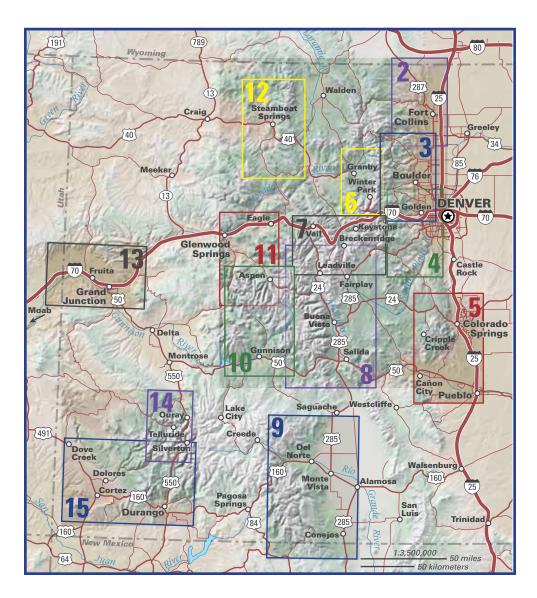




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Surface: Singletrack

Climbing: 2,600'

Season: Spring, Summer, Fall

Crowds: Some

Dogs:



Tough, technical riding provides the best total-body workout in the Front Range

Ride Description

There are many options for mountain biking on the trails at White Ranch, with some of them being only moderately difficult. With that said, this ride is one of the most difficult in the Front Range: it is guaranteed to leave you exhausted, bloodied, and defeated. The climbing on the Belcher Gulch Trail is heinously steep and the descent on Mustang is technical and intimidating. However, if you can manage to survive until the Longhorn Trail, the fast descent (with exciting drops!) is pure bliss for the skilled rider.

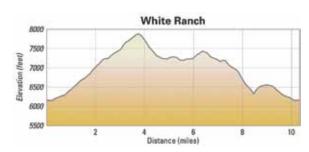
There are not many trees along the steep climb up the Belcher Hill Trail, and this section of the ride bakes in the sun. Even so, riding on a hot day is highly recommended - dripping sweat and passing out from heatstroke at White Ranch is a time-honored Front Range mountain biking tradition!

Driving Directions

From Golden, head north on CO-93 for about 3 miles. Turn left on W 56th Avenue and go 1.1 miles. At a T-intersection, turn right on Pine Ridge Road and immediately arrive at the White Ranch Trailhead.

Riding Directions

- B1 0.0 Leave the parking lot on the Belcher Hill Trail and enjoy the easy cruising before things get difficult.
- B2 1.2 Continue straight on Belcher Hill Trail as Whippletree Trail goes right. Climb steeply.
- B3 1.8 Continue straight on Belcher Hill as Longhorn goes right.
- Continue straight on Belcher Hill as Mustang goes left. Continue past two intersections with Round Up Loop on the right.
- B5 2.9 Continue straight on Belcher Hill as Maverick loop goes right. Cross Sawmill Trail and climb past difficult water-bars on Belcher Hill.





- Arrive at the top of the hill! Go left on Mustang as Belcher Hill goes right. Ride down the cool wooden ramps!
- Go right on Mustang as Sawmill goes left.
- Turn left on Belcher Hill and climb up this section again.
- Turn right on Maverick. B5 - 6.4
- B8 7.3 Bear right on Longhorn.
- Continue straight on Longhorn as Shorthorn goes right.
- B10 8.6 Continue straight on Whippletree.
- Turn left on Belcher Hill. Head back to the parking lot.



(G) Trestle Bike Park at Winter Park Resort ★★★★

(2 miles south of Winter Park)

Hours: 9:00 - 5:30, early June to late September

Price: \$34 full day as of 2010

Vertical Relief: 1,700′

Description

For riders who dream of hitting hundreds of jumps on the way down to the base of a chairlift, then Trestle Bike Park is heaven on earth. The resort has one traditional downhill trail with steep, rocky terrain (Trestle Downhill), but the bike park is best known for its butter-smooth trails with huge berms, lots of jumps, and numerous wooden

features. Almost all of the jumps can be rolled, so beginners and those without proper downhill bikes can still have a great time. There's also an assortment of delightful cross country and green-circle downhill trails, so even novices will enjoy riding here.

Driving Directions

From the town of Winter Park, head south for about 2 miles and turn right into Winter Park



You'll flip for the incredible jumps and features at Trestle Bike Park!

Photo: Xavier Torrents

(Starts from downtown Crested Butte)

Technical Difficulty:

Physical **Easy** Difficulty:

Distance: 8.8 miles

Time: 1-2 hours

Type: Lollipop Loop

Singletrack, paved Surface: road

Climbing: 650'

Season: Summer, Fall

Crowds: Crowded

Crested Butte & Gunnison

Dogs:

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A delightful cruise — perfect for the novice rider

Ride Description

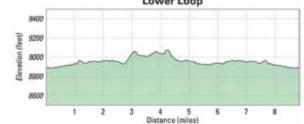
The Lower Loop is guaranteed to put a smile on any mountain biker's face. It's a great ride for those looking for entertaining singletrack through meadows and aspen groves, but wishing to avoid the tough technical challenges typical of Crested Butte trails. The trail is described below as starting from downtown Crested Butte, which involves some nice riding along the Woods Walk Trail. Lazier riders can drive to the Peanut Trailhead and start at mile 2.2, shortening the ride to only 3.4 miles.

Driving Directions

Start the ride from the intersection of CO-135 (6th Street) and Elk Avenue in downtown Crested Butte.

