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**Glenshire / Hirshdale, CA.
Brian's Head Singletrack Loop (Intermediate to Advanced)**



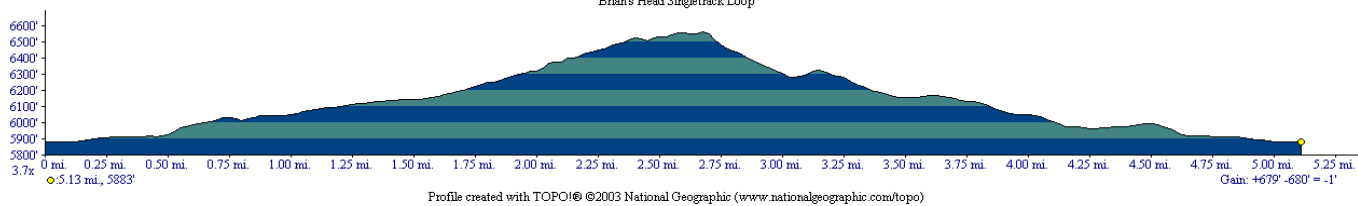
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From Reno, take I-80 west to the Hirshdale exit. Take a left at the bottom of the exit, cross under the freeway, and in about ¼ mile take a right at the fork on Glenshire Dr. In 1 mile you will pass Martis Peak road on your left. In one more mile you will see a dirt parking area on the left. This is the start of the ride. If you make it to the community center and pond on the right side of Glenshire Dr, you went .65 miles too far. So, turn around and head back to the dirt parking. You will see a singletrack leaving the parking area and heads strait south. This area is also a motorcycle, horse, and hiker area. Most of

the trails have been cut by motorcycles and horses in the past. So, there are trails that crisscross all over the place. It may be hard to follow the instructions below, so expect to take a wrong turn a couple of times. Regardless, this is a great area to go out and explore. Some sections have steep rocky and loose climbs, while other areas are just smooth and fast. This area will challenge every rider in areas. If you don't feel comfortable with a particular section, please walk. It is always safer to walk if you feel uncomfortable. We rode this ride in a clockwise direction. The uphill was loose, rocky and technical. It was totally rideable for the advanced rider, but challenging. When done this direction, the down hill is fast and smooth. If you ride counterclockwise, the uphill will be relatively smooth, but the down hill will be loose with small rock drops, and fairly technical. I am not sure which is the best way to ride this trail, they are both fun. I wrote the trail up in a clockwise direction. If ridden counterclockwise, look at the profile backwards.

Brians Head Singletrack Loop (Purple Trail)

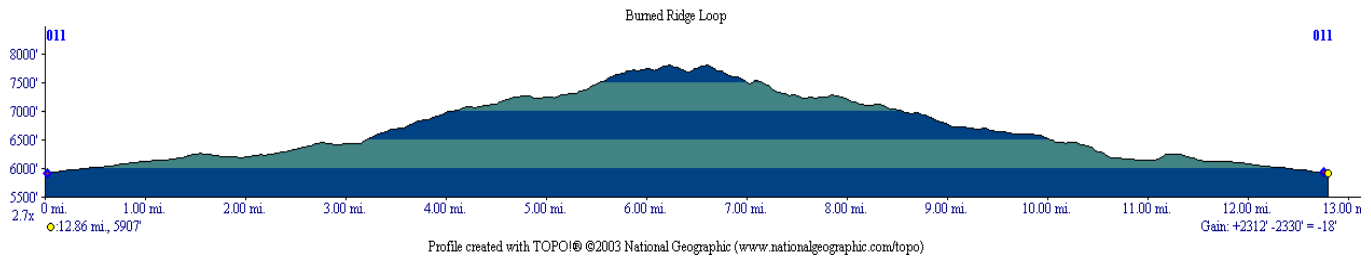
5.13 miles 680 ft. total elevation gain (Intermediate - Advanced)



