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# Stoneman Trail Network

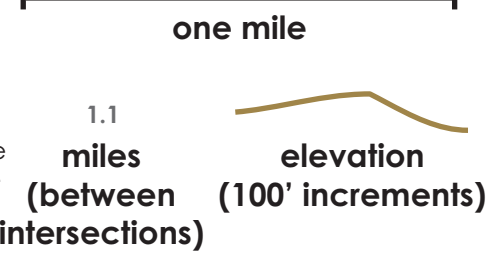
**Hunting Season**  
 This area is a popular place for hunters. During hunting season, we recommend you wear bright colored clothing and helmet, and make sure hunters are aware of your presence.  
 Hunting season runs from late August through December. Check with the Lodge for details.

**Major roads** are well maintained and heavily traveled. Be aware of high-speed traffic throughout the year.

**Graded roads** are generally well maintained but can be muddy during much of the year. There is often heavy quad or motorcycle traffic on these roads.

**Doubletrack** is less-used and generally more rugged. Expect to see fewer motorized vehicles on these roads.

**Non-motorized roads** are the most rugged. Motorized vehicles are prohibited but mountain bikes, horses, and hikers are allowed. These trails are sometimes hard to follow. Look for the brown "road closed" signs.



7900'	→ road continues
7800'	■ landmark
7700'	≡ cattle guard
7600'	▲ road block/dam
7500'	△ camp site
7400'	⊙ gate
7300'	✕ road closed (open for bikes!)
7200'	— major road
7100'	— graded road
7000'	— doubletrack
6900'	⋯ non-motorized
6800'	
6700'	
6600'	
6500'	
6400'	

## Suggested Loops

These trail descriptions will take you through most of the trails and roads around Stoneman Lake Lodge. A cyclocomputer may help alert you to upcoming splits or landmarks.

### Gash Mountain Cruise

- (easy, pretty ride that can be completed in three hours or less)
- 0.0 From the Lodge, head west on the road up to FS665. Alternately, take the singletrack that loops the long way around the lake (add 2.2 miles).
  - 0.8 Turn right (north) on 665.
  - 2.6 Turn right (east) on 9240D. It's a short, moderately difficult rocky climb.
  - 3.5 Look for a split to the right. Go right it's a prettier and more remote trail.
  - 4.5 Trail rejoins with main road. Continue northeast on main road. There will be a gate; be sure to close it behind you. The mountain to your left is Gash Mountain.
  - 6.4 Trail splits off to the left, heading toward Gash Tank. Continue heading north, toward FS127.
  - 6.9 Join with FS127, a major road. Turn right/east and start looking for a turnout to your right.
  - 7.3 Turn right/south on 9485M. It is a short, steep, rocky climb and then a semi-rocky,

- 0.4 ruted cruise through the forest.
- 0.5 Trail splits to the left. Continue straight/right. Pass over a cattle guard.
- 0.8 The first right will go to a campground and dead-end. The far left trail continues east. The main road continues straight ahead. A fairly major fork to the right is just past the cattle guard take it, heading southwest.
- 0.9 Trail splits. The right dead-ends at a campsite; head left, staying on the main trail.
- 1.0 Trail splits. Both end up joining a major trail (see the map); take the left.
- 1.0.2 Trail splits; take the left. Minor trail continues straight while main trail turns left. Continue on main trail.
- 1.0.6 Trail intersects another trail going north/south. Head right (south).
- 1.0.8 Trail splits; head left.
- 1.1.3 A faint trail joins from the left. Continue ahead on the main road, which will start descending.
- 1.1.7 Join with FS213, the main forest road. Head right/west. Stay on the main road.
- 1.2.0 Pass by KT Ranch Road on your right. Continue on the main road. There will be several other minor roads that split off; stay on the main road all the way back.
- 1.2.5 Take the turnout to Stoneman Lake, to your right.
- 1.3.4 Return to the Lodge.

### Blind Lake Loops

- (fun, intermediate ride that can take 2-3 hours)
- 0.0 From the Lodge, head west on the road up to FS665. Alternately, take the singletrack that loops the long way around the lake (add 2.2 miles).
  - 0.8 Turn right (north) on 665. Pass the first turnout over the cattle guard. Keep your eyes open for a dammed-up road that will split to the right in a mile!
  - 1.8 Turn right at the dammed-up road. This is faint and easy to miss. If you hit the bottom of the hill, and the concrete structure, you've gone too far.
  - 3.8 The road continues across a rocky, open field. The road has been thoroughly dammed up to stop motorized traffic, so pay attention to the general route. Eventually the trail drops precipitously to KT Ranch Road, passing a "road closed" sign and entering a campsite at the bottom. Turn left on KT Ranch Road.
  - 3.9 A trail splits off to the left and drops down to Butch Tank. Depending on the time of year, the tank may be quite full. Cranes may be spotted so it's a worthy side-trip. Continue ahead and up the hill.
  - 4.3 Trail splits to the right. Turn right and keep climbing.
  - 4.9 Trail splits to the left. Take the left, dropping down the hill.
  - 5.4 Trail intersects another trail. Bear left.
  - 5.6 Another intersection. Bear right.

