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Tahoe

Rim Trail (TRT) From Hwy 267 (Brockway Summit) west to Watson Lake (Strong Intermediate – Advanced)

This trail is very demanding. It is almost 2100 ft. of climbing. The trail is up and down, up and down. By the end, the climbs take it out of you, but the trail is great. Most of the trail can be done by a strong intermediate mainly because of distance and the amount of climbing. There are only a couple of rocky sections that an advanced rider can clear, but most walk. These sections are very short and easy to walk through. But 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.

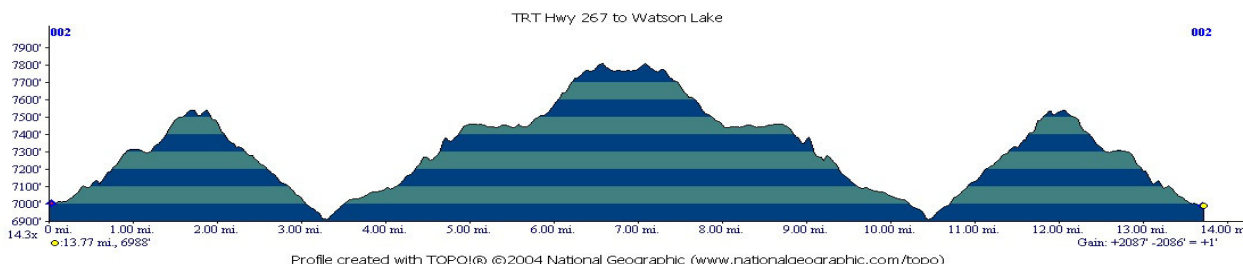


Focus On You Photography TRT from Brockway Summit to Watson Lake

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, and half way through the parking area, the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) will drop west out of the parking lot.

Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) From Hwy 267 (Brockway Summit) to Watson Lake (Dark Blue Trail)

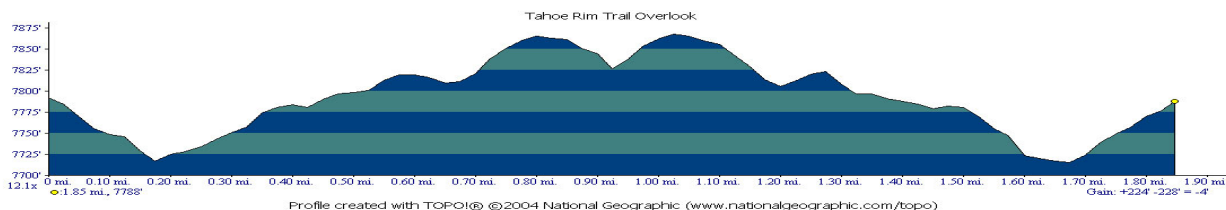
13.77 miles 2087 ft. total elevation gain
(Strong Intermediate – Advanced)



Once over Brockway summit, continue for just under ½ mile and take a right at the paved pull out on the right hand side. Half way through the paved parking area the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) will drop off to the west. Once on the trail, it quickly turns right and heads north for .75 miles where it will cross the “Fiber Board Freeway.” Here the road is paved, but later it turns into washboard dirt. Continue straight across the paved road and pick up the TRT on the other side. Here the single track will continue uphill to the north, then turns west, and in 1.3 miles (2.05 miles from the start) you again will cross over the “Fiber Board Freeway.” The single track picks up just to your left side across the street. Here this section of single track gets a little rocky so be careful. This section contains the picture above. Continue through this flat section, and the single track will start to climb. In 2 miles (4.05 miles) you will cross over a dirt road, then immediately over another. In both cases, the TRT single track picks up directly across the road. Continue for 1.23 miles (5.28 miles) where you will crest your climb and cross over yet another jeep road. By the way, this last climb makes for a great return down hill. This next section is relatively flat and continues directly across this jeep road. Continue to follow the TRT for 1.15 miles (6.43 miles) where you will see a single track veer off to the right. This single track will take you up to a main road and dead ends. At this intersection, take a left to continue slightly uphill to the top of the climb and you can see Watson Lake on your right. Continue for .45 miles (6.88 miles) where you will ride around the east side of Watson Lake to the south side. At this point you have made it. Now you have a couple of options. You can retrace your steps back to Brockway Summit, or continue up the TRT to an overlook of Lake Tahoe. This overlook ride will add about 2 miles to your trip, and 228 feet of climbing. See the **Tahoe Rim Trail Overlook** below. One last side note, if you are short on time, or energy, you can cut part of the TRT out of your return trip by taking the Dark Green then Red jeep road to the left, north for 1.14 miles. This jeep road will take you back to where the TRT previously crossed this jeep road. Take a right on the TRT and retrace your path back to your first “Fiber Board Freeway” crossing. At this crossing, take a right and follow the Freeway back to the top of Brockway Summit. This saves you about a mile, a little bit of climbing, and a lot of time. Once at the top of Brockway Summit, take a right and descend down Hwy 267 back to your car. This path back will change your total mileage to 12.77 miles and cuts out a couple of hundred feet of climbing out of your ride.