From the dirt parking area head straight north. Follow the singletrack .6 miles and take a left on the double track jeep road heading east. Follow this double track for .1 mile (.7 miles from the start) you will see a jeep road entering on your right side heading north, this is your return road. Continue west on the jeep road, and in .4 miles (1.1 miles) you will drop out on Martis Peak Road. Take a right and follow Martis Peak road uphill for 1.1 miles (2.2 miles) where you will crest a ridge and you will see trashcans on your left side. This is the turn for the **Ridge Line - Burn Area Singletrack** written up below. However, for this ride you will see your singletrack leaving the road on the right side. This is where the technical uphill singletrack starts. This uphill section is loose with some rocky step-ups, and constantly gives you the false appearance that you have reached the top of the climb. Then the singletrack switches back and continues to climb. It is one of those climbs that just does not quit. So take a right and follow the singletrack uphill for .48 miles (2.68 miles) where you will come to a singletrack intersection. If you head straight north the trail will either loop around and climb to the top of the peak for a great view, or drop back down on Martis Peak Road. Take a right heading downhill to the east and follow this singletrack .98 miles (3.66 miles) down a fast and relatively smooth trail. Here you will encounter a trail on your left. Continue downhill and almost immediately you will encounter another trail on your left. Continue downhill on a doubletrack for .88 miles (4.54 miles) where you will encounter your return doubletrack jeep road mentioned above. Take a left and retrace your steps back towards the car. Follow the double track downhill for .1 miles (4.64 miles) into the wash, then take a right and follow the trail back to the car.

Juniper Ridge Loop (Yellow Trail)

12.86 miles 2312 ft. total elevation gain (Advanced)



This loop has tons of climbing. From the start you do nothing but climb for the first 6+miles. The jeep road climb is entirely rideable, but it is steep. The first 3 miles is not that bad, but from mile 3 to mile 6, the jeep road goes strait up. Carry lots of water if you ride this ride in the summer. Once on top of the climb, the downhill is mostly singletrack. The singletrack was built by motorcycles, so you do not want to ride up the trail, only down. Most of the corners are ramped, and there is nothing that is extremely technical. There are some rocky and steep sections, but not many. The entire singletrack flows extremely well, it is fast and extremely fun.



To get to the trail head, follow I-80 from Reno west towards Truckee, CA. Take the Hirshdale exit and follow it towards Glenshire. Right before Glenshire, you will see Martis Peak Road on your left. The road is gated, but there is an open dirt parking area on the left side of the gate. Park here to start your ride. From here, you are going to ride around



the gate and follow the pavement uphill to the south for 1.5 miles where you will see 3 green bear proof trashcans on your left. Turn into this trashcan lot, and keep to the right. From this lot you have 3 options. One option is to head east and grab the singletrack which will loop you back down to your car. This is your return singletrack when you come back to this point. Your next option is to head south east and you will see another singletrack which drops you into the drainage to the east, then swings around to meet up with the road behind the green forest service bar gate on the right. I usually just take the road to the southeast and follow it down hill for .45 miles

