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### **Centennial Park – Carson City East Carson City Intermediate to Strong Intermediate**

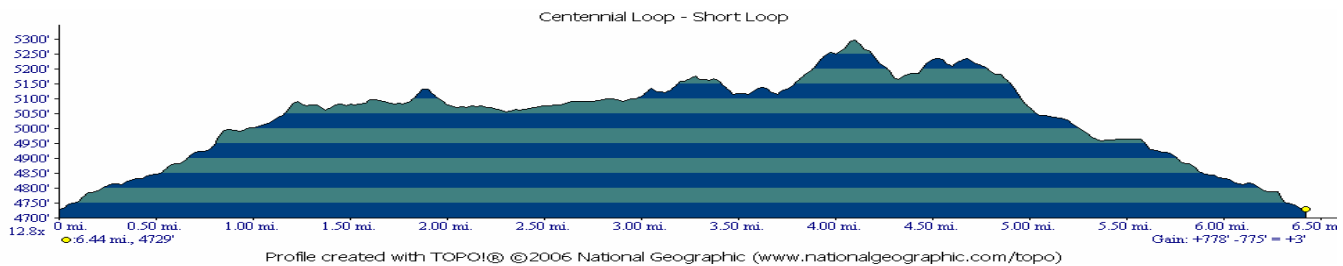
From Reno, take Hwy 395 S. to Carson City. Continue on Hwy 395 S. until it dead ends onto Hwy 50 on the east side of Carson City. Take a left on Hwy 50 heading east, and take a left at the last stoplight out of town, Deer Run Road. Deer Run Road will “U” turn back west towards Carson City, and you will take your first right on Centennial Park Road just before the baseball field. This road has no outlet other than the way you came in. It heads back to the golf course, continues to the ball fields, loops around them, and then heads back out the way you came in. So follow Centennial Park Road north to the north side of the ball fields, and the trail starts there. You will see an old shot out sign for “Centennial Park.” This trail starts out rocky. Don’t let this discourage you. This first part is very rocky, and steep. Once you clear the rocks, it mellows out and is much easier. This area is riddled with singletrack. They crisscross over each other, then back over each other again and again. It is almost impossible to get lost as you can see Carson City almost the entire time, but it is very easy to get turned around and not realize that you are going up a singletrack that you just came down. So, I am writing up the two most popular loops, but recognize that you can make this ride much longer, or much shorter by taking other cut off options.



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Centennial Loop Long Loop

# Centennial Loop – Shorter Loop (Intermediate to Strong Intermediate) Black Trail – Green - Black

6.44 miles 778 ft. total elevation gain



From Carson City, take Hwy 50 east to Deer Run Road. Take a left on Deer Run Road, and your first right on Centennial Park Road. Follow this road past the golf course, and to the back of the baseball fields. Park here on the north side of the ball fields. Here you will see a shot up sign (welcome to Nevada) for Centennial Park. This is the start of the ride. Saddle up and head north, over the curb and onto the trail. The trail will head east, and almost immediately start to climb. You will almost immediately encounter the rocks. This is the toughest section of the ride. Many intermediate riders will walk this section. In .33 miles the trail will turn left and start heading north. This is where the rocks start to mellow out. Continue north, up the wash and in 0.4 miles (0.73 miles from the start) you will see a singletrack veering slightly left. This is your return singletrack. Continue strait and in .2 miles (.93 miles) the singletrack will drop out on a road. Take a right, and follow the road for .15 miles (1.08 miles) heading north east where you will see the singletrack pick back up to your left. Jump on the singletrack and start up the wash in front of you, and you will still be heading north east. Here you can see the singletrack going all the way up to the saddle (see picture right).

You will not be going up that singletrack, but you will end up there in a bit. So continue up the singletrack, and in .15 miles (1.23 miles) you will see a singletrack heading around the back side of this small hill on your right. Take a right on this singletrack, and follow it around the hillside. It will loop around the hill and then the trail will turn due north. Follow this singletrack for .65 miles (1.88 miles) where you will cross directly over a jeep road. Continue north, and the trail will start to drop down the side hill. Continue along the singletrack and it will start to parallel a roadway on your right. It will almost look like the singletrack is gone because of construction of the road on your right. But continue north, and in .65 miles (2.53 miles) you will see a singletrack double back to your left and head back to the south. You will also see the singletrack continue north. It just goes up the road for about ¼ mile, then crosses over the road, and doubles back. You then have to cross the road again to get back to where you are now. So, skip that part. Take the hard left and almost double back to the south. Continue south, and in .75 miles (3.28 miles) you will be in the saddle that you were looking at before. Once in the saddle, you will see the jeep road you are on heading west off of the saddle. If you want to cut your ride short, you can drop down the singletrack on your left and



