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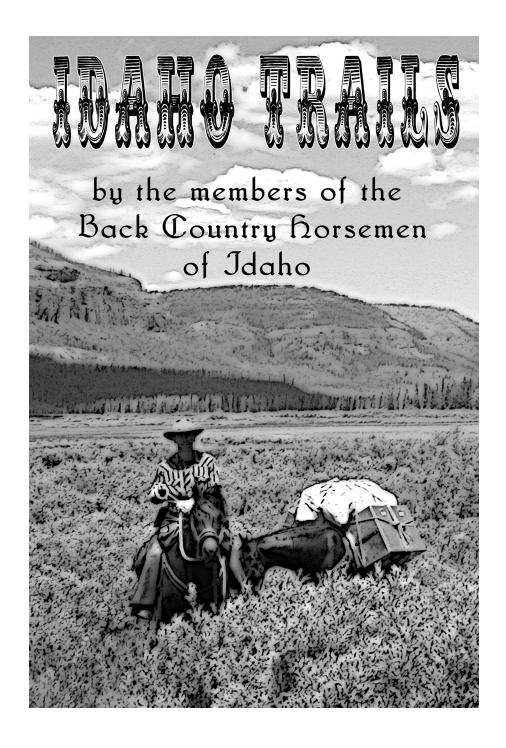


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<u>Editors Note:</u> The star on the Idaho map in the upper right corner of this document indicates the trail's approximate location in the state. Some reports have reduced type.

Trail Name: Wapati Creek trail #160

Date Ridden: August 2006

Location: Boise National Forest, Lowman Ranger District

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From

Lowman, drive east of the Lowman Ranger Station on State

Highway 21 for 20.5 miles to FS Rd 524 (the Grandjean

Road). Turn right onto NFS Road 524 and drive 4.7 miles to the Wapiti Summer Home Area Road, turn right. Cross the bridge over the SF Payette River. Stay on the main road, drive over Wapiti Creek and look for the sign to the trailhead. Turn left onto NFS Road 525A at the sign. It is one mile to the trail where limited parking is available. Alternate parking can be found along the right hand side of NFS Road 525A as you head towards the trailhead.

Trail Length: Same in/out 7 miles one way.

Trail Condition: This trail is cut out by NFS and local trail machine club every two years. It is a multi-use trail.

Trail Difficulty: 5-6 (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being

very difficult, very steep) **Trailer Parking:** 4-5 rigs.

Facilities at Trailhead: None Stock water is available

Personal Description: The Wapiti Creek Trail offers panoramic views of the Sawtooth Mountain as it climbs from the trailhead to its terminus at the Ten Mile Ridge Trail. The first part of the trail climbs for over a mile, following multiple switchbacks across a hillside, to gain a ridge. The trail continues go up, makes a sidehill traverse across loose granitic soils, and enters a saddle before the uphill travel eases. The route is easier as trail follows along the ridge for over 2 miles to the junction with the Ten Mile Ridge Trail. From the junction, motorcycle travel is only permitted to the right (west) portion of the Ten Mile Ridge Trail. Traveling east on the trail (to the left) quickly takes you into the Sawtooth Wilderness.

Submitted By: Rob Adams BCHI Chapter: Squaw Butte

Date: 3/27/07

Trail Name: Wilson Corrals **Date Ridden:** August 2006

Location: Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger District **Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town)**: From Emmett, drive to intersection of State Highway 52 and the

Sweet/Ola Road: go north on the Sweet/Ola Road (NF-618).

Just past the unsigned <u>Third Fork Guard Station</u>, turn right onto NF-635. Go east on NF-653 approximately 8 miles to junction with NF-653Q. This junction is signed for the trail. Turn left onto NF-653Q and go 0.5 miles to sign "Wilson Corrals Trail". Turn right and park in the flat. The signed trailhead is on the north edge of the flat.

Trail Length: Same in/out 5.3 miles one way or make a loop with the Gabe's Peak trail (previous page.) Doing this loopr either way means riding the final mile or two on the road between Wilson Corral TH and Rammage Meadows or vice versa.

Trail Condition: This trail is cut out by SBBCH every year. The trail is in good condition but is fairly steep in some places.

Trail Difficulty: 5-6 (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking: 12-15 rigs. The trail itself starts at the north end of the open parking area. There is ample room to park, plus a dispersed campsite at the trailhead.

Facilities at Trailhead: None Stock water is available

Personal Description: This is a very scenict ride. We usually up this trail and down Gabe's Peak trail. It's easily done in a day. The trail follows along the Third Fork of Squaw Creek at first. At 2 points the trail drops into the edge of the creek to avoid springs up above. At 0.6 miles, the trail begins to follow a side drainage of Squaw Creek. The trail crosses this small creek 5 times. The trail gradually gains elevation to a large open ridge. The trail tread stops part way up this ridge, but by following tree blazes and rock cairns, the trail can be followed to the ridge top just SW of Wilson Peak. The trail then drops down the southeast corner of Wilson Peak, crosses a creek at 5.6 miles and comes to a small wet meadow at 6.0 miles where the trail briefly becomes visible again.

