

# Trail Notes

## Local Mountain Bike Areas



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## Moscow Mountain:

The closest area for mountain biking is Moscow Mountain. Moscow Mountain offers a variety of terrain while maintaining its secluded appeal. The area offers half-hour to full day tours of the surrounding Palouse region. Scattered logging roads and several single tracks can be found.

### **Directions:**

1. From Moscow, head North on Mountain View Rd. Continue past the two 90° bends in the road. The second gravel road on the right should be ~ 3/4 miles after the second 90° bend. Turn Right on Moscow Mtn Rd. Stay on the main road. At ~ 2.5 miles there will be three more 90° corners. At the 3rd corner, take the Y on the left. About 2 miles after this intersection you will reach a right sweeping 150° corner followed shortly by a blue gate. If the gate is locked, park in the opening below the big corner. If the gate is open, proceed up the road. After a series of a few steep switchbacks, you will reach a flat straight section on the road. This is Moscow Mtn Rd Parking Area. Park along on the right hand side of the road. NEVER park at the lower trail heads for Gemini and Private Lands. MAMBA has been specifically asked not to park there. If the Moscow Mtn Rd Parking Area is full, continue up Warnicks Rd and park in the wide spot just before you pass a gate on the right side—Gemini and Private Lands can be easily accessed from this location.

*For more information go to <http://bikemoscow.org/trails/index.asp>.*

## North/ South and White Pine Ski Area:

The Closest ski area to Moscow is also a hotbed for variety of different mountain biking. The area offers cat tracks, single track, and logging roads. The lift is not available! For the adventurous, take the Palouse Divide road up to bald Mountain and check out the wild berries.

Also in this area there are three different trail heads to ride. Although the trials are difficult to find, it is well worth the time to explore this natural area.

### **Directions:**

Take right 95 North to potlatch. Bear right at Potlatch onto route 6. North South is 15 mile North East on the right. \*White Pine Area is located just a few mile before North/South. Park on either side of the road.

## Asotin Canyon:

Located in the Hell's Gate Area south of Lewiston, the Asotin Canyon offers intermediate to advanced single track rides through the Canyon area. Too hot for summer rides, but great for spring and fall.

### **Directions:**

From Moscow, drive south on Rout 95 to Clarkston. Head south like going to Asotin. Just before Asotin, take a right and rive past forest Service headquarters. Beyond HQ, bear right at fork in the road. After two miles, park at the next fork in the road. Right fork leads to the top of the canyon and great views. Left fork leads to gnarly single tracks and bike portage scrambles. Not for the meek.

## Silver Mt. and Schweitzer Mt. Resorts:

Both of these North Idaho ski legends offer spring, summer and fall mountain biking. Ride the lifts or climb up the cat tracks. A plethora of options await you if you're looking for more civilized location, including hotels, restaurants, and bars. Both mountains also hold NORBA races for those stout of heart and sturdy ego.

### **Directions:**

Sliver- Head north on 95, then east on I-90. Sliver is located in Kellogg, ID.

Schweitzer- Head north on 95. Schweitzer is located north of Sandpoint, ID.

## Clarkia-Gold Center Ride:

This ride has spectacular views along this single track. It has good and challenging "downhill" trials. This route will take about two to three hours to pedal. There is also a lot of muddy spots and watch out for horses.

### **Directions:**

Drive East on Highway 8 to Bovill. Turn left on Highway 3 and drive to Clarkia. Turn right in Clarkia and drive past the old school house. Turn left past the school and turn right after crossing the first bridge (over St. Maries River). Proceed on two lane gravel road and cross the next bridge. Turn left almost immediately). If you bring two cars or have a shuttle driver, turn left again across another bridge and park or drive down the road...This is where the ride ends (shuttle is recommended). To get to the trail head, return to the gravel road and continue driving uphill with no right turns. You may decide to ride the last couple of miles uphill to the sign. The road slowly gets rougher and less traveled. Proceed to the large wood sign on the left side of the road. Park to begin ride.

### **Bike Route Directions:**

Ride on contour trail toward Grandmother Mountain. Turn left at the first Forest Trail (Gold Center Trail), about one mile. Ride down Gold Center trail for 5-7 miles. Cross stream and continue on trail to reach your vehicle.

## Feather Creek Ride

This trail is a single track ride that is entirely in the woods. It takes about two to three hours to pedal this ride. You get to also pedal through two beautiful stream drainages. The view is amazing and it is not just a onetime thing. The trail is completely open but might be some muddy spots.

### **Directions:**

Drive East on highway 8 to Bovill (33 miles). Turn left on Highway3 and rive to Feather Creek road (4miles). Turn left on Feather Creek road and drive to Forest Road 789 (.8miles). Turn right on 789 and proceed to parking lot (1.6 miles). The trail is across the road the small parking lot.

### **Directions to Bike Route:**

Cross the bridge over the small creek. Turn right at the junction right after the bridge. There are two loops. The older trail is 5.5 miles and NEW trail is 11 miles long. Shortly after the junction to the right, there is a "Y" in the trail. The left trail is the older and shorter trail, the far right trail is the new long single track. If you take the longer route, the trail will eventually intersects with the inner loop. At that junction, turn right. Continue on trial to complete the loop.

## Potlatch Canyon River Trail Ride:

This trial rides along Potlatch River and is a single track ride. There is also a paved parking lot with restrooms on the side of the trails. A good two hour route with two beautiful stream drainages to cross through. There is also a place to have a snack at the Helmer Store or a picnic at the group site at Little Boulder Campground (.4 miles from the parking lot). This trail is completely open but watch out there are tight spots and might have fallen trees.

### **Directions:**

Drive East on Highway 8 to Helmer (26miles0. Turn right and drive towards Little Boulder Campground (3miles). The Paved parking lot is on the left before you cross the Potlatch River.

### **Bike Route Directions:**

The trail is paved for 1 ½ miles with benches and picnic tables. Ride the loop counterclockwise. It`s a five miles loop. Follow the trail markers (it`s fairly obvious). Open and securely close the two gates that keep cattle of the trail. Continue on trial to complete the loop.