

# QUINCY EPIC

2025 EVENT  
GUIDE

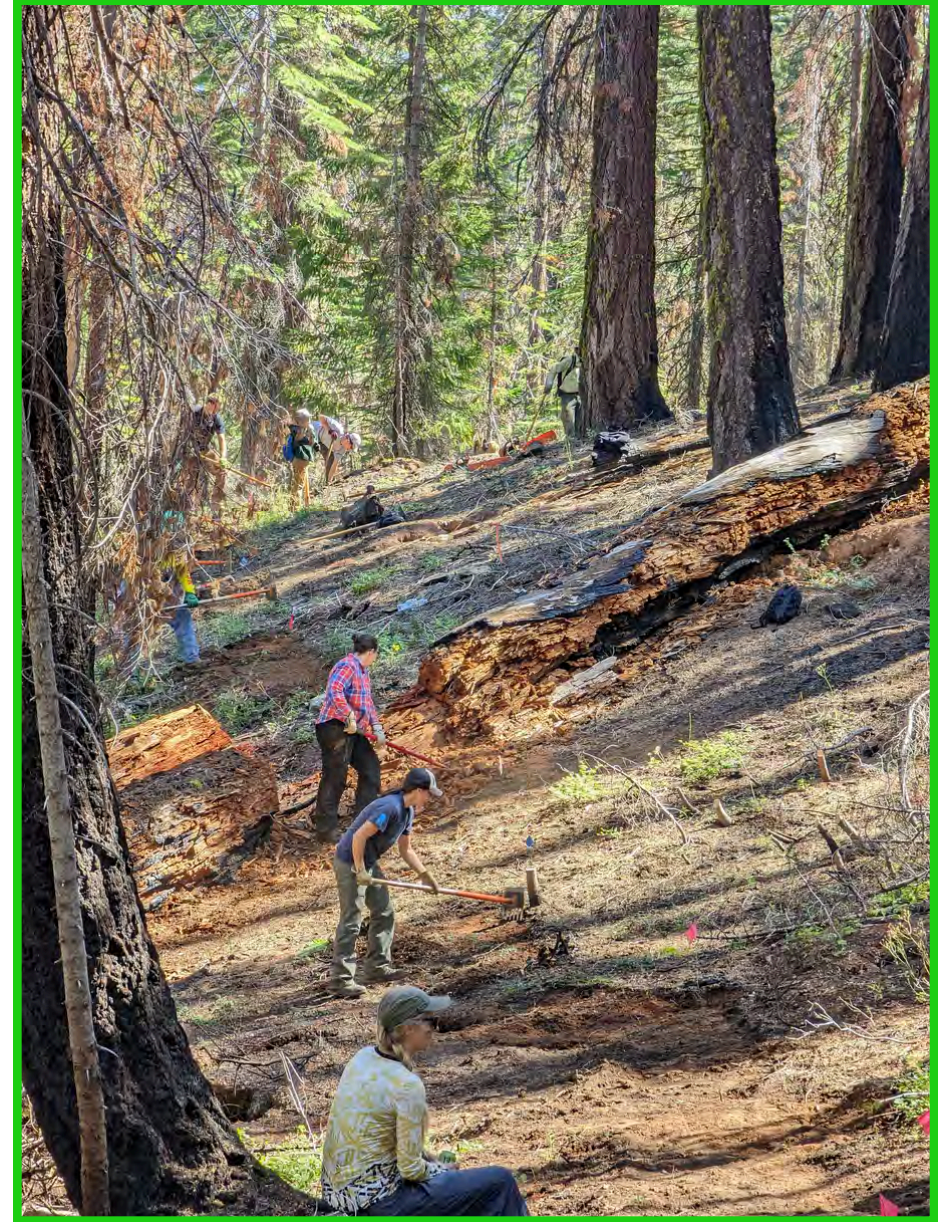
May 15-18 | Quincy, CA





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# About Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship is a nonprofit organization that builds and maintains multi-use trails in the Lost Sierra; Tahoe, Plumas and Lassen National Forests. Our mission is building sustainable recreation-based communities through stewardship, job creation and world-class events. Providing quality outdoor experiences through trail construction and maintenance in the Lost Sierra. It is our goal to maintain, restore, and enhance trails in the Tahoe, Plumas and Lassen National Forests in an environmentally sensitive and ecologically responsible fashion. We exist to bring a connection between the land and the people who enjoy it by teaching stewardship, restoring historic trail routes and creating new paths through the Lost Sierra. This region offers unique natural beauty, remote accessibility and diverse multi-use recreational opportunities. The work performed by our organization and volunteers is helping maintain enjoyable backcountry trail access for generations to enjoy.