Submitted By: Robbin Schindele BCHI Chapter: Squaw Butte

Date: 3/17/07

Trail Name: TURKEY CREEK TRAIL NFS# 3136

Date Ridden: 2006

Location: Umatilla Natl. Forest - Wenaha-Tucannon

Wilderness

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): Twelve miles east of Dayton, WA., turn south on the Tuucannon River Road. Follow the Tucannon for approx. 45 miles. Where the road y's at the confluence of the Panjab creek into the Tucannon, take Road #4713 to the right for 3 miles to the trailhead.

Trail Length: 8 mile Loop

Trail Condition: Usually well maintained

Trail Difficulty: 5 - 7 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult,

very steep)

Trailer Parking Approximately 4 – 8 rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: loading docks, horse feeders, and hitch rails

Personal Description: The trail begins from the Panjab trail a mile and half from the Panjab trailhead. After splitting from Panjab, this trail follows Turkey creek to Teepee Trailhead. The trail has a gentle incline in slope from the Panjab to Teepee Trailhead.

From Teepee trailhead You can continue on to the top of ridge and swing to the left on top and loop back to the Panjab trail and continue back to original trailhead.

Submitted By: Dave Favor

BCHI Chapter: Twin River BCH

Date: 3-13-2007

Trail Name: PANJAB TRAIL NFS# 3127

Date Ridden: 2006

Location: UMATILLA NATL. FOREST: WENAHA-

TUCANNON WILDERNESS

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): Twelve miles east of Dayton, WA On Highway #12, turn south on the Tucannon River Rd. Follow the Tucannon for approx. 45 miles. At the confluence of the Panjab Creek into the Tucannon, take Road #4713 for 3 miles to the trailhead.

Trail Length: 11 mile Loop

Trail Condition: heavy use and is usually well maintained

Trail Difficulty: 5 to 7 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult,

very steep)

Trailer Parking: Approximately 4 to 8 rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: loading docks, hitching rails, feed mangers

- horse water in creek

Personal Description: The trail follows a gentle incline along the Panjab Creek for the first three miles. The next two miles it makes a climb up to the Indian corral where the trail evens out on the ridge top.

Submitted By: Dave Favor

BCHI Chapter: Twin River BCH

Date: 3-13-2007

Trail Name: Gabe's Peak **Date Ridden:** August 2006

Location: Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger

District

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From

Emmett, go north on State Highway 52 to the triangle Dinner House, turn left to Ola (17 miles). From Ola proceed north on NF-618 to the intersection of NF-653 and then on to Rammage Meadows (25 miles)

Meadows (25 miles).

Trail Length: Same in/out 3.3 miles one way or make a loop with the Wilson Corrals Trail (next page)

Trail Condition: This trail is cut out by SBBCH every year. The trail is in good condition but is fairly steep in some places. The trailhead is located in Rammage Meadows.

Trail Difficulty: 5-6 (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10

being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking: 12-15 rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: There is a loading ramp and hitching rails provided for horseback users, as well as a large parking lot and several dispersed campsites with space for tents and travel trailers. Stock water available across the road from parking area.

Personal Description: This is a very pleasant ride. We usually come down this trail having come up the Wilson Corrals trail. If that's your plan you can find this trail by heading west from the line cabin in the meadow. The trail starts next to a very light gray rock outcropping. Once on top there is a series of mountain meadows heading NW for 20-30 miles with easy riding, good grass and water. The upper part of the trail provides panoramic views of the Squaw Creek drainage and West Mountain. From the upper end, the trail provides access to NF-446 and the Snowbank Mountain radar site.

 $Submitted \ By: \underline{\ }Robbin \ Schindele$

BCHI Chapter: Squaw Butte

Date: 3/17/07

Trail Name: Cottonwood Creek

Date Ridden: May 2006 **Location:** Boise County

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From

Boise, go north on Hwy 21 past Lucky Peak Dam.

Turn east at bridge and drive towards Arrow Rock dam. A few miles east of Arrow Rock dam turn onto NFS road #377 trailhead

is at the Ranger Station.

Trail Length: Same in/out. This trail can be in and out at any length or expanded to a loop with a distance of about 16 miles or up to 30 miles depending on your horses and your condition. Where this trail intersects with α across Big Elk Creek, the trail becomes steep and wooded for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles (6) then levels out again (2). There are branch trails in various directions from the upper meadows and all are increasing in difficulty to a steep 9.

