

South Park

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Description: South Park is an unofficial system of trails within Plumas National Forest. The majority of use that these trails receive is from mountain bikes. This trail system contains a variety of levels of difficulty, ranging from easy to moderate.

Directions: (from the stoplight at Main St. and Quincy Junction Rd. by Safeway) Turn onto Quincy Junction Rd., turn left on Chandler Rd., stay left on Chandler (veering away from Oakland Camp), about 2 mi. down Chandler Rd. turn on an uphill dirt rd. on your right (this road will come right after a dirt road on your right that is gated). You will come to a flat spot in the intersection of four dirt roads. Continue straight on the dirt road to enter South Park.

Old Highway Trail: ***

Time Needed: One hour

Sun Exposure: all day on parts of the trail (parts are very shaded)

Elevation: 3,600'

Rating: intermediate

Gear Needed: mountain bike (front suspension recommended), helmet, closed toe shoes, water, gloves recommended.

Directions: ride for 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles, shortly after you ride over a dirt-covered culvert (a large bump in the road), you will make a sharp left (about 127 degrees) onto a single track that begins to drop rapidly. You will stay on this single track until it meets Old Highway (a dirt road). You will ride down this road for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, and then take a right turn on another steep, dirt road. This road will lead you back to your car eventually.

Description: The dirt road is moderately uphill consistently. Once you get on the single track you will drop downhill until you reach Old Highway. The single track is windy and skinny in places, but no drops. The $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on Old Highway is slightly downhill and then you begin to climb on the dirt road back up to where you started. This climb is 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles. It will then level off and begin to drop down exactly what you came up in the beginning of the ride.

Risks/pitfalls: it is likely that you may crash on the downhill single track trail and you may get dehydration if you do not drink water.