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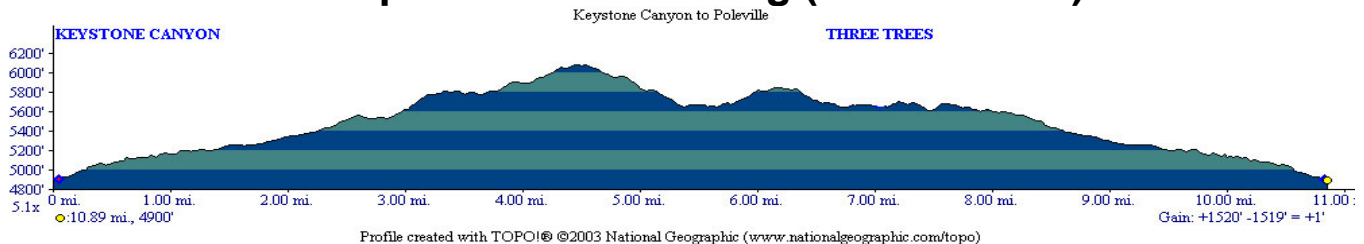
Peavine Mountain Area Rides

From the University of Nevada Reno, go North on Virginia St. Take a left on McCarran Blvd. Follow McCarran Blvd up the hill and take a right on Leadership Rd. Follow this road for just a couple of blocks and you will see the "Keystone Canyon East Entrance Parking" on your right. Park there. This is the main access for Peavine Mtn. The trails on this mountain grow like weeds. Every day I ride out in this area I find new single track that has been cut in. This is a great place to just explore and ride what you find. I have written up some of the most common rides on Peavine Mtn, however, with such an elaborate trail system, you can tie many of these single track trails together to create your own ride.



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Peavine Singletrack

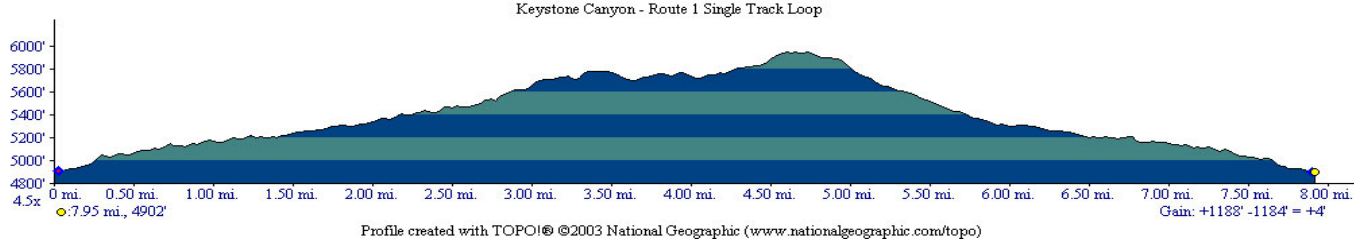
Keystone Canyon to the Upper Pond Single Track (Orange Trail) 10.9 miles round trip 1520 ft of climbing (Intermediate)



