

D3 mystery route

The total distance from Arco to Leadore, your destination, is around 120 – 130 miles. The directions below are from 3Dxyz99. Be sure to turn off live tracking on your PLB before leaving 3Dxyz99. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. You'll be leaving it off for the remainder of D3 and most of D4. You will, however, be required to occasionally report your position to me.

- 1) Locate the intersection of Pass Creek Road and Dry Creek Road near 44°07'42" N, 113°23'26" W. There's a primitive parking area just northeast of Dry Creek Road on Pass Creek Road.
- 2) Proceed West and then Northwest along Dry Creek Road for about 7 miles to 44°09'29" N, 113°31'21" W, just east of a large dam on Dry Creek. Look for a Jeep trail on the right that heads downhill. Proceed down Dry Creek for about 2.5 miles to an intersection with road on the left (NW) near 44°11'06" N, 113°30'37" W.
- 3) Head up this road a few miles, over a pass, and start looking for Donkey Creek Road on the right (NE), near 44°12'31" N, 113°34'52" W, at around 3.5 miles from Dry Creek.
- 4) Follow Donkey Creek Road, generally north, for about 12 miles through Donkey Hills to Goldberg Road near 44°21'08" N, 113°37'25" W. Please notify me when you reach this point. There are numerous ways through and around Donkey Hills and any of them that get you to Goldberg will work. No off-route penalty will be assessed for any reasonable route that you take from Dry Creek dam to Goldberg.
- 5) Head North along Goldberg Road some 6 - 8 miles to an intersection with North Fork Big Creek Road (40097) on the right (East) near 44°25'54" N, 113°39'32" W.
- 6) Follow the road a few miles to the North Fork Big Creek (4075) trail head near 44°26'39" N, 113°35'52" W. There's a CP a few miles up this trail at this spot. Do not upload this CP photo to social media.



- 7) Ride a few miles further up Trail 4075 to an intersection with Trail 4196 (Park Fork) on the right. Continue up 4075 a few more miles to Devil's Basin north of 44°31'55" N, 113°34'47" W and to an intersection with Trail 6185, on the left. Take 6185 (a quad trail) up to the tallest (furthest) of twin summits and claim a CP there. Do not upload this photo to social media. Please DO notify me that you have reached this point.

- 8) Head back down the quad trail, past the intersection with 4075, to an intersection with Trail 6183. Turn right (SE) on 6183.
- 9) Trail 6183 turns into Trail 4183.02 at a pass. Follow this several spectacular miles to an intersection with Trail 6184.
- 10) Follow 6184 just a bit to Trail 6183.1 (Big Timber Creek), on the right (SW). Proceed along 6183.1 a few miles to a spectacular pass (Yellow Peak) near $44^{\circ}31'14''$ N, $113^{\circ}31'50''$ W. There's a CP just before the top of the pass, shown below. Please notify me when you reach the pass above this point. Please do not upload the CP photo.



- 11) Go downhill, first south, then east, then north, along Trail 6183.1 to Big Timber Creek Road near $44^{\circ}32'43''$ N, $113^{\circ}24'58''$ W. Follow this a few miles into Leadore ($44^{\circ}40'55''$ N, $113^{\circ}21'33''$ W), your destination for the day. Please notify me when you have reached Leadore.