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## **2 Beavers & a Bear – 2 Bridges Singletrack Loop & Sawtooth Ridge Singletrack Loop ( Strong Intermediate)**



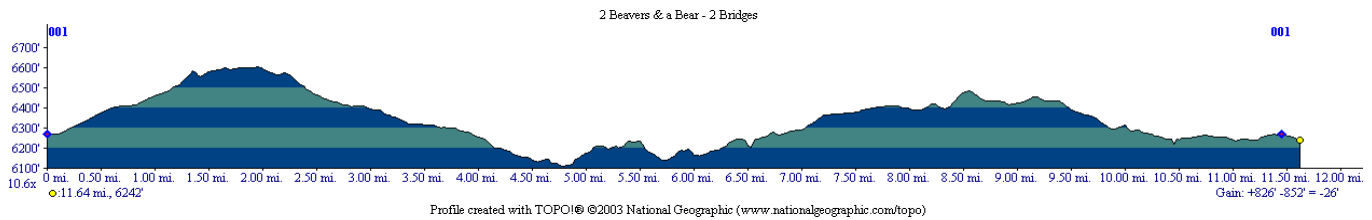
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From Reno, take I-80 west towards Truckee Ca. Take the Hwy 267 exit south towards Lake Tahoe and Northstar Ski Resort. Follow 267 south and take a right on Brockway Rd. Follow Brockway Rd towards Truckee and turn left on Palisades Dr.(Lt. Green Road) right after the 7-11 store. Palisades Dr. will dead end into Ponderosa Dr. Take a left and follow Ponderosa Dr. and take a right on Silverfir Dr. Follow Silverfir Dr and take a left on Thelin Dr. Continue up Thelin, Dr, and you will see Martis Rd on your left. Just before Martis across Thelin Dr. is a dirt road, Forest Service Road 06. Take a right here and follow it back about ¼ mile to the dirt parking on the right. This is the start of both trails. For the Sawtooth trail, you will head to the north east side of the parking lot and start the singletrack. For 2 Beavers & a Bear, you will head south out of the parking lot, left on the dirt road, and almost immediately take a right on the singletrack and head south. Most of the singletrack is intermediate in nature. There are a couple of rocky technical sections, and a couple of wooden bridges (see picture above) that can all be walked. Just be careful, and as the name of the trail would suggest, watch for wildlife. Lastly, this area has many crossing singletrack trails, and almost all of them drop out on a jeep road which ends up on Forest Service Road 06 where you started. So, on your first couple of trips out here, expect to get turned around and end up on some other singletrack that takes you eventually back to the beginning or Forest Service Road 06.

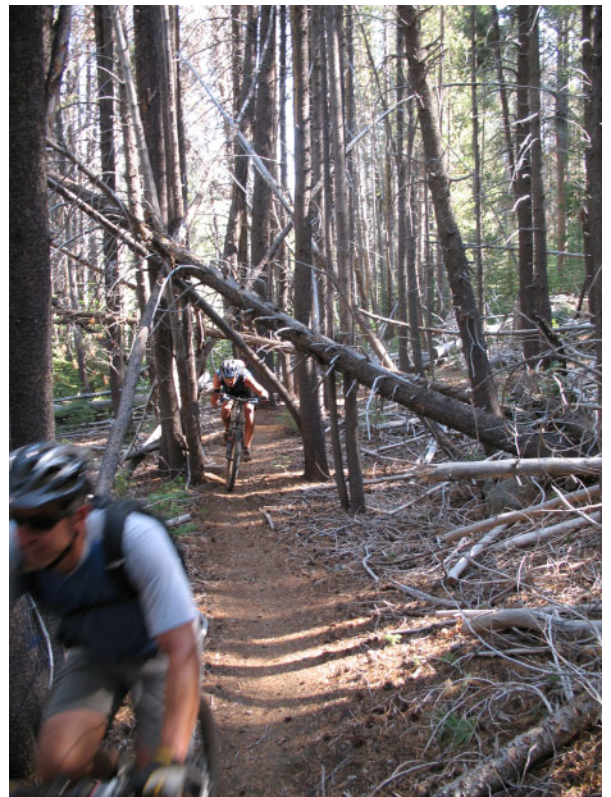
## 2 Beavers & a Bear – 2 Bridges Singletrack Loop

