# MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain biking in the McCall area has been quietly evolving. While the rugged backcountry trails that put us on the map are still prime, the addition of purpose-built trails is changing the landscape. Explore the growing network of trail options in the McCall area and start planning your next ride! (photos courtesy Grant Gunderson)

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## **PRO TIP:**

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# PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT SKILLS PARKS

Test your mettle and practice your technique on one of the many skills parks. Find pump tracks in downtown McCall near the Harshman Skate Park and at Bear Basin. Jug Mountain Ranch and Tamarack Resort also offer skills parks with smaller progressive features like tabletops, berms, rock gardens and skinny bridges.

With more than 500 miles of trails in the greater McCall area, there is certainly no shortage of options. But where do you start?

## EXPLORE 9 OF OUR FAVORITE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS AROUND MCCALL

## **PAYETTE LAKE TRAIL** INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

There are several access points to ride the Payette Lake Trail's single track along the West side of the Payette Lake. Start from the Payette Rim Trail parking lot off of Brundage Lookout Road (Forest Service Road #451 just 2 miles outside of McCall) or at the Brush Creek Parking Lot off of Warren Wagon Road. From either starting point, enjoy views of Payette Lake and features including berms, drops, rock faces and rock gardens.

## BRUNDAGE MOUNTAIN RESORT GREENHORN & ELK (BEGINNER)

Greenhorn is a leisurely out-and-back lollipop with nominal elevation change, some great berm turns and fun rollers as an introduction to riding single track. Greenhorn also connects to Thorn Creek and Hammerhead for a longer ride. For one step up head to Elk trail, a six-mile downhill cruise with scenic vistas, aspen groves, wildflower meadows and creek crossings.

#### GROWLER (INTERMEDIATE

This two-way trail can be accessed either from the base of the mountain and provide a heart-pumping climb to the top or a switchback ride down from the Lakeviev Vista connection.

## **JUG MOUNTAIN RANCH** BERM N' ERNIE (INTERMEDIATE)

Berm 'N Ernie is a 1-mile flow trail with personality. A mixture of rock sections, jumps and big berms keeps you on your toes while descending effortlessly from the ranch's highest point.

#### DOUBLE SHOT (EXPERT)

One and a half miles of pure downhill bliss. A mixture of rocks, wood features, tables and tacky berms create the perfect trail to get your flow on. The lower section of this trail is brand new and expands this trail's appeal with big rock rolls and a road gap.

## TAMARACK RESORT SUPER G (INTERMEDIATE)

With its sweeping turns and g-force producing corners, Super G is a must-ride at Tamarack Resort. The trail is 2.5 miles and features a stunning viewpoint of the lake below about halfway down the mountain.

### SMOKEJUMPER (ADVANCED)

Named after the fearless men and women who jump out of planes to fight wildfires, Smokejumper gives you a shot of adrenaline as you traverse 1.5 miles of features including drops and jumps.

# BEAR BASIN SLEEPY HOLLOW (BEGINNER)

A great little side trail off of the main drag that can be tied together with the main access route for a nice loop. Sleepy Hollow winds through a dense wooded area with an easy grade, some twists and turns and a few fun bridge and rock features to keep it interesting.

#### BLUE RIDGE LOOP (INTERMEDIATE)

With twists and turns, rocks and roots and an optional skinny bridge to keep things interesting, Blue Ridge Loop is a great intermediate single track trail.

## CENTRAL IDAHO MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION ALL-AREA TRAIL MAP

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