**We need your help maintaining trails now more than ever.** With record staffing shortages in the USFS, it is up to us and our beloved volunteers to keep trails open, safe, and enjoyable for all.



# EPIC SCHEDULE

## Thursday, May 15th

- **1 PM:** Camping opens at fairgrounds. Arrive early and go explore! Spots are first come, first serve. Hit the town for dinner if you don't bring your own.

Quincy Dinner Options: Quintopia, Rich Bar Taproom, La Cabana Mexican Restaurant, Leon & Roy's Family Pizzeria, Lucio's Mexican & American Food, Sage & Salt, Mill Creek Fish & Chips, Sierra Bella Lanes, The Polka Dot

## Friday, May 16th

- **7AM:** Hot water (so you can make your own coffee and breakfast) and coffee available
- **8-9AM:** Volunteer Sign In
- **9AM:** Safety Talk
- **9:15AM:** Depart for Project Site (we provide a sandwich and drink for lunch)
- **Between 2 & 2:30PM:** Tools Down, Return to the meeting location
- **5PM:** Dinner, catered by Susan Ushakoff!

*Not doing trail work Friday? Then make some new friends, join with old ones, and go hit the trails for an adventure! See a non-exhaustive list of adventures on Pages 9-13*





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- **5PM:** Dinner, catered by Sierra Smokeshow, High Country BBQ!!
- **6:30PM:** Epic Games
- **7:30PM:** Live music by Nathan Ignacio, the one man band

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## Sunday, May 18th

- **7:30AM:** Hot water (so you can make your own coffee and breakfast) and coffee available
- **10 AM:** Loosely organized adventures depart
- Depart fairgrounds by the evening hours



# FRIDAY & SATURDAY TRAIL WORK

## New Construction

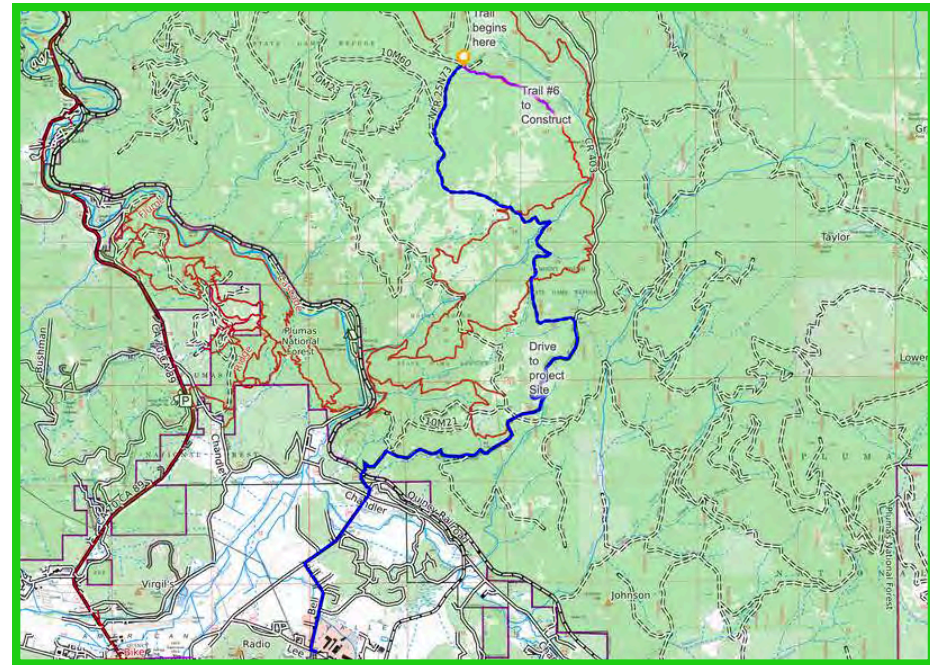
Volunteers will be digging new trail on “#6.” This is what will be the top of Tollgate Trail once completed, and will open up another top-to-bottom route on Mt. Hough. This terrain is rockier than a lot of the mountain, so there will be a little more technical aspect to this trail with some interesting features.

