

White Ridge Mountain Bike Trails

Ranked #1 in the State of New Mexico

Ranked #11 in the BLM's Top 20

Trail Name	Miles	Kilometers	Trail Difficulty	Rating	MTB Project Ranking		
					System	New Mexico	National
Central Spine	2.5	4.1	◆ Difficult	3.4	3	277	11,138
Connector Alternate	0.7	1.1	◆ Intermediate/Difficult	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dragon's Neck	0.2	0.4	◆ Intermediate/Difficult	NR	NR	NR	NR
Valley Trail	3.4	5.4	● Easy	3.0	4	390	14,265
White Ridge Loop							
Connector	1.0	1.6	◆ Intermediate/Difficult	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dragon's Back	3.3	5.3	■ Intermediate	4.8	1	4	115
Central Spine Connector	0.6	1.0	■ Intermediate	NR	NR	NR	NR
Central Spine Alternate	1.0	1.7	■ Intermediate	NR	NR	NR	NR
Good Times	2.5	4.0	■ Intermediate	4.0	2	149	5,768

NR = Not Rated/Ranked

Trail Difficulty Key

- Easy 5% grade; 2 inch obstacles
- Intermediate 10% grade; 8 inch obstacles
- ◆ Difficult 15% grade; 15 inch obstacles, occasional harder sections
- ◆ Extreme Difficulty 20% grade, 15+ inch obstacles, many harder sections

Trail Difficulty, Rating, and Ranking based on the MTB Project (www.mtbproject.com)

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MTB Project Trail Comments

Central Spine

Central Spine is a challenging and exciting trail that connects the south and north ends of the White Ridge System. It is best ridden from south to north to take advantage of the technical descent along a knife-edge ridge. From the main parking area, access Central Spine from the connector trail past Dragon's Back to intersection 22. Drop your saddle and turn left. The wild descent begins immediately down the unique gypsum soils. There is some exposure to the left and a ridge to your right.

The first descent rolls out into a slight incline. Pedal along the ridge to the next downhill, a very technical section with significant drops. It's a good idea to scout the landings and transitions before dropping in. The last part is an extremely steep and extended run down to the valley floor. The northern section of Central Spine climbs up steadily from the valley to intersection 12. The singletrack eventually widens to doubletrack. At the northern end, stay right to loop back via Good Times or left to access to the far end of Dragon's Back.

Valley Trail

The valley route along the western side of the White Ridge Mesa is an easy pedal on doubletrack. Although it doesn't travel along the ridge, it travels through some beautiful terrain and provides a connection between the north and south ends of the trail system.

White Ridge Loop

Dragon's Back

Dragon's Back is a south to north route that features gradual climbs and descents along a mesa-top ridge. The trail is fairly smooth with a couple of more difficult sections here and there. At times the route can become narrow and bumpy in places. Stay focused in these sections as you'll feel a bit of exposure as well. Beware of the deep sink hole type features that form when there are cracks in the underlying gypsum. They're cool to look at but probably bad to try and ride through! A steep loose descent finishes this section of trail, ending in a notch where you can either continue along the ridge or drop down to the left on the Dragon's Back Connector.

Good Times

Good Times starts out with winding white singletrack including some whoop-de-doo features. There are also some jumps just off to the left at one point early on. Then it's mostly winding white singletrack across the mesa. Finish off with a ridge run including some steep climbs and a little rock garden at the top.