

THE IDYLLWILD SPRING CHALLENGE - 2008

9.5 Mile Course Description

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Here is a step-by-step guide for following the Spring Challenge course. I recommend printing this along with the map if you plan on pre-riding the course in the weeks prior to the race.

The Start/Finish will be located in the Group area 'B' at Hurkey Creek Park. This year's start will head west towards Hurkey Creek and then turn **right** (north) right before the creek and follow the single track until you reach a Fire Rd. At this point you will turn **left** towards Hurkey Creek and cross the bridge then ride straight to the beginning of the "***Keen Camp Climb***".

Keen Camp Climb: This is a gradual climb that gets a little steeper right at the top. It is a little over a mile long. There has been much Forest Service fire abatement work done here so it will be a bit more open than before.

Recovery Trail: The name says it all. This is a fun roller coaster ride.

Johnson Meadow: A beautiful wide-open mountain meadow with a gradual climb.

May Valley Fire Rd: The climb out of ***Johnson Meadow*** ends at this dirt road. Turn **left** on to it and continue to climb.

Feed Station: Located on the ***May Valley Fire Rd*** a little ways past the cattle gate. Immediately after this, look for the next trail, the ***Exfoliator***, off to your **right**. The trailhead starts right at a large Black Oak.

Exfoliator Trail: Well known on the 24 Hrs Of Adrenalin course, this is a fast downhill that will keep you on your toes. At the end it has a short quick climb to an old fire road that is a rippin' fast descent. At the bottom is a sharp **left** turn that takes you down to Hurkey Creek. Crossing Hurkey Creek will start you on your last major climb up the "***Hurkey Creek Climb***" or "***20 Minute Climb***" (it takes about a quarter of that, really!). At the top is the beginning of ***Rage thru the Sage***.

Rage thru the Sage: Continue to your right and cruise down this mellow trail and finish with a short, steep climb to the top for the next trail.

Tunnel of Love: At the top of ***Rage thru the Sage*** turn left for the beginning of the Tunnel of Love. It starts a bit steep and technical but this section is short. The rest is a fun downhill through the Manzanita. Just as you reach the bottom the trail makes a sharp left and then curves to the right and travels a short winding way. It dead-ends into a jeep trail. Turn left and follow this road. Take the first right cutoff up a short steep climb and at the top turn right again on to another dirt road. Follow this to a Y and veer right. This will lead you to ***Apple Canyon Rd***.

Apple Canyon Rd: Turn right on to ***Apple Canyon Rd***. and travel under a mile to the next right. This is the next dirt road past the *Ronald McDonald Camp for the Good Times* and borders the east side of Hurkey Creek Park.

Hurkey Creek Park Service Rd: This dirt road travels straight at first, then makes a left and then makes its way to the bottom of the last Climb. "***The Demoralizer***" is a steep climb but fairly short. At the top cruise down the other side and watch for a trail to your left. This is the way you started the course. From here head back to the finish!