Riding Directions

- C1 0.0 From the corner of 6th Street (CO-135) and Elk Avenue, begin riding north on 6th Street.
- C2 0.3 Turn left on Butte Avenue.
- C3 0.8 Where Butte Road turns into Peanut Lake Road (and turns to dirt) turn left onto unmarked singletrack (the Woods Walk Trail). At the next junction, turn right, staying close to Peanut Lake Road.
- C4 1.2 Turn right to stay on the Woods Walk Trail as an unmarked trail goes left.
- C5 2.2 Arrive at the Peanut Trailhead. Follow signs towards the Lower Loop Trail.
- C6 2.4 Turn right onto the Lower Loop Trail.
- C7 2.8 Come to the junction of Lower-Lower and Upper-Lower. Turn left onto Upper-Lower.
- C8 4.3 Turn right (downhill) on Gunsight Pass Road.
- C9 4.7 Turn right onto unmarked singletrack. After 200 feet, turn right again on the Lower-Lower Trail. Lower Loop
- C7 6.0 Arrive back at the junction with Upper-Lower Trail. Bear left and head back to Crested Butte the way that you came.







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CO Trail - Mt Elbert		Strenuous	4.5	14.6	7	20 mi SW of Leadville	201		
CO Trail - Cttnwd	\Diamond	Moderate	4	19.8	7	9 mi W of Buena Vista	202		
Salida Mtn Trails	to •	Easy to Strenuous	3.5	up to 20.0	7	Starts in Downtown Salida	204		
Rainbow Trail		Easy	4	10.8	S	8 mi SE of Salida	206		
CO Trail - Shavano	**	Very Strenuous	4	up to 29.0	7	15 mi NW of Salida	208		
Fooses-Green Loop	•	Very Strenuous	5	25.1	7	15 mi W of Salida	210		
Monarch Crest	•	Moderate	5	34.7	7	20 mi W of Salida	214		
Canyon Creek	•	Insanely Strenuous	3.5	19.1	7	40 mi W of Salida	216		
9 - SAN LUIS VALLEY									
Penitente Canyon		Easy	3.5	5.3	7	25 mi NW of Monte Vista	220		
Cumbres & Toltec		Easy	2.5	17.7	7	30 mi S of Alamosa	222		
Cat Creek	•	Strenuous	4	13.2		30 mi W of Alamosa	224		
Alder Bench	•	Very Strenuous	4	up to 13.0	7	4 mi N of South Fork	226		
Trout Creek	•	Strenuous	3	up to 18.0	7	3 mi SW of South Fork	228		
10 - CRESTED BUTTE and GUNNISON									
The 401	\Diamond	Strenuous	4.5	13.5	S	8 mi N of Crested Butte	234		
Dyke Trail	•	Strenuous	4.5	13.8	7	7 mi W of Crested Butte	236		
Lower Loop	O	Easy	3.5	7.8	7	Starts in Crested Butte	238		
Snodgrass Trail		Moderate	4	7.0	7	4 mi N of Crested Butte	240		
Upper Loop	•	Moderate	4	11.3	7	Starts in Crested Butte	242		
Teocalli Ridge	**	Strenuous	4	10.4	7	7 mi NE of Crested Butte	244		
C.B. Resort	to 🛊	Easy to Strenuous	4	many	6	3 mi N of Crested Butte	245		
Deer Creek Trail	•	Strenuous	5	26.7	7	Starts in Crested Butte	246		
Pearl Pass	**	Insanely Strenuous	4	37.7	7	Starts in Crested Butte	248		

Ride	Technical Difficulty	Physical Difficulty	Stars	Distance (miles)	Dogs	Location	Page Number			
Star & Taylor Pass	•	Insanely Strenuous	4.5	38.8	7	Starts in Aspen	251			
Reno-Flag-Bear	•	Strenuous	4	13.2	7	14 mi SE of Crested Butte	252			
Doctor Park	•	Strenuous	5	21.1	7	25 mi SE of Crested Butte	254			
Hartman Rocks		Moderate	3.5	8.9	7	4 mi SW of Gunnison	256			
11 - ASPEN and the ROARING FORK VALLEY										
Sunnyside Loop	•	Strenuous	4.5	16.0	⊗	Starts in Aspen	261			
Snowmass Resort	to 🔷	Easy to Strenuous	4	many	*	Starts in Snowmass Village	262			
Rim Trail		Strenuous	5	10.3		Starts in Snowmass Village	264			
Snowmass - XC		Moderate	5	11.8	€	Starts in Snowmass Village	266			
Government Trail	•	Strenuous	4.5	22.0	€	Starts in Snowmass Village	268			
Cattle Creek Trail	•	Moderate	4	15.1	7	15 mi NE of Carbondale	270			
Hay Park		Strenuous	4	18.6	*	10 mi SE of Carbondale	272			
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Coulton Creek	•	Strenuous	2	9.1	7	24 mi N of Steamboat	278			
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Scott's Run	•	Strenuous	4	14.6	7	28 mi N of Steamboat	280			
Mad Creek		Moderate	3	7.5	7	7 mi of Steamboat	282			
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Hot Springs Trail	•	Strenuous	2	6.6	7	7 mi N of Steamboat	284			
Emerald Mtn		Strenuous	3	4.8	€	Starts in Steamboat	286			
Spring Creek		Moderate	3	10.2		Starts in Steamboat	289			
Wyoming Trail		Moderate	4	15.2	7	13 mi E of Steamboat	290			
Rabbit Ears Pass		Moderate	5	31.6	7	22 mi E of Steamboat	292			