

# Your Guide to Mountainbiking around Atlin

(yes, you can hike these trails as well)



# Foreword

Thanks to the rich mining history in Atlin, the historic mining roads have become the perfect trails for recreational use.

With the vast wilderness, and high number of trails, Atlin is one of few places where you can ride in peace and the only co-users on the trail will be marmots and ptarmigan. Oh and you may see some Moose or Caribou along the way..

Prepare yourself for a unique experience!

Please note: this booklet is only a guide, you are responsible for your own preparation, safety and health.

You will be responsible for yourself. The wilderness around Atlin is wonderful, but it is possible for weather conditions to change rapidly, and search and rescue teams may take some time to get to you in case of an emergency so always be prepared to self rescue. We are in bear country, please make appropriate precautions and be bear aware.

Let's all enjoy these trails together in a respectful way. Please do not leave any garbage and please do not destroy any historical sites.

# Silver Mine area.

The silver mine area is a grand playground for mountainbiking. Many trails start or are accessed from here. There is easy access and different level rides.

You can access this area by taking the turn off the highway 10km north of Atlin. the gravel road is called 'ruffner mine' and you'll see the sign for the Mc Donald lake campground.

For the Silver mine area trails there are 2 starting points:

1. Parking area by the 4th of July creek bridge
- 2 Parking area on the bottom of the switchbacks

If you're keen on doing multiple trails and would like to spend one or more nights out, you can camp at the McDonald lake campground.

The trails start at the bottom of the switchback road and go from there.

For families, for easy riding or for a fun camping trip, you can also ride the entire forestry road from the bridge at 4th of July creek to Gladys lake (40KM one way) There are a couple of creeks to cross along the way but those are all fun and no risk.

Trails that start or are accessed from the trailhead at the bottom of the switchback galore:

