

Mad River Riders Trails 2016

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Trails are rated ● = Easy, ■ = Moderate, $\frac{1}{4}$ = Difficult, $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ = Most Difficult and 1-5 (easy to difficult) for technical challenge and flow. ↓ = Trails mainly ridden as a downhill. These are relative scales, based on local conditions. Hazardous terrain and features exist throughout the network. Inspect everything before riding. Avoid challenges beyond ability or comfort level. You are responsible for your actions.

Always ride, ski, snowshoe and hike in control. Bikers yield to pedestrian users. Skiers yield to hikers and snowshoers. Climbing traffic has the right of way. Stop in a safe visible spot off trail. Stay off trails when the ground is soft, especially in winter and spring. Avoid leaving deep footprints or ruts. Help with maintenance. Build or change only with permission and planning with the Riders' trail crew. Respect landowners, neighbors and other visitors. Trail use is dependent on positive landowner relationships and respectfully sharing. Park in legal areas. Keep pets under control. Leave no trace. No camping or fires, unless otherwise permitted by the landowner. Remember to smile and appreciate.

These trails are made possible through the efforts of the Mad River Riders-Vermont Mountain Bike Association, the MRV Recreation District, VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the US Forest Service, many private landowners, the towns of Warren, Waitsfield, Fayston&Moretown, Sugarbush Resort, the VT Land Trust, Mad River Path Association, Catamount Trail Association and VAST. Please join and support MRR-VMBA!

Blueberry Lake-Green Mountain National Forest-East Warren

Access & Parking: *Blueberry Lake is on Plunkton Rd. Park in any of the parking areas. Trailheads are on the opposite side of Plunkton Road from the lake. Designated IMBA Model Trail-Gateway network-great for beginners.*

Tootsie Roll ● **Tech: 1** **Flow: 5** **1 mi**

Tootsie Roll is fun for all abilities & features wide views of the lake and mountains.

Suki's Alley ■ **Tech: 1** **Flow: 5** **.5 mi**

Suki's is an intermediate to advanced trail with big berms and nice booters on the sides. This is a one-way trail that starts at the intersection with Tootsie Roll and ends at Lenord's Loop near the main bridge.

Lenord's Loop ● ■ **Tech: 1** **Flow: 5** **2.3 mi**

Start at the main trailhead on the north side of the earthen dam. Follow the trail to the signed intersection, then down to a bridge over the stream. After crossing, climb briefly until reaching an intersection. Go right for an easier climb, left for a moderately tougher ascent. Lenord's Loop is named for Lenord Robinson, the original designer of Blueberry Lake and the owner of Blueberry Lake Touring Center.

Flying Squirrel ● ■ **Tech: 1** **Flow: 5** **2.1 mi**

To access Flying Squirrel, start with Lenord's Loop or enter at the Gravel Pit trail, a short steep climb. As the climb levels out, there is an intersection with the Flying Squirrel loop. Go right to meet the Lenord's Loop/ Flying Squirrel intersection, about .25 of mile further on the trail. Go left to ride the other direction on Flying Squirrel.

Lookout Loop - Coming in 2016!

A new intermediate route leaving from and returning to Lenord's Loop, with rocky features and scenic views across Granville Gulf. Projected opening - September 2016.

Lareau Farm - Camel's Hump State Forest - Tucker Hill

Access & Parking: *Tucker Hill Rd-CHSF parking lot (easiest). Waitsfield Village. American Flatbread parking, except Fridays&Saturdays 4 PM-9 PM. Please no alcohol use in this lot. Also, Lareau Swim Access parking on east side of Rt 100. Dana Hill Rd is not recommended for driving.*

Revolution ■ **Tech: 2** **Flow: 5** **1.3 mi**

Start behind American Flatbread. Enter a wide trail and climb for half a mile. On right, follow a singletrack through a series of switchbacks, across a long bridge, finishing with a short downhill to Dana Hill Rd, directly across from Cyclone.

Evolution - Coming in 2016!

A new intermediate route that will improve access and connectivity from the Valley floor through Camel's Hump State Forest. Projected opening - July 2016.

Enchanted Forest ■ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 4** **1.6 mi**

The EF is a relatively gentle route, with a mix of armored rock sections, flowy rollers and little tech obstacles.

