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## **Lloyds Loop (Strong Intermediate - Advanced) Truckee California area ride.**

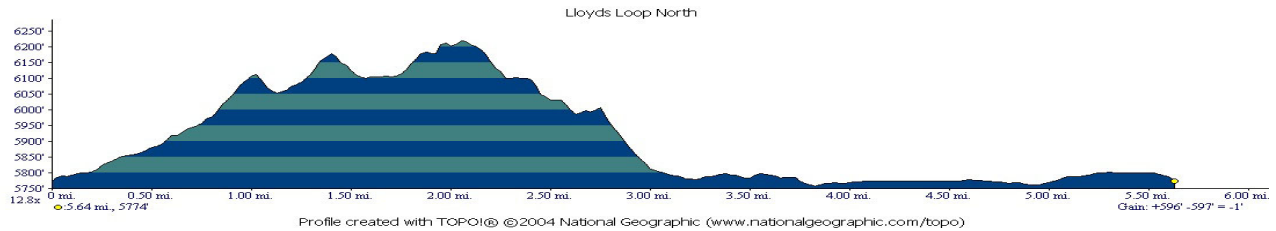
This is a 30 minute drive west from Reno, Nevada. Take I-80 west to Hwy 89 north towards Sierraville, Ca. Once you take the exit on to Hwy 89, you will take your first right, Prosser Dam Road, which comes up in less than ¼ mile. Take a right on Prosser Dam Road and follow this road until you cross Prosser Dam. Once across the dam, you will see a road on your right side. Once on your bike, you will return on this road. Pass this road, and immediately you will see parking on both sides of the road. Park here to start your ride. This ride is mainly a strong intermediate ride. However, there are many short technical areas. Many people will walk these either rocky, or log crossings then continue the ride on the other side. I have classified this as an advanced ride, because if you attempt the technical fallen log crossings, a fall could break a limb. So, please be very careful, always wear a helmet, and walk if you do not feel comfortable. Walking to the other side is always better than being flown out in a helicopter.



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## Lloyds Loop- North Loop (Red to Blue Trail)

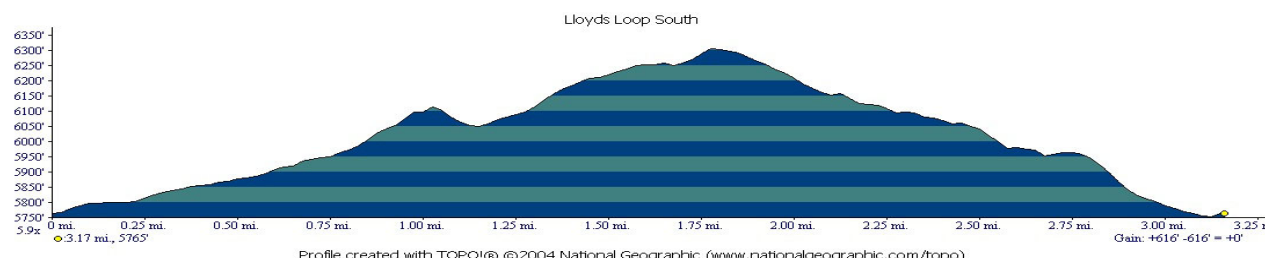
### 5.65 miles 600 ft. total elevation gain (Advanced)



