

13 GREAT RIDES!



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MOUNTAIN BIKING IN THE REDROCKS!

WELCOME ~ Help protect our riding privileges

- Control braking and skidding to keep the trail from rutting!
- Take a break when trails are muddy to protect our fragile soil!
- Stay on the trail and don't bust the crust!
- Slow down, say "hello" and give bikers a good name!
- Respect private property and keep the peace!
- No bikes in Wilderness areas which are near some rides.

OUR TRAIL RATING SYSTEM: Ride cautiously.

Every Red Rock trail has diverse tread conditions, may lack maintenance or have recently fallen trees or rocks. This rating system is general and we recommend you get best information from local bike shops or on the web.

Beginner - trails are rideable if you can properly shift gears and use brakes on steep sections. Beginner trails have sections that beginners may have to walk.

Intermediate - trail has sections that a beginner rider will find difficult due to being narrow, having uneven surface or obstacles in the tread.

Advanced Intermediate- trail is narrower than an intermediate trail, has more obstacles, longer climbs and uneven surface or drainages which need to be crossed.

Advanced - trails that have narrow sections, severely uneven tread and drainages, numerous obstacles, and long segments of steep down or up. There are numerous sections of trail in the Sedona system that even an advanced rider will need to walk.

Protective gear is recommended! A helmet is a must; Shin guards and elbow pads can protect from spiny vegetation and sharp rocks. Eyewear will protect you from sun, flying rocks and low vegetation.

RED ROCK PASS ~ Some trailhead parking lots require a Red Rock Pass...for parking only. Purchase at visitor centers, local stores and at some trailheads. Money from the Pass supports trail maintenance and signage. More info at Redrockcountry.org

Ride # 1 - Templeton to Baldwin Loop - 5.8 miles - Intermediate.

Summary: This is a mostly intermediate out and back with advanced sections and a very challenging descent and climb that will test advanced riders. **Trailhead:** Start at the Courthouse Vista Parking Lot on the east side of Hwy. 179.

The Ride: Take the Phone Trail northeast to the Bell Rock Pathway. Turn left (north) and ride about 100 yards to the Templeton Trail intersection where you turn left (northwest) and follow the Templeton Trail about one mile to the H.T. Trail intersection.

Continue westerly on Templeton 1.4 miles to the junction with the Cathedral Rock Trail, this is on fun slickrock.

Keep going northwesterly on the Templeton Trail to a section of three steep switchbacks. By the creek there is another technical rocky section before reaching the Templeton/Baldwin intersection.

For a better flow continue straight ahead and ride the Baldwin Loop Trail in a counterclockwise direction. There are several steep up and down sections in the Baldwin Loop.

Once you reach the Baldwin/Templeton intersection (again) turn right (northeast) and ride back to Courthouse Vista.



VICINITY MAP

Special thanks to Windsurfer for work on this guide

Ride # 2 - Templeton and Llama Loop - 5 miles - Intermediate.

Summary: This is a mostly intermediate loop with several advanced sections.

Trailhead: Start at the Courthouse Vista Parking Lot on the east side of Hwy. 179.

The Ride: Take the Phone Trail northeast to the Bell Rock Pathway. Turn left (north) and ride 100 yards to the Templeton left (northwest) and ride one mile to the HT Trail intersection where you turn right (north) onto the HT Trail and ride .6 mile to the Bell Rock Pathway intersection. Ride straight across (no signage) the Bell Rock Pathway in the same direction (northeast) and hook into the Little Horse Trail. Follow the Little Horse Trail northeast for .6 mile up to the junction with the Llama Trail.



CONT. RIDE #2

Turn right (south) onto the Llama Trail. The Llama trail is a fun 2.4 mile fast cross country ride. You will pass several intersections. At the Courthouse Loop Trail, go right to the Bell Rock Pathway. Take another right (northwest) on the Pathway and ride to the Phone Trail intersection, turn left and back to the Parking Lot.