Cyclone Connector ■ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 4** **.5 mi**

CC starts at a big intersection just below the top of the EF. Watch the two stream crossings. The Cyclone trailhead just uphill of the Dana Hill Rd intersection.

Cyclone $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 5** **Flow: 3** **2.2 mi**

Cyclone's turns are riddled with roots, rocks, logs, punchy ups and downs, bridges and berms. Cyclone ends at Dana Hill Rd, cross the road to hit Revolution. Use Dana Hill Rd to return to upper trails.

Clinic Connector - Coming in 2016!

We're re-awakening an existing VT-FPR forest road that leads

Clinic $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 5** **Flow: 3** **1.4 mi**

This classic is a clinic of bike skills. Be careful to go right on GS or Busternut soon after the double stream crossing to return to Dana Hill Rd. Stay on state land here, marked with orange blazes.

GS $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 5** **1.2 mi**

GS is the preferred climb from Clinic and Busternut. Expect fast gate-inspired pedal-flow on the down, with fun rock rollers, ripping turns&historic stone walls.

Busternut $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 4** **Flow: 3** **1 mi**

From the GS/EF intersection on Dana Hill Rd, stay left at the intersection near the top of the road and look on the downhill side for the entrance before a big stone wall. Finishes at GS. From the bottom, stay left at the GS intersection to climb Busternut, which exits onto Dana Hill Rd. From here, go right to CHSF trails.

Maple Twist ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 4** **Flow: 3** **.7 mi**

Maple Twist is a turn-filled roller-coaster and a fun challenging climb too. The top intersection is off Ridgie, near Powerline. The bottom is the at the top of Tucker Hill Rd.

Misty Maple ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 4** **Flow: 3** **.3 mi**

Misty is straighter and steeper than its adjacent sibling.

Chase Brook Town Forest-Marble Hill Farm

Access & Parking: *Park at Flemmer Barn on German Flats Rd or Sugarbush's Mt. Ellen parking lot.*

Catamount Trail ■ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 4** **1.8 mi**

This is one of the most used links in the network for good reason. It climbs and descends well, mixing classic features and friendly flow. From the top, go left onto CT after cresting the high point of the Sugar Run trail. Follow signs to stay on main route. There is an obvious trailhead and bridge on German Flats Rd, just below the Fayston School.

Sugar Run ■ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 3** **1 mi**

Turn into Sugar Run off German Flats Rd and go up the main road. Look on the left for the entrance to Sugar Run. This route connects directly to the top of Marble Hill Rd, off RT 17. Expect stream crossings and moderate technical riding on a wide trail.

Techie - Coming in 2016!

This classic expert connector trail is finally on the map, linking Chase Brook TF and Marble Hill Farm trails to the Eurich Pond and Camel's Hump SF trails. We're building a new entrance this spring, stay tuned. Projected opening - May 2016

Eurich Pond

Access & Parking: *Park at Sugarbush Resort at the top of the Access Rd. or the lower parking lot across from the Sugarbush Inn.*

Eurich Pond Trail ■ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 3** **.2 mi**

Follow Eurich Pond Rd. through the South Face condos. The signed trailhead is on the right. This is a beautiful spot and primary access to several trails. Please be extra respectful here.

Purgatory/Powerline $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 4** **Flow: 2** **1.3 mi**

After Eurich Pond, stay straight, passing a right (Plum Line), then a left (Private-No Access). Take next left on singletrack. Purgatory winds uphill, parallel to Hell Hill. At next intersection, go left to connect to the Powerline trail or right for Purgatory, which reconnects to Hell Hill for the last pitch. Powerline is relatively mellow, but can be wet.

Geyer's $\frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 4** **Flow: 3** **1 mi**

This is best ridden as a downhill, especially first time. The top entrance is just south of the big Powerline junction at the bottom of Race and exits at the bottom below Eurich Pond.

Hell Hill $\frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 4** **Flow: 2** **.7 mi**

An old work road/ ski trail leaving straight from Eurich Pond, its four main steps

require technical moves and lots of lung power. At the top, traverse west under sap lines, soon reaching the intersection of Race and Pusherman.