### 2 Bridges (Black to Purple Trail)

### 11.64 miles 826 ft. total elevation gain (Strong Intermediate)



From the dirt parking area head strait south out of the parking lot and take a right on the dirt road which is Forest Service Road 06. Almost immediately you will see your singletrack on your right side. Take a right and follow the singletrack up hill. You will cross a couple of jeep roads, but the singletrack picks up directly across the jeep roads on the other side, so it is almost impossible to miss it. So continue on the uphill single track, and in 1.35 miles you will see a singletrack on your left side. This just goes up to the peak, then re-connects ahead. Continue on the singletrack and in .28 miles (1.63 miles from the start) you will see the previous singletrack returning on your left. Continue around Bald Mountain towards the east, and the trail will drop turn right and head south under the power lines. The trail will deviate from the power lines a little; the trail is slightly rocky and loose, but fun. Continue south on the singletrack, and in 1.27 miles (2.9 miles) you will cross over a jeep road. Continue across the jeep road and in .45 miles (3.35 miles) you will cross over another jeep road, and in .45 miles (3.8 miles) you will come to a 4 way intersection. One jeep road left, right, and directly across from you heading west. At this intersection, you can cut the trip short and take a right on the jeep road and immediately take a right on another singletrack that will take you back to the car. However, to continue 2 Beavers and a bear, continue west on the jeep road directly in front of you and continue .13 miles (3.93 miles) where you will see a green gate on your left. **This is private property. The owner allows bikers, hikers, and horses the courtesy to pass over their grounds. Please be respectful of the property owners land as we do not want another trail closed.** Continue through the green gate and follow the rather wide singletrack .17 miles (4.1 miles) where you will come to a split in the singletrack. The singletrack on your right in your return singletrack, and the one strait in front of you heading south is the one to take. This section parallels Martis Creek, and the trail will swing east and in .78 miles (4.88 miles) the trail will cross a wooden bridge over Martis Creek and start climbing south. Continue up the rather wide singletrack and in .6 miles (5.48 miles) you will be at the top of this climb and the trail will start to descend back to Martis Creek, and this section is known as 2 Bridges. Follow the singletrack through the trees, and watch out for the low hanging ones (see picture right.) Continue along Martis Creek and in 1.03 miles (6.51 miles) you will again cross over Martis Creek on a small wooden bridge (See main top picture.) Continue across the creek, and in .05 miles (6.56 miles) you will have







