

GRIZZLY VALLEY ATV CLUB

TRAIL DIFFICULTY RATINGS

"Ratings are "maximum"; i.e. most of the trail may be a rating "1", but there may be a difficult obstacle somewhere on the trail that may increase the rating to "3".

1. **Easy;** suitable for brand-new riders. Generally wide open and fairly flat, with minimal off-camber sidehills, and the occasional cross-ditch.
2. **Moderately easy;** suitable for new riders who are looking to expand their skills. Some minor off-camber sections, hill-climbs, rocks, mud, and other obstacles.
3. **Moderate;** suitable for riders with experience. Some off-camber sections, hill climbs, rocks, mud, water, and other obstacles. Some narrow or twisting areas requiring slow speeds, high shelf roads, trees, etc.
4. **Moderately difficult;** suitable for experienced riders who are looking for a bit of a challenge. May contain off-camber sidehills, rock climbing, narrow, twisting trails through the trees, steep sections, water crossings, deep mud, and plenty of the usual obstacles.
5. **Difficult;** suitable for very experienced riders only. Tough, technical trails, dirt-bike trails, tight squeezes, tires in the air, and lots of obstacles such as large rocks, bottomless mud, or deep water.



The club accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of the data published. This information and data are provided for reference only, not for precise navigation. Using the information provided indicates that you accept full responsibility for any and all damages (monetary, legal, or otherwise) and/or injury you may cause or incur as a result of the use of this information. As a user of this information, you agree to check the information against other sources to ensure that you do not follow a trail onto private land or into a restricted, prohibited, or environmentally sensitive area.

Wide open spaces

Mountain trails

Memories for a lifetime

Thunder Mountain Trail



Distance : 17 km one way

Difficulty: 2 - Moderately Easy

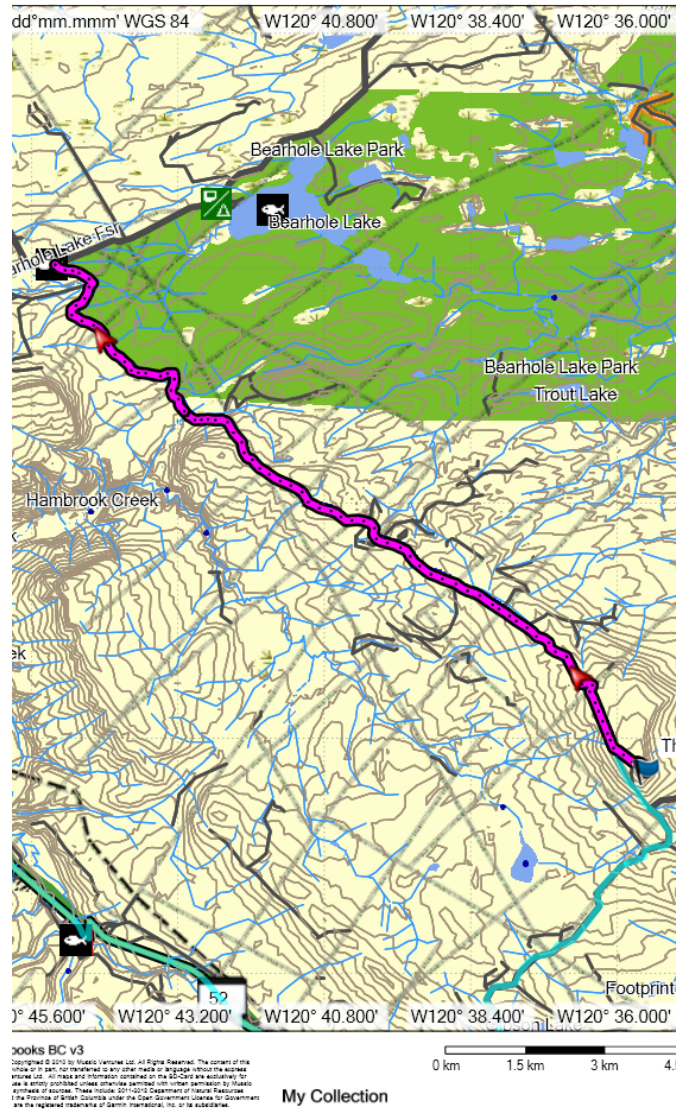
Thunder Mountain Trail

A great ride on a leisurely trail that initially follows the boundary of Bearhole Lake Provincial Park for approximately 4 km. The trail then heads off through the forest and slowly climbs to the top of Thunder Mountain. This is a nice spot for a trail lunch, from which to enjoy the great views.

Since Thunder Mountain is the highest point in the area, the views of the Hart Ranges of the Rockies are superb to the south and west. To the east is a plateau leading to the plains of Alberta. The Chain Lakes and other lakes are visible below. The summit of Mt Ida (the northernmost 3000 meter peak in the Rockies) can be seen far to the south.



View to the south from the tower



DIRECTIONS:

The Bearhole Lake Forest Service Road leaves Hwy 52 on the right approximately 10 km north of Tumbler Ridge, measured from the Co-Op bulk station. Follow this road southeast for approximately 20 km to the trailhead.

Offload here and follow the trail along the edge of Bearhole Lake Provincial Park and through the forest until you emerge into some older cut blocks. Follow the old road south for roughly 1.5 km. Keep watch for the trail up to the tower on the left.

Thunder Mountain can also be accessed off Hwy 52E (the "Boundary Road") via the North Grizzly Road with a 4WD vehicle, in dry conditions.

GRIZZLY VALLEY ATV CLUB

For further trail information or questions:

Phone: 250-242-7353

E-mail: tim.croston@ceslp.ca