

The Front Porch Loop

Description: When you are on the front porch of the PCY, and you look in a southerly direction, you can see the old road grades switch-backing up to Railroad Pass. You are looking at a section of this ride. This is a sweet ride. The majority of this ride is on old abandoned forest roads that are closed to motorized vehicles, old roads that are now basically singletrack. Deer and other wildlife sightings are a routine occurrence. At one point there is a nice view of Wolf Creek Ski Area. This ride basically climbs up to East Railroad Pass and then descends back to the PCY.

Total Distance: 7.4 mi.

Ride Time: 1 hour and 5 min.

Difficulty: Intermediate

Directions: From the PCY, descend to the PCY gate on the 390.

At 1.0 miles you reach the gate. Turn right up the 390.

At 2.0 miles you reach Campo Molino. Continue uphill on the 388.

At 2.8 miles turn right (there are/were old culverts) onto old road.

At 3.0 miles there is a V branch. Go uphill to the left and climb.

At 3.5 miles there is a V branch. Take the right, lower road.

At 3.8 miles take the right branch.

At 4.3 miles there is a multiple intersection. Take the left road.

At 4.4 miles there is a branch. Stay to the right.

At 4.6 miles you top-out at a flat spot, the trail bends left, and there is a great view of Wolf Creek Ski Area, and Highway 160. You can also see the PCY below.

At 5.4 miles you come to a diamond shaped, flat intersection of trails. This is East Railroad Pass, and you can see the PCY below. There is CDT access from here, but your route now heads back to the PCY and not the CDT. Follow the road that descends along the contour of the hillside.

At 6.2 miles there is a right switchback, but continue straight down the descent.

At 6.7 miles there is a V branch. Take the right around the hillside, and continue descending the switchbacks to the PCY.

At 7.4 miles you are at the PCY.