Little Wapiti Creek Loop, 13.59 Miles

Ride Description:

0.00 Begin riding from the parking lot. The trailhead is fairly obvious and is located just downhill from the parking lot. After passing around the gate, continue on the left-most trail which begins to climb.

1.61 Pass through a fence after an arduous climb. An abandoned Forest Service trail intersects from the left. Continue to climb. The trail will eventually come to a summit, then descend into a stand of trees.

3.59 Intersection with trail to Sage Creek which passes through a fence line. Stay right on double track. Continue on double track for several miles through rolling terrain with incredible mountain views. Sage Peak lies due South.

7.60 Intersection with Forest Service Trail #74. Turn right and follow trail. Trail #74 will descend to Little Wapiti Creek. There are many creek crossings, some of which may not be rideable at high water levels.

12.50 After a side-hill climb veer left onto a lesser trail which is marked with Forest Service posts. This is the new and official trail. Staying to the right will follow the old trail and end in the same place, but it isn't as fun.

13.59 End of loop. Continue up road to trailhead parking.
Rules of the Trail

The way we ride today shapes mountain bike trail access tomorrow. Do your part to preserve and enhance our sport’s access and image by observing the following rules of the trail, formulated by IMBA, the International Mountain Bicycling Association. These rules are recognized around the world as the standard code of conduct for mountain bikers. IMBA’s mission is to promote mountain bicycling that is environmentally sound and socially responsible.

1. Ride On Open Trails Only.

Respect trail and road closures (ask if uncertain); avoid trespassing on private land; obtain permits or other authorization as may be required. Federal and state Wilderness areas are closed to cycling. The way you ride will influence trail management decisions and policies.

2. Leave No Trace.

Be sensitive to the dirt beneath you. Recognize different types of soils and trail construction; practice low-impact cycling. Wet and muddy trails are more vulnerable to damage. When the trailbed is soft, consider other riding options. This also means staying on existing trails and not creating new ones. Don’t cut switchbacks. Be sure to pack out at least as much as you pack in.

3. Control Your Bicycle

Inattention for even a second can cause problems. Obey all bicycle speed regulations and recommendations.

4. Always Yield Trail.

Let your fellow trail users know you’re coming. A friendly greeting or bell is considerate and works well; don’t startle others. Show your respect when passing by slowing to a walking pace or even stopping. Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots. Yielding means slow down, establish communication, be prepared to stop if necessary and pass safely.


All animals are startled by an unannounced approach, a sudden reaction, or a loud noise. This can be dangerous for you, others, and the animals. Give animals extra room and time to adjust to you. When passing horses use special care and follow directions from the horseback riders. (Ask if uncertain). Running cattle and disturbing wildlife is a serious offense. Leave gates as you found them, or as marked.

6. Plan Ahead.

Know your equipment, your ability, and the area in which you are riding — and prepare accordingly. Be self-sufficient at all times, keep your equipment in good repair, and carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear. Keep trails open by setting a good example of environmentally sound and socially responsible off-road cycling.