



USDA Forest Service
Northern Region
Bitterroot National Forest
Darby Ranger District

Hart Bench Mountain Bike Loop



Length: 17 miles

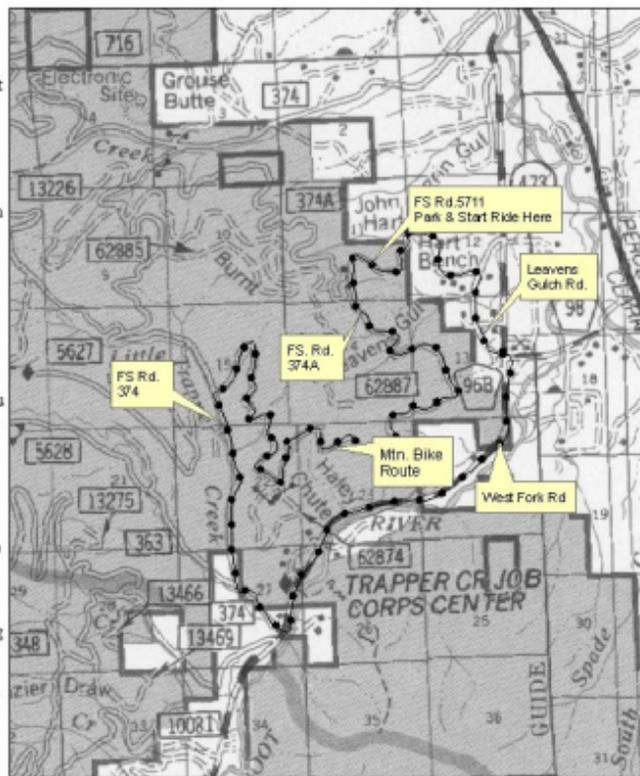
Difficulty: Intermediate

Narrative: This route is on roads and is not a technically difficult route, but includes some steady uphill, goes through private lands with approximately 3.5 miles on West Fork Road.

This is a nice ride with some elevation gain and fun downhill. You'll have nice views of the Bitterroot River and Trapper Peak.

Park your vehicle on FS property in the pullouts on Forest Road 5711. To access FS Property, drive up Leavens Gulch Rd., located off of the West Fork Road and follow this road until you arrive on FS property. Start your ride from this location. You will climb steadily until you arrive at Junction 374A. Turn left (south) and go downhill for about 1/2 mile before starting a slow steady climb for about 3 miles arriving at a saddle. Soon you will begin your ride downhill ending at the junction of FS Rd. 374. Turn left (south) riding about two miles before you arrive at the West Fork Road. Turn left (northeast) and continue about 4 miles arriving at the junction of Leavens Gulch Rd. Turn left (north) riding through private land, back to your vehicle.

Watch for **vehicle traffic** on all roads. Beware of **increased traffic, speed of vehicles and narrow shoulder on the West Fork Road.**



Access: Approximately 6 miles south of Darby on Highway 93, turn west on West Fork Road #473, go for approximately 3 miles to the Leavens Gulch Road, turn north (right) and follow the Leavens Gulch Road for approximately 2 miles to FS Boundary, Road 5711. Park along any of the pullouts and begin your ride.

Parking and Camping: Parking can be found along pullouts on FS Road 5711. Please do not park on private land but continue to drive your vehicle until you arrive on Forest Service Property. A State Campground is located on the Bitterroot River, located south of the Junction of Hwy 93 and West Fork Road.

