Portal Creek to Porcupine Creek
Ride Description, 15.56 miles:

0.00 Park on left about .2 miles from Hwy 191. Begin riding on Portal Creek Road heading East.

2.99 Intersection with Road to Moose Creek. Stay right which continues slightly downhill and crosses a bridge over Portal Creek, then begins climbing again.

3.92 Intersection with Forest Service road to Hidden Lakes. Stay Left.

7.05 Trailhead for Windy Pass and Golden Trout Lakes. This is an alternate parking area if you choose to forgo the road climb in return for a longer shuttle. The trail begins at the Southwest end of the parking lot with a short steep climb, then leveling out into rolling terrain passing several small ponds.

7.73 After some technical climbing, intersect a logging road. Pass directly over and pick up single-track climb with several technical switchbacks.

7.94 Terrain levels and intersects trail to Golden Trout Lakes. Turn right and continue climbing.

8.77 Terrain levels after arduous climb and intersects double-track. Look for lesser single-track which continues straight ahead. The double-track was formed by ATVs and will take you to the same place if you miss the trail. Look for an old cabin on the right about .1 miles after intersection. The trail will then enter a boggy section-follow cairns until trail resumes.

9.30 Creek crossing. Turn right on single-track trail that crosses creek (may be dry in late Summer) which enters woods. Snowmobile marker poles continue straight into an open meadow (wrong way).

9.75 Intersection. Trail to Hidden Lakes to right. Turn left and continue climb to Southwest.

10.38 After a difficult climb up several switchbacks, reach the summit and the Gerl Walker Trail sign. The long descent into Porcupine Creek begins.

13.32 Intersection. Stay right crossing creek and up a short side hill climb. Another long descent follows. Watch for other trail users.

15.56 Porcupine Creek trailhead and parking area. End of ride.
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 obeying 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!
   Intention 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 movement, 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 areas 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.

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