From the Keystone Canyon East Entrance Parking ride north and you will immediately run into single track. This single track continues up the canyon and in .65 miles you will see a steep road on your left. This road will climb quickly to a single track above. It is mostly rideable, but most ride down this. This single track is an expert level section. However, continue north on the Keystone Canyon single track and in 1.1 miles (1.75 miles from the start) you will come to an intersection in the single track with radio towers directly in front of you. If you take a left you will head up the Route 1 section of single track. However, continue north and cross the jeep road. The single track will pick back up on the other side of the road just to the left. Follow this single track for .6 miles (2.35 miles) where it will again cross the same jeep road you just crossed. Cross this jeep road and you will continue up a small canyon heading west. In .5 miles (2.85 miles) you will come out of the canyon and drop out on a jeep road. You can take a left on this jeep road, or go strait across the road and onto the single track again. This single track will drop down hill, and then quickly climb back to the jeep road you just crossed. This section is .4 miles (3.25 miles) where it crosses the jeep road. If you want you can take a left and follow this jeep road to Three Trees. There are more than three trees at your next intersection, but from this jeep road, you can only see three of the pines at once. Cross the jeep road, and follow the single track for .4 miles (3.65 miles) where you will cross another jeep road. Cross the jeep road, and keep heading west. Follow this single track for .1 miles (3.75 miles) where you will go through some rather large rollers. Be very careful here if you ever come down this section. These rollers are badly spaced and have been known to break a collar bone or two. Please always wear your helmet. Continue west on this single track and in .5 miles (4.25 miles) you will come to another single track on your left. This left is only .7 miles and just makes your ride a little longer with just a little more climbing. Continue strait west for .35 miles (4.6 miles) where you will cross another single track on your right. If you take this right, it makes for a fast downhill. It is fun, but you have to stay awake. For the others, continue strait uphill for about 25 yards and you will see the previous mentioned single track come in on your right. Continue to follow your single track to the right. This single track will turn north and stay relatively flat for a little ways, then drop down hill to Three Trees. At .78 miles (5.4 miles) you will come to another intersection. If you take a right you will end up at Three Trees in about 50 yards, and you can follow the jeep road most of the way back to Keystone Canyon. However, to continue to the Upper Pond, take a right and follow the single track for .35 miles (5.75 miles) where it will take a quick right and drop you onto another jeep road. Take a right and you will quickly run into yet another jeep road. Again, take a right and follow this jeep road for .53 miles (6.28 miles) where you will finally arrive at the Upper Pond. This was once a leech pond for the gold mining town of Poleville. I have seen people swim in it, but I don't recommend that. Poleville was once a rather large mining town. In the mid 1800s it was one of the towns in Nevada considered for state capitol. Now it is nothing but a few foundations, an old apple tree, and some mine tailings. Anyway, at this point you can continue up to Poleville, and continue to climb to the top of Peavine Mtn. See Peavine Mtn. Climb below. At this point, I am going to take you back some single track, but mostly jeep road to get back to the Keystone Canyon East Entrance Parking. So, turn around and back track down the jeep road for .53 miles (6.81 miles) where you will come to your right. Make sure you are in a very low gear. Take your right, and in 25 yards you are going to take a hard right onto the single track you dropped down. Make the quick short climb up the single track and follow this single track for .4 miles (7.21 miles) where you will see your previous single track on your right. Continue east on this singletrack for about 50 yards and you will be at Three Trees, and on a jeep road. This jeep rode will take you ½ the way back to keystone canyon. Follow this jeep road for .85 miles (8.11 miles) where you will cross the single track you were on quite a while ago. Continue on the jeep road for .4 miles (8.51 miles) where you have to keep an eye out for your single track on your right. If you miss this single track, continue follow this jeep road to your next jeep road and take a right. That will take you home. Take a right on the single track on top of the hill and follow it down hill for .5 miles (9.01 miles) where it will again cross a jeep road. Cross over the jeep road and follow the single track for .6 miles where you will cross over the same jeep road and head down Keystone Canyon back to your car for a total of 10.90 miles.

Keystone Canyon - Route 1 Single Track Loop (Pink Trail)

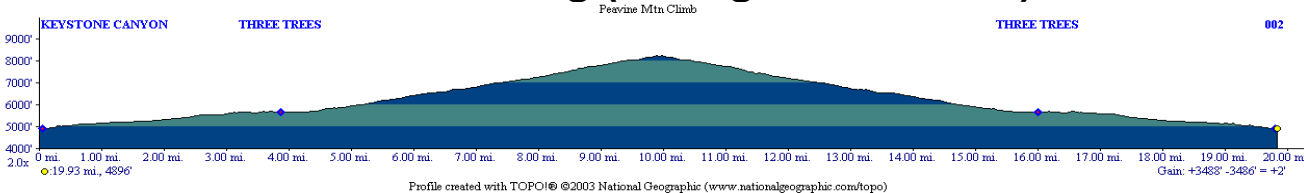
8 miles round trip 1188 feet of climbing (Intermediate)



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Peavine Mtn. Climb (Orange to Red Trail)

20 miles 3488 feet of climbing (Strong Intermediate)



