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### Marin California: Tamarancho

Tamarancho is a great open space area that is private property. You have to purchase a day pass to bike there, but it is worth it. The area is mostly singletrack, with some jeep road. Here is the link to the Boy Scouts of Marin web site where you can get a lot of information: <http://www.boy Scouts-marin.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=4023&orgkey=1235>

This is the web link for their map of the area: <http://www.boy Scouts-marin.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=9244>

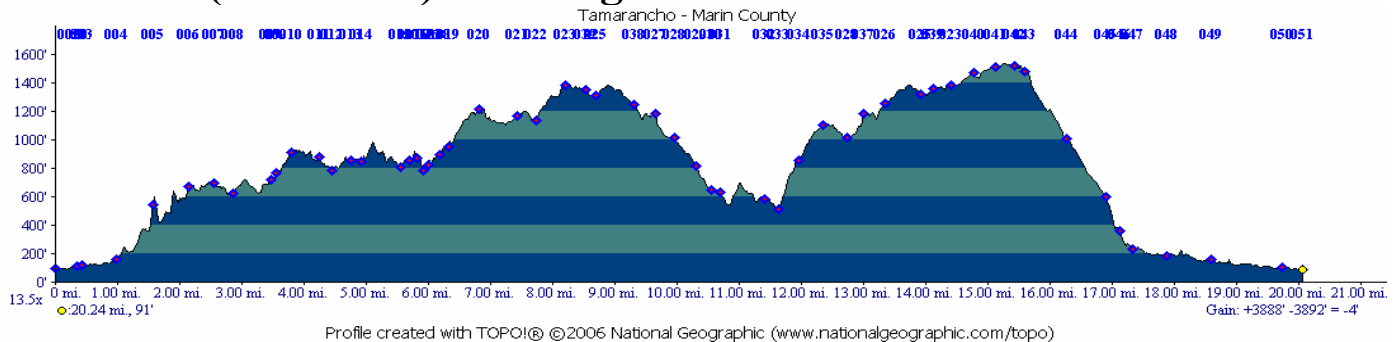
You can purchase a \$5.00 day pass from Sunshine Bicycle in Fairfax, and here is their web site: <http://www.sunshinebicycle.com/new/> They were very helpful, and friendly. You can park in the parking lot directly across the street from Sunshine Bicycle to start your ride.

This trail system is mainly singletrack. Most of the riding is intermediate, however there is a lot of climbing, and the occasional rocky technical area. Nothing you could not walk over or through.

You can make this ride much longer than the ride on the map. I extended the ride to make it 20 miles and 3880 ft. of climbing. The map from the boy scouts is only about a 10 mile ride, and 1300 ft of climbing.



# Tamarancho – Marin County – 30 minutes North of San Francisco (Red Trail) – Strong Intermediate



This is a hard area to write up. There are many connector trails all over the area. When I was in the parking lot across from Sunshine Bicycle, a group of guys that knew my videos pulled me under their wing, and took me all



around the area. So the ride I did was much more than what is on the Boy Scout Map.

The first time out, I would follow the Boy Scout map, or find someone in the parking lot that you can tag along with. This is a very popular area, and you will run into many bikers, hikers, and horses that are more



than willing to make suggestions along the way. Also, if you look at the Boy Scout map (<http://www.boyscouts-marin.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=9244>), it will give you exact directions on how to get to the trail head. Most of the singletrack is in the trees, and just rolls along. There are some steep switch backs that most people walk, and some short technical rocky, and tree root sections, but none of the technical sections are very long. Take your map,

and your GPS. The profile above is for the ride that I did. And the map below is for the ride that I did.



The right side of the map is what you see on the Boy Scout map, and since I was riding with the other guys, I did not get to map out the cross over. So, about ½ ways through my map, there is a crossover trail that connects the two sides so that you don't have to ride all the way out like I did. But, head out with the map, and have fun. The 10 mile loop should take about 1.5 hours. The long loop I did took 4



hours, and was much more technical on the back side. So, if you follow my map, get ready for an advanced down hill section.