CONT. RIDE #3

There are several steep technical sections. At the Pathway go right in a northwest direction and past the Little Horse parking lot. Follow the trail marked "Mystic" through to pavement. Follow small roadside arrows on markers through neighborhood to Chapel Road. Approximately 1/2 mile east of Hwy. 179 on Chapel Rd. is the Mystic Trailhead kiosk. Ride Mystic Trail north .9 mile to the Pine Ct.cul de sac. Continue north to Pine Rd. and turn left to Hwy. 179. Turn right on 179 and ride north about 300 yards to Morgan Rd. Turn right and follow Morgan Rd. to Broken Arrow parking.

Ride # 4 - Ridge to Carroll Canyon Loop - 4.3 miles - Intermediate

Summary: This is a mostly intermediate loop of several trails with sections that even advanced riders may walk. Suggest counter clockwise direction.

Trailhead: Start at Lawler's Plumbing parking lot across from the Sedona Recycles on Shelby Road south of Hwy 89A.

The Ride: From Lawler's take the Ridge Trail in a southerly direction for .5 mile to an intersection, go right on Carroll Canyon Trail (northwest). Go .6 mile to the Old Post intersection where you turn left (southwest) and follow the Old Post Trail crossing Carroll Canyon wash. The trail continues to a high point when the trail descends through a very rocky section. After approximately 400 yards you will come to the Carroll Canyon intersection, turn left (east) and follow the Carroll Canyon Trail for 1.0 mile to the Ridge Trail. At the flat section of the Carroll Canyon Trail you will come to the Ridge intersection. Continue straight on the Ridge Tr. in an easterly direction. After riding about .2 mile you will reach the Ridge/Carroll Canyon intersection. Continue on Ridge back to parking lot.

Trail # 3 - Broken Arrow to Little Horse Loop - 6.4 miles - Intermediate/Advanced.

Summary: The loop has numerous intermediate sections with many advanced short sections. This is a great ride due to the twisty turnery very scenic character.

Trailhead: Start at the Broken Arrow parking lot at the end of Morgan Road off Hwy. 179 or the Little Horse parking lot.

The Ride: Proceed 1.7 miles on the Broken Arrow Trail to Chicken Point. From the viewpoint go southerly down the Little Horse Trail 1.5 miles to the Bell Rock Pathway.

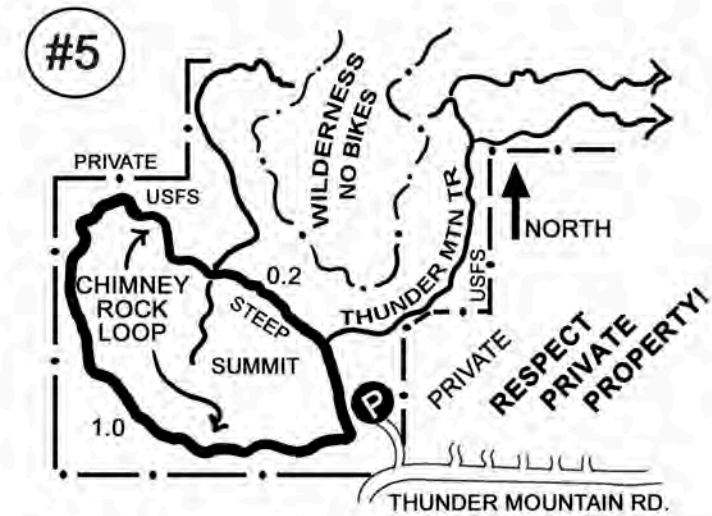


Ride # 5 - Lower Chimney Rock Loop - 1.4 miles - Intermediate
Summary: This is a mostly intermediate loop that has some technical up and down that an intermediate rider may walk. Suggest clockwise direction unless you like challenging uphill riding.