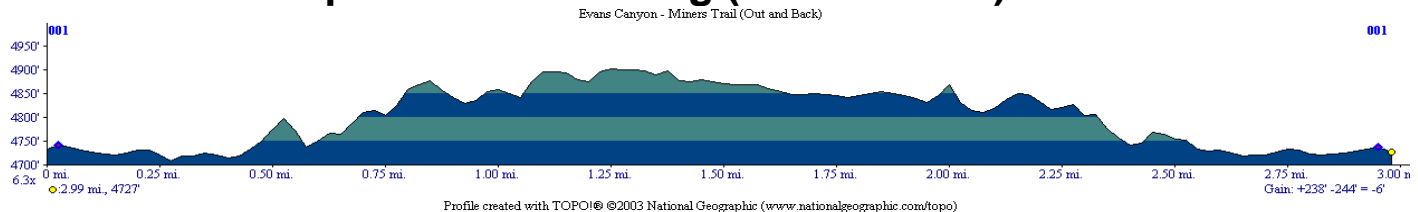
For this ride, take lots of water and follow the. **Keystone Canyon to the Upper Pond Single Track (Orange Trail)** 10.9 miles. From the upper pond, follow the jeep road up hill to the west for 1.45 miles (12.35 miles from the start) you will pass the remnants of the old town of Poleville and drop onto the main service jeep road that accesses the radio towers on top of Peavine Mountain. If you take a right, the service road will drop you out on Old Virginia St near Red Rock Road. Take a left, and follow the service road uphill for .65 miles (13 miles) where you will see a couple of roads on your left. These roads are miserable. They drop strait off of the mountain near Mayanne and McCarran Blvd. They are steep, and extremely loose, and not fun at all. They are impossible to climb. Continue on the main service road and in .5 miles (13.5 miles) you will see another road on your left. This road will parallel the main access road down in the canyon and drop you back onto the access

road above. Stay on the main access road for 1.7 miles (15.2 miles) where you will see the road you just passed rejoin the access road. Just ahead you will see another jeep road on your left that heads due south. This road heads out to a radio tower that overlooks I-80 but dead ends. Continue straight on the access road and it will turn to the north and in .2 miles (15.4 miles), you will come to another jeep road on your left. There is a single track that follows this road downhill to the west on the south side of the jeep road. This single track will take you down the **Cow Canyon Single Track (Upper Loop) (Blue Trail.)** Continue on the main access road and it will take a turn to the east and climb .8 miles (16.2 miles) to the highest radio tower on the peak. Once there, walk around to the east side of the fence and take a look at the view of the valley. Now, just turn around and retrace your steps back down the mountain. Be careful for motorized traffic coming up the access road. Once at the Upper Pond, follow the directions for **Keystone Canyon to the Upper Pond Single Track (Orange Trail)** to get back. This return takes some jeep road back which will cut some mileage off of your return trip. Once back at your car you will have traveled 20 miles. This should take the strong intermediate rider about 3 to 4 hours to complete.

San Rafael area Rides

From the University of Nevada Reno, go North on Virginia St. Continue past McCarran Blvd. and take a left into Rancho San Rafael Park, which is immediately past McCarran Blvd. Park in this lot, and proceed to the trail head at the north west corner of the parking lot. This area is crisscrossed with single track. Once you get familiar with the area, you can make any loop you want. You can connect any of this single track with the **Keystone Canyon to Poleville Single Track**. Then if you are looking for more punishment you can always ride all the way to the top of Peavine Mountain (**Peavine Mtn Climb**), and then connect with the **Cow Canyon Single Track**. See the ride below.

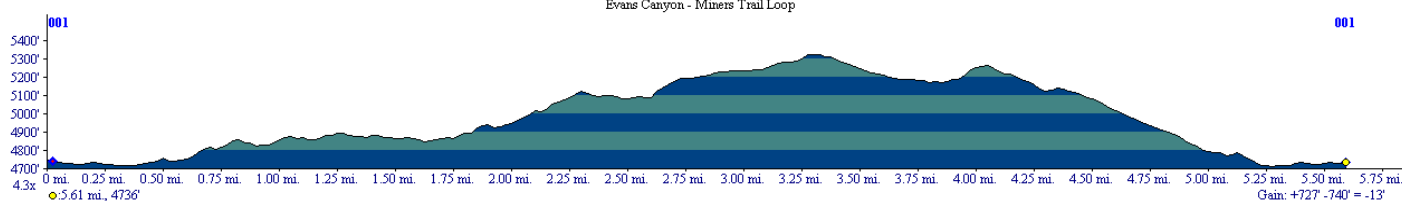
Evans Canyon – Miners Trail Single Track (Dark Green Trail) 3 miles round trip 240 ft of climbing (Intermediate)



The trail is an out and back and starts in the northwest corner of the parking lot, then heads towards the Basque Monument in a westerly direction. Then the trail turns to the right and continues down hill to runs the north. At .4 miles at the bottom of the hill, you will see the Evans Canyon single track trail which veers to the right and takes you north up the canyon. You will pass two single tracks on your right. The first is at ¼ of mile (.65 miles from the start) This single-track is part of the UNR down hill race track, and the second single track is .1 miles (3/4 of mile) and is where the Miners Trail comes back into Evans Canyon single track. It is better if you pass both of these and continue north up the canyon. In one mile (1.75 miles), at the top of the canyon you will intersect the Miners Trail single track and now have a choice. You can turn left and go south down the canyon and just make a quick loop back to the car, or take a right and make a larger loop. See the next ride (Evans Canyon – Miners Trail Loop) After you take the left onto the Miners Trail, you will travel south down the canyon for ½ mile (2.25 miles) where you will intersect back onto Evans Canyon single track. At this point, take a right and retrace your previous path back to your car for a quick 3 mile out and back. This ride should take the intermediate rider less than an hour to complete.

