

Secret Stash #3

Spruce Creek-Tipperary Ride:

Level of Difficulty: Scream and Shout

Park at Ice Box Sports next to Ace Hardware in Fraser. Pick up any last minute bike tubes, bug spray, water or power bars for your ride. Do not go unprepared, since this would be a heck of a long hike back if your bike broke and you didn't have the tools to fix it.

Take Hwy 40 South a couple of blocks to Eisenhower Dr, turn right at the gas station, and ride over the railroad tracks to the stop sign. Turn left through historic Fraser to Mill Ave or County Rd 73 aka the Rodeo Road, or jump on the trail on the right side of the road called the Givelo trail. Ride SW on this trail past numerous driveways and past one road. It will spit you out onto CR73. Continue in this direction past 159 on your left until you see a wooden fence on your right hand side with a small pull-out. (If you see forest service cabins you have gone too far.) Turn right on this trail which is Spruce Creek. It is an old logging road that climbs for about 35-50 minutes, stay on the main road (past a red gate on your left $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up), until you get to the top where there is a small clearing. You are now on the Tipperary trail so drink some fluids, stretch and get ready for a wickedly fun down hill on mostly singletrack. You will go down and cross a small creek and after that creek there is an option to extend the ride a bit by taking the clearly marked trail "Backscratch" which will dump you on CR50 a mile or so higher. Or continue on Tipperary and enjoy either the speed or the views till you get to near the bottom and cross a stream. Very rideable, just peddle like crazy! After the creek stay left till you hit CR50. Turn right on CR50. When you see a few homes, and after passing about 2 roads on your right side, look for the Northwest Passage trail. This is a winding flat trail that will take you all the way back to the Givelo trail and then back to the town of Fraser. This ride could take anywhere from 1.5 to 3 hours depending on your ability.