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#### Steamboat Ditch Trail - Hole in the Wall

### **Beginner**

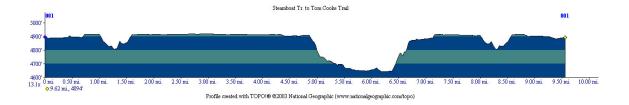
From Reno, follow Interstate 80 west to the McCarran Blvd exit. Take a left on McCarran and follow it down hill over the Truckee River to the next stoplight. Take a right at the light on Mayberry Dr. Follow Mayberry Dr. to Plateau Rd. on your left. You will also see a huge sign on the side hill "Juniper Ridge". Take a left on Plateau Rd. and follow it to Woodchuck Dr. Take a right on Woodchuck and you will immediately see parking on your right. Park here. By the way, do not let the profile scare you. Because the scale of the profile is so small, it makes it look like there are huge climbs. The entire trail is mostly flat. There is one section that does drop into the creek, and then climbs out. Most people walk this very short section; continue the ride on the other side. Remember, the drop is not that bad.

# Steamboat Ditch Trail – Hole in the Wall – Beginner 7.5 miles and about 300 ft of climbing (Orange Trail)



The trail will start just behind the parking area. Head north on the Steamboat Ditch Trail. You can go the other way, south, but there are sections that are gated off, so north is the best section. Anyway, this trail is almost impossible to get lost on. Follow the trail for 1.25 miles and you will see that the trail drops strait into the wash. Jump off of your bike, walk it through to the other side, then continue your ride. This is the most technical section of the ride. Continue 1.25 miles (2.5 miles from the start) and you will see the Tom Cooke Trail on your right which comes up from Patagonia Inc. If you do the entire loop, you come up this trail. Continue strait west, and in 1.25 miles (3.75 miles) you will come to a spot where the trail turns hard to the right away from the water. If you park your bike here, and follow the water up stream you will see where the water comes out of a Hole in the Wall. Thus the name of the ride. Instead of bringing the water all the way around the mountain, they just drilled strait through the mountain and let the water flow through. From here, retrace your path back to your car for 7.5 miles round trip, or continue the trip and do the Tom Cooke Trail below.

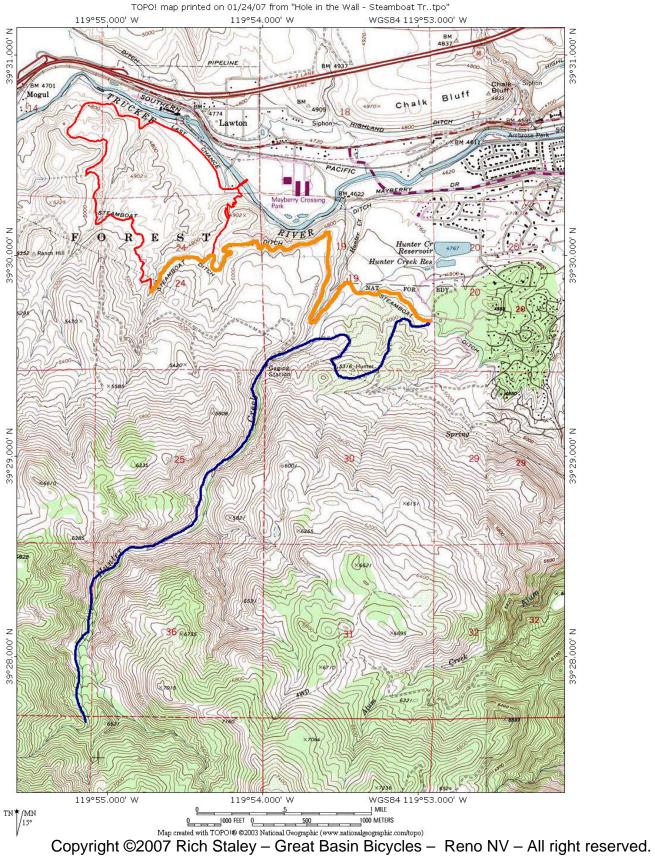
## Steamboat Ditch Trail – Tom Cooke Trail Intermediate 9.7 miles and about 700 ft of climbing (Orange to Red to Orange)



Follow the directions above, and once at the Hole in the Wall, take a right and follow the single track for maybe 50 ft. and you will see a single track drop off on the left. This down hill drops fast, and is not for the beginner rider. There are even sections that will make an intermediate rider walk. So please be careful and wear a helmet. Once on the single track, just follow it down hill. There are no options for turns, just the main single track. The single track drops down to the Truckee River in 1.25 miles (5 miles from the start). Here you will drop out on a jeep road. Take the jeep road to the right and in .4 miles (5.4 miles) you will drop out onto a paved road. Follow this paved road .6 miles (6 miles) until it Ts into White Fir Street. Take a left on White Fir Street. Directly before the bridge, take a right onto the dirt and this will start the short quick climb up the Tom Cooke Trail. The climb is .35 miles long (6.45 miles). Once up the climb it is relatively flat back to the Steamboat Ditch Trail. In .2 (6.65 miles) you will intersect the Steamboat Ditch Trail. Take a left and back track back to your car for 9.7 miles. This ride should take the intermediate rider about 1 to 1.5 hours to complete.

### Hunter Creek Hiking Trail in Mt. Rose Wilderness This is a hiking trail ONLY (Blue Trail)

From Woodchuck, you can park here and just walk the dirt jeep for a mile road to the west. At this point you will hit Mt. Rose Wilderness. The single track trail heads uphill to the south from here. There are some very rocky sections, but the trail is a beautiful hike. It goes all the way up the canyon to a waterfall coming out of Hunter Lake up on top of the mountain. I have never hiked all the way up, but have hiked about ¾ of the way, and it is beautiful.



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