

# Mountain Bike Rides in the Sawtooth NRA

## North of Galena Summit

### 1. Valley Creek:

North of Stanley off Hwy 21. Turn off Hwy 21 at Stanley Creek turn-off. This 7 mile ride follows the old valley road through cattle pasture and rustic ranches. You can loop back onto Hwy 21. Elevation gain is minimal.

### 2. Stanley Basin / Anderson Creek / Basin Butte:

West of Stanley. Access is at the Stanley Creek turn-off. The 10 mile route will take you to Basin Butte Lookout. Elevation is 6400 to 8950. One of the most panoramic views. The road is narrow and used by all types of vehicles.

### 3. Elk Mountain Loop Trail:

Access is from Stanley Lake Road. The trail was designed with mountain bikes in mind. The trail is 12 miles and circles Elk Mountain past Elk Meadows, and back to Stanley Lake. Follow the Stanley Lake Road for 3 miles, park at FS road #649 or Elk Mountain Road to start the loop (park past to cattle guard). Elevation 7174 to 7674 feet.

### 4. Nip and Tuck Loop:

Nip and Tuck Road runs through the southern portion of the Stanley Basin. This rolling hill ride provides spectacular views of the northern end of the Sawtooth Range and the Sawtooth Valley. Exit Hwy 21 at the Stanley Creek turn-off and follow FS road #652 for 2 miles. Turn right onto FS road #633. Nip and Tuck enters Hwy 75 in Lower Stanley after a 10 mile ride. An additional 7 miles (1 on Hwy 75 and 6 on Hwy 21) will complete the loop ride. Elevation 6480 to 6640 to 6200 feet from Stanley Creek to Lower Stanley.

### 5. Fisher / Williams Creek Loop:

This 18 mile loop is one of the favorites. Park vehicles at the Williams Creek trailhead and ride south on Hwy 75 to the Fisher Creek Road. Elevation 6800 to 8280 to 6640 feet.

### 6. Decker Flat Loop:

FS road #210 parallels Hwy 75; it is located on the west side of the Salmon River. Road access is off the Redfish Lake Road (1/4 mile from Hwy 75); turn left on road #210. This road extends to Decker Flat and the Hell Roaring Creek/ Mays Creek area. After the 12 miles ride, a loop may be made by using Hwy 75. Elevation is 6480 to 8800 feet.

### 7. Fourth of July Creek Road:

This road takes you into the White Clouds from Hwy 75. The road is narrow; watch for vehicle traffic. The road is 10 miles long. Elevation 6800 to 8800 feet.

### 8. Valley Road:

This 12 mile road takes you through the southern Sawtooth Valley paralleling Hwy 75 past ranches and pasture land. Look for sage grouse and sandhill cranes. Pole Creek Road & Hwy 75 provide the connection for the rest of the loop ride.

### 9. Pole Creek:

From Hwy 75 near Smiley Creek, follow the Pole Creek road 2 miles. Use a side road to the historic Pole Creek Guard Station (2 mile round trip). Continue on Pole Creek Road FS #197 for 5 miles to Pole-Germania Divide. Elevation 7200 to 8400 feet.

### 10. Smiley Creek:

FS road #007 extends 9 miles. Private property blocks the access to the old mining area.

### 11. Frenchman Creek:

Follow FS road #195 for 6 miles. Elevation is 7340 to 8600 feet.

### 12. Salmon River / Chemeketan:

Follow FS road #195 and trail #215 for 9 miles to the summit. Elevation 7350 to 8600 feet.