



4 Day/3 Night Guided Biking Advanced Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Lorna Lake, Big Creek Trail, Graveyard Valley, Elbow Pass, Tyaughton Creek Headwaters & Bear Paw Camp

Stats: ~25kms, +600m / -807m

Start your trip off with a unique and surreal floatplane flight through the South Chilcotins into the majestic Lorna Lake. A stunning turquoise glacial lake nestled between looming mountain peaks far from civilization. Once bikes are unloaded, and the necessary photos are taken, you will gear up and ride a short distance to the northern end of Lorna Lake, connecting with Big Creek Trail. For the next 10 kms you will follow Big Creek trail to its junction with Graveyard Creek trail, riding through a wide-open valley that is bordered by volcanic hills and ridges. Expect a mix of forested sections and low-lying meadows, with some short climbs and flowy segments of trail. Also expect some scrambling over log "bridges" to cross side creeks and wet feet, particularly when crossing Big Creek itself once. You will then enter and travel 8 kms through Graveyard Valley – a gentle, wide, and historic valley. Take note of the infamous battle grounds of the St'at'imc and Tsilhqot'in Indigenous peoples, which gives graveyard valley its namesake. As the valley begins to narrow you will turn south and pedal and hike-a-bike up 300m to Elbow pass situated high in the alpine, before descending the days final 5kms of ultimate singletrack and 550m into the headwaters of Tyaughton creek and Bear Paw Camp where you will rest and recharge for the night.

Day 2: Lorna Pass Trail to Lorna Pass and back and/or Little paradise Creek Trail to Relay Coland and back

Stats: Bear Paw Camp to Lorna Pass and back ~ 10 kms, + 480 m / – 480 m : Bear Paw Camp to Relay Col and back ~ 10.5 kms, + 505 m / – 505 m

Today there exists the possibility to go big and pedal/hike-a-bike close to 1000 m by combining Lorna Pass and Relay Col trail options, or to take a slightly smaller day by riding one of the two trail choices. Whatever your choice you will not be disappointed, as from atop both Lorna Pass and Relay Col you are treated to stunning views of impressive peaks, glacial formed valleys, and rich orange, red, and pink coloured rock bands. Add to this the reward for all your efforts in gaining the pass and/or the col, two of the best descents in the region, and you are in for a great day.

To reach Lorna Pass, shortly after leaving Bear Paw camp you will pedal and hike-a-bike up 500 m over 5 kms. Pay attention to trail features and flow as you make your way up it, as you will be descending back down this same route. You are certain to spend some time taking in the incredible views atop Lorna Pass as you gaze down into both South Chilcotin Mountains Provincial Park and Big Creek Park. Once you've fully soaked in the vista, your descent will start with riding a well beaten trail to tree line through a vast grassy alpine valley/meadow, with a mostly gentle to moderate grade. From tree line the trail descends through meadows and open forest, steeply at times, back to Bear Paw Camp.

To reach Relay Col, shortly after leaving Bear Paw camp you will pedal and hike-a-bike up 500 m over roughly 5 kms. Pay attention to trail features and flow as you make your way up to the col, as you will be descending back down this route. From Relay Col you will have views of towering rocky peaks, weathered alpine ridges, beautiful grassy meadows and vibrant coloured rock bands. Once you've filled up on the stunning views, your descent will start with riding a moderately steep, loose, and rocky alpine ridge to tree line. From tree line the trail descends through forested slopes, steep at times, before entering a large grassy meadow with a gentle grade. The final section of trail winds nicely, side hilling at times, through medium grade open forest. Once at the valley bottom, pedal a short distance back to Bear Paw Camp.



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Day 3: Tyaughton Creek Drainage, Deer Pass, Trigger Lake to Spruce Camp

Stats: ~ 25kms, + 1285m / – 1655m. 7-9 hours.

Leaving from Bear Paw camp in the morning, you will begin by immediately beginning your Climb over majestic and iconic Deer pass – not for the faint of heart. Leaving the meadows, you will pedal and hike-a-bike up 600 m and 6 kms of mountainous terrain where 360-degree Chilcotin vistas await. This endeavor is directly followed by a long technical cross-country downhill that drops 800 m and 5 kms to the headwaters of Gun Creek and the home of glacier fed Trigger and Hummingbird Lake. With 3 hours and 14 kms left of your ride, you will follow the shores of Trigger and Hummingbird Lake on a rolling technical single track with rocky and root sections, before traversing into the Spruce Lake valley which will be home for the night. The much-deserved comforts of home will await you at our Spruce Camp.

Day 4: Main Trail, Windy Pass onto Cabin Pass via high Trail, to Molly Dog/Pepper Dog/Ken's Trail to Base

Stats: ~ 30km, + 1004m / -1563m

Your final day riding will include some extended sections of hike-a-bike up and over two alpine passes, cross country riding through vast valleys, fun and flowing sections of trail through the alpine and sub alpine and connecting three somewhat technical descents outside the park boundary back to the valley and our base of operations.

Shortly after leaving Spruce Camp, you will start hiking-a-bike/peddalling approximately 700m up Windy Pass. From atop Windy Pass you will be treated to breathtaking views of unique features such as Cartable Mountain and Castle Peak. You are well rewarded for your efforts in reaching the pass with a smooth, fun, and flowy descent down to valley bottom-riding from high in the alpine to a grassy and forested basin.

Next you will mostly pedal cross-country style through the basin for approximately 6 kms, rolling past our Eldorado Cabin, on route to your second pass of the day. Be prepared for a short push/pedal once passing Eldorado Cabin.

From atop Cabin Pass you will traverse and descend sub alpine meadows and benches to reach Molly Dog. Once at Molly Dog you will connect it with two other trails that will take you to valley bottom. You will be both challenged and amazed by the variety of terrain, root sections and short steep lines, and your bike handling skills will be tested.

After an exhilarating final descent, you will pedal back to our base of operations.