Tahoe Rim Trail Overlook (Dark Green Trail)

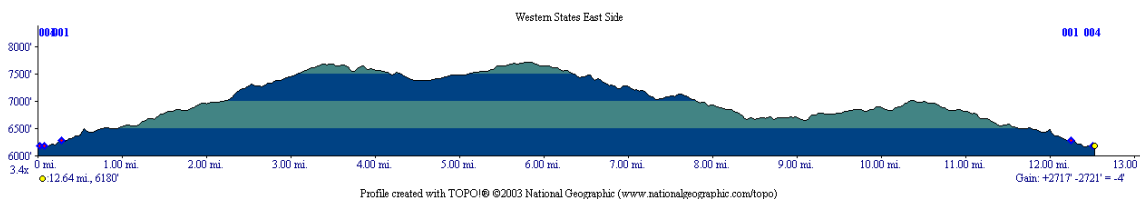
1.85 Miles 224 ft. total elevation gain (Intermediate)



From Watson Lake, turn left, or north on the Dark Green jeep road. In .2 miles you will see the TRT on your right. Take this right and follow the Dark Green TRT uphill for .52 miles (.72 miles from the start) and you will see a single track on your right. This single track climbs quickly to the top of the mountain, but I think the better view of Lake Tahoe is to follow the TRT to the left. So stay left and follow the TRT .2 miles (.92 miles) to a rock outcropping that overlooks the west shore of Lake Tahoe. Now retrace your steps back towards Watson Lake. Once down to the jeep road that takes you to Watson Lake, you can either retrace your steps back to Brockway Summit on the TRT, or take a right on the Red jeep road and follow it for .96 miles where it will intersect the TRT where you were before. At this point you can retrace your path back to Brockway Summit on the TRT.

Western States Trail From Hwy 89 (Purple Trail)

12.64 miles 2717 ft. total elevation gain (Strong Intermediate – Advanced)