drop down the way you were coming up from below, then follow it back to your car, or you can take the jeep road west, and just below you can take another singletrack left back to your car. That singletrack is in red on the map. However, from this saddle you will also see a singletrack on the right side of the jeep road that parallels the jeep road west. Jump on this singletrack, and follow it south for .43 miles (3.71 miles) where the singletrack will drop back out on the jeep road you were in at the saddle. Turn right, and in about 50 feet you will see the singletrack pick back up on the other side of the road, and again it will parallel the road, then drop back out on the road in 0.1 miles (3.81 miles.) Take a left on the road, and follow it uphill to the northwest. Continue climbing, and in .19 miles (4 miles) you will see a singletrack on your left. This is a short cut that cuts out a little more climbing. For this write up however, continue up the jeep road, and in .11 miles (4.11 miles) you will again see a singletrack on your left. Take the left up to the rock caren. Here the singletrack turns left and heads down the west side of the wash. Start down the wash, and be careful, it is a little loose. Follow the singletrack around the hill side, and in .48 miles (4.59 miles) you will see a singletrack to your right. This is for the longer loop written up below. So, continue strait, and follow the singletrack around the hillside, and in .3 miles (4.89 miles) you will see a faint (as of Feb 2009) singletrack on your left that comes up from the canyon below. This gives you more options to create multiple course options. But



continue south on the original singletrack, and in .27 miles (5.16 miles) you will see a singletrack on your left. If you continue strait, you will run into a jeep road that you can follow back to the singletrack you came up from the car. However, take a left here, and follow this singletrack east and meander through the couple of Pinion Pine trees (see pic left), and in .23 miles (5.39 miles) the singletrack will dump you out on the jeep road mentioned before. Here take a left, and follow the jeep road for about

50 feet, and you will see a singletrack on your right. Take the right and follow the singletrack downhill to the south for .35 miles (5.74 miles) where you will intersect back into the singletrack you originally came up. Continue downhill, and be careful in this

