVE CK TO DRAKE CK

Distance: 6.5 miles
Summary: This is a good, short challenging loop that takes you to the top of the Big Hole Crest Trail – always an accomplishment, and back on a lie-tied-up single-track for a long downhill.
Aerobic Difficulty: Difficult, the trail gets increasingly steeper as it approaches the ridge.
Technical Difficulty: Moderate
Elevation Change: 1,580'
Total Elevation Gain: 1,700'
Trailhead: Drive west out of Victor on Highway 31. After a few miles, where the highway takes a big bend to the left (south), turn right onto 900 S. Drive west as far as you can, and park at the intersection with 450 W., where you'll see a sign for Drake Creek access parking.
Route Description:
0.0 Head north on gravel 450 W.
1.3 Turn left onto the gravel road signed Grove Creek Trail.
1.9 Gate and FS 546 sign.
2.1 Bear right (don't cross the creek).
2.3 At the fork (signed FS 072 both ways), go left.
2.8 At the fork, go right on signed FS 072. The trail becomes rough single-track.
3.4 Reach the summit where Grove Creek Trail meets the Big Hole Crest Trail. Turn left (south) onto signed FS 053. Continue on single-track up a steep climb.
4.0 Summit. From here, the trail drops down the ridge, offering some great views of the south end of Teton Valley.
Alternatively, where Grove Creek Trail intersects with the Big Hole Crest Trail, you can turn right (north) and go a short ways to the intersection with Corral Creek Trail FS 076. Corral Creek drops west, coming out at State Highway 31 west of Pine Creek Pass. Corral Creek is described as part of the Big Hole Crest Trail ride.
4.2 Turn left at signed FS 073. The rest of the ride is a long downhill on single-track that takes you to the valley floor and through a residential area.
6.5 Back at the trailhead .



5 HORSESHOE CANYON TRAIL

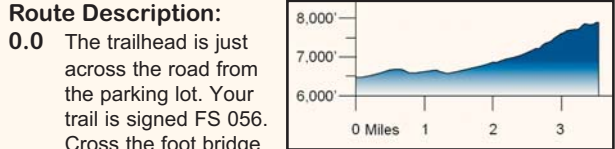
Distance: 8.4 miles
Summary: This loop has recently served as the beginners' loop for the Big Hole Challenge Mountain Bike Race. The trail traverses the north end of the Big Hole Range, offering excellent views of the Teton. Study the map carefully – many other outstanding single-track trails in the area are worth exploring. Idaho Ridge provides the best early and late season riding in Teton Valley, due to southern exposure and dry microclimate.
Aerobic Difficulty: Moderate to difficult, with a 0.7-mile stretch in the middle that is quite steep.
Technical Difficulty: Easy, entirely on two-track.
Elevation Change: 810'
Total Elevation Gain: 1,210'
Trailhead: Drive west out of Driggs on the paved Bates Road. At the point where Bates curves south, take the paved road that continues west. This road will curve north, then west again, before heading into Horseshoe Canyon. Drive west to where the pavement ends and park in the parking area on the right.
Route Description:
0.0 From the parking lot, head north on the main gravel road signed Packsaddle Creek. You will pass a sign for FS 235, as well as another sign for Packsaddle Creek.



- 2.3 Road summit. Stay on the gravel road signed FS 235. (FS 074 forks to the right.)
- 3.2 Turn right off the road, following a two-track across a meadow. At the far side of the meadow you'll see a sign marking FS 070, just before a creek crossing. Cross the creek and follow the steep, eroded two-track uphill.
- 3.9 Top of climb. The trail forks; follow the right-hand fork around a knoll. There's a FS 073 sign, possibly hidden in the grass.
- 4.2 Go left at the next fork, which starts to drop down the hill.
- 5.4 Turn left where the trail runs into unsigned FS 140.
- 5.9 Follow the unsigned single-track that drops down the hill to the right. This trail is known as "Channel Lock."
- 7.0 Barbed-wire gate you can crawl under or easily open. You'll find another barbed-wire gate just beyond the first one. Please close the gates behind you. Turn right onto Horseshoe Canyon Road.
- 8.4 Back at the parking lot.