## Maintenance (Moto Group)

The moto maintenance group will be doing maintenance on Indian Falls Ridge Trail.

*Directions to project site (we will carpool from the fairgrounds, but these directions can serve as backup):*

- From Lower Campground at fairgrounds, proceed straight onto Bell Lane, drive 1 mile
- Turn right on Quincy Junction Road and drive 1 mile
- Turn left on Mount Hough Road and drive 3.76 miles
- Turn left on 25N73, drive 4.38 miles
- Click [here](#) for CalTopo



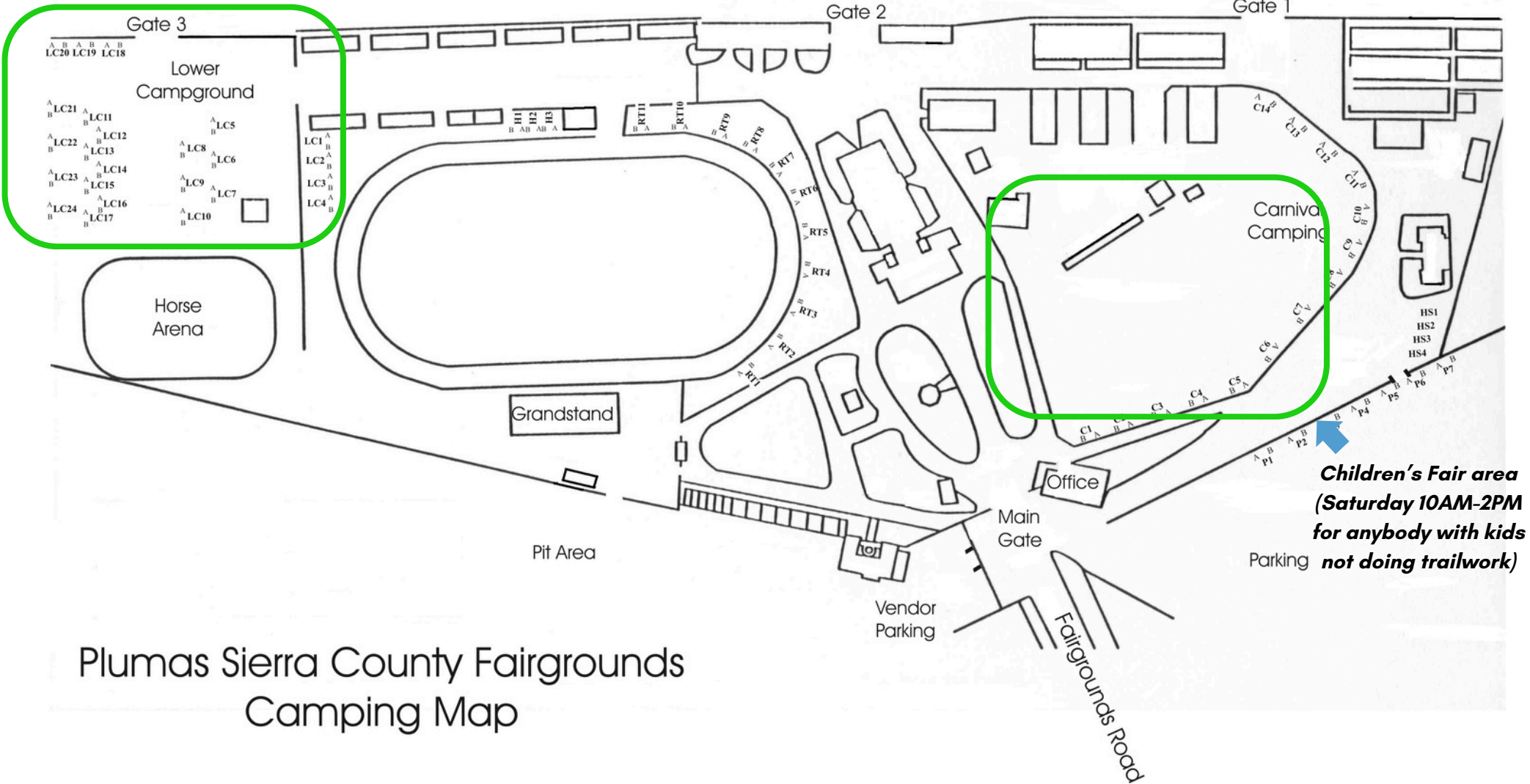
*Motos can ride from the fairgrounds to Mt. Hough if plated. If not, please transport your moto to the staging area ¼ mile up Mt. Hough Rd., and join the group from there. A group plan will be made before heading out for trail work.*

