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## Hat Creek, California – Burney Mtn. Fire Lookout (Advanced)

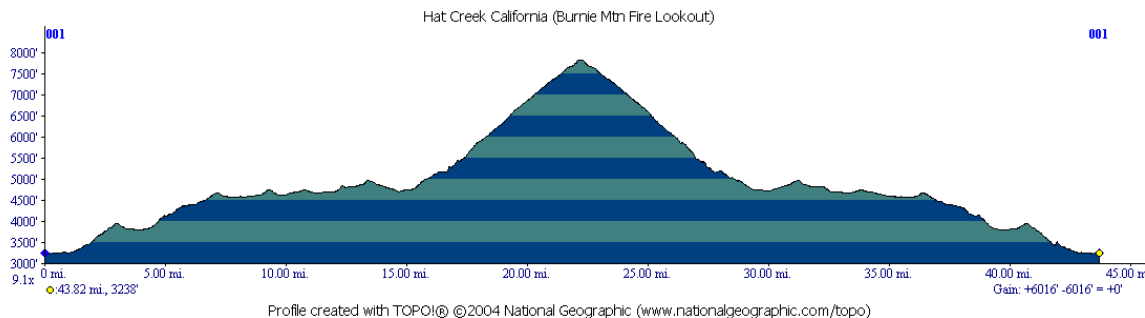
This is a 3 hour drive north from Reno, Nevada. Take Hwy 395 north through Susanville, Ca. You will pass Hwy 395 on your right and follow Hwy 36 to Hwy 44. Take a right on Hwy 44 and continue north to the intersection of Hwy 44 and Hwy 89. Take a right on Hwy 89 north and follow it for about 14 miles. As soon as you see a sign that says “Leaving Lassen National Forest”, look for your left. This dirt road goes around the north side of Browns Butte, and overlooks the Brown family Ranch in the valley below. This is the start of the trip. I do not know many people who like to put themselves through 44 miles of off road biking and just over 6000 feet of climbing just to say that they made the trip, but I made the trip, and it only took 6 hours. That is 4 hours up, and 2 hours down. Because most people are not insane, this trip also makes for a great off road vehicle adventure. The view from the top of Burney Mtn is spectacular. Off to the north you can clearly see Mt. Shasta, and off to the south east you can see Mt. Lassen. Although the elevation is only 7863 feet, you feel like you are on top of the world. If you are in the area and want to do something other than fish in one of the hottest trout fishing streams in the west, Hat Creek, I highly recommend this trip.



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### 43.82 miles 6016 ft. total elevation gain (Advanced)



On this trip, when ever you see a smaller road than the one you are on, do not take it. The road from Browns Butte is the smallest dirt road you will be on. Every turn you take will be onto a larger well traveled dirt road, not a smaller less traveled one. Take a right at the dirt road for Browns Butte. This starts your trip. In 1.9 miles you will come to a 4 way intersection. If you go right, you will drop into Browns Ranch. Left will take you to the top of Browns Butte which also has a good view. However, continue strait. In 1.2 miles (3.1 miles from the start) you will come to your first main intersection. Stay left and follow the climb to the top of the saddle where the road will drop down the other side and in .9 miles (4 miles) you will pass a road on your left. Stay strait, and in .75 miles (4.75 miles) the main road heads left. You could follow this road, but it will add mileage to your trip. Take a right (sorry, slightly less traveled road) and follow this road up hill for 1.6 miles (6.35 miles). This climb is fairly rocky and makes you wonder if you are on the right road. Once you travel the 1.6 miles you will drop onto a large smooth dirt road, and you will turn left and look at a “Y” intersection. Stay to the right. Follow this right fork for 3.1 miles (9.45 miles) where you will come to another “Y” intersection. If you stay strait, you will end up at the same point, but if you turn right you will cut some more mileage off of your trip (sorry, once again a less traveled road.) Take the right, and about .75 miles (10.2 miles) look left. The trees will clear here and give you a great view of Lassen Peak. Continue for 1 mile (11.2 miles) where you will drop out onto Forrest Service Road 34N14. You are going to take a right here. If you take a left it will eventually drop you out onto Hwy 89 again. Forrest Service Road 34N14 will take you all the way to the turnoff for Burney Mtn. However, in 1.2 miles (12.4 miles) stay right. In .7 miles (13.1 miles) stay right. In 1.3 miles (14.4 miles) stay left, and in ½ mile (14.9 miles) you will take a right and start your climb up Burney Mtn. Now, just to say you did it, the climb is just over 7 miles long, and about 3250 feet of climbing. Here is a great place to pull out the bike, and make the climb. Once at the top, take some time to take some pictures and look around. It is an awesome view. Here are the views of Lassen Peak, and Mt. Shasta. Once done, retrace your path back to Hwy 89.

