

## School of Rock – Whistling Post

**Caution:** This is an unofficial trail - ride at your own risk. Inspect all man-made technical features before riding. UROC assumes no responsibility for maintaining this trail.

Type: Downhill singletrack accessed by climbing logging roads  
Tech. Difficulty: Intermediate except for steep rock face, log bridges, and rock ledges which can be bypassed  
Distance: 3.6 km on singletrack; 6.4 km on logging roads and ATV trails  
Duration: 1.0 to 1.5 hour to complete loop starting in Coleman  
Land Agency: Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (ASRD) and private land  
Start/Finish: Coleman at 81 St. and railway tracks

### Directions:

See map for numbered locations referenced in the directions. There are no direction or location signs on the singletrack trail. JP47 to JP49 refer to designated junction points on Castle Special Management Area map.

- Cross the railway tracks (1) in Coleman at 81 St., turn west, cross the bridge over Nez Perce Creek and go around a gate into the old Coleman Collieries. Head west 0.9 km along the Crowsnest River to a wooden bridge (20). This section of trail will soon be widened to become part of the Community Trail.
- Cross the bridge (20) and turn left up an old mine road. Stop and check the end of the Whistling Post trail immediately east of an old conveyor. Decide if and how you will ride the Expert level drop at the end of this trail. If you are not sure how you should ride this drop, plan on riding or walking around it. Continue 0.65 km up the mine road to a gate (19).
- Climb over the gate (19) and head right up York Creek Rd. for 1.4 km to the staging area (JP48) on York Creek Rd.
- Less than 100 m past the staging area sign, turn right and head north on an OHV trail. 100 m into the OHV trail turn left on a singletrack which heads southwest and ends after 200m at an OHV trail beside a logging cut block. Turn right and head west 0.7 km on the OHV trail and logging trail to the top of the hill in the middle of the cut block (40). This is where the School of Rock trail crosses the cut block on the way down.
- At (40) turn left (south) on OHV trail through the cut block. After 0.5 km a large sloping rock face becomes visible on the left as you climb this trail. School of Rock trail descends this face. Continue through the cut block and climb the OHV trail in forest.
- After climbing 1.4 km from (40) to (50), turn left on to single track before OHV trail starts descending back to York Creek Rd. Trail loops around the south end of a ridge past a good viewpoint (51) and then climbs to the trail high point on a rocky ridge. Descend north from here on single track along the west flank of the ridge.
- At 0.6 km from the high point, the indistinct trail forks at (60). The right fork leads steeply down into the cut block. The left fork stays on the ridge and leads to the rock face you saw on the way up. It crosses some wooden technical trail features. Check these before riding and bypass if you have any doubts about their construction or ridability. After the rock face, the trail continues down to the logging trail at (40). Cross the cut block and enter the forest on an OHV trail but turn right immediately on singletrack. There are multiple singletracks through this section but all lead down to the pipeline at (70).
- At (70) cross the pipeline, turn right (east) along the fence and cross the fence at a steel post which whistles in the wind, giving the trail its name. The next 1.0 km section of singletrack is on private land. It crosses a grassy tailings slope and then passes an abandoned brick building known as the Kenworth Shop. Below the building

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watch for three technical drops including the one you examined on the way up. Bypass them if you are not confident in their ridability.

- Return over the wooden bridge and along the trail beside the river.

Download GPS file: Crownsnest Area .GPX files (Trail\_GPS.zip)