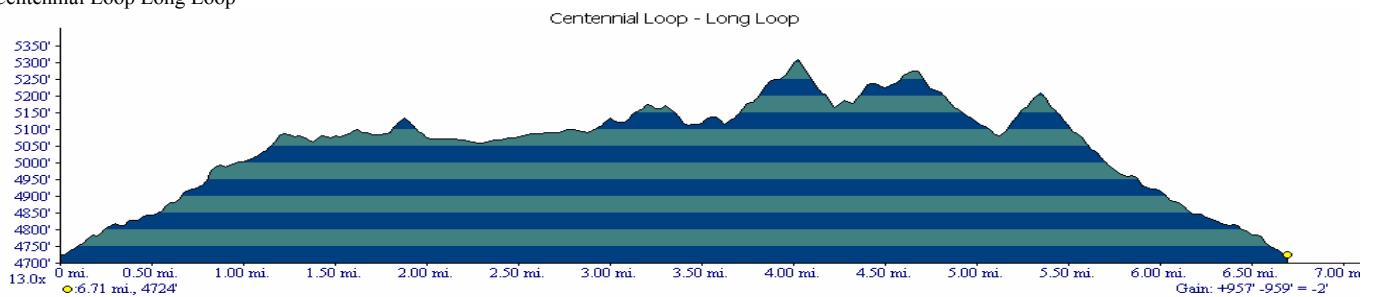


# Centennial Loop – Longer Loop (Intermediate to Strong Intermediate) Black Trail

6.71 miles 957 ft. total elevation gain



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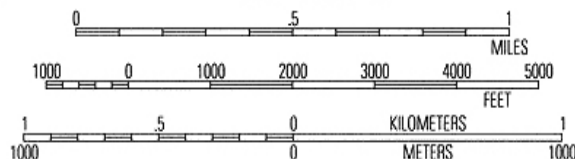
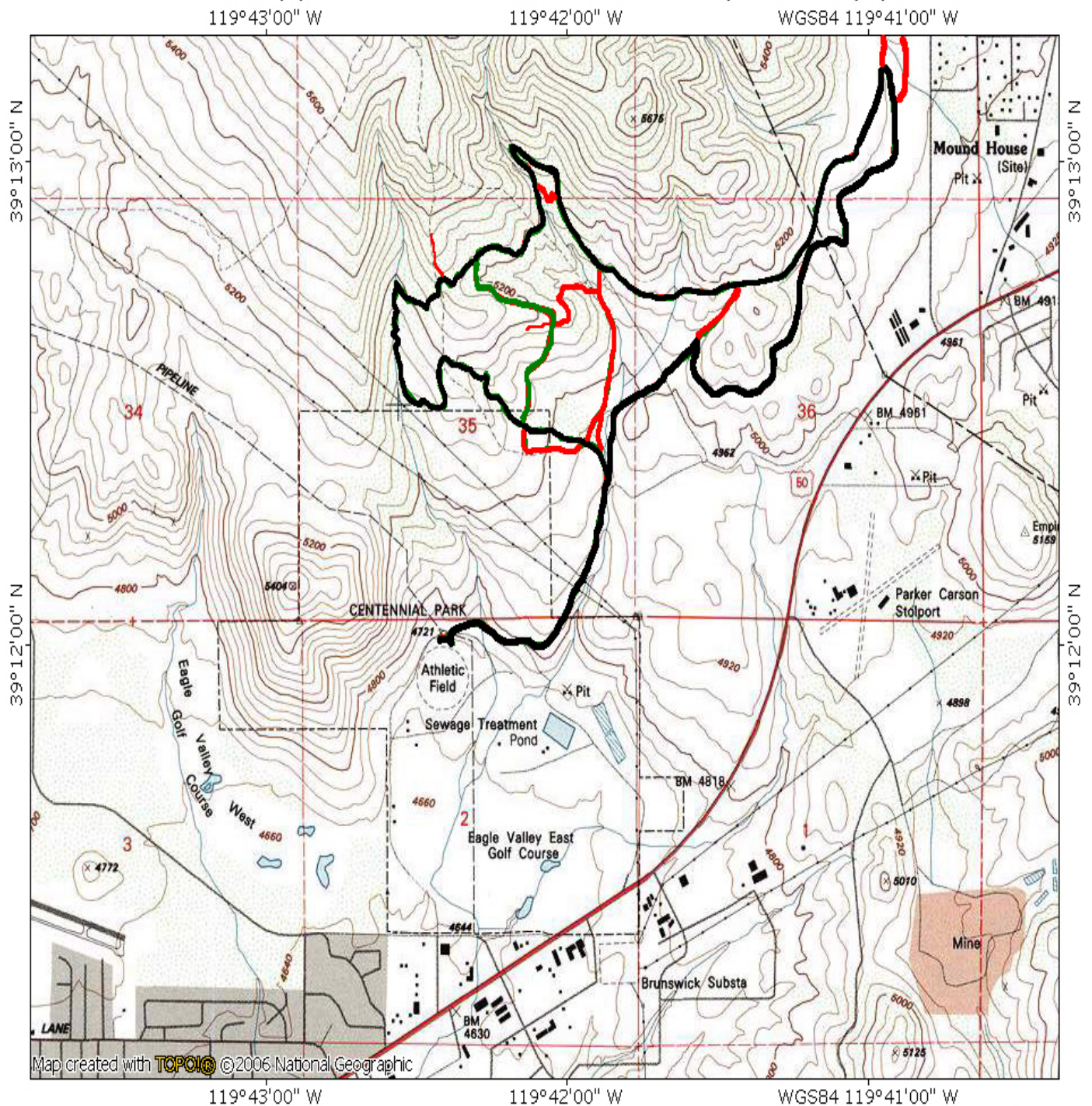


This ride follows the directions above, but at the 4.59 mile point, you will take a right on the singletrack rather than going strait. You will climb west up the hillside, and in .07 miles (4.66 miles) the singletrack will top out on the ridge on a jeep road. The singletrack crosses directly over the jeep road and will drop down the canyon in front of you to the west. Cross over the jeep road, and follow the singletrack down into the canyon. The singletrack will drop into the bottom of the canyon, then it will turn left and head south down the canyon. In .48 miles (5.14 miles) the singletrack will turn left, east, and climb back up to the jeep road you crossed above, before you dropped into the canyon. In .23 miles (5.37 miles) you will be on this jeep road, and the singletrack crosses over the jeep road and continues east. In .3 miles (5.67 miles) you will cross over another singletrack. This is the return singletrack for the shorter loop (the green trail on the map). Cross over this singletrack, and continue downhill to the east, and in .17 miles (5.84 miles) the singletrack will cross over the jeep road, and pick up on the other side. If you want to loop again, you can follow the jeep road left for about 50 feet, and take a right on another singletrack that will take you north back up to the jeep road



out of the saddle, then loop around again. For this ride, cross over the jeep road, and follow the singletrack downhill to the south for .18 miles (6.02 miles) where you will intersect the singletrack you came up. From here, be careful on the downhill. This is where it starts to get rocky. So walk if you need to, and follow the singletrack back to the car.

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