Evans Canyon – Miners Trail Loop (Purple Trail)

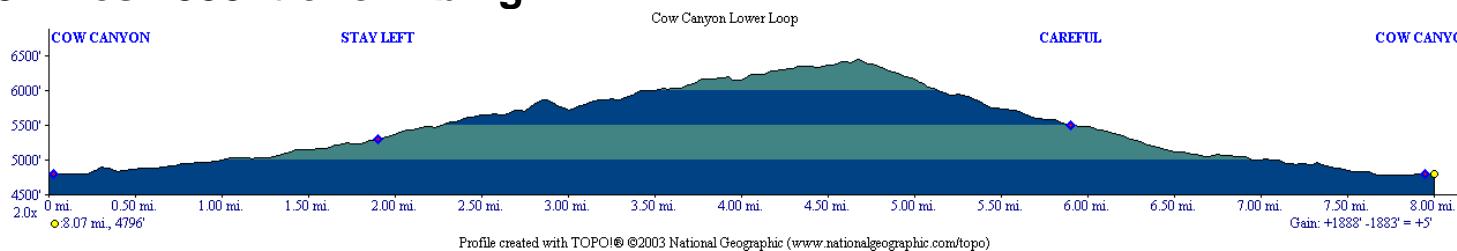
5.6 mile loop 735 feet of climbing (Intermediate)



From the **Evans Canyon – Miners Trail Single Track** intersection, take a right. The trail will zig zag up the mountain side to the west. In just under a mile (2.7 miles from the start), you will come to another single track on your left that will take you to the start of the **UNR Down Hill Single Track Trail**. Continue slightly to the right and in just over .1 miles (2.8 miles) you will pass another single track on your left that will also take you to the UNR Down Hill Trail. Continue to the right for .55 miles (3.35 miles) where you will run into a north-south jeep road. If you take a right on the jeep road, you can intersect with the **Keystone Canyon to Poleville Single Track**. At this jeep road, take a left heading south, and climb to the top of the hill just over .1 miles (3.5 miles). You will see a single track going into the rocks on your left. If you do not feel comfortable with this section, continue down the jeep road, south, and the single track will come back to the road in about a 100 yards. Take the single track to the left and follow it down hill to the south. At .4 miles (4 miles) you will be on a jeep road at the start of the **UNR Down Hill Single Track Trail** (See the ride below). Take a right on the jeep road, and in about 50 feet you will see the single track veer off of the jeep road to the left. This single track travels south to the top of the hill, then goes for another .5 miles (4.7 miles) where it turns to the east, then to the north east and takes you back to the start of Evans Canyon single track. At this point, take a right and trace your path back to your car for a 5.6 mile loop. This ride should take the intermediate rider at least an hour to complete.

Cow Canyon Single Track (Lower Loop) (Light Green Trail)

