

D12 mystery route

Thought D12 appears, on paper anyway, to be short, it's anything but. You'll be on challenging single track most of the day. There are two CSs and several bonus sections. PLB tracking must be turned off all the way to Wallace, but you should upload your CP pics as you take them (if you have service). It's about 150 miles from Superior to Wallace, but you can get gas in Avery.

- 1) From Superior head southeast on Diamond Match Rd. Turn right on Cedar Ck Rd (320) and proceed to Missoula Lake view, near 47°03'42" N, 115°07'15" W. Your first CP for the day is here. Please let me know when you've reached this point.
- 2) From Missoula Lake view take State Line Trail, 738, North (make sure you don't take the trail down into Sherlock Ck, which dead ends) and go several miles along the divide to an intersection with Heller-Simmons Divide Trail, 77. Just to your right will be the second CP of the day, Heart Lake view. Please let me know when you have reached this point.
- 3) The first CS for D12, for those interested, begins here. It's about 15 miles long and stout. Take a left (West) on Trail 77 and proceed about six miles to Simmons Ridge Road, 346. Go right (North) a short distance along Simmons Ridge Road and locate, on the right, Wampus Creek Trail, 73, near 47°05'18" N, 115°16'41" W. Proceed steeply down Wampus to an intersection with Trail 80, Simmons Creek. Turn right and ride a short distance to an intersection with Washout Point Trail, 289, on the left. This trail proceeds East then NE 3.3 miles to an intersection with State Line Trail, 738, just North of Cliff Lake view.
- 4) All others continue North on State Line Trail to Dry Saddle, where State Line Trail becomes State Line Road, 391.
- 5) A long transfer section leads to Loop Creek Road, 326, on the left (West), near 47°18'37" N, 115°31'54" W. For those so inclined, there is a bonus section available in this area.
- 6) The first bonus loop for D12, Storm Peak, Saltese Mountain/Dominion Peak, is a little further north along State Line Road. This loop begins at the top of Storm Creek Trail (255) near 47°21'02" N, 115°33'18" W, descends Storm Peak Trail to a road, descends the road to Silver Creek Road, then proceeds up Saltese Mountain/Dominion Peak (808) back to State Line Road. This loop is about 18 miles.
- 7) All others turn left on Loop Ck Rd, 326. Continue to an intersection with Ward Creek/Shefoot Road, 327.
- 8) Soloists and two member teams turn left (West) onto 327 and continue to the end of the road at the top of Shefoot Mtn. There is a CP here, Shefoot Mountain, near 47°18'23" N, 115°41'07" W.
- 9) Three member teams continue down Loop Creek Road (326) about four miles to Bear Creek Trail, 185. Cross the creek, then cross under one of the many train trestles in the area. Bear Creek rejoins the main route not far from Shefoot Mountain. Head to Shefoot Mountain for the the CP.
- 10) From Shefoot Mtn, proceed SE to a trailhead on the right, Nelson Peak Trail, 186. Nelson Peak heads west from here for about 10 miles to the St. Joe River just east of Avery. Food and fuel are available in Avery.
- 11) From Avery, head back East. On the East side of the North Fork of the St. Joe, look for Trail 300 (North Fork) on the left (N). This two track parallels Moon Pass Rd on the East side of the river. Follow 300 North for several miles to an intersection with Telichpah Creek Trail, 196, on the right (E).
- 12) Soloists will continue north on Rd 1997B, then 1997 (Rye Ck), then 3004 to an intersection with Kyle Creek Trail, 175, on the left (W). This is after (north of) Trail 489, which goes up to Hammond Point.
- 13) Two and three member teams turn right and up 1997BB to Telichpah Creek Trail, 196. After a few miles 196 intersects White Women Trail, 501. Turn left and proceed north to the Big Dick Trail, 189. There's a brief out and back (left/West) to Big Dick point, then back east about a mile to Trail 190, Long Liz.

- 14) Turn left (N) and follow Long Liz several miles down the the N. Fk of the St. Joe River. Turn right (N) onto Moon Pass Road, 456, then go a bit less than a mile and make a left (crossing a bridge) to Road 1997D/1997. Follow this downstream (S) several miles Kyle Creek Trail, 175.
- 15) The second CS for D12 is in this area. From Kyle Creek (or the junction of Moon Pass Road and 1997D for 2 and 3 member teams), head north on 1997 and 1997D and/or Moon Pass Rd and locate, on the left (W), Mozier Creek Trail, 174, near 47°22'20" N, 115°44'41" W. You'll see the trail sign for Mozier Creek on your left and will have to cross the river to get to the trail. You'll follow the trail uphill until you intersect Trail 173/175 South of Mozier Peak.
- 16) Another bonus trail is also available in this area and it starts another mile or so mile up Moon Pass Rd from Mozier Peak Trail at Wonderful Peak Trail, 178 on the right (N). Take 178 up to the St. Joe Divide Trail, 16 (a hard left back over your left shoulder near 47°15'17" N, 115°45'25" W). Follow Trail 16 several miles around the southern flank of Stevens Peak all the way to Moon Pass (be careful not to take 16A just before Moon Pass). From Moon Pass find Cedar Mountain Road, 389 and take it South for a few miles until it intersects a powerline road on the right. This powerline road leads to Trail 9, Cedar Mountain Trail, near 47°22'07" N, 115°51'18" W. Trail 9 goes South and rejoins the main route at an intersection with Arid Peak Trail, 173.
- 17) The main route heads up Kyle Creek (175) to an intersection with Arid Peak Trail (173). Turn left at this intersection and continue a few miles to Cedar Mountain Trail, 9.
- 18) All variants follow Trail 9 South to an intersection with Dunn Peak Road, 1934. Turn right (NE) and look for Cedar Creek Trail, 4, on the right side of the road. Take Trail 4 for about 4 miles to Slate Creek Road, 225. Turn left onto Slate Creek Road and go less then a mile to Prospect Trail, 30 on the right (N).
- 19) Trail 30 climbs steeply to an intersection with Slate Peak Trail, 165. Turn right and head to the top of Mastodon Mountain, where there is a CP near 47°21'24" N, 115°58'07" W. Please upload this photo if you can and please let me know that you have reached this spot.
- 20) From here continue on Slate Peak Trail (165) until a junction with Dam Creek Trail, 10, on your right (N). Follow Dam Creek Trail to it's end at Slate Creek Trail, 160. Turn right (E) onto Slate Creek.
- 21) Continue downstream to a meadow and turn left (N) at an intersection with Bad Tom Trail, 164.
- 22) Climb steeply up 164 to St. Joe Divide Trail, 16. Turn left (W) onto a quad trail a bit and locate Cranky Gulch Trail, 39, on the right. This leads downhill to Placer Creek and Road 456. Take a left on 456 and cruise to Wallace.

If you made it this far – congrats! Barring an asteroid strike, or something equally unlikely, you are going to make it.