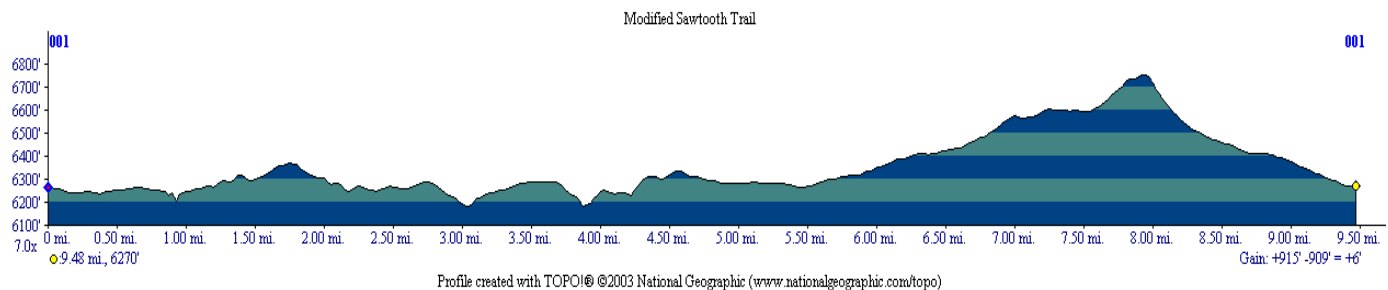
Looped back to the original singletrack you were on before. Stay straight, or to the left and back track .15 miles (6.71 miles) and take a right on the jeep road and follow it back to the big intersection you crossed over before at .25 miles (6.96 miles). Take a left on the jeep road, which is Forest Service Road 06, and almost immediately you will see your return singletrack on the right (this is the return section of the Sawtooth Trail.) This section starts a gradual climb with a short rocky technical section at the top of the climb, and then starts to meander downhill, and in 2.63 miles (9.59 miles) you will drop out on Forest Service jeep road 06. Directly across the jeep road you will “T” into the return singletrack. This section of singletrack is part of the Sawtooth Singletrack Loop below. If you take a right you will do the upper section of Sawtooth, if you take a right you will return back to the car. So take a right and the trail will parallel the ridge above the Truckee River and Hwy 89. In .87 miles (10.46 miles) the trail will drop you out on the edge of the ridge overlooking the Truckee River and Hwy 89 (see picture left.) You are almost back to the car. Continue north on the singletrack and it will just follow the ridge, and then swings right and drops you out in the dirt parking lot where you started. Right before the parking lot you will see a singletrack on your left. This just drops you down to the pavement below.



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## Sawtooth Singletrack Trail (Modified) (Purple to Black Trail)

9.48 miles 915 ft. total elevation gain (Strong Intermediate)



From the parking lot of Forest Service Road 06, head to the north east side of the parking lot and you will see the start of the trail at the big Forest Service sign. This singletrack will drop down to the ridge and turn left and will follow the ridge south. Continue south and in 1.68 miles you will come to a major intersection. If you take a left across Forest Service Road 06 (FS06) you will be on the return of the Sawtooth Trail mentioned above. However, take a right and continue on the Sawtooth Trail in a southerly direction along the ridge. This section of trail is very rocky. Not big rocks, but it is rocky. So take it easy and in 1.2 miles (2.88 miles from the start) you will come to a fork in the trail. If you take a right, the trail just loops down to the ridge for a scenic overlook, then loops back to this spot. So for the first time, take the loop for the view, then return and continue south on the singletrack. This section of the singletrack is very smooth and very fast. You rip through the trees and in 2.86 miles (5.74 miles) you will drop out on FS06 again. If you take a left on the jeep road you will see the Sawtooth return singletrack leave the right side of the road. This singletrack is mentioned above in **2 Beavers and a Bear**. Just for reference, this singletrack is 2.58 miles with just a little climbing back to the main intersection at 1.68 miles. You can also just take FS06 all the way back to the car if you need to get back fast. However for this trip, take a right on FS06 and almost immediately you will see a singletrack on your right, which is the tail end of 2 Beavers and a Bear. You will also see a singletrack on the left. This is your return singletrack. So, take a left and follow the singletrack up hill, and in 1.8 miles (7.54 miles) you will see a singletrack on your right, or one strait. They both go to the same point around Bald Mountain. Pick your poison, but for this write up I am going to send you right. This singletrack climbs to the top of Bald Mountain, and in .42 miles (7.96 miles) you will be at the top of Bald Mountain. Once on the top at the radio tower, the trail cuts left. This section is called "The Happy Trail" because the downhill trail is smooth, and fast with perfectly ramped corners. It makes you very happy that you chose to run the trail this direction. Continue down the singletrack and in 1.52 miles (9.48 miles) you will be back at the car. One quick note, just before the car you will see a singletrack on the right. This just goes out to a water tower and dead ends on the pavement down Thelin Rd.

**See Map on next page**