***Please plan to drive/carpool from the fairgrounds to the trail work and ensure you have the proper gear: long pants and boots recommended, gloves, eye protection, hat, & water. A sack lunch will be provided.***



# FAIRGROUNDS MAP

**Enter camping/event area here. Our area  
is in the green: "Lower Campground"**



Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds  
Camping Map

# SHUTTLES & DEMOS

## Shuttles

Yuba Expeditions offers shuttles to the top of Mt. Hough at 9AM, 11AM, and 2PM. If you're looking for a ride to the top when you aren't doing trail work, [book here!](#) Please arrive at Yuba 15 minutes before your scheduled shuttle time. It's about a 45-50 minute drive to the top, followed by a ton of options for ripping Lost Sierra singletrack descents.

## Demos

Looking for a demo bike? Call the Yuba Expeditions shop at 530-283-2426 to reserve your Santa Cruz demo for a day or for the weekend.





# ***NEW TRAIL!! “Acorn Grotto”***

***Just opened! Check it out!***

## **Indian Falls Ridge/ Acorn Grotto Shuttle Descent**

This is best done as a shuttled ride from Yuba Expeditions to the top of Mt. Hough. From the top, you'll drop Indian Falls Ridge until it connects with the new Acorn Grotto Trail, and then descend the entire length of Acorn Grotto. 17.6 miles with 4,749 feet of descent and just over 1,000 feet of ascent.

## **Lower Acorn Grotto Loop**

This one can be done pedaling up Mt. Hough Rd. to Four Corners, and then traversing a mostly level 5.5 miles on 25N14 to the Lower Acorn Grotto intersection. Fast, new singletrack awaits, along with glorious views of Spanish Peak. Total ride is 14.1 miles with 1,490 feet of elevation gain and descent.





# Suggested MTB/e-MTB Adventures

## **MTB Ride, Southpark Highlights** (non-motorized)

**Info:** An intermediate 10.5 mile ride with 1,500 feet of gain. Experience some of the best of Southpark, from the flow of Monument Peak to a little tech on Laser, to the beauty of the waterfalls on Spanish Creek on the Cascade Trail.

## **e-MTB/MTB Ride, Tollgate/Taylor Loop**

**Info:** About 17 miles (not including riding from fairgrounds and back) and 2,800 feet of gain and descent climbing the Tollgate Trail and descending Taylor Creek Trail, a true gem.

## **Gravel Ride, Medium Hough Loop**

**Info:** 29 Miles of beautiful Mt. Hough gravel with some flowy Hough singletrack at the end. 3,300 feet of gain and a portion of the 2025 Grinduro race course!

## **MTB Ride, South Park. Monument, 5 Peaks, Spanish Ridge, Cascade** (non-motorized)

**Info:** An intermediate ride, nothing too techy but some punchy climbs. Just over 10 miles and 1,700 feet of gain. Beautiful views of American Valley from the top of Spanish Ridge!

## **e-MTB/MTB Ride, Mt. Hough East Side Loop**

**Info:** 18 miles and about 3,100 feet of climbing and descending, climbing the beautiful Taylor Creek Trail and descending the fast and fun Tollgate Trail.