Trailhead: Start at the Thunder Mountain Trailhead, off Thunder Mountain Road, east of Dry Creek Road.
The Ride: Ride a couple hundred feet south to the Lower Chimney Rock Trail. Ride west and then north for one mile following the trail clockwise to the "summit" intersection on the north side of the loop Head southeast downhill for .2 mile where you will see the Thunder Mountain Trail intersection. Continue in a southerly direction for another .2 on the Thunder Mountain trail to the parking lot. (If you turn left at the Thunder Mountain intersection you could head east on an out and back on the Thunder Mt. Trail)

Ride # 6 - Sugarloaf Loop - 1.5 miles - Intermediate
Summary: This mostly intermediate ride has numerous advanced sections of short steep spots or short technical sections.
Trailhead: Start at the Sugarloaf Trailhead, which is in West Sedona. Take Coffee Pot Dr. to Sanborn Dr. to Little Elf to Buena Vista Dr. No Pass needed.
The Ride: Ride north on the Sugarloaf Trail through a short technical section. After about .3 mile you will turn right at an intersection. Follow the Sugarloaf Loop about 50 yards to the next intersection. Turn right (south) and follow the trail counterclockwise 0.6 mile around. On the loop you will pass the intersection of the Sugarloaf Summit Trail. (Hike-a-bike to the summit for one of the best views in Sedona.) At the northeast corner of the Sugarloaf Loop is the intersection with the Teacup Trail. Turn left (west) on the Loop Trail then south and return to your initial starting point.

REMEMBER! NO BIKES IN WILDERNESS!



Ride # 7 - Baldwin Loop - 2 miles - Intermediate/advanced
Summary: This loop ride is intermediate with some advanced steep sections and technical down sections. This is a fast, flowy loop. Suggest the counter clockwise direction.
Trailhead: Park at the dirt parking area located on Forest Road 9892, on the left (west) side of the Verde Valley School Road approximately 4.1 miles west from Hwy 179 in the Village of Oak Creek.
The Ride: Ride back south on the Verde Valley School Road about 100 yards to the metal Baldwin Trail sign. Head in an easterly direction on the singletrack till you come to an intersection. Take a right and continue to the high point of the trail, then a significant downhill through a canyon. At the Templeton/ Baldwin intersection turn left (west). (If you have time go right instead on a detour on the Templeton Trail to the creek.) Continue on the sandy section until reaching a signed intersection, stay left and climb up the Baldwin trail. When reaching a kiosk near the road stay left (south) on singletrack under the power line to your starting point.

Ride # 8 - Teacup to Soldier Pass out and back - 5.1 miles - Intermediate/advanced

Summary: This ride is an intermediate ride, with numerous advanced sections due to short steep spots or short technical sections.
Trailhead: Start at the Sugarloaf Trailhead. Take Coffee Pot Dr. to Sanborn Dr. to Little Elf to Buena Vista Dr. No Pass needed.
The Ride: Ride north on Sugarloaf Trail through a short technical section. After about 0.4 miles turn right at an intersection. Follow the Sugarloaf Trail for 0.3 miles to a high point with junction of Tea Cup and Sugarloaf. Ride Tea Cup east to intersect the Soldier Pass Jeep Road. Turn left (north) on the road and ride 1.7 miles to the end where you will spot the single track. Do not go straight up the drainage as this goes into Wilderness. The bike trail crosses Soldier Wash and makes a 180 degree right hand turn. Ride south, downstream, on single-track. This section of trail ends at the geologic sinkhole feature. From the sink hole head west (right) on another short road segment to intersect the Soldier Pass Jeep Road again. Turn right (north) on this road to the Tea Cup Trail junction. Go left (west) on Tea Cup and back track.

