

Pass Powderkeg Ski Hill Trails

Caution: Some of these are unofficial trails - ride at your own risk. Inspect all man-made technical features before riding. UROC assumes no responsibility for maintaining this trail.

Type: Singletrack cross country trails in a stacked loop trail system that is being expanded.
Technical Difficulty: Beginner to Advanced-Intermediate, with optional technical lines over large rocks.
Distance: 9 km of singletrack rideable in both directions
Duration: 1 to 2 hours
Land Agency: Pass Powderkeg Ski Area
Start/Finish: Albert Stella Arena at 17 Ave. and 127 St in Blairmore

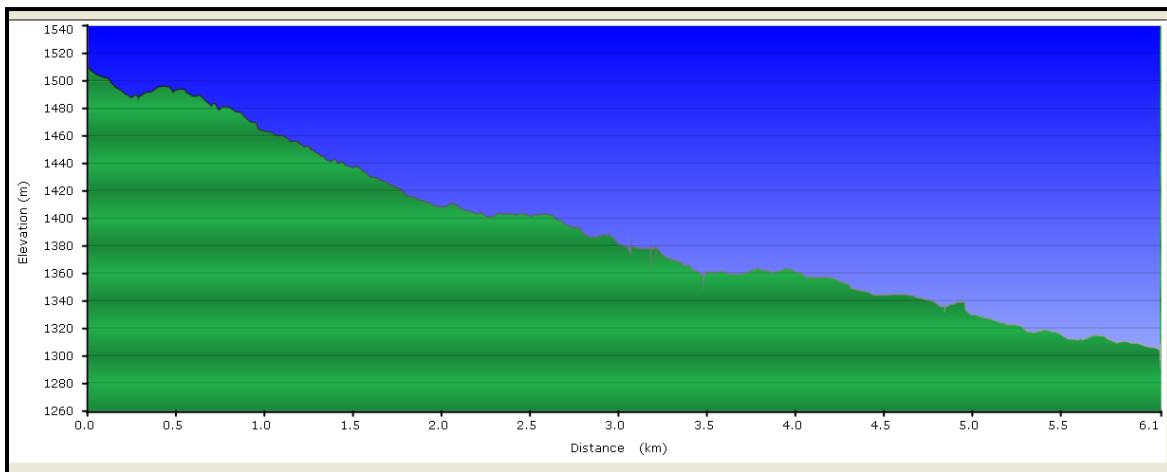
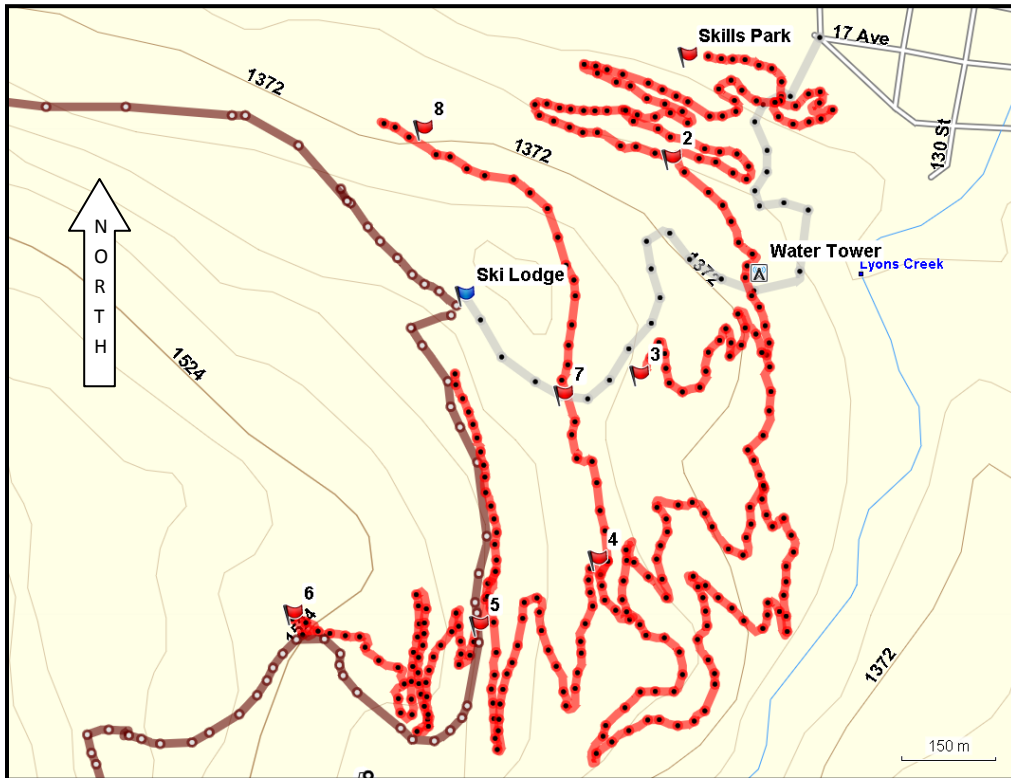
Directions (see map for numbered locations in description). As of October 2011 there are no direction or location signs on the singletrack trails.

- Enter Blairmore off Highway 3 at the Centre Access on 129 St. and proceed south across the tracks to 17 Ave. Turn west on 17 Ave to the Skills Park near the ball fields west of Albert Stella Arena.
- The singletrack (PP#1) starts at the east end of the Skills Park and runs east, parallel to the Arena and across the unpaved Ski Hill road to a short easy loop (PP#2).
- From the short loop the trail crosses the road again and switchbacks up the slope south of the pipeline into the trees where there is a longer easy loop, ridden in either direction (PP#3).
- At (2) an intermediate trail (PP#4) branches off from the easy loop and heads south and uphill past the water tower. It crosses the ski hill road and leads into the rest of the trail system.
- The branch (PP#5) leading uphill to (3) is intended to access future flow trails, but is worth riding up and back.
- The next fork in the trail, south of a small wooden bridge, starts a loop that can be ridden in either direction.
- At (4) on the loop a branch trail (PP#8) heads uphill, crossing an OHV trail at (5) and ending at (6). Future plans call for it to continue climbing to the top of the ski hill to access downhill trails. The middle of the section between (5) and (6) traverses a rocky ridge and is the most technically advanced riding in the current Pass Powderkeg network.
- Options:
 - a. return to the Skills Park via the other half of the two loops you rode on the way up, or,
 - b. take the old Summer Games Lower trail north from (4), cross the ski hill access road at (7), cross the "luge run" east of the ski lodge, and continue on the singletrack until it ends on the ski hill run (8). The luge run (not shown) also leads down to the longer easy loop near (2).
 - c. or, take the old Summer Games Lower trail north from (4), turn left on the ski hill access road at (7), up to the ski lodge parking lot, then ride south up the short steep hill on Ski Hill Bypass OHV/Snowmobile Trail also signed as the Dale Strandquist Memorial Trail. After only ~150 m on this OHV trail look for the singletrack veering off to the left (Summer Games Trail Upper). It continues south, parallel to the OHV trail for about 400 m, to the new trails at (5).
- Download GPS file: Crowsnest Area .GPX files (Trail_GPS.zip) which includes Pass_Powderkeg_Area.gpx

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Legend

- road
- unpaved road (by GPS)
- unpaved road (base map)
- off-highway vehicle trail
- biking/hiking trail



Vertical profile from top (6) to Skills Park via outer loops