# Suggested MTB/e-MTB Adventures

## **e-MTB/MTB Ride, Taylor to Tollgate from 4 Corners**

**Info:** A strong intermediate ride, 17 miles with almost 2,700 feet of gain. This MTB ride showcases some of Hough's best, and *perhaps?* some of 2025's Grinduro or Mountains to Meadows enduro course

## **e-MTB Ride, East Side Loop Variation**

**Info:** A variation of the East Side Loop that climbs Teardrop and Berry Creek instead of the main road. 24 miles and almost 3,200 feet of gain. Intermediate to advanced e-bike skills.

## **e-MTB/MTB Ride, Taylor Creek-Chandler-Berry Creek Loop**

**Info:** This ride climbs to 4 Corners and then completes an out and back on the flowy and beautiful lower Taylor Creek Trail, followed by some rocky tech on the Chandler Loop and the high speed Berry Creek descent. A classic lower Hough loop. 21 miles and 3,300 feet of gain.

## **MTB Ride, Monument Peak Loop** (non-motorized)

**Info:** One of the South Park Classics. Flowy and fun! A little over 6 miles roundtrip with about 800 feet of gain. Beginner to Intermediate.

## **Family MTB Ride Little Rippers Loop** (non-motorized)

**Info.** about Ride: A great loop for families with young MTBers featuring the Deer & Monument Peak Trails that can be completed by self-propelled kiddos 7 and up or younger when powered by parents with Yepp/shotgun seat or single tire trailer! Smooth, flowy climbs and descents. A great introductory ride. 3 miles and 321 feet of gain.

## **e-MTB Ride, Chandler/Taylor/Hough**

**Info:** 22 miles and about 4,100 feet of climbing and descending, looping the feature-full Chandler Trail, climbing Taylor Creek Trail and descending the traditional Hough flow. Blue intermediate trails.



## **Gravel Ride, Claremont/Meadow Valley Loop**

(note, the Strava route shows the ride starting at the Yuba shop, but it will begin at the fairgrounds)  
**Info:** 35 miles and roughly 4,100 feet of gain. A beautiful ride showcasing other surrounding areas aside from Mt. Hough.



# Suggested Hiking Adventures

## Suggested Hiking routes for adventures at your leisure!

There are so many options beyond what's listed... but here are a few of our favorites.

**\*Click this link for a CalTopo with the following hikes**

### *South Park*

**Cascade Trail Out & Back:** 4.4 Miles, 498 elevation gain

Begins at the Cascade TH. A beautiful, mostly level hike by Spanish Creek. About 1 mile in you'll encounter the "Cascade" waterfall section. Best done in an out & back fashion. A great family hike.

**Monument Peak Out & Back:** 5.8 Miles, 796 elevation gain

Begins at the Barlow TH. A mostly steady but gentle climb to Mounument Peak with great vistas of Spanish Peak and the ridge line. To extend the route, divert to the Ridge Trail on the way back.

**Spanish Ridge Loop:** 3.27 Miles, 813 elevation gain

Begins at the Spanish Traverse TH. A punchy, strenuous and steady climb to the top affords you a great bench to sit on and take in views of American Valley and Claremont Peak. Best done in a loop fashion.

### *Bucks Lake Wilderness*

**Bucks Creek Loop:** 5 Miles, 375 elevation gain

The Bucks Creek Loop Trailhead is located on the south side of the road at Bucks Summit on Bucks Lake Rd. This trail drops gradually down towards Bucks Lake where it connects back to the road. There is a parallel loop back to the start. The trail crosses through Whitehorse Campground. Great for hiking and equestrians.

**Gold Lake Trail:** 3 Miles, 800 elevation gain round trip

This moderate trail leads to Gold Lake, a crystal clear lake within a majestic granite basin. The lake lies on the eastern side of the Bucks Lake Wilderness. The lake provides a lovely spot for swimming, picnicking and fishing. The hike to Gold Lake climbs through granite steps and walkways, and provides wonderful views of Jack's Meadow below. The trail begins at the Silver Lake Campground, accessible from Meadow Valley via Silver Lake Rd. As an alternative, Granite Gap trail is an offshoot from the Gold Lake Trail that climbs steeply towards the Spanish Peak & the PCT.

**Mill Creek Out & Back:** 8.8 Miles, 937 elevation gain

Begins at the Mill Creek TH just before Bucks Lake. A beautiful lakeside hike. Go out as far as you want and come back. A great family hike with numerous spots to rest for a lakeside picnic lunch. 8.8 miles from one end of the lake to the other and back.