Switchback galore 6.89 km

Marmot lake 3.25km

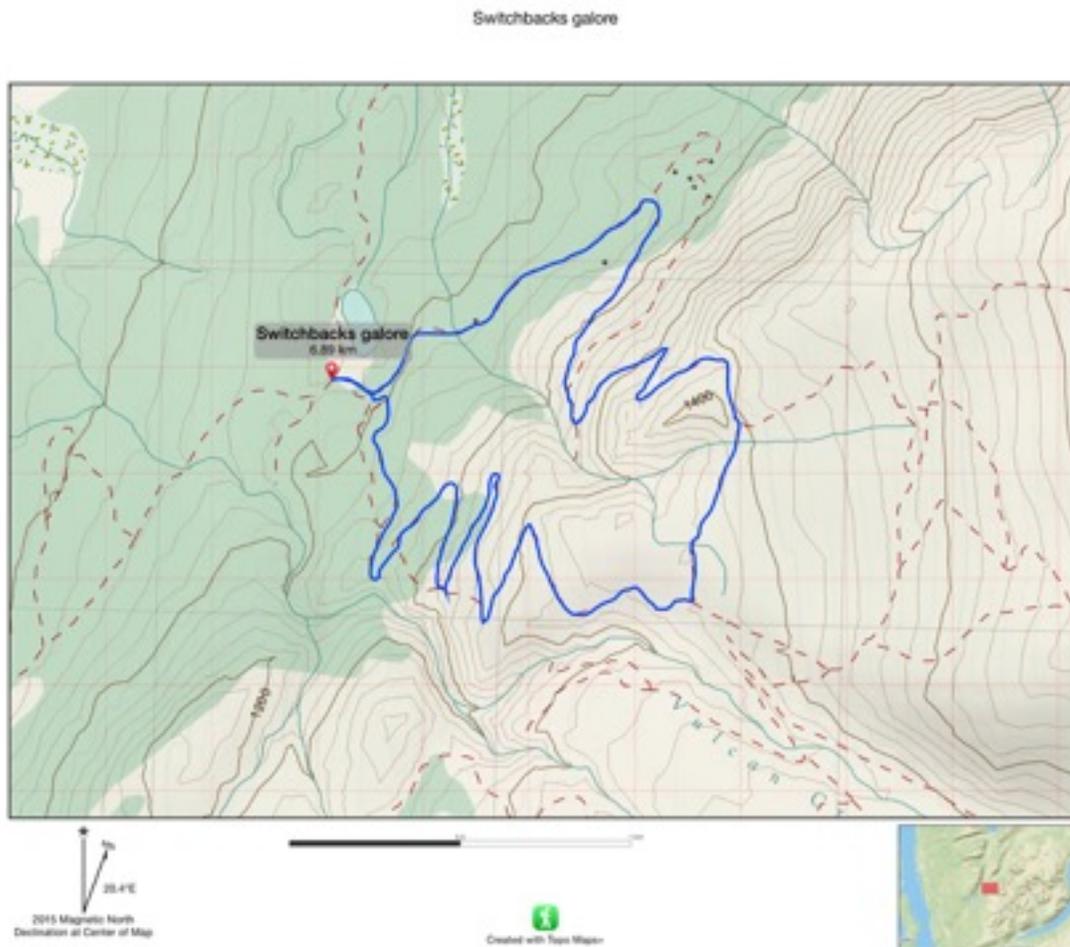
Gravity 4.51 km

Lake Express 4.81 km

Mountain Superhero short 44.54 km

Mountain SuperHero 82.38

# Switchback Galore



Starting point: Ruffner mine forestry road, bottom of switchbacks or parking lot by 4th of July bridge on McDonald/Ruffner mine road.

Style: Loop

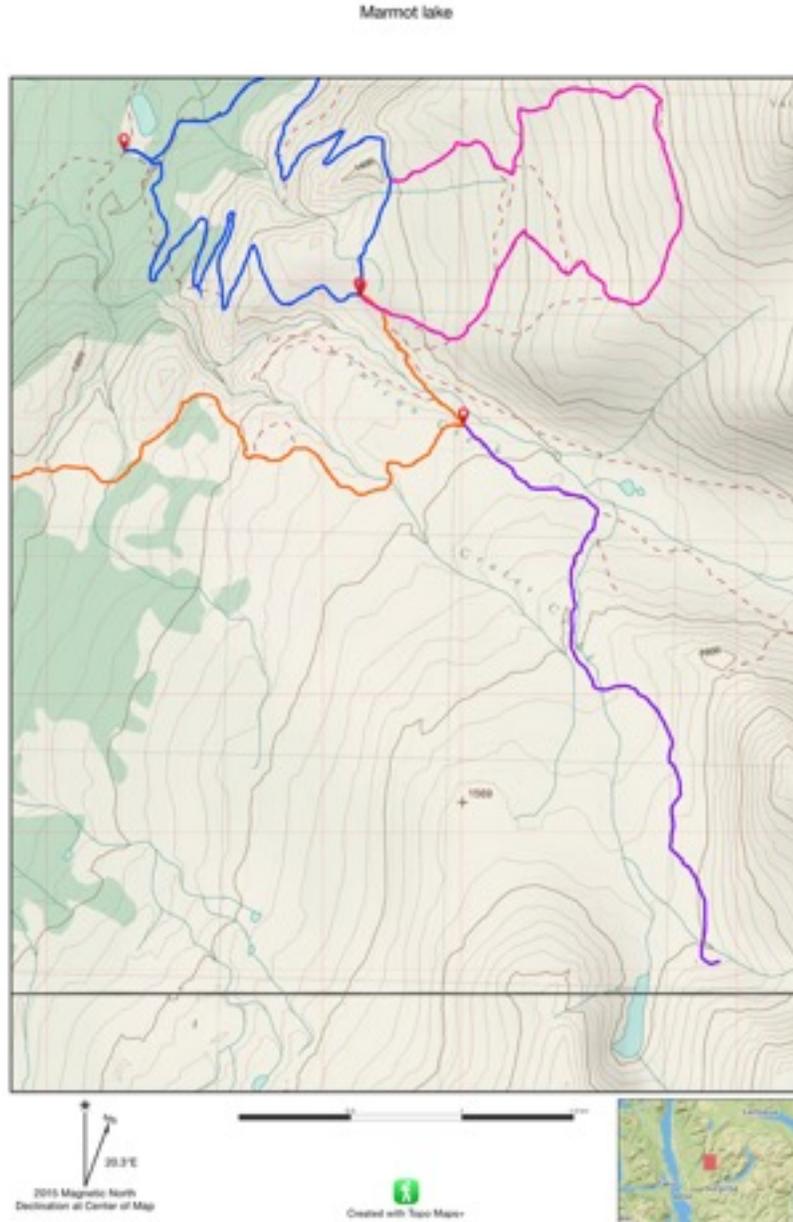
Length: 6.89 km

Elevation gain: 670m

Elevation loss: 670m

About: Switchback galore takes you from the bottom of the valley to the top of the silver mine area, some nice uphill on the switchbacks and you'll be pleasantly surprised by the gorgeous Vistas once on top. The switchback galore is a start to access many other trails, and on it's own is a fun ride. It is recommended to go up on the South side and come down the north switchback. the ride down will take you past historical mining shafts and tracks.