6 SOUTH FORK HORSESHOE CREEK

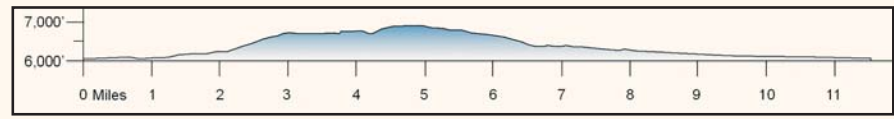
Distance: 4.4 miles one way
Summary: This can be great out-and-back ride, or the start of a much longer ride into the heart of the Big Holes. The trail is a good way to access the Big Hole Crest Trail and Relay Ridge – all of which are difficult. You'll encounter numerous stream crossings, followed by a series of relatively gradual climbs with many short steep, hike-a-bike sections. The last mile climbs abruptly to Twin Creek Ridge on switchbacks up a south-facing slope holding the Douglas fir.
Aerobic Difficulty: Difficult. The trail gets increasingly steeper as it climbs toward Twin Creek Ridge.
Technical Difficulty: Difficult, with many short, steep, rocky sections and creek crossings.
Elevation Change: 1,360'
Total Elevation Gain: 1,360'
Trailhead: Drive west out of Driggs on Bates Road. At the point where Bates curves south, take the paved road that continues west. This road will curve north, then west again, before heading into Horseshoe Canyon. Drive west to where the pavement ends and park in the parking area on the right.



- Route Description:**
0.0 The trailhead is just across the road from the parking lot. Your trail is signed FS 056. Cross the foot bridge and follow the well-used two-track. After the first stream crossing, the trail becomes single-track.
4.2 Intersection with an unsigned trail on Twin Creek Ridge. Turn right (west) and follow the trail for several hundred yards, up and over a small rise and down to another saddle and trail junction. The left-hand trail heads over a rise and down Long Ridge back to the valley (another great ride).
4.4 You'll see a big metal sign indicating trail names, numbers, and distances. The trail going down North Mahogany Creek is to your left and the trail to Elk Flat, Relay Ridge, Canyon Creek, and Gams Mountain is straight ahead. Many superb backcountry single-tracks lie ahead, but before tackling any of them be sure you have plenty of food, water, and energy!

7 MOUNT MANNING

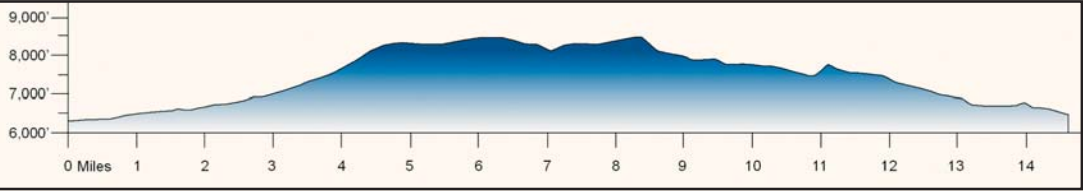
Distance: 12 miles
Summary: This loop can be ridden in either direction. The clockwise direction described here provides a rollicking downhill that follows canyon contours through stands of timber. Because most of the ride is shaded, it can be muddy in spring and after storms.
Aerobic Difficulty: Mostly moderate, with rolling hills and a steep initial climb of 0.9 miles.
Technical Difficulty: Easy, mostly two-track with some steeper, gravelly sections.
Elevation Change: 850'
Total Elevation Gain: 1,210'
Trailhead: Drive west out of Driggs on the paved Bates Road. At the point where Bates curves south, take the paved road that continues west. Park next to two grain silos at the unsigned intersection of 600 West and 0 South, 5.2 miles from Driggs.
Route Description:
0.0 Head south on 600 West, a gravel county road (unsigned).
1.0 Turn right onto signed 100 South.