This is the harder of the two loops, and this area is littered with roads. I highly recommend that you take a copy of the map with you the first time. Once you know where the trail is, it is simple to follow. However, the first time can be very confusing without a little guidance. So, once parked on the east side of Prosser Dam, jump on your bike and head north on the dirt road that you were driving on. Follow this road for .2 miles where you will turn right on another dirt road. Follow this road east for .65 miles (.85 miles from the start) uphill where you will see a single track just after the switchback on your right side. You can take the jeep road up the hill, or you can take this single track which will drop you out on this same jeep road above. If you take the single track, follow it up for .4 miles (1.25 miles) where it will drop you out on the jeep road. Be careful on the log crossing right before you get to the road. Once on the road, you will see a single track on the other side. **DO NOT TAKE THIS YELLOW TRAIL.** It turns to the right and goes straight up hill through loose, loamy, and rocky soil. It will drop you out on the jeep road above, so I recommend just taking the jeep road to the right. Take the jeep road to the right and follow it uphill for .25 miles (1.5 miles) where you will see your single track cross the road. If you go right, you will take the **South Loop**. For the North Loop, take a left. From here it is really hard to get lost. The single track is very straight forward and easy to follow. However, this is the more technical section. There are many fallen log crossings on this side (see picture above,) and many very short rocky sections. So again be very careful and always wear a helmet. Follow this single track 2 miles (3.5 miles) where the single track will dead end into a major dirt road. Once on the road, take a left and follow it for .65 miles (4.15 miles) where you will come to a big intersection. Take a hard left, south, and follow this road back to the car for a total of 5.65 miles and 600 feet of climbing.

## Lloyds Loop- South Loop (Red to Purple Trail)

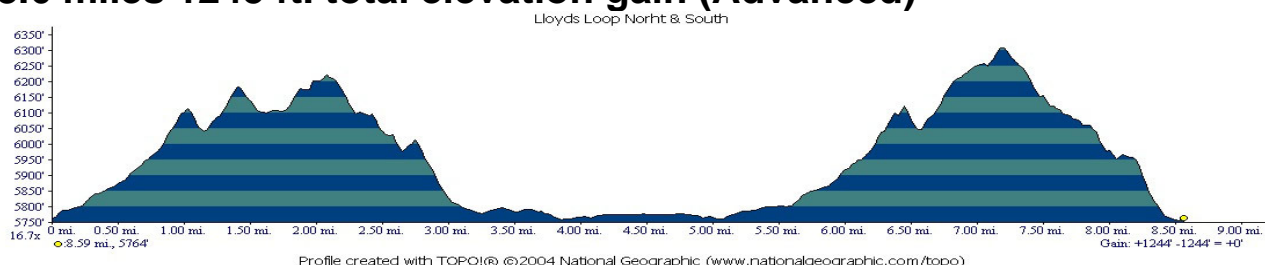
### 3.2 miles 620 ft. total elevation gain (Strong Intermediate)



This is the easier of the two loops, and this area is littered with roads. I highly recommend that you take a copy of the map with you the first time. Once you know where the trail is, it is simple to follow. However, the first time can be very confusing without a little guidance. So, once parked on the east side of Prosser Dam, jump on your bike and head north on the dirt road that you were driving on. Follow this road for .2 miles where you will turn right on another dirt road. Follow this road east for .65 miles (.85 miles from the start) uphill where you will see a single track just after the switchback on your right side. You can take the jeep road up the hill, or you can take this single track which will drop you out on this same jeep road above. If you take the single track, follow it up for .4 miles (1.25 miles) where it will drop you out on the jeep road. Be careful on the log crossing right before you get to the road. Once on the road, you will see a single track on the other side. **DO NOT TAKE THIS YELLOW TRAIL.** It turns to the right and goes straight up hill through loose, loamy, and rocky soil. It will drop you out on the jeep road above, so I recommend just taking the jeep road to the right. Take the jeep road to the right and follow it uphill for .25 miles (1.5 miles) where you will see your single track cross the road. If you go left, you will take the **North Loop**. Take a right and follow the single track uphill for .4 mile (1.9 miles) where you will crest the highest point on the South Loop. Be careful on this down hill. There is one tricky log crossing, and one real rocky section that jumps out in front of you very quickly. So again, ride the trail slowly the first time and always wear a helmet. From here follow the single track down hill for 1.2 miles (3.1 miles). At this point the single track dead ends into a jeep road so take a right and follow it back to your car for 3.2 miles and 620 feet of climbing.

