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Tahoe

**Rim Trail (TRT) From Hwy 267 (Brockway Summit) to
Mt. Baldy (Mt. Rose Wilderness Area)
(Strong Intermediate – Advanced)**

This ride gives you one of the best views of Lake Tahoe that I have seen. I have ridden all of the bike legal sections of the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) and have not found as beautiful a view as the view on top of Mt. Baldy. This view is a panoramic 180 deg. view from Boca Reservoir to the north to all of Lake Tahoe on south. Make sure to bring a camera, and give yourself time to sit and take it all in.

This trail is very demanding. It is almost 3000 ft. of climbing one way, which means that it is almost 3000 ft of down hill the other way. Most of the trail is fairly easy. The climbs are fairly gradual with a handful of exceptions. There is also a very rocky section that most people walk through going both up and back down. So please be very careful on the entire trail, and please watch out for hikers and horses. Sharing the trail keeps it open for all of us. One other side note is that if you want the view, but do not want to ride the single track, you can take the road almost all of the way up to the top, and then take the last section of single track to the top of Mt. Baldy.



From Reno take I-80 west towards Truckee, Ca. Take the Hwy 267 exit and turn left at the bottom of the exit. Follow Hwy 267 south past North Star Ski Resort and continue south to Brockway Summit

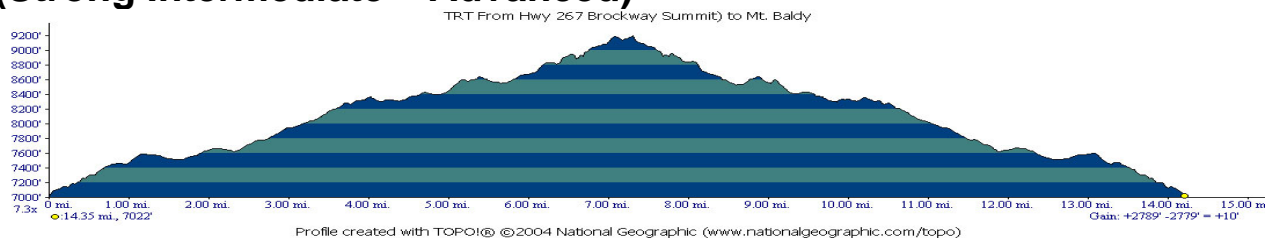
Once over Brockway

summit you will drive just under ½ mile and you will see a paved parking area on the right side of the road. This is the parking for the TRT (Tahoe Rim Trail) heading west. You can park here, or take a left and follow the jeep road just a short distance off of Hwy 267 and park here. This is the start of the TRT east to Mt. Baldy and Mt. Rose Wilderness Area.

Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) From Hwy 267 (Brockway Summit) to Mt. Baldy (Mt. Rose Wilderness Area) (Yellow Trail)

14.35 miles 2789 ft. total elevation gain

(Strong Intermediate – Advanced)



Once over Brockway summit, continue for just under $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and take a left on the first dirt road you see. Follow this road just up the hill and park here. This is the start of the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT). The TRT starts on the west side of the parking lot and immediately starts to climb. It zig zags up the hill side then turns and generally heads east. In 1.2 miles you will see a single track on your left. This single track climbs about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile up hill to a scenic over look. Then you have to retrace your tracks back to this intersection. From here continue strait on the TRT and follow it for .5 miles (1.7 miles from the start) where you will cross over a jeep road. Continue strait across the road and again follow the TRT to the east for .64 miles (2.34 miles) where you will cross over another jeep road. Continue strait across the jeep road and stay on the TRT. In this section you will go through a beautiful field of Mules Ear plants that bloom with small sun flower like flowers in the spring, and in 1.4 miles (3.74 miles) you will encounter a very rocky section. This is the section mentioned above that most people walk both directions. If you feel lucky, try it, but please be careful. This section is only .2 miles long (3.94 miles) so walk it if you feel unsure. It is always better to walk than to crash and end the ride. Here the TRT turns to the north and continues for .2 miles (4.14 miles) where you will see a split in the single track. The left fork heads due north and drops you out on the jeep road. At this point follow the single track to the right or east for .33 miles (4.47 miles) where the TRT will drop you out on the aforementioned jeep road. There is a sign here that tells you to follow this jeep road north for .25 miles where you will encounter a fork in the road. Just past the fork the TRT picks back up on your right side. What the sign does not tell you is that in .1 miles you will encounter a fork in the road. Pass this fork by and continue for the .25 miles (4.72 miles) that the sign says, and just past the road you will find the TRT on your right. Follow the TRT easterly for .4 miles (5.12 miles) where you will pass another jeep road on your right. Continue on the single track for .8 miles (5.92 miles) where you will dump out on a jeep road again. Follow this jeep road uphill towards the south for .2 miles (6.12 miles) where the jeep road will turn left, and you will go strait on the single track of the TRT. Continue southerly for another .2 miles (6.32 miles) where the single track will switch back to the north and climb up the hill. This is more or less the base of Mt. Baldy. The climb is fairly steep and rocky. Again be careful and walk if you have to. The view is worth the bike push. Continue up the climb for .85 miles (7.17 miles) where you have reached the top. From here you can see the sign for Mt. Rose Wilderness to the east. The view is just stunning. It is also nice to drop the bikes, and just walk past the trees at the sign for the wilderness area boundary and look at Lake Tahoe in the clearing. It is worth the ride. Now, once you have eaten a bite, and taken in the view, retrace your steps back down. Again, please be careful in the rocky sections. The first is immediately upon your descent, and the other big rocky section is at 10.4 miles on your return.

Now, I know that this ride can be done mostly on dirt roads (red trail) with the final .85 miles done on the TRT. I have not yet tried it, but I know people that have. It is on the map in red, and is about 6 miles one way (12 miles round trip) with about 2400 feet of climbing. This ride will be written up later. For this ride, or drive and hike, take a left on Martis Peak road just before you crest Brockway Summit on the north side and follow the map.