Trail Condition: Good, gentle climb along Cottonwood Creek. Trail starts wide then narrows. 2 or 3 bridges to cross.

Trail Difficulty: 2 (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking: 6

Facilities at Trailhead: None

Personal Description: This is a good trail you can ride in the spring. Bridges are short and easy to cross. From Arrow Rock to the trailhead the road is washboard and has blind corners, drive cautiously.

Submitted By: John Millington BCHI Chapter: Treasure Valley

Date: 1/17/07

Trail Name: Lake View Mountain Trail

Date Ridden: Spring 2006 **Location:** Priest Lake, Idaho

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From

Priest River, go north on Highway 57 for

approximately 35 miles (about 3 miles past the ranger station on

the right.)

Trail Length: Same in/out: You can make this one-way by having someone move your vehicle. This trial has a high degree of everything you can expect; water crossings, steep in some places, bridges, rocky terrain, etc.

Trail Condition: Good (by North Idaho standards)

Trail Difficulty: 7 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult,

very steep)

Trailer Parking Approximately 2 rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: None (in North Idaho we do not have facilities at most of our trailheads.

Personal Description: This trail has great views of Priest Lake and the Selkirk Mountains. Beware of Moose! Stop and take advantage of two good viewpoints. It is about two miles to the first view point and about five miles to the junction with trail#365.

Submitted By: Bob Savage

BCHI Chapter: Priest River Valley BCH

Trail Name: Pee Wee Creek Date Ridden: Spring 2006

Location: 6 miles north of Priest River, Idaho

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From

Priest River, go north on Highway 57 for 3.5 miles

Turn right onto Peninsula Road. Go approximately 4 miles and turn left onto Quartz Creek Road (gravel road.) Go 1.5 miles to the

trailhead.

Trail Length: Loop: This trail system is designed for all types of riders. It has several small loops and one long one of sixteen miles.

Trail Condition: Good, this trail system is maintained by the Priest River Valley BCH. Some bridges, steep areas on the long loop, otherwise an easy trail. Good for beginners, great views.

Trail Difficulty: 3 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking Approximately 50 rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: High lines, lots of parking, fire pit, nice

SST toilet, water for stock.

Personal Description: This is a well maintained trail and one of

the first open after a long winter.

Submitted By: Bob Savage

BCHI Chapter: Priest River Valley BCH

Date: February 2007

Trail Name: Palisades Creek, Waterfall Canyon

Date Ridden: July and September 2006

Location: Palisades, ID

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Idaho Falls take Hwy 26-53.1 miles east to the town of Palisades, ID. There is good signage to the left turn here. It is about 3

miles to the end of the road and stock parking is on the right.

Trail Length: Same in/out 4 miles to Lower Palisades Lake, 7 miles to

Upper Palisades Lake, 5 more miles into Waterfall Canyon

Trail Condition: Usually very good. This is the busiest trail in eastern Idaho. Weekdays or during school times are best for this trail due to

great numbers of humans. NON MOTORIZED

Trail Difficulty: There are bridges over all deep and rapid stream crossings. To Lower Lake 1-2, Lower to Upper Lake somewhat steeper and narrower 3-4, to Waterfall Canyon 4-5. Other trails out of Waterfall Canyon rate 7-10 as can be very steep, rocky and narrow. (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking: Parking here is good on weekdays but can be very crowded and cumbersome on weekends and during hunting season. With talented drivers parking for 8-11 rigs possible.

Facilities at Trailhead: Campground, out houses, stream for stock water, well water (pump), hitching rails-tie stalls-with mangers (9).

Personal Description: I like this ride when there are not many humans. There are areas where passing another string can be difficult. Many humans are otherworldly as they often have back packs with fishing poles sticking out of them. Mountain bikes may be encountered. The scenery here is fantastic. The fishing is wonderful and the wildlife numerous. Moose are almost always seen between Lower and Upper Lakes. There is waterfowl on both lakes and Bald Eagles in the area of Upper Lake frequently. Mountain goats live in Waterfall Canyon along with Black Bear. Pitch camp here and bring your binoculars. No stock grazing close to Upper Lake or at Big Springs between the lakes, but there are other places to camp and graze stock available along way.

Submitted By: Barbara Zitzman-Smith

BCHI Chapter: Eagle Rock

Date: 3/19/07



Trail Name: Alaska Basin. Hurricane Pass

Date Ridden: August 2005

Location: Driggs, ID, Alta, Wyoming

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): At red light in downtown Driggs, ID, turn East. Follow this road through Alta, WY, and around 2 small switch backs. Turn



right on road to Boy Scout camp, campgrounds, and trailheads. This road is washboardy! Traffic, pot holes and cattle hazards also. There is a small sign labeling the horse transfer camp about 4.5 miles along this road which is on your left. If you reach the big campground, you missed it by 300 yards. There are good areas in which to turn around.