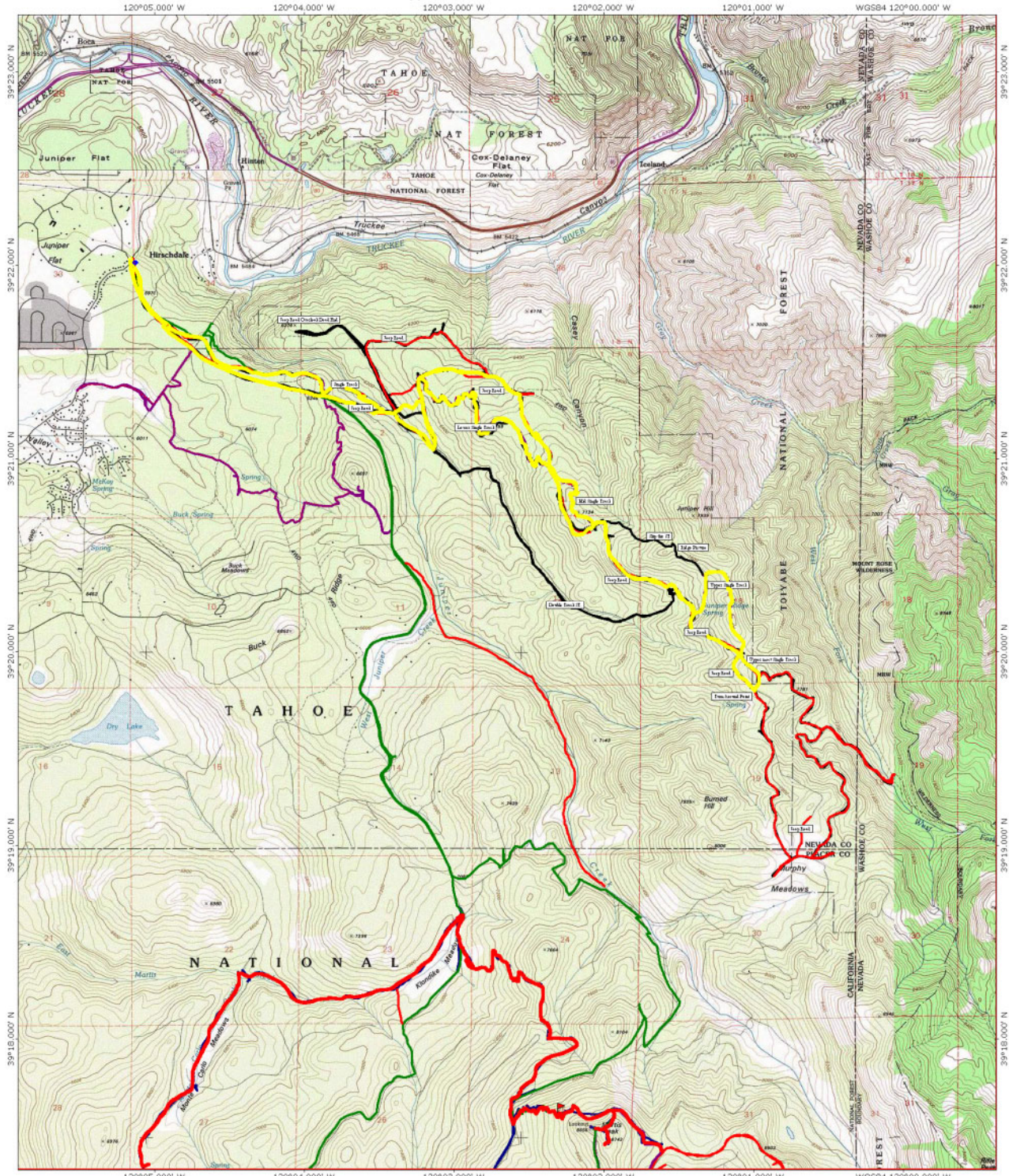
(1.95 miles from the start) where you will see option 2 singletrack enter on your left side. From here, continue east and cross over the old wooden bridge. Now this is important. **DO NOT GO LEFT. DO NOT GO STRAIT.** Even though the singletrack is inviting, fight your impulse to ride any of it uphill. All of this singletrack is built by motorcycles; the trail is soft and loamy. I always use the analogy of trying to ride uphill in buttermilk with ball bearings in it. All you do is churn and get nowhere. So, take a left at the intersection and follow the jeep road for .35 miles (2.3 miles) where the jeep road will split. If you go right, you can follow the double track up the hill, but it gets steep at the top. This doubletrack is 2.1 miles and climbs 1000 feet. It is all rideable, and does take some mileage off your trip. This doubletrack will intersect the jeep road above. However, at this intersection take a left and continue on the jeep road north for .45 miles (2.75 miles). Along this section, you will see 3 different singletracks that drop off the left side of the road and intersect with the jeep road below. On the way down, you can take any of the 3 to return. However, at the 2.75 mile mark you will see another singletrack entering on the right side of the jeep road. Again, fight the urge to ride this uphill. Speaking from experience, you just churn and churn. Keep to the jeep road and keep the singletrack for a downhill. Here the jeep road swings to the right and heads east. Follow it for .4 miles (3.15 miles) where you will see a jeep road entering on your right (Don't take that jeep road, you will drop down towards the Truckee river, than have to climb a loose rocky loamy climb out. Not Fun.) So, follow the jeep road to the right heading south. From here you just follow the main jeep road all the way to the top. You will see other jeep roads that are mainly on your right, but they are not as well traveled. So stay on the most traveled jeep road and you will be fine.



