

## Mountain Bike Routes Old Forge/Webb Trail System (Times are approximate for steady, non-competitive riding)

Independence Lake: From the North Street Recreation Center on Trail 1; easy to moderate riding on dirt roads; several small hills one significant hill (approx. 200 yds long; Trail 9 intersects from the right half way up at Intersection 9P), just before reaching the lake (approximately 65min). If that hill is too much of a climb on a bike, riders should dismount and continue walking to the top, because from the top of the hill the lake is within 100 yards. The lake (which was the original water source for Old Forge), is a great picnic spot. The bike ride back down on Trail 1 takes approximately 40min.

Carter Station Loop: From North Street Recreation Center on Trail 1 to Intersection 8P; Right to Trial 9 at Intersection 8; Right on Trail 9 to Carter Station (Approximately 70min); easy to moderate bike riding on dirt roads. Carter Station is a restored and maintained (though unoccupied) station house, one of several operated in the early 1900s by the New York Central Railroad. (Thendara Station and Big Moose Station are others.) Currently, Big Moose is the northern terminus of the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. Carter Station and Big Moose are Bike Train destinations. Leaving Carter Station, proceed on Trail 9 to Intersection 24; Left on Trail 89 to Intersection 23 (enroute, pass by Little Stafford Pond on the right); Left on Trail 8 to Intersection 22, at the bottom of a moderate downhill section; Right on Trail 3; Off Trail 3 is Maly Loop, a 15min ride on a two-track dirt road, with a lean-to 50yds off the loop trail on a broad single track; Continue on Trail 3 to Intersection 3; Left on Trail 1 to North Street Bridge. (Approximately 45min) Easy riding with one moderate downhill section.

Wheeler Pond Loop: (Approximately 30min.) From North Street Recreation Center on Trail 1 to Intersection 2 (first right after crossing North Street Bridge), Turn right at Intersection 2 and right at the next intersection; Proceed to the intersection with Trail 3; Turn left on Trail 3 past Wheeler Pond on the left to Intersection 3; Turn left on Trail 1 back to start. Easy riding; pond loop will have large, avoidable puddles after rain.

Gibbs Lake Loop: (Approximately 90min.) From North Street Recreation Center on Trail 1 to Intersection 5; Left on Trail 7, straight through Intersections 29, 30, and 32, up several significant hills; Past Intersection 32 a trail to the left leads 200yds to Elise Lookout, which overlooks the North Branch of the Moose River, the railroad, Thendara and Old Forge; Trail 7 then leads down a series of hills, transitioning to a single track trail; near Intersection 33, Trail 7 levels out, transitions back to a dirt road, and becomes Trail 6; Proceed on Trail 6 past Pete's Tower Rd. on the right, past the gate, and onto Herreschoff Rd, which leads to NYS Rt. 28 just South of the railroad trestle; Turn left onto NYS Rt. 28, and proceed two miles through Old Forge to North Street; Turn left and return to North Street Recreation Center.

TOBIE Trail; Old Forge to Eagle Bay/Inlet: (Approx. 1hr 45min) From N.Street Rec Cntr on Trail 1 to Intersection 2; Right on Trail 3 to Intersection 22; Right on Trail 8 to Iron Bridge; cross bridge and stay left to Rondaxe Rd (At Gate/Stop Sign facing sand pit); Right on Rondaxe Rd (dirt); follow snowmobile route signs to S. Rondaxe Rd (stay on dirt road); dirt road is Trail 5 (6.5mi to Eagle Bay); follow TOBIE Trail signs to Inlet (about 2mi). (An additional 2 miles of TOBIE Trail is paved from North Street at Old Forge Pond South to Watson Road in Thendara, near the railroad station.)

Big Moose-Doe Pond Trail to TOBIE Trail/Rondaxe: (Approx. 70min.) From Big Moose Station, follow Big Moose Road (W-SW) 400 yds. to a sharp right-hand curve, marking the end of the pavement and the beginning of the Stillwater Road. Instead of following the curve, travel straight ahead to the steel gate at the edge of the dirt parking area. This is the beginning of Trail #2, and the northern boundary of private lands owned and managed by Lyme Adirondack Timberlands. The company, which conducts logging operations on the property, has graciously opened the road for public use to accommodate bikers traveling from Big Moose to Rondaxe.

\*McCauley Mt. Bike Trails can be accessed from Park Ave/Maple Ridge in Old Forge

Maps available at Webb Visitors Center, Maple Ridge kiosk, and McCauley Mtn.