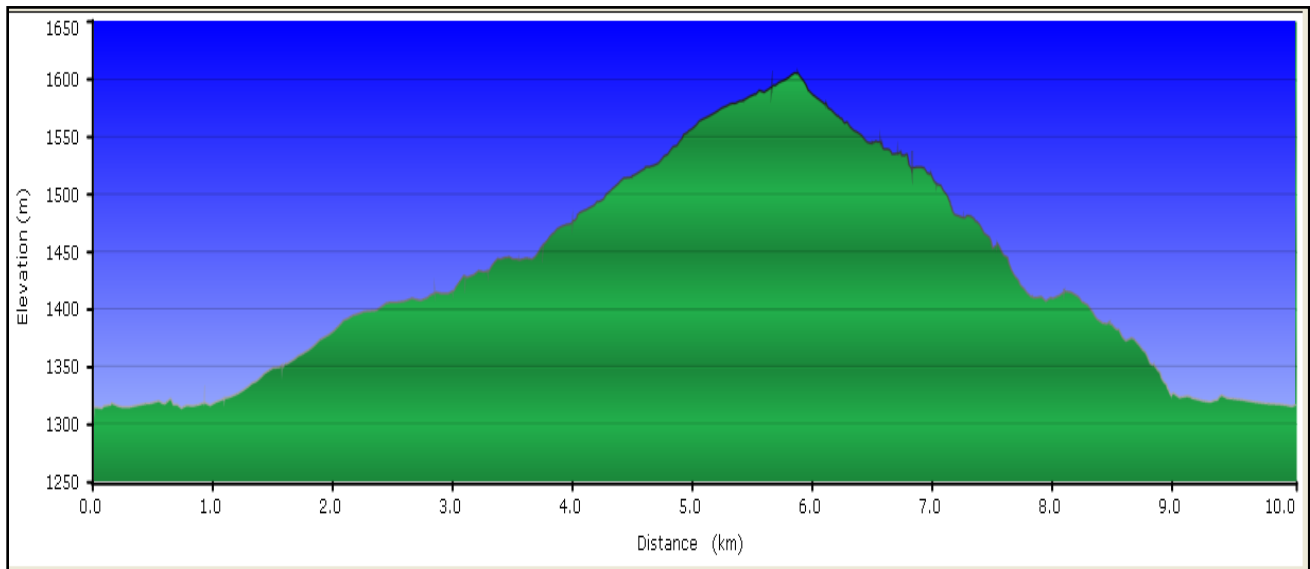
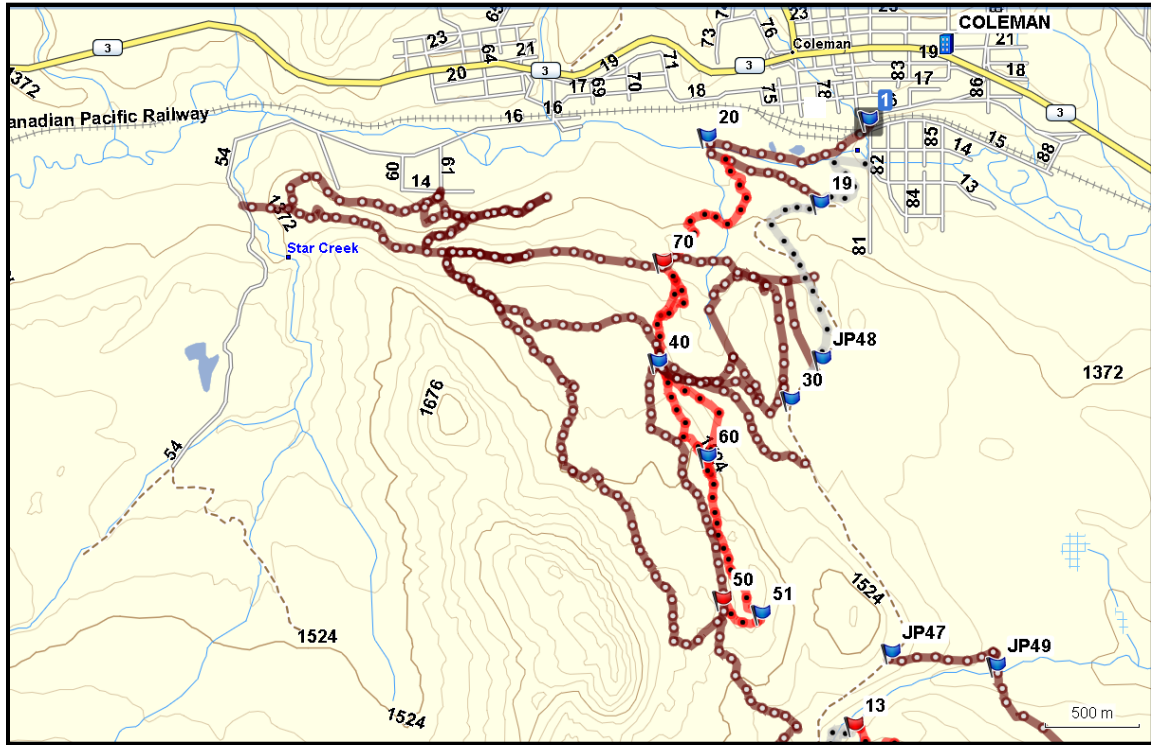
School of Rock – lower end of ridge



School of Rock - descending the rock face

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



Vertical profile for entire loop