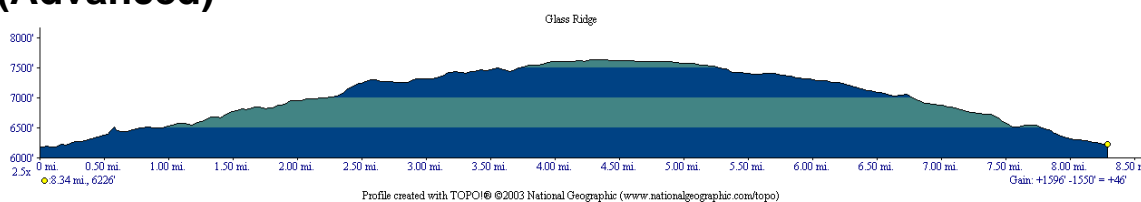
From Truckee, take Hwy 89 north towards Tahoe City. Follow Hwy 267 .65 miles past the Squaw Valley turn-off which will be on your right. The highway will cross over the Truckee River, and you will see parking on your right immediately past the river crossing. Park here. The first ½ of this trail is more of an intermediate trail, but the second ½ is more difficult, and the intermediate rider will end up walking a good part of it. For all riders, please be careful and always wear a helmet. From here, jump on your bike, and take any of the little trails to the paved river trail just off the side of the highway. Once on the paved trail, turn right, down river, and cross under the highway. As soon as you come out from under the highway, you will take a right on the loose single track trail that goes strait up to your right. You are now on the Western States Trail. This trail meanders uphill in an easterly direction for 1.95 miles and 850 feet of climbing. At this point you will drop out onto a jeep road. If you go right you will go to the **Missing Link (Black trail, see below)**. Just a quick note: DO NOT TAKE A RIGHT. This missing link is best as a downhill. Take a left at this junction and follow the jeep road for .35 miles (2.3 miles from the start) where the jeep road will split. If you go left, you will be riding the Western States Trail backwards. It is a lot more fun if you take a right up “The Wall.” So, take a right and follow the jeep road up “The Wall” for .45 miles (2.75 miles) and 315 ft. of climbing. The climb is not that steep, just relentless. Once at the top, you will be at

another jeep road intersection. If you take a right you will be on the **Glass Ridge Single Track (Light blue trail, see below)**. Take a left on the jeep road and almost immediately you will see the TRT (Tahoe Rim Trail) on your right. Take a right on the TRT and it will meander up and down and around the south side of Painted Rock. Follow this section for 1.9 miles (4.65 miles) where you will cross over a jeep road, and pick up the TRT directly across the road on the east side of the road. This section is also relatively flat and will continue in an easterly direction for .9 mile (5.55 miles). Here you will drop out on a jeep road. If you go to the right, you will continue along the TRT and climb up to the back side of the **Tahoe Rim Trail Overlook (Dark Green Trail)** above. From here you would ride 2.6 miles, and almost 600 ft. of climbing. The problem is that all of the climbing is in the last ½ mile. However, take a right on the jeep road and you will immediately hit a paved road. This road is called the Fiber Board Freeway. Even though it is now paved, when it turns to dirt, the name aptly describes its' condition. At the paved road you can go left (down hill), or strait (uphill.) Head strait slightly uphill to the north for .35 miles (5.9 miles) where the paved road will turn to the right and head off to Watson Lake. At this turn in the road, take a left and you will see a couple of single track trails heading north down hill. All of the single track trails drop you out back on the Western States Trail. So take a left and follow the single track down hill for .3 miles (6.2 miles). Here is your first switchback. From here the trail gets fairly technical and almost impossible to get lost. There are no side trails or roads for a while. On your first ride on this section of trail, please be careful and take it slow. Follow the trail downhill, and in a northerly direction for 1.3 miles (7.5 miles) where the single track will turn to the left and head west. Follow the single track westerly for 2.2 miles (9.7 miles) where you will drop out onto a jeep road. This is the same jeep road that you first hit riding up from the Truckee River. Follow this rolling jeep road to the left, south, for .7 miles (10.4 miles). Here you will pass the road up "The Wall" on your left. Continue strait, and in .35 miles (10.75 miles) you will see your return single track on your right. This is the same single track that you came up in the beginning of your ride. So take a right and follow this single track back down hill to the Truckee River, and back to your vehicle for 12.65 miles.

Glass Ridge (Purple Trail to Lt. Blue Trail)

8.34 miles 1596 ft. total elevation gain

(Advanced)

