

THE IDYLLWILD SPRING CHALLENGE - 2010

SUPER D COURSE

Here is a step-by-step guide for following the Spring Challenge Super D course. I recommend printing this along with the map if you plan on pre-riding the course in the weeks prior to the race. PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN PRACTISING THE SUPER D COURSE. WE SHARE THESE TRAILS WITH EQUESTRIANS AND HIKERS AND EXCESSIVE SPEEDS COULD CAUSE UNNECESSARY SEVERE ACCIDENTS.

The Start will be located at the top of **May Valley Fire Rd.**

- **To get there from town** go up **Saunders Meadow Rd.** next to the Elementary School off of **Hwy 243.** This road climbs at first then starts sweeping to the left. When you are in a flat area start looking for a small road off to your left, **Cowbell Alley.**
- **To get there from south of town** off of **243** look for **Saunders Meadow Rd.** on the east side of the highway. Climb this and several curves past the Dump Station look on your right for **Cowbell Alley.**
- **You can also ride your bike** up from Hurkey Creek Park. See map. You will be climbing up **May Valley Fire Rd.**, for the most part, in the end.

If you start from **Cowbell Alley**, the road will turn into **May Valley Fire Rd.** Continue up to your left and climb up a couple of curves. Look for a large cleared area to your right that could park several cars. This will be the Start area. Coming up from Hurkey Creek Park you will be on a slight descent before you come to this clearing on your left.

May Valley Fire Road: The race starts going up this short mellow climb before it turns into a super fast downhill. You will descend all the way until you reach a large metal gate on the road. Look for your next turn to the left right before this gate.

Connector: Check your speed before you make this sharp left. It is a wide trail that descends slightly. After a couple of curves look for the next trail, **Tres Hombres Uno**, off to your right.

Tres Hombres, Uno: This trail starts with some tight turns but is predominantly downhill. At one point you will see a split where you will want to go straight next to a big boulder. Watch carefully for this because it is easy to miss and make sure you **take the left** that has a step drop down a large rock. If you go straight you will end back on May Valley Rd and have to climb back up to retrace your steps.

Bonita Vista Fire Rd: (not to be confused with the Bonita Vista Trail): **Tres Hombres, Uno** feeds into this. Make a sharp right turn and head up this dirt road.

May Valley Fire Rd: **Bonita Vista Fire Rd.** runs into **May Valley Fire Rd.** Keep to the left at the intersection and head towards the **Exfoliator Trail.**

Exfoliator Trail: Look for this off to your left on **May Valley Fire Rd** right under a large oak. Have fun down this fast sweeping downhill single track. At the end it has a short quick climb to an old fire road that is a fast descent. At the bottom prepare for a right turn on to the **Coyote Run Fire Rd.**

Coyote Run Fire Rd: Cruise down this open dirt road and at the bottom you will be directed to turn left and go over the bridge crossing Hurkey Creek. You will have missed this turn if you get to the gate bordering the northern end of Hurkey Creek Campground.

Hurkey Creek: Cross over the bridge and continue on a dirt road. The dirt road starts to climb and then after you pass an old water tank prepare for one last short decent.

The Demoralizer: Most races in the area end going UP this steep hill. You will be heading down(!) it to the finish line for one last burst of speed! The Finish puts you right back into the race expo area.