# Marmot Lake (purple route)



Starting point: Bottom of Switchback Galore on the forestry road.

Length: 3.25 km

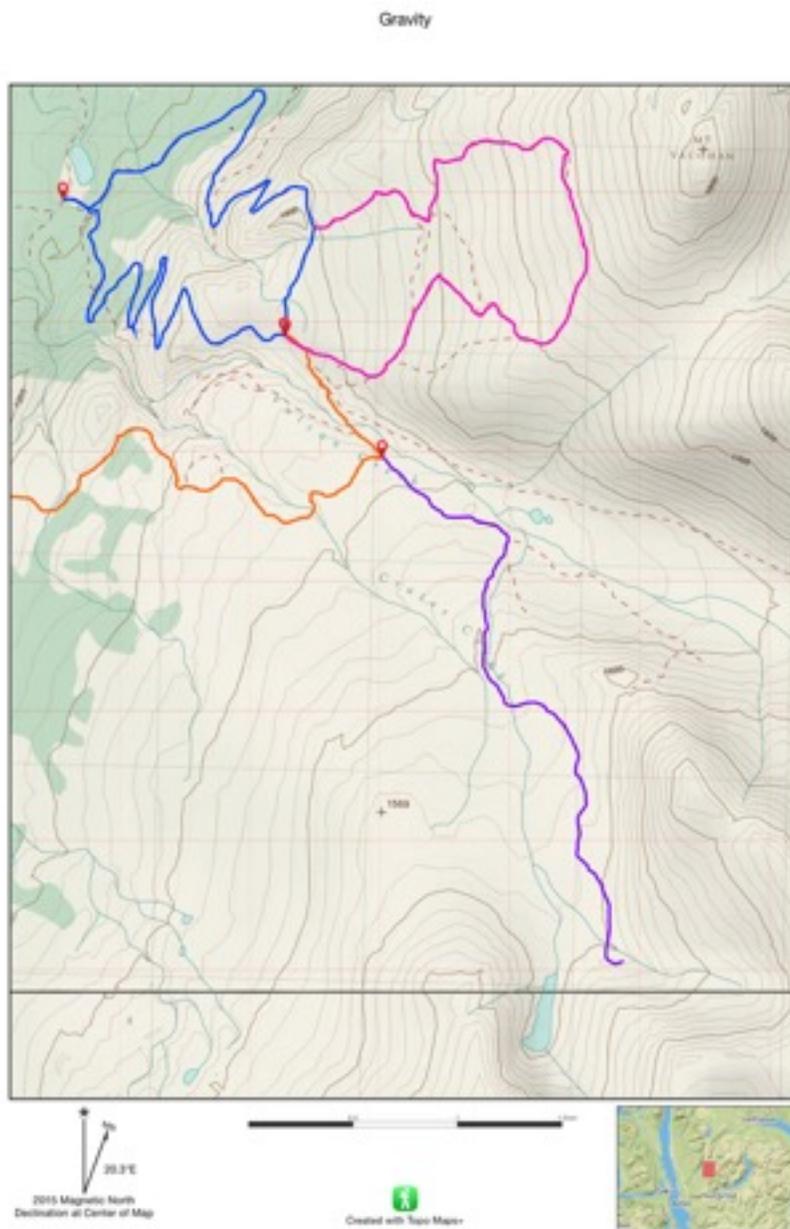
Style: Return trip

Elevation gain: 284m

Elevation loss: 41m

About: Go up the switchbacks and keep right. you need to cross the creek to where lake express and marmot lake separate, there will be a tall standing rock in the direction you need to go. You'll go up a rocky ridge, be surrounded by many marmots (you can hear their whistle from afar) and end at a beautiful little lake.

# Gravity (pink route)



Starting point: from switchback galore

Style: Loop

Length: 4.81 km

Elevation gain: 138m

Elevation loss: 492m

About: Where the Lake express and marmot lake go down to cross the creek, keep left and stay on your side of the valley. You'll go up to abandoned gold rush mine sites and cabins as well as a mine shaft..

# Lake Express (yellow route)



Starting point: From switchback galore

Style: Loop

Length:

Elevation gain:

Elevation loss:

About: continue and hang right to Cross the creek on top of Switchback galore, after crossing the creek take second right, just before the tall standing rock.

This trail does have one steeper section of 100M but overall is a very nice ride down with some historical sights along the way. it brings you back to the main forestry road from where you can return to wherever you parked your vehicle.

