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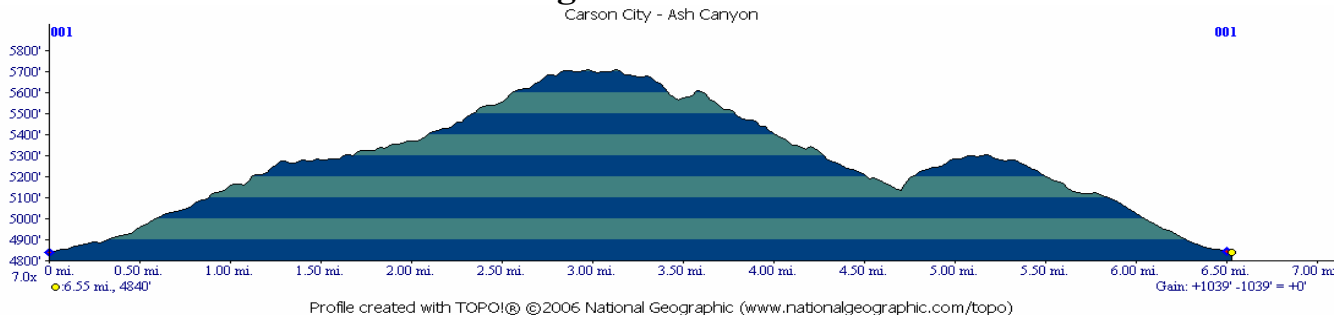
Carson City – Ash Canyon

From Reno, take Hwy 395 South to Carson City. Once in Carson City, take the first exit down on Main Street (one exit past Lakeview). This exit drops you right on Main Street headed south. Continue south on Main Street, for a couple of miles, and take a right on Winnie Ln. Follow Winnie Ln west to Foothill Dr. Take a right on Foothill Dr. and park right there. This trail complex has tons of singletrack. Some of it just goes out and dead ends, or terminates on a jeep road. So, I rode the whole thing, but have chosen the best trails to make a loop. There is a good amount of climbing, and it averages a 6% grade for the entire ride, but the steepest section is about 8%. You can also go to http://www.geoladders.com/show_route.php?route=36553 to see a Google Earth map of the ride, and you can also download the GPS file from this site. Also, these trails have been built by mountain bike riders, but it is adopted by Carson City. Here is their web address: <http://www.bikecarson.com/trails-and-rides/> So, it is a multi-user trail. Please be wary of hikers and horses, and when ever possible, please ride with a trail bell. You can get a small bell at Great Basin Bicycles.



Carson City – Ash Canyon (Red) (Intermediate)

6.55 miles 1039 ft. total elevation gain



Once parked on Foothill Dr, jump on your bike and head through the gate. You will immediately be on a singletrack headed west towards the mountains. There are 2 singletracks here. They parallel each



other, so it does not matter which one you take. In .18 miles you will intersect a paved road. It is really just a wide path, but take a right, and follow this paved path north towards the Community College. In .12 miles (.3 miles from the start) you will see a singletrack on the left. Take this singletrack west, and follow it uphill for .3 miles (.6 miles) and you will come to a “Y” in the singletrack. Take a left, and continue uphill towards the mountains. In .65 miles (1.25 miles) the singletrack takes a left over a jeep road, and follow the singletrack around the mountain to the south. You will follow this

singletrack uphill for .25 miles (1.5 miles) and you will see a singletrack on your right. This is the fast escape route strait back downhill to your car. However, continue to the right, and follow the singletrack for .25 miles (1.7 miles) you will see a singletrack veer off to the left. This is part of your return singletrack. You will be coming up this singletrack later. So, stay right and follow the singletrack uphill to the west for .8 miles (2.05 miles), and this is where the climb really starts. The average grade from here to the top is 8% with some very tight switchbacks. So follow the singletrack uphill for .41 miles (2.46 miles), and you will see a faint singletrack on your right. This just goes out to a jeep road on the ridge and stops. So, stay left and continue climbing up the switchbacks, and in .37 miles (2.83 miles) you will reach the top of the climb. Here the singletrack heads due west, and you will quickly encounter a fun log ride (see pic left and above.) After the log ride, continue west on the singletrack,



and in .53 miles (3.36 miles) you will see a singletrack on your left. This will loop you out, back to the singletrack you were on before cutting your trip mileage down just a little bit. However, I would stay right and continue downhill, and in .13 miles (3.49 miles) the singletrack will drop you out on the Ash Canyon Jeep Road. Take a right on the jeep road, and follow the jeep road uphill for .12 miles (3.61 miles), and you will see a brown metal sign post on the left of the jeep road. There was no sign in the post when I rode the trail (June, 2010,) just the metal post. This designates where the singletrack picks back up again. Ride up to the post,



and you will see the singletrack to the left of the post. Jump back on the singletrack, and drop down into the creek bottom. Here the trail turns east and heads strait down the creek bottom. Continue down the creek, and in 1.11 miles (4.72 miles) you will reach the bottom of the

singletrack, and it will turn left and start to climb north out of the creek bottom. Almost immediately you will see a faint singletrack on left. Continue strait on the main singletrack, and it will drop you out on the Ash Canyon jeep road again. Take a left on the jeep road and head uphill, and in .17 miles (4.89 miles) you will see the singletrack on the left side of the jeep road. Take this singletrack uphill, and it intersect the singletrack you were on before in .28 miles (5.17 miles.) Take a right at the "Y" intersection, and follow the singletrack across the hillside to the east, and in .17 miles (5.34 miles) you will come to another "Y" in the singletrack. Here you have a choice, you can continue strait, and retrace your original path back to your car for an additional ¼ mile, or you can take a right and drop strait downhill back to your car for a total of 6.55 miles.