### *Lakes Basin*

**Long Lake/Bear Lakes Loop:** 2.3 Miles, 357 elevation gain

A popular loop with gorgeous lake views beginning at the Long Lake/Bear Lakes TH. Great for all levels.

**Long Lake/Mt. Elwell Loop:** 6.9 Miles, 1,912 elevation gain

A challenging but well worth it loop beginning from the Long Lake/Bear Lakes TH. Winding around the beautiful Long Lake, then climbing to the peak of Elwell for amazing Sierra crest views.





# Suggested Mt. Hough Moto Adventures

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## **Best of Hough Moto**

**Info:** A 44 mile loop featuring some of Mt. Hough's best stuff and nearly 7,000 feet of ascent/descent. This is not one you want to skip! There are also many variations that could be done off of this route.

## **Mt. Hough East Side Loop**

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# LOCAL TRAIL SYSTEMS

## Mt. Hough & South Park

Once complete, the Mt. Hough Trail System will feature 70 miles of mostly intermediate motorized singletrack with a trail to suit everyone's desires. Great for biking, moto, and hiking, and even a gravel adventurer's paradise with miles and miles of forest service roads. Most popular is the Mt. Hough descent from the top of the mountain, flowing over 10 miles and 4,000 feet to the valley floor. Shuttles are available from Yuba Expeditions.

South Park is a non-motorized trail system and a local favorite for it's mostly year-round accessibility, which features mostly intermediate terrain with punchy climbs and descents. An equestrian's favorite as well!



## Downieville

The world renown Downieville Trail System follows historic gold rush mining routes and is accessible just an hour from Quincy. Most famous is the Downieville DH descent, a ripping 15+ mile descent dropping over 5,000 feet into Downieville over roughy, rocky, jaw-dropping singletrack. A large chunk of the system is open to OHV use. Intermediate to advanced skills are necessary. Shuttles are available through Big Boulder Adventure and Downieville Outfitters out of Downieville. Ride the Downieville Classic XC course from Sierra City to the crest, then into Downieville. Or make it a big shuttle day going Gold Valley Rim to Big Boulder. Huge adventures await.



## Lakes Basin

The Lakes Basin Trail System is a true hiker's paradise for exploring small, beautiful lakes and remote, rugged areas in Sierra backcountry terrain. The Mills Peak Trail provides non-motorized bikers a flowy, yet technical descent plunging over 3,000 feet from the peak to the valley floor in Graeagle.

***\*The Gold Lake Highway Rd. to Lakes Basin area is open; however, some higher elevation trails are still inaccessible due to snow.***





# OTHER LOST SIERRA ADVENTURES & ACTIVITES

## *There's something for everyone in the Lost Sierra*

- Children's Fair! The Plumas County Child Abuse Prevention Council presents its annual Children's Fair on May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds in Quincy. Organizers report that this free, fun event is a time for families to come together to unplug and play. It also provides an opportunity for local organizations to offer information about their services in a fun, family-oriented setting. Free lunch is offered for all kids. For more information, visit <https://www.plumaschildren.org/events.html>.
- Fishing & Fly Fishing: Middle Fork of the Feather River, Indian Creek, Lake Almanor, Bucks Lake & Lake Davis
  - Try Lost Sierra Fly Guide
- Kayaking: Paddle the North Fork of the Feather River and more!
- Disc Golf:
  - Courses in Quincy: Park & Rec course in front of fairgrounds (walk to the course from your camp!)
  - Portola Riverwalk Disc Golf
- Swimming Holes: Oakland Camp, Spanish Creek





# RULES OF THE WEEKEND

No need to overcomplicate this: Have fun. Be kind. Respect our public lands and the fairgrounds. Make memories with friends and family.

Practice: Leave No trace & appropriate yielding on trails.



# TRAIL WORK WAIVER

To expedite sign-in for trail work, you can print and complete this event waiver to hand in upon arrival. Printed copies will be available on site. Every individual must sign a waiver and parents must sign the bottom section of the waiver for any family members under 18 years of age. We will also have one other sign-in onsite that is necessary for us to get grant match!

## SBTS WAIVER