



SISTERS COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE

EAGLE ROCK LOOP

Length: 5.5 miles
Difficulty: Moderate
Setting: Forest

COMMENTS:

The trail consists of a short and long loop that are marked with brown and white bike path signs. It crosses a number of dirt roads, so it is important that users pay close attention to the trail markers to avoid confusion. Some of these roads are still in use; please use caution when crossing them.

DESCRIPTION:

The first 1/4 mile off the pavement winds through uneven terrain with some rocky areas. The terrain levels as the trail proceeds through an area of thinned trees that provides some good opportunities to observe wildlife. After 1.7 miles, the trail crosses a small wooden bridge. This is where the loop itself intersects. You may proceed either direction, but the remainder of the trail description follows the right fork.

The area surrounding this section of the trail is very open and manzanita bushes grow along the trail. At 2.05 miles the trail goes left and parallels Whychus Creek canal. The short and long loop intersection is at approximately 2.65 miles where the trail crosses Whychus Creek. Continue left to complete the short loop and return to Sisters.

DIRECTIONS:

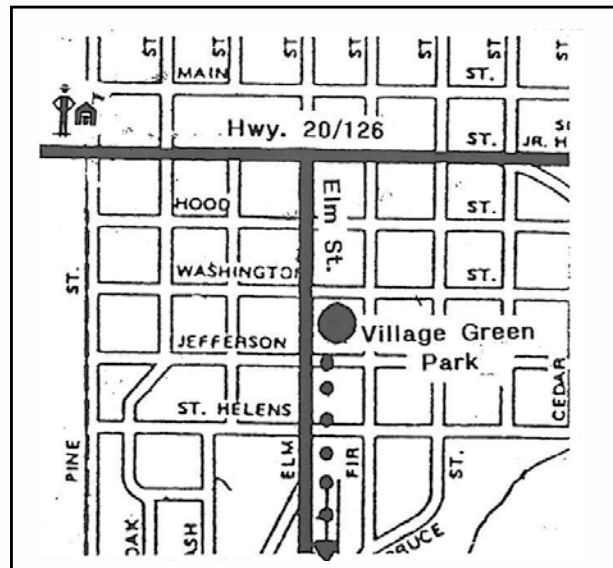
The Peterson Ridge Trail system is a popular destination for mountain bikers, hikers and trail runners. To reach the main trailhead, go south from Village Green Park in Sisters on S. Elm St for 0.3 miles then turn left onto Tyee Dr. The trailhead is on the immediate right.

PETERSON RIDGE LOOP

Length: Approximately 25 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Setting: Forest

DESCRIPTION:

This loop corresponds directly with the first 2.5 miles of the Eagle Rock Loop until you reach the Whychus Creek Canal Bridge. Cross the bridge and follow the trail along the south side of the canal. Watch for intersection rock formations and old growth juniper in the next mile of trail. As the trail starts to climb, mountain views open to the west. It is approximately 3 miles further to the loop intersection. The loop may be traveled in either direction.



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