Trail Length: Same in/out 6-8 miles depending on amount of exploration done in this area

Trail Condition: Very good in late summer and fall. Early season, before July 21, there is high water, mud and possible snow to deep to navigate in one area. This is a popular trail with visitors from all around the world. NON MOTORIZED, wilderness is adjacent to Grand Teton National Park. The Teton/Crest Trail runs through this area.

Trail Difficulty: Into Alaska Basin 3-4 with some steeper spots and stream crossings. Also an area where trail crosses large sheets of granite. These may be slick. From Alaska Basin to Hurricane Pass 6-7. Boulder strewn trail and steep in places. High altitude. From Hurricane Pass you can visualize yourself resting with your hand holding you up as it is placed on the Grand Teton. Fabulous views. (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking: 5-10 depending on if angel parked or parallel parked. **Facilities at Trailhead:** NONE. Potable water, corrals, outhouse (modern) hitch rails, fire pits.

Personal Description: Another of my favorites. Other trails emanate from this area as well. Moose, bear, deer, and elk may be seen here. Raptors are always here. Sometimes one can find mountain goats in this area. Many lakes in Alaska Basin area. God's magnificent creation can be seen 360 degrees. Valley landscapes, tree filled forests, boulders, cliffs, lakes, wild flower meadows, and majestic mountains. All are visible on this ride.

Submitted By: Barbara Zitzman-Smith

BCHI Chapter: Eagle Rock

Date: 3/19/07

Trail Name: NFS# 308 to Upper Priest Falls

Date Ridden: 2005

Location: North of Priest Lake toward the Canadian

border.

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Priest River, go north on Highway 57. Keep going at end of pavement (approximately 35 miles) for another 20+ miles. It's gravel and can be tough in the summer.

Trail Length: Same in/out: <u>+</u>8 miles

Trail Condition: Lots of bridges

Trail Difficulty: 3 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult,

very steep)

Trailer Parking 4-5

Facilities at Trailhead: None

Personal Description: This trail is great to ride on hot summer days. It follows the Priest River for eight miles. At the end of the trail you can walk down to the falls. This trail is like riding through a park, huge cedars and old growth hemlocks all the way.

Submitted By: Bob Savage

BCHI Chapter: Priest River Valley BCH



Trail Name: Blue Jay Trail **Date Ridden:** October 2006

Location: Lowman, ID

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Lowman, go east 16 miles on Highway 21 to mile post

89.

Trail Length: Same in/out: <u>+</u>10 miles

Trail Condition: Single track trail, shady on lower 1/3 of trail, sunnier and more exposed on upper section. Two water crossings **Trail Difficulty:** 6 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult,

very steep)

Trailer Parking 4 rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: None

Personal Description: Nice trail in the trees on the lower section. Good vistas on the upper half. The trail intersects with the 10 Mile trail at the top to make a connection to Grand Jean to the east or 10 mile trailhead to the west.

Submitted By: Dick Peterson BCHI Chapter: Boise BCH

Date: March 2007



Trail Name: Big Elk Creek

Date Ridden: June and September 2006

Location: Approximately 5.54 miles East of Swan Valley on Hwy

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Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Idaho Falls take Hwy 26 east about 50 miles to Swan Valley. Continue straight ahead (east) on Hwy 26 5.5 miles to large bend in

highway and reservoir, turn left onto Big Elk Creek access road. The first ¼ mile of this road is very narrow and switch backed. The trailhead is at the terminal end of this road. Good horse facilities, flowing stream for water and many hitch rails. New style outhouse for humans.

Trail Length: Same in/out. This trail can be in and out at any length or expanded to a loop with a distance of about 16 miles or up to 30 miles. Where this trail intersects with Big Elk Creek, the trail becomes steep and wooded for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles (6) then levels out again (2). There are branch trails in various directions from the upper meadows and all are increasing in difficulty to a steep 9.

Trail Condition: NON MOTORIZED basically flat and level for first three miles (1) then becomes more challenging through the narrows (3-4). Optional path here either horse trail with stream crossings (avoid this at high water in May and June) or human foot trail over rock ledge. This is rideable, but I strongly suggest leading as there are frequently loose rocks on trail (6). The beauty to be had is well worth the challenge.

Trail Difficulty: (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep) The portions of this trail used for a day ride or an overnighter range from 1-4. The Narrows is the most difficult at 4-6 depending on water depth, Basically I would rate this trail 1-2.

Trailer Parking: The trailhead has been expanded, and with intelligent parking one can easily get 10-15 rigs in the parking lot <u>IF</u> the camp also located at the end of the roadway does not have irresponsible parking. (Last year the bridge to the camp was out so they parked in the horse area.)

Facilities at Trailhead: Trailhead has stock water, hitch rails, trail Kiosk and outhouse. There is to be <u>NO</u> OVERNIGHT CAMPING at the trail head.

