



Description: Loop 15 is a fifteen and a half mile hiking and mountain biking trail. It is 92 % single track with only one mile of 4 wheeler trail. It was created by linking cow, deer, and preexisting trails together. Although it has 3 stout climbs of various lengths, the entire loop sports only 140 ft/mile of climbing making it one of the flatter trails in the Hills. Although the trail is most often ridden in a counterclockwise direction, it was created to be bidirectional and can also be ridden clockwise.

Start: Travel south on Sheridan Lake Road to mile marker eight. Turn right onto Victoria Lake Road and go 0.5 miles. Park at the “No Motorized Vehicles” gate (blue triangle on map). Drop down into the meadow and pick up the access trail (blue on map) that runs along the right edge. Take this just over 0.1 miles to the start. The end of the trail will merge from the west. Continue straight (north) past the intersection to begin the trail as it travels into the canyon.

Getting Lost: With the exception of the 4 wheeler climb, Loop 15 is contiguous single track which primarily limits getting off course to the 15 road crossings. In general, all road crossings are perpendicular. The rider will never have to travel down the road one direction or the other to pick up the trail on the other side. At mile 6.5, the 4 wheeler two track begins. This 1.3 mile climb is marked with orange flags and only has three turns. The return to single track trail at mile 7.8 can be missed if the rider is not careful. Once you return to single track, the remainder of the trail is single track and getting lost thereafter should be limited.

Mile	Map Marker	Description
0.0	01	Start. Follow trail north into the canyon
0.5		Upon exiting the canyon veer right at large rock buttness into trees
0.75	02	Cross First Thunder Rd. Start climb
1.1	03	Cross 2 track ending climb
2.0	04	Cross FS Rd 163. Angle slightly to the left to pick up single track
2.1		Start short flume bed
2.3	05	Cross two track
2.8		Start up creek
2.9	06	Cross Two track
3.6	07	Cross Victoria Lake Rd
4.1		Follow single track to left down creek
4.6		Start short section of flume bed
6.1		Start steep gully descent
6.5	08	Cross Victoria Creek, a 4 Wheeler trail, and continue on single track 100 yards following orange flags to the base of the 4 wheeler climb.
7.6		Veer to the right at orange flag on lesser used trail. Continue 0.1 miles to top of saddle
7.7		Turn left on 4 wheeler trail at saddle and continue following this for 0.1 miles
7.8	Star	Turn right off trail at orange flags and back onto single track. Follow this to big descent
8.9		Finish downhill and start climb up Dutch Creek
9.4		Finish climb up Dutch Creek
11.5	09	Two track crossing
12.5	10	Logging Road crossing
12.6	11	Logging Road crossing
12.7	12	Forrest Service Road Crossing
12.8		Start short steep climb
13.1	13	Two track crossing
14.3		Exit woods and trail parallels Victoria Lake Road
14.5	14	Cross two track
14.8	15	Cross Victoria Lake Road
15.6	01	End at intersection with approach trail