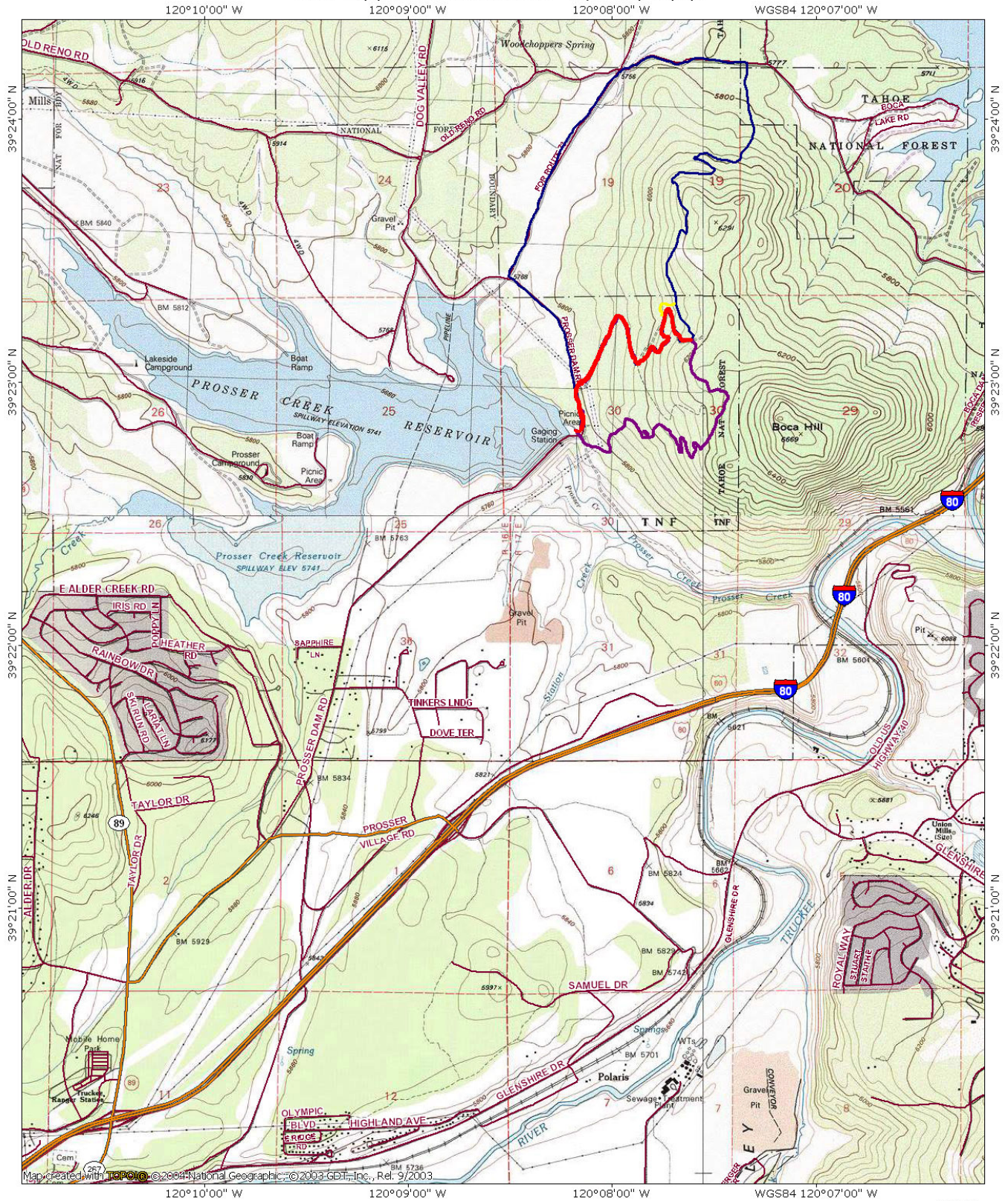
## Lloyds Loop- North Loop & South Loop (Red + Blue + Purple)

### 8.6 miles 1245 ft. total elevation gain (Advanced)



This loop is best done in a figure "8" configuration. First follow the directions for the north loop, and when you get to the big intersection which takes you back to the car, you will only travel .65 miles, and take a left on the jeep road you first took a right on. Now you are on the same climb that you started on. Retrace your previous route to the South Loop – North Loop intersection, and this time take a right and follow the directions for the South Loop. This whole figure "8" configuration is 8.6 miles and 1245 feet of climbing. This loop should take the intermediate rider 1.5 hours or so to finish.





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