Personal Description: This trail is part of the GREAT WESTERN TRAIL system. The area is beautiful with much wildlife, deer, elk, lots of moose and birds of all kinds. Great fishing in Big Elk Creek and Palisades Reservoir. You can watch the red fish swimming up this creek in the fall to spawn. An easy day ride. There are small bridges over most boggy areas and many areas on either side of Big Elk Creek to have lunch or camp. Great stock grazing.

Submitted By: Barbara Zitzman-Smith

BCHI Chapter: Eagle Rock

Date: 3/19/07

Trail Name: Divide Lake/Amphitheater

Date Ridden: August 2006

as a starting point.

Location: Medicine Lodge, ID (Dubois, ID) (I-15) **Directions to Trailhead** (from nearest town): Take I-15 North from Idaho Falls to Dubois. From Dubois, travel west about 5.2 miles until intersection with road to

west about 5.2 miles until intersection with road to Medicine Lodge on your right. It is 37.2 miles to where this road intersects with road to Fritz Creek. Follow this road to the right to Cow Camp. At the top of the hill this road becomes 2 track. I do not suggest traveling this road the next ½ mile beyond Cow Camp. This area can also be accessed from Webber Creek, but the trailhead parking facilities are poor, 1-2 rigs and NO maneuvering room, that I do not suggest that

Trail Length: Same in/out 6 miles to Divide Lake. I usually day ride over to the natural amphitheater along Deadman Trail. This is beautiful rugged country. Very high and rocky with little water. I rate this segment 8. Part of this trail is on the Continental Divide Trail.

Trail Condition: Depending on whether you take the old or new trail, condition is fair. The old trail follows the bottomlands and is brushy with downfall while the new upper trail has great width and overhead clearance. I take the lower trail with the cows.

Trail Difficulty: Overall 4-5. This trail has some steep sections and climbs to over 9000 feet. Water is sparse in later months. (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking: 15-30+ rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: Dilapidated out house, Cow Camp cabin has water <u>if</u> it is unlocked, old corral. Great grazing, water 1/4-3/4 miles away.

Personal Description: I like to pack in here as this trailhead is so time consuming to access. Have good tires, 4 wheel drive and pray you do not have rain or snow as you may not get out. Divide Lake, as its name implies, sits on the Continental Divide on the Idaho/Montana border. This is a well stocked lake and solitude is almost guaranteed. We spent 5 days there over the 4th of July and only saw 2 other people for about an hour. The grazing here is poor, but a half hour ride across the divide and you are in many square miles of lunch forage (just no drinking water). We often ride across with our lunch and reading material and just kick back while the horses graze to their heart's content.

Submitted By: Barbara Zitzman-Smith

BCHI Chapter: Eagle Rock

Trail Name: Warm Springs Date Ridden: August 2006

Location: Lowman, ID

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Lowman, go east 17 miles on Highway 21 turn left onto Warm Springs Road to the airstrip and trailhead.

Trail Length: Same in/out: ± 14 miles trail ends at Bull Trout Lake **Trail Condition:** Lower section is steep, 3 miles in is a flat with a

stream crossing. Upper section is steep with switchbacks

Trail Difficulty: 7 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult,

very steep)

Trailer Parking 4 rigs at the trailhead, additional parking at the nearby campground

Facilities at Trailhead: None

Personal Description: Very scenic ride along Warm Springs Creek. Two hot springs along the way, meadows, saw a lot of wildlife. Horse camping at upper end near Bull Trout Lake. Campground has all facilities including horse corrals. It is a fee campground but it is possible to camp in a large meadow north of the campground proper w/out a fee.

Submitted By: Dick Peterson BCHI Chapter: Boise BCH

Date: March 2007



Trail Name: Red Mountain

Date Ridden: September 2006

Location: Lowman, ID

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Lowman, immediately turn left onto NFS road 582 towards Bear Valley. Go 17 miles north to Red Mountain trailhead. Watch for signs road to trailhead splits off road 582 to the right.

Trail Length: Same in/out: 3-6 miles each way to numerous mountain lakes. This trail connects to a trail to Bull Trout Lake 15 miles east.

Trail Condition: Good clean trail with some uphill parts, easy creek crossings.