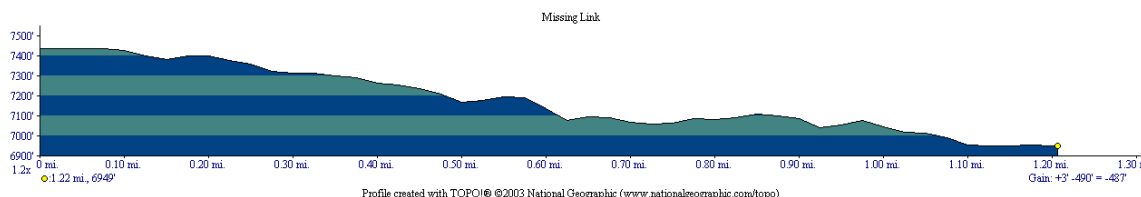


The start of this trail is the same for the **Western States Trail** above. Start in the dirt parking just after you cross over the Truckee river. Ride down to the paved river trail and follow it to the right, down river just past the highway, and turn right up the single track of the **Western States Trail**. You are now on the Western States Trail. This trail meanders uphill in an easterly direction for 1.95 miles and 850 feet of climbing. At this point you will drop out onto a jeep road. If you go right you will go to the **Missing Link (Black trail, see below)**. Just a quick note: DO NOT TAKE A RIGHT. This missing link is best as a downhill. Take a left at this junction and follow the jeep road for .35 miles (2.3 miles from the start) where the jeep road will split. If you go left, you will be riding the Western States Trail backwards. It is a lot more fun if you take a right up "The Wall." So, take a right and follow the jeep road up "The Wall" for .45 miles (2.75 miles) and 315 ft. of climbing. The climb is not that steep, just relentless. Once at the top, you will be at another jeep road intersection. If you take a left, you will intersect the Tahoe Rim Trail that is part of the **Western States Trail**

above. So, at this jeep road, take a right and follow the jeep road south for .62 miles (3.37 miles) where you will see a single track on your right. This is the down hill part of the **Missing Link Trail** below. DO NOT GO THAT WAY. You will also see a single track right in front of you. This again is the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT). Veer right on the TRT which pulls away from the jeep road on your left side. Continue on the TRT to the south for .4 miles (3.77 miles) where you will see a single track that cuts away on your left side. This will connect with the jeep trail that you were on before. Anyway, continue strait south and the TRT will immediately cross over a jeep road and start to climb. Continue up the TRT south for .3 miles (4.07 miles) where you will top out on what is called Glass Ridge. This ridge is covered with thin small pieces of shale. When you tires roll over the shale, it sounds like you are riding over glass, thus the name Glass Ridge. From here the trail starts to get much more difficult. Continue across the ridge for .3 miles (4.37 miles) where the TRT will take a hard left and head due east. This next section is probably the most difficult section of the trail. This section is all rocks. No dirt, just rocks. It is a challenge to keep your speed high enough to role over the rocks and not drop and stop in between them, but low enough that you don't get beaten up. I rode this trail with out stopping on a 3" travel bike, which was quite a challenge, and would be much easier on a longer travel bike. I would recommend at least a 5" travel bike to make this ride more fun. Anyway, continue on the TRT for .9 miles (5.27 miles) where the trail turns to the south. You are now going to be going mostly down hill, and in and out of rocky sections with some big drops. This last section is relentless. You keep thinking that it has to smooth out sometime, and it doesn't. So, take is slow and careful for the rest of the trip down to Highway 89 for 8.34 miles total.

The Missing Link (Black Trail)

1.22 mile Section - 490 ft. total elevation loss (Advanced)



I am writing this trail up as a section trail only. The missing link is not called such because it ties two section of trails together, rather because it is very technical, and if not ridden well, it will take a couple of links out of your chain. Thus "The Missing Link." This trail is very technical, loose, and rocky with a handful of drops. Most of the trail is like riding light dirt that is like riding through buttermilk with marbles in it. So, you can't see what is under the loose dirt, and can't see what your tires are hitting. This is best done on a long travel DH bike. I also must say that I unfortunately had the pleasure of riding this trail up hill when I did not know where I was going. It took 3 pedal strokes forward to actually move forward one crank distance. Not much fun. Anyway, follow the directions for the "**Glass Ridge**" trail above, then when you get to the single track on your right, take it. It starts out flat on the ridge heading west, then quickly drops down. It is only 1.22 miles of down hill and has some fun North Shore type riding at the base of the trail. Someone has taken quite a bit of time making short little loop trails across fallen trees and other obstacles. Be careful, but have fun.

