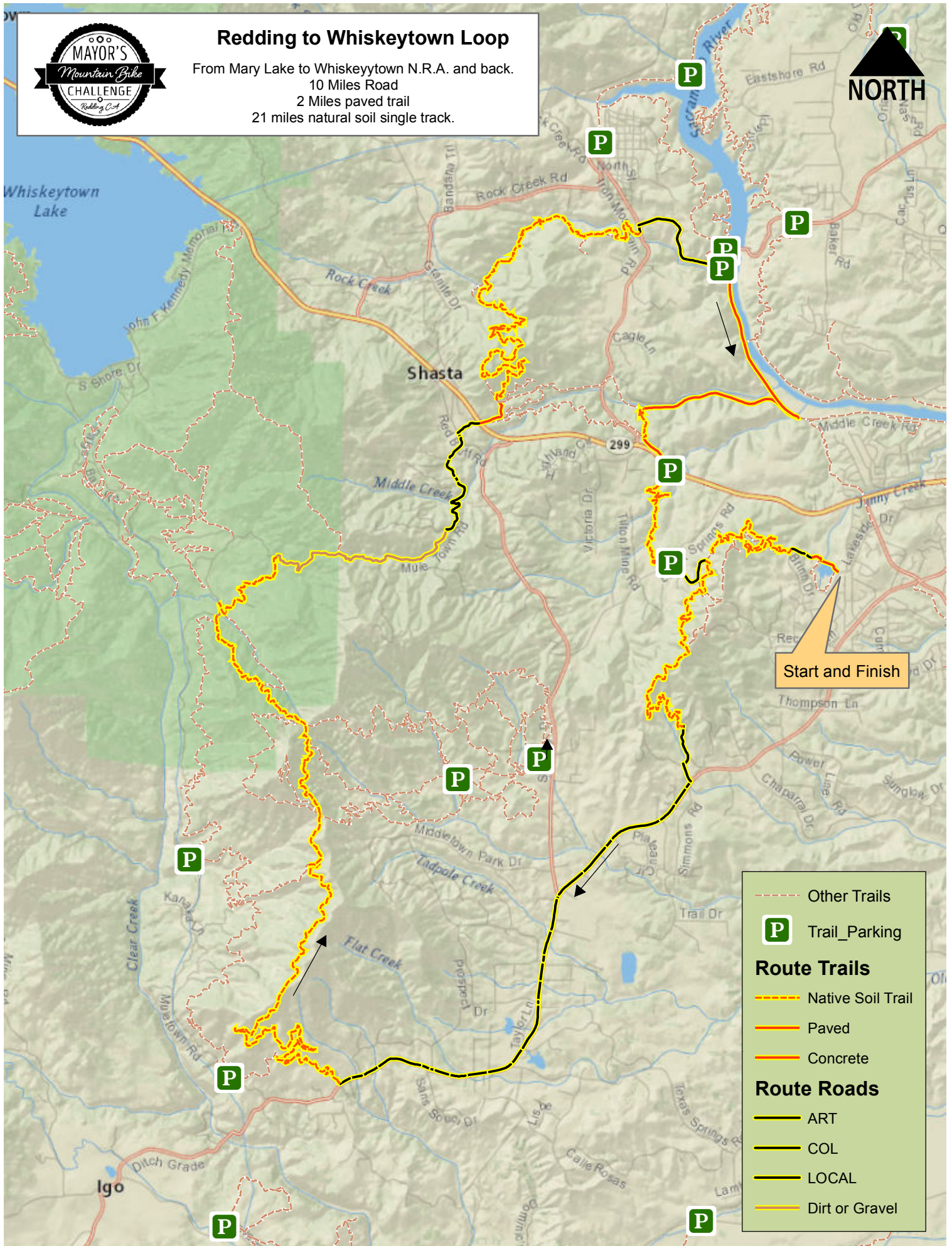




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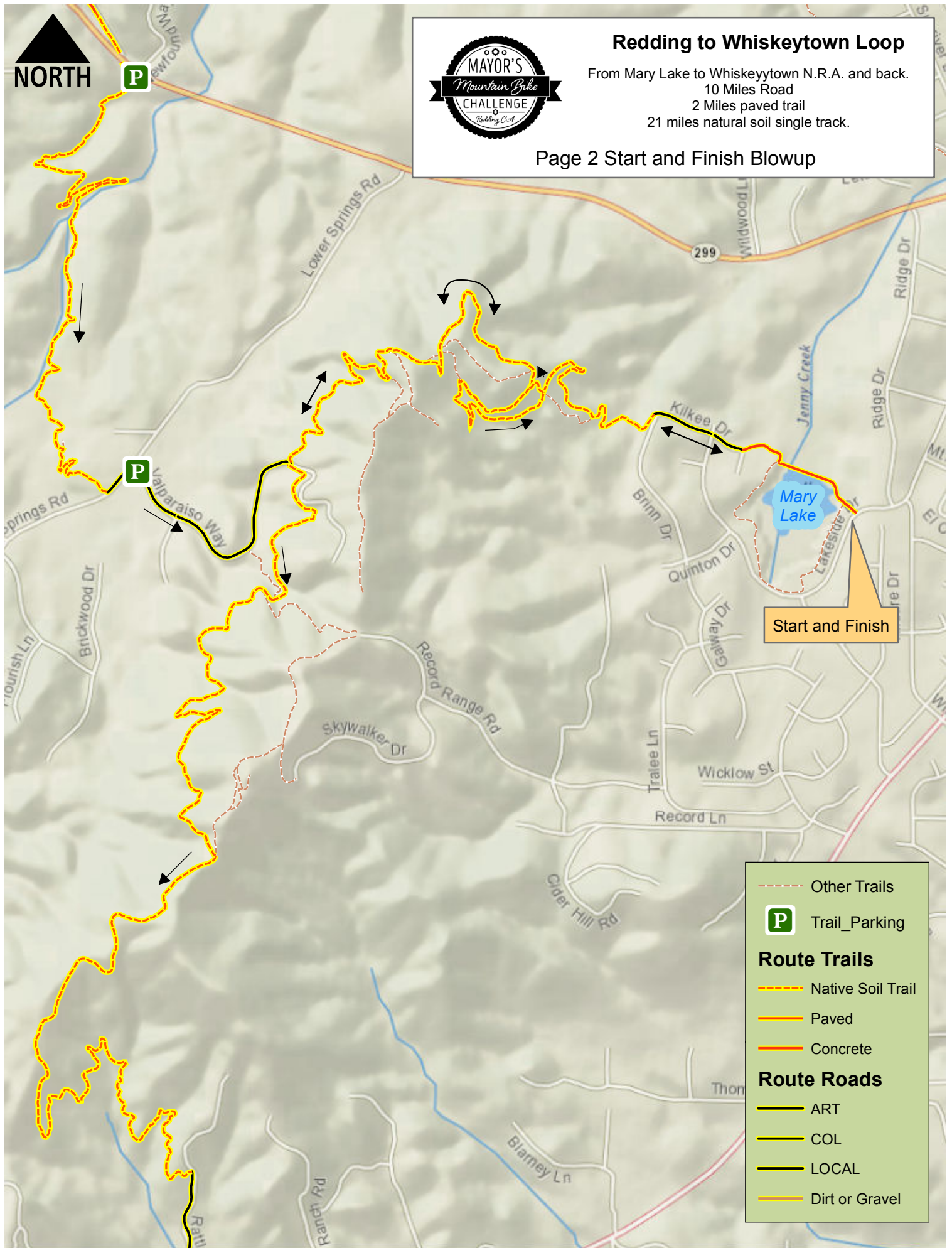
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Start on Lakeside Drive by Mary lake in Redding

Strava Segment: <https://www.strava.com/segments/13757834>

PM 0.0 – Start – the start is at the far north-east corner of Mary Lake on the concrete trail adjacent to Lakeside Drive – head west around the north side of the lake.