Trail Difficulty: 4-5 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking 20-30 rigs at the trailhead

Facilities at Trailhead: Hardened camping spots, fire pits, toilets, stock can water in nearby creek

Personal Description: Beautiful area to ride with endless trails and lakes, pack in to camp at the lakes or camp at the campground and takes great day rides. Plentiful wildflowers in early summer, snowed in until mid to late June. There was a lot of fire in this area late summer 2006

Submitted By: Devon Mills & Linda Erickson

BCHI Chapter: Boise BCH

Date: March 2007

Trail Name: Green Lakes Trail, Granite Basin

Date Ridden: August 2006

Location: Driggs, ID In Wyoming

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): (Half way between Driggs and Tetonia.) From Driggs

travel north on Hwy 33 5.5 miles to Hatch's corner (Clawson). Just as you cross Leigh Creek bear right onto tangent road. Take first right. Travel through 2-90 degree turns then take 2nd left onto N Leigh Creek Rd. (200E) about 5.5 miles to end of road and park. Caution: Road has some rough spots, tight turns, opposing traffic, steep grades and cows. This is a FS road in Wyoming.

Trail Length: Loop () or Same in/out () 10-15 miles with loop being longer.

Trail Condition: Usually very good. Can be muddy during rain. Trail climbs with gentle switch backs up through the aspens to high meadows. Trail switch backs have been greatly improved where trail drops over cliff and descends about 1200 feet. Trail then crosses more alpine meadows. At fork, stay left to go to Green Lakes or right to make a loop via Andy Stone trail.

Trail Difficulty: 3 due to the altitude. While the cliff is very steep the switch backs are wide with good footing. (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep

Trailer Parking: 20-25 loop and either side of roadway **Facilities at Trailhead:** NONE. Stock water in stream

Personal Description: I love this area. Depending on what route you travel in this area the Tetons can be seen, the meadows are beautiful year round, lots of fish in the lake. Explore the rocks to the left side of the lake and find all the small hidden lakes there. Not much grazing here, but more within Granite Basin. There are also some unique geological features to be found near here.

Submitted By: Barbara Zitzman-Smith

BCHI Chapter: Eagle Rock BCH

Date: March 2007

Trail Name: Ranger Creek Trail

Date Ridden: Summer 2006

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Asotin, WA, drive west on Asotin Creek Road to the Cloverland Road. Go through Cloverland and travel



30-32 miles to an intersection with Forest Road #4304. Indian Tom trailhead lays to your left and Ranger Creek trail lays to your right. Ranger Creek trail starts just past the Winatchee Guard Station

Trail Length: Loop 8 miles

Trail Condition: It is best to go up Indian Tom and down Ranger Creek. Indian Tom is steep with timber and Ranger Creek is more open with some nice views. The trailheads are bout 2 miles apart. It would be best to call the Pomeroy Ranger district or a TRBCH member to see if Indian Tom has been cut out.

Trail Difficulty: Ranger Creek is 4, Indian Tom is 8 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep).

Trailer Parking 10-20 rigs at both trailheads.

Facilities at Trailhead: None Some old corrals at Indian Tom **Personal Description:** These two trails make a loop. We camped at Indian Tom and rode up the rode to the Ranger Creek trailhead. It had been rainy and cool and that took some of the starch out of the horses. Neither trailhead is well marked, you have to watch closely for a sign marking Ranger Creek trail and the corrals at Indian Tom. The corrals there are usable but there is no water. It is down the hill quite a ways. You can water at the bottom where the two trails come together.

Submitted By: Bill Correll

BCHI Chapter: Twin Rivers BCH

Date: February 2007

Trail Name: Third Fork/First Fork/Second Fork Loop

Date Ridden: Summer 2006

Location:

Trailhead: 42°15′ 15″ N; 114° 15′ 15″ W; 5,193 ft 2nd Fork Trailhead: 42° 14′ 07″ N; 114° 13′ 58″ W;

5,443 ft

First Fork Trailhead: 42° 13′ 00″ N; 114° 12′ 25″ W; 6,177 ft **Directions to Trailhead** (from nearest town): From Hansen, Lower trailhead is 21 miles south on paved NFS road 515. **Trail Length:** Loop 15 miles more or less depending on loop

chosen.

Trail Condition: Good, this trail is maintained by the local Off Road motorcycle club. This is a multi-use trail. You may encounter hikers, motorcycles, cattle and sheep. Please close any gates.

Trail Difficulty: Depending on the loop chosen this trail can range from a 5-6 in the lower parts to 6-7 in the upper sections. There are several cut banks where the trail nears the edge of the creek, these can be dangerous. (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking 10 or more rigs at the Third Fork Trailhead **Facilities at Trailhead:** Toilet, fire rings disabled access, stock water.

Personal Description: The third Fork trail can be considered the "gateway" to numerous trails and loops in the South Hills. Excellent mountain trail which require your horse be in good shape to make the numerous loops available The Martindale Fork loop is one of the many loops accessible from the Third Fork Trailhead. It connects the First Fork and Second Fork trails to the Third Fork Trail. It follows the creek with water available in many places. The trail starts in rolling sagebrush hills and follows the creek flanked by steep rim rock capped cliffs. Upper portions of the trails pass through grove of Aspen and Lodge Pole pines and provide nice views.

