

D4 mystery route

The total distance from Leadore to Mackay, your destination for the day, is between 200 and 270 miles depending on which route you take. The following directions are from Leadore to 4Dxyz0. Be sure to leave live tracking on your PLB turned off until you reach 4Dxyz0, where you should turn it back on. Failure to have your PLB in the correct state may result in disqualification. You will be required to occasionally report your position to me.

- 1) Head SW out of Leadore on Swan Basin Road which turns into NFD 105, Timber Creek Road, after a few miles. Just SW of Stone Reservoir, locate Trail 6187, near $44^{\circ}34'14''$ N, $113^{\circ}28'44''$ W, which proceeds up Little Timber Creek.
- 2) Proceed SW to an intersection with Trail 6184 on the left near $44^{\circ}32'13''$ N, $113^{\circ}31'37''$ W. Take Trail 6184 downhill and East for a few miles to a junction with Trail 6183.1 near $44^{\circ}31'17''$ N, $113^{\circ}26'10''$ W.
- 3) Turn right and proceed SW a few miles to an intersection with Trail 6127 near $44^{\circ}29'29''$ N, $113^{\circ}28'32''$ W. Take this trail several miles, at times steeply, up Cabin Creek to a pass and an intersection with Trail 4076. Your first CP is at this pass. Do not upload this CP photo to social media. Also, please notify me when you've reached this point.
- 4) Go right on Trail 4076 (W) and follow it to an intersection with Trails 4078 and 4079 near $44^{\circ}23'07''$ N, $113^{\circ}28'01''$ W. Trail 4079 is a short but steep out and back bonus trail (photo required on top for bonus). All others continue down 4076 and then Trail 4080 near $44^{\circ}21'32''$ N, $113^{\circ}24'53''$ W, to it's end near the south end of Sawmill Canyon.
- 5) Head East and locate Trail 4257 ($44^{\circ}18'17''$ N, $113^{\circ}20'04''$ W), a quad trail that climbs Warm Creek. Head North up to Big Windy Peak and your second CP for the day, right on the very top. Do not upload this CP photo to social media. Also, please notify me when you've reached this point.
- 6) Head NE down Spring Mountain Canyon to the Hahn town site (the most southern of three routes down is the best). Head generally south along NFD 040/684 for a few miles to Coal Kiln Spring. Locate NFD 541, near $44^{\circ}18'17''$ N, $113^{\circ}10'06''$ W.
- 7) Follow 541, generally East, several miles to ID 28. Cross ID 28 and find your way to the mouth of Italian Canyon, near $44^{\circ}19'44''$ N, $112^{\circ}57'54''$ W.
- 8) There are many ways to cross the valley from Hahn town site to Italian Canyon. This route is one of the most direct, but it is very easy to get confused with the maze of dirt roads in this area. No off route penalties will be assessed if you get across the valley by a different route (as long as you aren't doing so deliberately to gain an unfair advantage over other teams)
- 9) A few miles up Trail 1057 Italian Canyon, you'll encounter your next CP (#3), pictured below. Do not upload this CP photo to social media. Please do notify me when you reach this point.



- 10) A few miles beyond the CP, you encounter the Crooked Creek-Willow Creek Trail, 1081, on the right (E), near $44^{\circ}21'39''$ N, $112^{\circ}53'53''$ W. "Head East" along this trail. One supplemental bonus point if the appropriate song pops into your head, and you can sing it all, out loud (video proof required).



- 11) After a mile or so, Trail 1081 climbs steeply to a very high pass. There's a 4th CP for you at the spot of the picture above (before the pass). Again, do not upload this to social media. Do let me know when you've reached this point.
- 12) Continue up over the pass and steeply down into Scott Canyon. Near 44°20'15" N, 112°51'19" W, you'll encounter Trail 1006, Scott Canyon, on the right. Continue East on Trail 1081, which climbs steeply. Note: this trail is steep and has some gnarly sections. It's been rerouted, but the reroute isn't obvious. It's in one of the first switchbacks after you climb out of the creek. Your 5th CP for the day is up at the pass on top, pictured below. Do not upload this photo to social media. Please DO notify me that you have reached this point.



- 13) Follow Trail 1081 SE down Crooked Creek until it turns into a dirt road (10178). From here you have several options: one easy, one longer and more difficult, one long and very difficult. The longest will push your day to 250+ miles.
- 14) For those seeking the shortest, easiest way, continue SE down Crooked Creek Road/Emigrant Trail Road into a wide valley, then SE to ID 22. This is far and away the shortest and easiest option.
- 15) For those seeking a bonus section, the loop begins near 44°12'29" N, 112°39'17" W. You may do it in either direction. It will add quite a bit of length to your day, but the trails are great.
- 16) For those seeking a CS, there's one that begins near 44°21'29" N, 112°55'17" W. This one is a fairly notorious trail. This is about the same length as the bonus, but more difficult.
- 17) Useful CS/Bonus data: point of interest 016 is near 44°21'52" N, 112°49'26" W, 015 is near 44°21'29" N, 112°45'17" W, 017 is near 44°27'44" N, 112°46'11" W, 014 is near 44°21'46" N, 112°39'29" W.
- 18) ID 22 intersects ID 28 near 44°00'36" N, 112°45'56" W. From here there are numerous ways across the desert to Eight Mile Canyon and Road 10173. The red line on the map is a good way to get there, but anyway you get there is fine.
- 19) Traverse the Lemhi range via a series of jeep roads and quad trails that will eventually lead down to Little Lost River near 43°57'08" N, 113°08'22" W. Any combination of these trails will do, but the best, for Tour purposes, is Road 10173, to Trail 1022, to Trail 4209, to Little Lost River Highway.
- 20) Turn N (right) on Little Lost River Highway and start looking West for a way across the Little Lost River to Deer Creek Road (277) near 44°03'36" N, 113°14'47" W. One way is as good as another, but beware of private property.
- 21) Proceed to 4Dxyz0.