8 miles 1888 ft of climbing

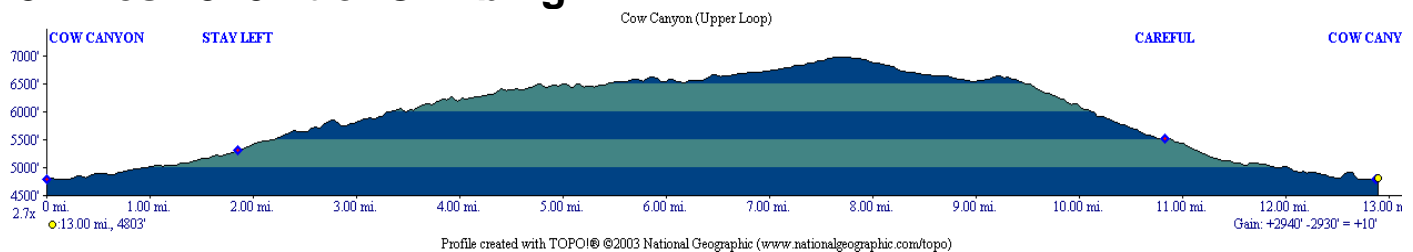


From Reno, take I-80 West to the Verdi Business Loop Exit. Take a right and follow the road about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to River Bend. This is where the river comes right up to the road, and just before the road veers left or west. You will see lots of parking on both the right and left side of the road. Park on the right side of the road. This is the start of the Cow Canyon loop. Start on the jeep road and follow it gradually up hill to the north. You will almost immediately see a single track on your right .55 miles, and this is what you will be returning on. Follow the jeep road for .46 (1.03 miles from the start) where you will come to a "T" in the road. Follow the road to the right which travels due east for .1 miles (1.13 miles) and comes to another intersection. Stay to the left again, and you will see a single track on your right side. Take this single track, or follow the faint road to the northwest. Both the single track and road end up in the same place. If you follow this road you will notice that it gets rather faint. This is a new road, as the Summerset housing development overcame the old starting point for this ride. Follow this road or single track for .73 miles (1.86 miles) where you will come to your main jeep road climb. Take a left on this road, and it will take you to the top of the Cow Canyon single track down hill. Once you take the left, you will climb 533 feet in 1.1 miles (2.96 miles) where you will see a short but steep climb in front of you. This is a good challenge. This climb is just under a tenth of a mile, and climbs 81 feet. This does not sound like much, but good luck. By the way, this

climb is almost always possible to clear. If you do not feel like trying the anaerobic climb, stay to the right, and follow the jeep road to the top of the climb. Follow the jeep road for another 1.2 miles (4.3 miles.) If you look into the canyon on your left you will see you're down hill single track. If you want to turn this into more of a ride you can continue and add in the **Cow Canyon Single Track (Upper Loop.)** The upper loop will come in on the jeep road on your right. No matter which loop you take, continue on the main jeep road for .33 miles (4.63 miles) and you will see your single track start on your left. Or read up on the **Upper Loop.** For the lower loop, take the single track on your left, and follow it down hill. In .37 miles (5 miles) you will see the Upper Loop single track come in on your left. Take a right and continue down hill. Here is where the single track gets fast, so be careful. In 1 mile (6 miles) you will come up a small rise and the trail takes an abrupt off camber hard right over a bunch of rocks. It is very easy to go over the edge, or over the bars. **Be careful.** Follow the single track for .6 miles (6.3 miles) and it will cross over a jeep road. Continue on the single track for .2 miles (6.5 miles) and it will again cross over the same jeep road. Cross over and continue for .3 miles (6.6 miles) where the single track comes up to the side of the same jeep road, then takes a hard left away from the jeep road. Follow the single track down into the canyon and in .4 miles (7 miles) you will cross another jeep road. Follow the single track down the canyon and in .5 miles (7.5 miles) it will drop you out on the main jeep road right above your car. Take a left on the jeep road and follow it for another .5 miles (8 miles) where you will be back at your car.

Cow Canyon Single Track (Upper Loop) (Blue Trail)

13 miles 2940 Ft of Climbing



Continue on the jeep road from the top of the **Cow Canyon (Lower Loop.)** It will wind around the back of the mountain and turn to the right and travel in an easterly direction. At 1.75 miles (6.38 miles from the start) you will come to junction in the jeep road. If you go strait, north, the road will eventually end up in Dog Valley. However, take a right and continue to climb to the east. In 1.3 miles (7.68 miles) you will see you're down hill jeep road on your right. If you continue strait, you can climb to the top of Peavine Mountain. This road gets very loose and difficult to ride, but can be done. However, take the right, and the road will take you in a southerly direction down hill. Follow this double track jeep road for .3 miles (8 miles) where it will drop you into a spring. If you make this ride in the mid summer, you can see how Peavine Mountain got its' name. At the right time of year, this spring will be filled with wild flowering pea vines. Continue down hill for 1.5 miles (9.5 miles) where the jeep road will drop you onto the road you were on to begin with. If you cross directly over this road, you will start immediately on the single track down hill. Here is where the single track gets fast, so be careful. In 1 mile (10.5 miles) you will come up a small rise and the trail takes an abrupt off camber hard right over a bunch of rocks. It is very easy to go over the edge, or over the bars. **Be careful.** Follow the single track for .6 miles (11.1 miles) and it will cross over a jeep road. Continue on the single track for .2 miles (11.3 miles) and it will again cross over the same jeep road. Cross over and continue for .3 miles (11.6 miles) where the single track comes up to the side of the same jeep road, then takes a hard left away from the jeep road. Follow the single track down into the canyon and in .4 miles (12 miles) you will cross another jeep road. Follow the single track down the canyon and in .5 miles (12.5 miles) it will drop you out on the main jeep road right above your car. Take a left on the jeep road and follow it for another .5 miles (13 miles) where you will be back at your car.

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