Race $\frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 4** **Flow: 3** **.5 mi**

Race is the left intersection at the top of Hell Hill. Stay left at the next intersection with Ridgie and Bitches Brew, then there are alternate lines on Race. Exits onto Powerline near the top of Guyer's.

Ridgie ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 4** **.6 mi**

After start of Race, go hard right at first intersection on to Ridgie. There are a few alternate lines here, generally stay right to ride the entire trail. Pass under the power line and stay right at the next intersection to connect to Maple Twist, Misty Maple and the top of Tucker Hill Rd.

Bitches Brew $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 5** **Flow: 3** **.4 mi**

At the first intersection after the start of Race, take the middle route on to Bitches Brew. This trail has challenging rock spines and tough bridges. It parallels Race and reconnects with it near the bottom.

Plum Line ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 3** **3.1 mi**

Take first right after Eurich Pond. After first long descent, stay along the contour until the High Plum intersection. After a long section next to stone walls, climb a short hill, and then round the main shoulder to a long traverse under a main ridgeline, heading north. Turning southeast, descend through stream crossings, alternate lines and rocky features. Exit at Sugarbush Pond on Route 100.

Pusherman $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 4** **Flow: 2** **1 mi**

From the top of Hell Hill, stay straight on main trail, which will loop back right, going under several very low sap lines. Walk here, leave the lines alone. Soon, the sap lines end and the trail climbs steeply up a rocky ridge. From the top, a fun descent drops into the intersection of High Plum at a rock shoulder.

High Plum $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 5** **Flow: 2** **.6 mi**

Stay right at bottom of Pusherman. This trail has sidehill exposure, with wood and stone features. Scope challenges before riding. It contours generally downhill and finishes fast on a wider trail. At an obvious off-set intersection, right goes up to Eurich Pond. Left is down Plum Line, near the longest rock wall section.

Phen Basin - Camel's Hump State Forest

Access & Parking: *There are no official parking areas close to these trails, although you can legally park on the sides of dirt roads, please be respectful.*

East Loop ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 3** **.5 mi**

At the end of Stagecoach Rd. enter Phen Basin on Bassett Hill trail, a doubletrack, keeping a close eye for a sharp right on to the East Loop. Half way down, there is a cut-off to the Chain Gang, or you can continue down for more riding.

Chain Gang $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ ↓ **Tech: 5** **Flow: 3** **2.2 mi**

From the Bassett Hill trail, look for a signed intersection for VAST RT 17W and the Chain Gang. Follow south to the Chain Gang entrance. Chain Gang is tough fun riding, with lots of rock. Exit on Phen Rd.

Bassett Hill ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 3** **1.4 mi**

Bassett Hill is ridden as access to East Loop and Chain Gang or as a connector to North Fayston.

Rocky Rd ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 3** **1.1 mi**

RR connects Kew-Vasseur Rd to Stagecoach Rd, using a farm road that is shared by horses. If don't mind some mud and other brown stuff, the views from the fields near Stagecoach are the best in the network. Sweet!

Old Center Fayston (OCF)

Access & Parking: *Park at Bridge Street Marketplace or the Pines Rest Area on Tremblay Rd. OCF Rd is near the northern end of Old County Rd.*

OCF/Gumball ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 4** **2.8 mi**

Climb past the houses on OCF Rd. Trailhead is on right, down an embankment into the woods. The first part can be quite wet. After the initial wider trails, it narrows and climbs steeply for a short bit then mellows into a long steady ascent, adjacent to OCF Rd. Much of the route is flowy and bermed, but there are some old-school tech features too.

Too Tight ■ **Tech: 3** **Flow: 4** **.5 mi**

A tight maple slalom connector trail between OCF Rd and OCF trail.

OCF Rd ■ $\frac{1}{4}$ **Tech: 2** **Flow: 2** **.8 mi**

The bottom of the road is a steep quick climb, if you are looking for a fast loop with some sweet downhill singletrack. About half-way up, the improved route turns left, while OCF Rd. continues straight. Gumball is accessible at this junction.

Sugarbush Resort ↓ $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ **www.sugarbush.com**

Access & Parking: *Park at Lincoln Peak base area.*

Challenging lift-served downhill trails and terrain park. \$35 lift ticket. Free trail riding. Bike rentals.