- 1.3 Bear left uphill, past a residence on your right. The road becomes much less maintained, and winds through some nice aspen groves. Follow the two-track up the hill, onto Long Ridge.
- 3.0 Top of the steepest climb. The road crosses a cattleguard and forks. Take the left fork, signed FS 059. The road surface changes from gravel to rutted dirt two-track.
- 4.0 At the trail fork, go right on well-traveled FS 195. (The left fork continues up Long Ridge.)
- 5.5 Junction with another two-track road; take the left-hand turn, heading downhill.
- 6.9 At the bottom of the downhill, turn left on signed FS 175 and cross the creek over a culvert. Turn right uphill and follow the gravel road.
- 7.2 Turn right onto the paved Horseshoe Canyon Road. Follow the road out of the canyon heading east.
- 12.0 Back at the trailhead.

8 BIG HOLE CREST

Distance: 19.2-mile one-way, shuttle required. Park your shuttle at the trailhead for FS 215, the first pull-out on the right as you descend west from Pine Creek Pass.
Summary: This ride is a combination of the following trails: Mahogany Creek Trail, Gams Mountain Trail, Big Hole Crest Trail, Corral Creek Trail and the Spooky Trail. The first 3.6 miles of the trail parallel Mahogany Creek. The terrain here is moderate, and this initial stretch makes a great out-and-back ride. Beyond this, strenuous hike-a-bike is involved to reach the Gams Mountain Trail. The ride ends on the sweet single-track trail combo of Corral Creek and Spooky Trail.
Aerobic Difficulty: Difficult, with long sections of extremely steep terrain.
Technical Difficulty: Difficult, with steep uphill, steep downhill, and technical rocky stretches. Surfaces range from smooth two-track dirt to rock- and root-strewn singletrack.
Elevation Change: 2,110'
Total Elevation Gain: 4,500'
Trailhead: Go west on the signed FS 236 two-track and immediately encounter a fork. You can go right and ford the creek, or continue straight into the brush, which will take you to a plank crossing the creek over an irrigation diversion structure. After crossing, bear left/west along the north side of the creek.
1.8 Go right at trail fork.
3.6 The trail gets markedly steeper beyond this point, with several hike-a-bike stretches.
4.7 Well-signed intersection. Turn left onto S. Fork Horseshoe Creek Trail #056 and keep climbing.



- 5.2 Stay on S. Fork Horseshoe Creek Trail #056. Pass through a forest of mature spruce and then begin traversing an open east-facing slope as the trail gains the ridge-line and Elk Flat.
- 5.6 Shortly after reaching Elk Flat, come to a junction of closed and open trails; follow Trail #056 to the left (signed, but hard to see).
- 6.6 Still in Elk Flat, arrive at the junction of the Big Hole Crest Trail #053 and Gams Mountain Trail #066. If you are into self-induced punishment, you could choose to turn right onto Trail #066 for an out-and-back to the top of Gams, reached in about 1.5 miles. After savoring the views, return to this junction. Take the Big Hole Crest Trail #053 south. The trail continues around Thunder Mountain for a long, loose, highly eroded downhill, followed by a hike-a-bike up to Red Mountain Ridge.
- 9.2 Go left at the unsigned fork before the steepest climbing section to the top of Red Mountain. The trail then drops into a steep downhill before crossing to the opposite ridge.
- 9.8 Dry Henderson Creek Trail #070 comes in from the left; turn right following Big Hole Crest Trail #053.
- 12.0 Continue straight (the fork going right loops around the west side of Squirrel Mountain, rejoining the main trail in 1/4 mile).
- 13.2 Take Corral Creek Trail #076 to the right as Grove Creek Trail goes left.
- 13.6 Intersection with Red Creek Trail coming from the right. Continue bearing left.
- 14.8 Turn left onto Trail #215, the "Spooky Trail."
- 17.7 The original, but decommissioned fork of Trail #215 joins in from the right.
- 16.2 Spooky Trail ends in parking area just off Highway 31.

POLE CANYON TRAILS

