

2018 Firecracker 50 Course Description

Map to Purchase: "Breckenridge and Summit County Hiking and Biking Trail Map". It is available at the Breckenridge Welcome Center, 203 S. Main St. and most local shops. Proceeds from the sale of this map go toward Open Space.

- The course is a 25 mile loop. Two person teams will ride the loop once each in a relay format
- Start at the Traffic Light downtown located at the intersection of Lincoln and Main.
- Ride south on Main St. in a neutral start format>Left onto Jefferson Ave>Right onto French St.>Turn left onto Boreas Pass Rd.

FOR MORE ACCURATE MILEAGES WHILE PRE-RIDING, RESET ODOMETER NEXT TO THE BUS STOP AT THE ICE RINK PARKING LOT. ALL MILEAGES ARE APPROXIMATE

0.00 From Bus Stop, ride east on Boreas Pass Rd PAVED

1.00 Turn right onto Illinois Gulch Rd. PAVED

1.55 Turn left onto Bunker Hill Lode PAVED

1.60 Turn right onto Boreas Pass Rd. PAVED

2.30 Pavement ends at Boreas Pass Trailhead DIRT ROAD

3.80 Go past a buck and rail fence at a meadow, stay on Boreas Pass Road

5.40 Aid Station #1 in large pullout on the right side of road approx. ¼ mile before you get to Bakers Tank.

5.45 Stay Left of the actual Bakers Tank and climb straight uphill with the tank on your right. SINGLETRACK

5.46 Hard Left onto Bakers Tank Trail SINGLETRACK

6.30 Stay right/straight at "Y" intersection, staying on the contour, Mountain Pride Trail. SINGLETRACK

7.20 Mountain Pride Trail switches back uphill hard right, then left and continues. SINGLETRACK

7.40 Turn left at "T" and downhill- Pinball Alley SINGLETRACK

7.65 Exit Pinball Alley merging onto dirt road, continue descending.

7.85 Straight at major 4-way intersection and keep descending. TWO TRACK

8.25 Turn HARD RIGHT onto Baldy Road climb 50 feet and turn left onto "True Romance" and climb (roots)

8.35 Stay straight ignoring spur to right and go through rutted, muddy two track section TWO TRACK

8.45 Stay Straight at 3-way intersection and ride through gap in buck and rail fence.

8.55 Turn left down "Nightmare on Baldy". SINGLETRACK

9.55 Bottom of Nightmare at Sallie Barber Mine. Turn right onto Sallie Barber Road and descend.

10.75 At bottom of Sallie Barber Road ride through gap in gate, turn hard right onto "French Gulch Rd." and go through gap in another gate. DIRT ROAD

11.20 AID STATION # 2 Wirepatch, site where Tom's Baby, largest Gold Nugget in Colorado History was found

11.25 Ride through Forest Service gate DIRT ROAD

11.75 Ride 100 yards past the garage on your right and turn left at "Y". Begin one mile climb up "Little French Flume Trail". SINGLETRACK

12.75 At top of climb, turn left just past cabin ruins and cross creek. SINGLETRACK

13.50 Bear left at "Y" onto the lower or southern piece of "Wire Patch Loop Trail" GH70 SINGLETRACK

14.00 Flume ends at "T", turn left onto dirt road, and descend short distance, through a gap in a gate, to major 5-way intersection. DIRT ROAD

14.10 You are at the top of Humbug Hill. Ignore downhill road options to the sharp left and sharp right. Instead, bear right, staying on main road (GH 66) "Lincoln Park Road".

14.35 Turn Left onto (GH 79) "Forest Queen Road" and descend

15.00 Turn left onto (GH 66) "Lincoln Park Road"

15.20 Road bends to the right (Ignore steep descent on your left which is "Rich Gulch")

15.25 Road becomes "Prospect Hill Road" (GH 38)

15.75 Turn right onto Golden Gate Loop GH39

16.00 Ignore Harum Trail on right (You'll probably not see it anyway as you'll be hauling!)

16.25 Ignore the hard right onto GH 35 (Sidewinder) and stay on GH 39

16.50 Turn right down GH 45 One Step Over Cabin Trail.

18.00 Turn HARD LEFT onto GH 25 Extension Mill Road TWO TRACK

AID STATION #3 HERE on GH 25 Extension Mill Road

18.50 Bear left at next fork onto GH 38 Prospect Hill Road. Cross an old Mine Tailings pile (usually a fire ring here)

18.70 Bear right onto Prospect Trail.

19.20 Turn left onto Sidedoor Trail

19.70 Continue downhill, across blonde colored mine tailings bearing right and descend "Lower Minnie Mine Trail".

20.20 Turn left onto X10U8

20.80 Reiling Dredge Trailhead/Cross French Gulch Road to "Reiling Dredge Trail".

21.00 Reiling Dredge Trail turns into B&B Trail, descend

21.50 Turn left onto V3 Trail

22.30 At end of V3 Trail merge onto dirt road and ride uphill short distance

22.40 Turn right onto "Barney Ford Trail"

23.50 Barney Ford Trail ends at pavement. Cross pavement and descend Barney Flow Trail. SINGLETRACK

24.20 Continue descending on Carter Park Switchbacks. SINGLETRACK. Ride uphill of tennis courts onto paved parking area, make immediate left through gap in retaining wall and ride grass along eastern edge of dog park to the transition area.

25.00 Congratulations! You just finished one lap. If you are a Team member, turn right just after finish line. If you are a solo rider, bear left after finish and access the "Sunbeam Trail". Take Sunbeam Trail to Boreas Pass Road, turn left and have a good second lap!