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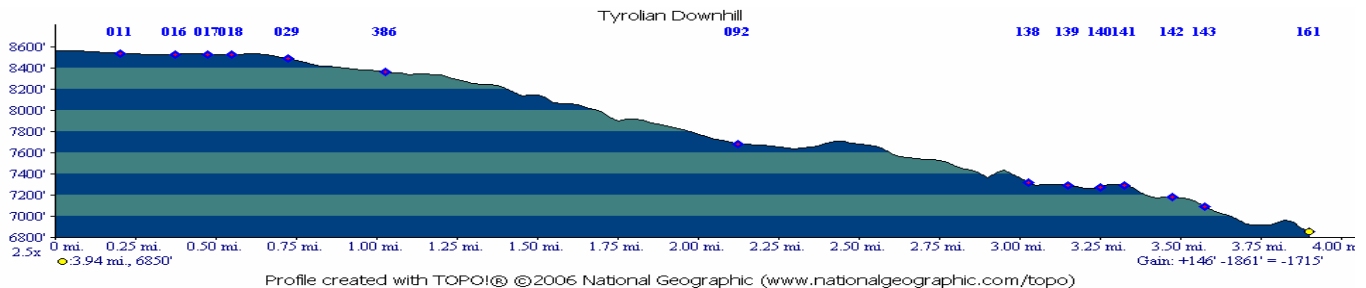
## **Tyrolian Downhill – Mt. Rose Meadows to Diamond Peak Ski Resort**

**(I don't have a picture here, but check out the video link)**

From Reno, take Highway 431, Mt. Rose Highway west towards Lake Tahoe. Continue over the Mt. Rose Summit, and descend into Tahoe Meadows, also known as Mt. Rose Meadows. Drive through the meadow, and once at the south end of the meadow you will see parking on either side of the highway. The trail starts on the east side of the meadow, takes you down the old highway towards Lake Tahoe, and then ends at Diamond Peak Ski Resort. This trail is not especially hard. There are some rocky sections, but nothing that you can't just slow down for and ride through. However, there are many side rock features that you can air off of. So once you know the trail, there are many rock features that will make this trail much more of an advanced trail. I rode, and videoed the trail with a Cannondale Scalpel with 4 inches of suspension. A longer travel bike would have made the trail much more fun, and much smoother. Try a bike like a SantaCruz Nomad, or Cannondale Moto. Both are great bikes for this trail. Just for reference, the red trail on the map is the Tahoe Rim Trail to Tunnel Creek Road.

## **Tyrolian Down Hill – Mt Rose Meadows to Diamond Peak Ski Resort (Blue Trail) (Strong Intermediate - Advanced)**

**3.94 miles -1861 ft. total elevation loss**



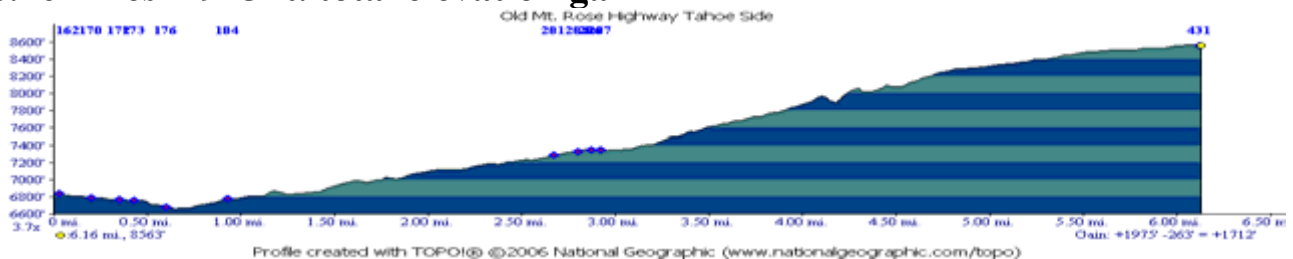
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The Tyrolian Downhill starts at the south end on Tahoe (Mt. Rose) Meadows. At the south end of the meadows, park, and you can shuttle another car down to the Diamond Peak Ski Resort. For the second car, continue down Mt. Rose highway 3.58 miles, which is just past the scenic overlook on the left side, and take a left on Fairview Dr. Continue on Fairview Dr. until you get to the Diamond Peak parking area, and park. Then take the second car back up the highway back to Tahoe Meadows. Once on your bike, get to the east side of the highway, and you will see the old highway, now a dirt road, paralleling the highway downhill south towards

Lake Tahoe. There are actually 2 roads that parallel each other. We usually take the left road, but they both end up at the same place. So follow your dirt road downhill for .93 miles from the start where both dirt roads will converge. Here you have to take a hard left and follow this dirt road for .17 miles (1.10 miles from the start) where the jeep road will end at the start of the Tyrolian Downhill. From here, it is impossible to get lost. You may see a couple of single tracks come in on your right. These can be accessed from the TRT (Tahoe Rim Trail) above, but that would require climbing to get to those single tracks. If you are on a downhill bike, you probably don't want to climb much. Anyway, continue down the twisty singletrack, and in 1.22 miles (2.32 miles) you will come out of the trees, and onto a flat. This is the only uphill section to the trail. Continue south up the small hill, and enjoy the view of Lake Tahoe on the top. Then continue down hill from here. This section gets a little rocky with some tight switchback turns along the way, so take your time the first time. Continue down hill to the south for 1.43 miles (3.75 miles) where the trail will cross over a wooden bridge, and you will see houses in front of you. Take a hard left, and follow the trail along the trickle of a creek, and in .19 miles (3.94 miles) you will drop out on Fairview Dr. with your car parked downhill to the left about 200 yards. If you want to bike back to the top, follow the directions below.

## Old Mt Rose Highway to Mt Rose Meadows (Blue Trail) (Intermediate)

**6.16 miles -1975 ft. total elevation gain**



From the end of the Tyrolian Downhill, continue on Fairview Dr. down hill for .75 miles. Then the paved road will turn right and start to climb. Continue north on Fairview Dr., and follow it uphill for 1.73 miles (2.48 miles from the start) where you will see Mt. Rose Highway in front of you. Fairview Dr. will then switchback to the right and parallel Mt. Rose Highway uphill. Continue up Fairview Dr., and in .76 miles (3.24 miles) Fairview Dr. will drop you out on Mt. Rose Highway. Here you can just take a right and follow Mt. Rose Highway back to your car. If you want to bypass the traffic, cross over the highway and continue north on the Old Mt. Rose Highway. Continue up the old highway on broken pavement, mostly dirt, and in 1.41 miles (4.65 miles) the old highway will again cross over the new Mt. Rose Highway. Cross over the new highway, and pick up the old highway directly across the street. Here the old highway, mainly dirt, takes a left and parallels the new highway north uphill. Continue north uphill, and in .63 miles (5.28 miles) you will see where the Tyrolian Downhill pulled away to the east. Continue north uphill, and in .88 miles (6.16 miles) back to your car.

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