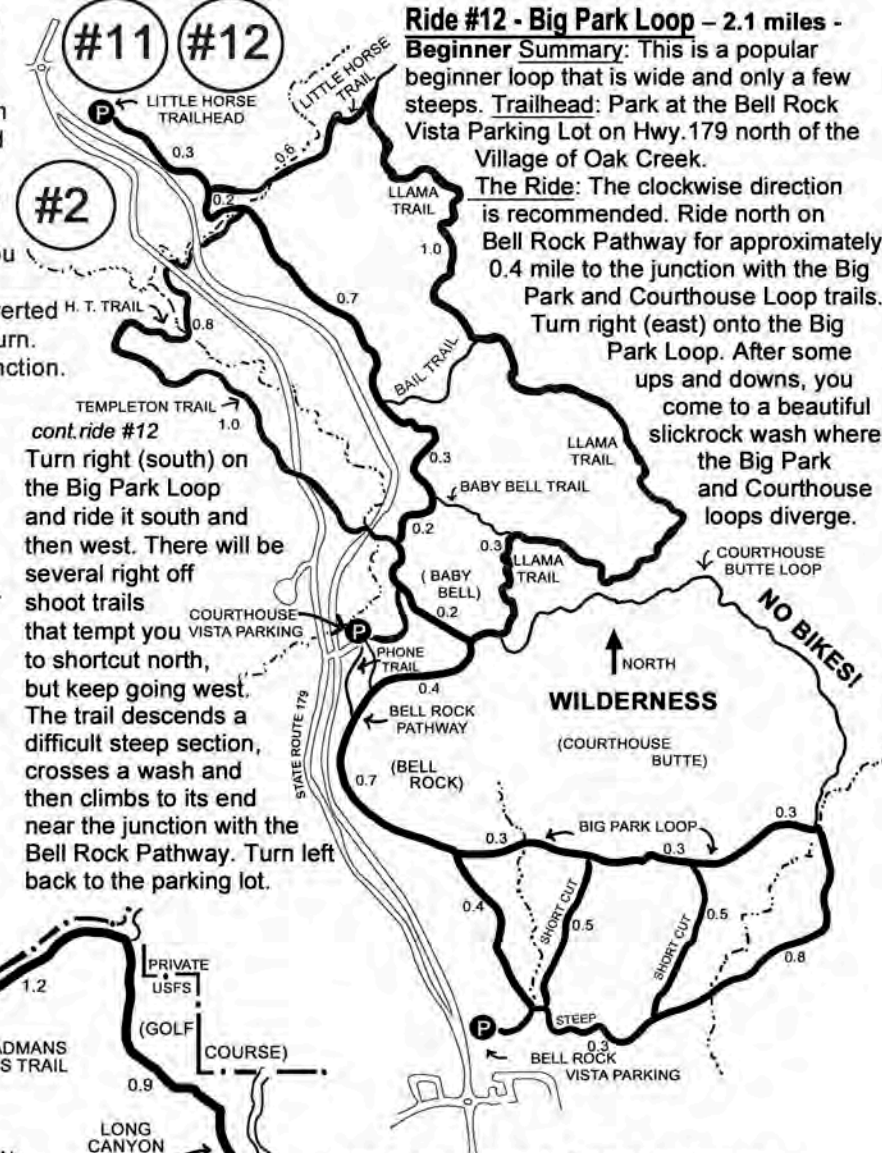


Ride #9 - Long Canyon TH to Aerie 10.6 miles Intermediate/Advanced
Summary: This is a great intermediate advanced cross country out/back with a short road segment. Some of this will challenge a less skilled rider. Best to ride clockwise.
Trailhead: Park at Long Canyon Trailhead, northwest of Sedona, on Long Canyon Rd. **The Ride:** Ride southwest on the Long Canyon Rd. to Boynton Pass Rd. where you turn left (south) and ride across the Dry Creek Bridge and turn right (west) onto FR 9589, a short dirt road to an old gravel pit and unofficial shooting range. Stay to the right side of the open area. Look for the trail sign at the end of the open area and head (north) on the Arizona Cypress Trail. The trail is hard to follow when crossing the wash. Once across the wash go northwest. At the signed junction go right on the OK Trail and ride to the Dawa intersection. Turn left (west) on Dawa and ride to the Cockscomb intersection. Turn left on the Cockscomb Trail and ride .9 mile until reaching the Rupp/Cockscomb intersection. Turn right (west) through an old fence. Continue on Cockscomb until reaching the Aerie Parking Lot. Just short of the parking lot take a right (east) onto the Aerie Trail and ride 2.7 miles back to the Boynton Canyon parking lot. You will cross the Doe Mountain and Cockscomb trails, a Jeep Road, and Boynton Pass Road. Go on Deadman's Trail to the Long Canyon Trail where you turn right (south) and ride .9 mile back to your starting point.