Submitted By: Bryan Kenworthy

BCHI Chapter: High Desert BCH Date: February 2007



Trail Name: Third Fork/Rim View

Date Ridden: Summer 2006

Location:

Third Fork (Lower) Trailhead: 42°15′ 15″ N; 114° 15′

15" W

Rim View (Upper) Trailhead: 42°12′ 36″ N; 114° 18′ 04″ W Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Hansen, Lower trailhead is 21 miles south on paved NFS road 515. Upper trailhead is about 25 miles on same road.

Trail Length: Same In/Out 11 miles one way

Trail Condition: Good, this trail is maintained yearly by the High Desert BCH. The trail is restricted to horse and foot traffic only.

Trail Difficulty: 7 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult,

very steep)

Trailer Parking 10 or more rigs at the both trailheads

Facilities at Trailhead: Toilet, fire rings disabled access at lower trailhead. None upper trailhead

Personal Description: Excellent mountain trail which require your horse be in good shape. The lower part of the trail climbs 700 feet in one mile. It passes through sagebrush, rim rock cliffs and Mountain Mahogany and can be hot during mid-summer afternoons. Water can be found at the lower trailhead and at mile seven. For cooler summer rides, continue 2.5 miles past the Third Fork trailhead, turn right on the Oakley/Rogerson Road NFS 500, travel 5 ¼ miles to the Upper Rim View trailhead. The upper end of the trail is in Lodge Pole and Aspen forest.

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Date: February 2007



Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Asotin, WA, drive west on Asotin Creek Road approximately 16 miles, do not take any left turns, always bear right. The trailhead is on your left just before a sharp right turn up

Lick Creek.

Trail Length: Loop 15 miles

Trail Condition: The first seven miles up Asotin Creek is on an old road and the forest trail. When you turn right onto the Pinkham trail (#3128) it gets a little rocky from spring runoff and lack of water bars. The tread is good going up the ridge but a little steep. Once you reach the ridge, turn right in a saddle and go easterly 'til you find signs of an old road. This road comes up Sourdough draw from Lick Creek road, This is quite open with a good view of lots of country. GO down the draw to the Lick Creek road and ride it a couple miles back to the Asotin Creek trailhead.

Trail Difficulty: 1-3 except for the 2 miles of 8 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep).

Trailer Parking 6-7 rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: None but Washington Fish and Game requires a parking sticker. This can be purchased for \$5.00 from any license vendor.

Personal Description: This is an interesting ride as you go through some timber, climb a typical switchback trail to gain elevation and have some great views of the surrounding country. At the saddle you can turn left, follow the ridge and get a great view of the Blue Mountains. We often see elk on this trail. The above description is only a section of the Pinkham Trail chosen for a moderate ride. Another section of this trail can be accessed from the Fordyce trail, but that's another trip. Most TRBCH members are familiar with this trail and can answer any questions you might have.

Submitted By: Bill Correll

BCHI Chapter: Twin Rivers BCH



Trail Name: North Section of Pinkham Trail

Date Ridden: Summer 2006

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From

Asotin, WA, drive west on Asotin Creek Road

approximately 16 miles. Turn right onto Lick Creek Road.

Another 4-5 miles brings you to the Fordyce trailhead on the left

side of the road. The trail goes up the draw.

Trail Length: Loop 12+ miles

Trail Condition: TRBCH cuts out this trail every spring shortly after April 1st. This trail has good tread all the way. The first 3-4 miles is through timber so you may have work arounds. Turn left on the haul road you'll leave the road just around a corner and proceed up an old cat road. Shortly this turns right and a well treaded trail takes off though light timber. The further south you travel the ridge becomes more defined and you can see the Blue Mountains as well as back towards Asotin and Lewiston. Following this ridge you will pass the Pinkham trail that comes up out of Asotin Creek. Going past this intersection you'll climb out of a saddle into some open country. There is an old road that comes out of Sourdough draw. Go down this to Lick Creek Road. Turn left and ride up the road to you point of origin.

Trail Difficulty: 1-4 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep).

Trailer Parking 12 rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: None, WA parking sticker needed

Personal Description: This ride has a variety of scenery. It takes 4-5 hours. Elk and deer are seen frequently, elk calve near the trail and hang around all summer. WA Fish and Game have a liocked gate on Asotin Creek 'til April 1st to protect the animals. Most of our members have ridden this trail both ways so don't hesitate to ask them about it.

Submitted By: Bill Correll

BCHI Chapter: Twin Rivers BCH

Date: January 2007

Date Ridden: Summer 2006

Location:

Trailhead: 42°15′ 15″ N; 114° 15′ 15″ W; 5,193 ft 2nd Fork: 42° 14′ 07″ N; 114° 13′ 58″ W; 5,443 ft

1st Fork Trailhead: 42° 13′ 00″ N; 114° 12′ 25″ W; 6,177 ft Upper Martingale Creek: 42° 10′ 01″ W; 114° 12′ 30″ N

Meets 3rd Fork Trail at: 42° 11′ 28″ W; 114° 14′ 32″ N; 6′125 ft

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Hansen, Lower trailhead is 21 miles south on paved NFS road 515.