- 6.6 Join 9354M. Bear right, staying on the main road.
- 6.8 Pass by Blind Lake Tank. There's a good-sized campsite on your right. Just past the campsite, there are a couple roads headed right both go to the same place. Take either, climbing away from the road.
- 8.1 As the trail hits a sharp turn right, look for a faint trail going left. Turn left, onto a short climb.
- 9.1 Faint trail joins with a more substantial road. Bear left on the road.
- 9.4 Road splits. For this option, bear right. (See Option!)
- 9.7 Earth dam and a trail to your left. Continue ahead, down the main trail.
- 10.2 Join with FS213. Turn right,

### Jones Mountain Adventure

- (longer, technically and aerobically challenging ride that can take four or more hours)
- 0.0 From the Lodge, head west on the road up to FS665. Alternately, take the singletrack that loops the long way around the lake (add 2.2 miles).
  - 0.8 FS665 splits to the right. Continue ahead to FS213, the main road.
  - 0.9 Turn left onto FS213 and start heading around the top of the lake.
  - 2.5 Pass 229E on your right. You'll be coming back on this road. Continue ahead.
  - 2.7 Pass the Ponderosa Pines "back gate" on your left. Continue ahead.
  - 3.2 Pass a road on your right this is one of the Jones Mountain entrances but not one used in this loop
  - 4.0 FS213D splits off to the right. Turn here, go through the gate, and bear left at the split (the right goes a mile into a dead-end campsite).
  - 4.5 At the top of a rocky climb, the trail splits to the left. Turn left here and continue up the hill (the right dead-ends shortly).
  - 4.9 Trail joins with FS948. Turn left and continue around and down the hill.
  - 6.0 Trail ends at 230E, a major road heading generally north-south. Turn right (south).
  - 6.5 Pass by a turnout to a campsite. Continue ahead.
  - 7.3 FS230F joins from the right. Turn right onto FS230F.
  - 8.0 A faint trail comes in from the left; there's also a dammed-up connector behind a tank to the right. Continue ahead. The trail will narrow and bear right, up a rocky climb over a saddle on Jones Mountain.
  - 8.5 Join with FS948. Bear left, passing an unmarked brown carsonite sign and around some earth dams.
  - 8.6 This bit can be confusing. Divide Tank is visible ahead. The trail splits, the right heading downhill with the left passing behind some earth dams and a "road closed" carsonite sign. Head left, passing around the dams and the sign, and continue along the edge of Jones Mountain.
  - 9.4 After nearly a mile of rough, non-motorized trail, the trail descends and joins another trail going generally east-west. The standard route bears left and continues down. (See Option!)

### OPTION at 9.4 miles (+2.5 miles)

- 0.0 At the split, bear left, climbing along the edge of Jones Mountain again.
- 0.7 The trail continues to climb, and then quickly descend to FS947. Turn left at the major road. The road will appear to dead-end at a series of earth dams, but there's a non-motorized trail around the dams and back down to 230F.
- 1.1 Rejoin FS230F, right where the trail narrows. Continue straight ahead, over the saddle again.
- 1.6 Join with FS948. Bear left and around the dams again.
- 1.7 Bear left, around the dams and "road closed" sign. Go around Jones Mountain again.
- 2.5 Back to the split at the bottom of Jones Mountain. This time, bear right.

### OPTION at 11.4 miles (-2.2 miles)

- This option requires some trail-finding and probably a compass. Do not take this option if you don't feel confident in your abilities.
- 0.0 At the first available left turn on KT Ranch Road, bear left. The trail climbs quickly and becomes difficult, with a line of boulders and a "road closed" sign at the top. Ride around the boulders and the earth dams past them, and continue on the faint non-motorized road beyond.
  - 0.9 Trail splits at Lake Mountain Tank. The left dead-ends at a campsite and some log piles. Bear right, continuing down the mountain.
  - 1.8 The trail gets very, very faint but continues generally downhill. It will appear to dead-end in the forest. However, if you continue ahead or slightly right, you may be able to see some very old earth dams that block off a trail. You may have to walk your bike. However, in about 500 feet you will rejoin an established road. Turn left on the road and begin bombing downhill. You'll pass several turn-offs to the left; just stay on the main road.
  - 2.3 Reach a gate. Go through, close behind you, and continue ahead.
  - 2.5 Reach FS665. Turn left and continue to Stoneman Lake Lodge.