Ride # 10 - Boynton TH to Aerie - 7.3 miles - Advanced/Intermediate
Summary: This is an advanced intermediate ride on a swoopy singletrack. **Trailhead:** Park at Boynton Canyon Parking lot, off Boynton Pass Rd. If full, reverse the ride and park at Aerie TH further west. **The Ride:** From the Boynton Trailhead ride west 2.7 miles on the Aerie Trail. At the Aerie parking lot turn left onto the Cockscomb Trail. Follow the Cockscomb Trail 1.5 miles to the Rupp intersection where you turn left and continue to the Dawa/Cockscomb intersection. Turn left and head northwest. This is an old utility road converted to a trail. There will be an old metal gate and a sharp right turn. Follow the Cockscomb Trail until reaching the Aerie Trail junction. Turn right (east) on Aerie and ride back to Boynton Canyon parking lot.

Ride #11 - Bell Rock Pathway out and back - 7.2 miles - Beginner
Summary: This is a popular beginner out and back. The trail is 8 feet wide, generally flat with steep sections that a beginner may walk. There are downhill sections where a rider must keep their speed down to avoid trouble due to braking on a loose trail surface the rider is not experienced with. A rider can cut the ride short at any time. This trail is crowded, go slow and use caution.
Trailhead: The ride is easiest starting from the Bell Rock Vista Parking Lot on Highway 179, since the trail is flatter on the south end.

REMEMBER! SHARE THE TRAIL!



Ride #12 - Big Park Loop - 2.1 miles - Beginner
Summary: This is a popular beginner loop that is wide and only a few steeps. **Trailhead:** Park at the Bell Rock Vista Parking Lot on Hwy. 179 north of the Village of Oak Creek. **The Ride:** The clockwise direction is recommended. Ride north on Bell Rock Pathway for approximately 0.4 mile to the junction with the Big Park and Courthouse Loop trails. Turn right (east) onto the Big Park Loop. After some ups and downs, you come to a beautiful slickrock wash where the Big Park and Courthouse loops diverge. Turn right (south) on the Big Park Loop and ride it south and then west. There will be several right off shoot trails that tempt you to shortcut north, but keep going west. The trail descends a difficult steep section, crosses a wash and then climbs to its end near the junction with the Bell Rock Pathway. Turn left back to the parking lot.

Ride #13 - Ridge to Secret Slickrock - 5.7 miles - Intermediate/advanced
Summary: This loop incorporates several trails into a scenic mostly intermediate ride with advanced sections. Suggest counter clockwise.
Trailhead: Start at Lawler's Plumbing parking lot across the street from the Recycle Center on Shelby Road about 1/4 mile south of Hwy. 89A. There is limited public parking here. **The Ride:** From Lawler's take the Ridge Trail in a southerly direction for 2.4 miles to the Chavez dirt road intersection. Turn left (south) on the dirt road and ride .2 mile until you come to the Secret Slickrock Trail sign on the right. Ride southwest .3 mile to the slickrock mesa overlooking Crescent Moon Park. Continue westerly off the high point and ride/walk down to the Ridge Trail below. Turn right on Ridge and ride north .2 mile to the Ramshead intersection. Turn left and ride 0.3 mile to cross Chavez Road then another .8 mile northwest to the Old Post Trail. Turn right and ride northerly for 0.8 mile to the Carroll Canyon intersection. Turn right and follow Carroll Canyon easterly 1.0 mile to the Ridge Trail. You will encounter numerous advanced sections on your way to the Ridge/Carroll Canyon intersection. At the intersection continue northerly for .7 mile to where you started.