Follow this main jeep road uphill to the south for .74 miles (3.89 miles) where you will see your return downhill singletrack on your right. This is the same singletrack that you passed below. Just a little further up the jeep road you will see where the downhill

singletrack cuts away on your left. Continue uphill to the south, and in .6 miles (4.49 miles) you will see the downhill singletrack entering on your left. Continue up the jeep road where it turns right and continues to the south, and in .65 miles (5.14 miles) you will see a clearing below on your right. At this point, you could call it a day and drop off to your right and take the 2.1 mile downhill doubletrack back to the wooden bridge below. If not, continue uphill to the east, and almost immediately .25 miles (5.39 miles) you will see a jeep road on your left. This again is your downhill return section. Continue uphill and in .43 miles (5.82 miles) you will see a jeep road clearing on your right. This is an intersection of 3 different singletracks. One cuts left, north, and is your main return downhill singletrack. Another heads strait east. Not sure where this one goes yet. And the last is your return downhill singletrack on your right heading south. Continue uphill on the jeep road and in .3miles (6.12 miles) you will see your return downhill singletrack on your left. I call this the top. You can continue on the jeep road, and as long as you head downhill, you will end up in Grey's creek. There used to be a singletrack hiking trail in the Grey's Creek canyon, but our 1997 flood washed the trail out. The flood covered the trail in rocks, boulders, and dead trees. I rode down there once, and had to retrace my steps out of the canyon. So, I would take the downhill singletrack back to the car from here. So cut left and take the singletrack uphill to the north for a very short distance. Then it heads down hill to the 4 way intersection you passed below. Head strait north through the clearing and up another short but steep climb that tops out on a mountain top that over looks Grey's Creek. The view is great, and so is the singletrack. (See pic. above on the right.) Continue downhill on the singletrack and in .91 miles (7.03 miles) you will come to a split in the singletrack. If you go right you will end up on the ridge with a great view of Prosser and Boca. The problem is that the downhill on that side is strait down a rut full of buttermilk and ball bearings about 4-5 inches deep and 4-5 inches wide. It is not that fun, so I would advise that you take a left. You can ride up to the ridge, but then turn around and retrace your path back to this intersection and follow the singletrack that turns into a jeep road and drops you out on your jeep road climb in .26 miles (7.29 miles.) Take a right and follow the jeep road that you climbed up downhill for .9 miles (8.19 miles) where you will see your downhill singletrack on your right. Take a right and follow the downhill singletrack for .68 miles (8.87 miles) where you will again drop out onto your uphill jeep road. Take a right on the jeep road, and almost immediately you will have to take a right on the downhill singletrack. Take a left and follow this fun section through the trees (see pic left) for 1.46 miles (10.33 miles) where you will drop out on your uphill jeep road again. Take a right and as you follow this jeep road downhill you will see up to 3 downhill singletracks drop off your right side. You can take any of them. I usually take the second one. It is a little smoother and more ramped than the others. The last one is the worst, just strait down with no turns. So pick your poison and take a right and drop the singletrack onto the lower jeep road. Take a left and follow the jeep road back over the old wooden bridge. Continue, and in .38 miles (10.71 miles) you will see a singletrack on the right side. Both the singletrack and the jeep road terminate at the same location at the green bear trashcans above. So again, take your pick and follow the jeep road or singletrack back to the bear trashcans at .55 miles (11.26 miles). Again, you have a choice, jump on the pavement and follow it back to the car, or cut to the right and you will see your downhill singletrack which will take you back to the car. Follow this singletrack, and in .53 miles (11.79 miles) you will have a split in the singletrack. Take a right and follow the singletrack back to the car for 12.86 miles.





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