

Breaks at Bar H Bike Campout

Merit badge focus: Cycling

The Breaks at Bar-H Mountain Bike Ranch currently has approximately 21 miles of trails open for use. These range in length from about .75 to 4 miles and level of difficulty from very easy to expert only. The Breaks is nestled amidst the canyons and arroyos of the Red River basin of north Texas on nearly 1200 acres of land that is close to perfect in Texas for mountain biking single track. The trails range in elevation nearly 400 feet from the lowest sections in The Holler to the highest points on Devil's Backbone and Horseshoe. Encompassing skill levels from the easiest (such Earl's Way and Armadillo Flats and increasing in difficulty through trails such as The Oaks) to moderate trails (such as The Holler to Horseshoe) and on to expert level (Copperhead through Devil's Backbone), The Breaks offers superior riding opportunities for everyone.

The Rules

1. You are not required to bike in order to participate on this campout. Other activities including work on rank and merit badge requirements are planned. Scouts learn something new with every campout, so we encourage everyone to attend and enjoy a weekend out of doors and in good fellowship.
2. For bikers, minors/scouts must always be accompanied by adults/scouters on all trails.
3. BarHBreaks conform to the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) "Rules of the Trail." In particular, all riders **MUST** wear helmets.
4. Hunting is prohibited on the ranch, except for lost bikers. No firearms, weapons or fireworks of any kind are allowed.
5. Please, no smoking on the trails (unless it's your brakes). Periods of drought make grass fires a serious problem.
6. BarHBreaks promotes campfires but only within the fire rings. Gathering of DEAD wood is allowed.
7. To minimize possible encounters with reptiles, unpleasant plants and thorns please don't wander off of the designated trails.
8. Night riding is allowed, however, a daytime pre-ride is required to minimize potentially serious injuries. Handlebar and/or helmet lights are also required.
9. The Breaks is a beautiful, natural and environmentally sensitive region. We expect all visitors to take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but tire tracks. Trash bins are strategically located to remind everyone of this.

What to Bring

1. Standard camping gear, with tent arrangements made in advance with tent buddies.
2. If biking, your bike, bike gear (as needed), and a helmet.
3. Patrol food, as normally planned by your patrol.
4. Signed consent form (permission slip) attached.

Bike Rentals

If you want to rent a bike for this trip, there are several good sources. You must make your own rental arrangements, and you are responsible for the transportation of all bike and appropriate weekend camping equipment to and from Aldersgate UMC.

Richardson Bike Mart

Prices shown below are for bikes valued under \$1,000.
For bikes valued from \$1,000 to \$2,000, the rental price is doubled.
All bike rentals include a helmet.

MOUNTAIN BIKES				
3-5 Hours	24 Hours	48 Hours	3-6 Days	1 Week
\$25	\$35	\$55	\$25 Day	\$125 Week

Richardson store

Location: Corner of Campbell & Coit Roads
in northwest Richardson.
Address: 1451 W. Campbell Rd.
Richardson, TX 75080

P: 972.231.3993
T: 800-600-3993
F: 972.234.5724
E: sales@bikemart.com

Hours: M-F : 10 am - 7 pm
Sat : 9 am - 6 pm
Sun : 12 pm - 5 pm

Dallas store

Location: Conveniently located on the east
side of White Rock Lake. The store is less
than a mile south of Buckner on the east
side of Garland Rd. at Oldgate.
Address: 9040 Garland Rd.
Dallas, TX 75218

P: 214.321.0705
T: 866-600-0705
E: sales-dallas@bikemart.com
Hours: M-F : 10 am - 7 pm
Sat : 9 am - 6 pm
Sun : 12 pm - 5 pm

Frisco store

Location: Preston Rd. and John Hickman
Parkway just north of Stonebriar Mall.
Address: 8820 John Hickman Parkway
Frisco, TX 75035

P: 972.335.7600
T: 866-900-BIKE (2453)
E: sales-frisco@bikemart.com

Bike Exchange in downtown Carrollton also rents mountain bikes, however, they only provide for a weekly rental at a \$90 per bike rental rate. 972-245-5510.

Departure/Arrivals

Departure: Friday, October 20, from Aldersgate UMC

6:30 p.m. Load trailer

7:00 p.m. Departure

Arrival: Sunday, October 22, to Albertson's parking lot

2:00 p.m. Arrival and unload

Directions

The Breaks is located 80 miles north of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex, five miles northeast of the small town of St. Jo, Texas on FM 2382.