Trail Length: Loop 17 miles

Trail Condition: Good, this trail is maintained by the local Off Road motorcycle club. This is a multi-use trail. You may encounter hikers, motorcycles, cattle and sheep. Please close any gates.

Trail Difficulty: Depending on the loop chosen this trail can range from a 5-6 in the lower parts to 6-7 in the upper sections. There are several cut banks where the trail nears the edge of the creek, these can be dangerous. (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking 10 or more rigs at the Third Fork Trailhead **Facilities at Trailhead:** Toilet, fire rings disabled access, stock water.

Personal Description: Excellent mountain trail which require your horse be in good shape to make the numerous loops available The Martindale Fork loop is one of the many loops accessible from the Third Fork Trailhead. It connects the First Fork and Second Fork trails to the Third Fork Trail. It follows the creek with water available in many places. The trail starts in rolling sagebrush hills and follows the creek flanked by steep rim rock capped cliffs. Upper portions of the trails pass through grove of Aspen and Lodge Pole pines and provide nice views.

Submitted By: Bryan Kenworthy BCHI Chapter: High Desert BCH

Trail Name: Wahlstrom Hollow/AH Trail/Third Fork

Loop

Date Ridden: Summer 2006

Location:

Third Fork Trailhead: 42° 18′ 03″ N; 114° 15′ 14″ W;

4,784 ft

Upper Trailhead: 42° 12′ 56″ N; 114° 15′ 32″ W; 6,863 ft Meets Third Fork Trail at: 42° 12′ 19" N; 114° 14′ 43" W; 5,991 ft

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Hansen, Lower trailhead is 21 miles south on paved NFS road 515.

Trail Length: Loop 8.2 miles total; 3.5 miles to top junction at AH trail; 1.3 miles downhill to the Third Fork trail; 4 miles back to the trailhead

Trail Condition: Good, this trail is maintained by the local Off Road motorcycle club. This is a multi-use trail. You may encounter hikers, motorcycles, cattle and sheep.

Trail Difficulty: 6 (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep)

Trailer Parking 10 or more rigs at the Third Fork Trailhead Facilities at Trailhead: Toilet, fire rings disabled access, stock water.

Personal Description: Excellent mountain trail which requires your horse be in good shape to make it to the top. Start at the Third Fork trailhead follow the Third Fork tail for less than onequarter mile, the Wahlstrom Hollow Trail takes off to the right crossing a well maintained foot bridge over Third Fork creek. The trail climbs moderately (1600' over 3.5 miles) up out of the Third Fork canyon and follows a creek. Water is available at many locations. The trail is flanked by steep rim rock capped cliffs. The upper portions of the trail pass a number of beaver ponds and winds through groves of Aspen and Lodge Pole pine. At the top the trail intersects the AH trail.

Submitted By: Bryan Kenworthy **BCHI Chapter: High Desert BCH**

Date: February 2007

Trail Name: Harrington Fork Date Ridden: Summer 2006

Location:

Lower Trailhead: 42°18′ 03″ N; 114° 15′ 14″ W;

Elevation 4,784 ft

Upper Trailhead: Elevation 5,443 ft

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Hansen, Lower trailhead is 16 miles south on paved NFS road 515.

Trail Length: Same in/out 12.8 miles total. But if you go that far ride another mile to Harrington Peak and take in the view of First Fork Canyon. You can make this trail a loop, continue over the hill to the junction with First Fork (9 miles.) Turn right (westerly) and ride 5 miles to the Third Fork trailhead. It's 3 miles back the Harrington Fork. On summer weekends it's easy to hitch a ride back to retrieve your trailer.

Trail Condition: Good, this trail is maintained by the local Off Road motorcycle club. This is a multi-use trail. You may encounter hikers, motorcycles, cattle and sheep. Please close any gates.

Trail Difficulty: Depending on the loop chosen this trail can range from a 3-4 in the lower parts to 5-6 in the upper sections. (1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep) Trailer Parking Parking lot is paved but small no more than 4 trailers

Facilities at Trailhead: Toilet, and picnic area, stock water.

Personal Description: The lower end of this trail is open early in the season. Excellent mountain trail which require your horse be in good shape to make it to the top. It follows the creek with water available in many places. The trail follows Harrington Fork Creek all the way to the top. The trail is flanked by steep rim rock capped cliffs. Upper portions of the trails pass through grove of Aspen and Lodge Pole pines and provide nice views.

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