

Fireman's Trail

The Fireman's Trail is an intermediate, predominantly downhill single track trail that goes from the China Ridge Trails down to the cattle guard just above the km 2 sign board on the Snowpatch Road. In general it's a smooth track with some banked corners. There are no drop offs or exposed sections, what earns the trail an intermediate rating are some steep pitches in the mid section of the descent.

The start of the trail is located about 350 meters up from the Longhouse on the Ridge Trail at the intersection of the L'ill Loop and Ridge Trail. Look for a sign just to the left of the start of the L'ill Loop that says "Fireman's".

The trail is well marked with blue flagging tape, but there a couple of spots where you might stray.

1. About 500 metres or so from the top the trail crosses one double track (the Dixon ski trail) and then 100 meters later spits you onto another double track (EYC trail) where you need to turn right. Head along the EYC trail for about 30 meters and the single track will be on your left (marked with blue flagging).
2. Another 500 meters or so on some single track with some steeper sections and the trail again spits you out onto the continuation of the EYC double track trail. Again, turn right and ride about 70 meters uphill where again you'll see single track with blue flagging on your left.
3. Another 500 meters of single track (with some really fun steeper curves) and the trail comes to an open meadow / logged area. Just keep an eye out for the trail / blue flagging as you cross through the opening and you should be OK.

The final section of the trail is really flowy and goes in /out of recent logged areas and ends right at the cattleguard on the Snowpatch road. From here its about 4 kilometers back up to the Longhouse and main parking lot, so your choice on whether you park by the cattleguard and get the climbing done early, or park at the Longhouse and end the ride with some uphill effort.