From the Dallas/Ft. Worth area drive north on I-35 to Gainesville. Drive west on Hwy 82 to St. Jo (23 miles). Turn right at the Dairy Queen onto FM 2382 and drive north for 4.5 miles. Look for the bikes on the fence and go left on County Road 433 (gravel). Go down the hill one mile and look for the old 1942 fat tire bicycle on the left. The camping area, restroom facilities and self-pay station are just inside the entrance.

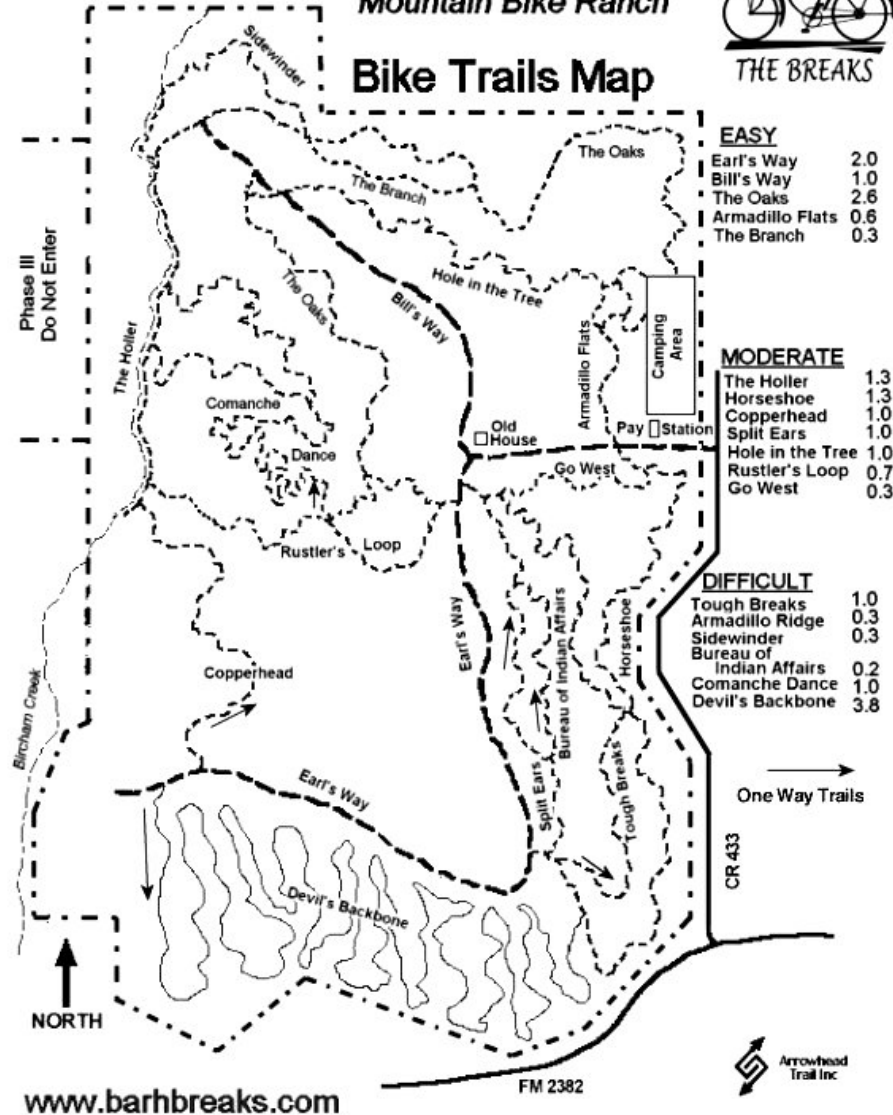


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The Breaks at Bar-H
Mountain Bike Ranch



Bike Trails Map



Beginner/Easy	Moderate/Intermediate	Advanced/Expert
<u>Armadillo Flats</u>	<u>Horseshoe</u>	<u>Tough Breaks</u>
<u>Earl's Way</u>	<u>Copperhead</u>	<u>Devil's Backbone</u>
<u>Bill's Way</u>	<u>Rustler's Loop</u>	<u>Split Ear's</u>
<u>The Holler</u>	<u>Sidewinder</u>	<u>Bureau of Indian Affairs</u>
	<u>Armadillo Ridge</u>	<u>Comanche Dance</u>
	<u>Go West</u>	
	<u>The Oaks</u>	
	<u>The Branch</u>	
	<u>Hole in the Tree</u>	