PM 0.2 – intersection northwest corner of lake – take the right leg towards the west and Kilkee Drive

PM 0.3 – Kilkee Drive – paved trail empties onto Kilkee Drive, head west (straight ahead) on Kilkee

PM 0.5 – Westside Trail TH– continue west on Kilkee until it ends, note the trail head on the west end of the cul-de-sac turnaround. Head west on the Westside Trails

PM 0.7 – trail intersection – just after the Westside Trail takes a hard turn to the left and starts up the hill you will hit an intersection on the grade, take the trail to the right

PM 1.0 – trail intersection – four way intersection – take the trail to the right up the hill

PM 1.05 – trail intersection – just after an uphill sweeping turn to the left you will reach another trail intersection – take a right into the ditch trail – you will stay on this ditch trail for awhile – ignore the numerous trail options that take you up the hill to the left, stay in the ditch

PM 2.0 – Intersection with Valparaiso Way – the mostly ditch trail will empty you onto Valparaiso Way – continue immediately across Valparaiso and the Westside Trail will pick up there, continue and stay on the main trail (there will be a couple weak options to the right...ignore these)

PM 3.4 – Intersection with fire road – after a good climb the West Side trail intersects with a fire road – take a left and head up to a great vista point on Top of the World

PM 3.5 – Top of the World vista – enjoy the view before heading back down the fire road you just came up on

PM 3.8 – Intersection fire road and Westside Trail down (Rattlesnake Trail) – within 0.2 miles after passing the single track you just climbed you will see a trail marker and single track option to the right, take that trail. Stay on the well traveled mostly single track trail (some fire road)

PM 4.3 – fire road/trail intersection – stay left on the fire road down the hill, it will quickly turn back to a single track that eventually turns into a ditch trail

PM 5.4 – trail intersection with Rattlesnake Lane – turn right on to Rattlesnake Lane, it will quickly turn into a paved road

PM 5.7 – Rattlesnake-Purple Elm Intersection – at the intersection take a left onto Purple Elm Drive

PM 5.8 – Placer Intersection – Purple Elm Drive ends at Placer Road, hang a right onto Placer. Near 5 mile road ride ahead

PM 10.1 – Connector Trail to Mule Ridge Trail – within about a mile after Placer narrows considerably (no shoulders) and before Mule Town Road, you will see a single track trail take off up hill to the right, take that trail – note there are trail paddle markers

PM 11.0 – Mule Ridge Trail Intersection – take a right onto Mule Ridge Trail

PM 15.1 – Cosmos/Black Bear Pass Trail intersection – just after taking a hard switchback to the left and onto a fire road you will reach a trail intersection. Take a right and head downhill and then up to Black Bear Pass

PM 15.6 – Black Bear Pass trail intersection (five trails intersect here) – take a breather at the picnic table before heading straight and down the hill towards top of the Escalator

PM 16.7 – Top of Escalator Intersection – marked by another picnic table and the intersection of five single track trails – take the trail nearly straight ahead and down into Whiskeytown Park. Enjoy the old school downhill

PM 18.2 – intersection with Mule Town Road (unpaved) – take a right onto Mule Town Road. You will be on this road only for a short distance to the bottom of the hill

PM 18.3 – intersection with Buckhollow Trail – at the bottom of the hill hang a hard right onto Buckhollow Trail (signed)...always tougher going this direction

PM 19.3 – intersection with Mule Town Road – Buckhollow Trail empties onto Mule Town Road, take a right on Mule Town Road

PM 22.0 – intersection Mule Town Road and Red Bluff Road – after several miles of unpaved to paved Mule Town Road, it will “T” with Red Bluff Road at Old Shasta elementary School – take a left for a few hundred feet

PM 22.1 – intersection Red Bluff Road and Middle Creek Road – take a right on Middle Creek Road

PM 22.3 – Intersection with State Route 299 – cross 299, stay on Middle Creek Road and through the gate

PM 22.5 – intersection with Middle Creek Trail – at the Middle Creek Trail intersection (note the yellow ballards), hang a left and head up the hill (don’t go through the ballards)

PM 22.6 – at the top of the hill the road empties into a large unpaved parking area – take a left to the far west edge where the French Fry Trail will start

PM 22.7 – French Fry Trail Head – head up the trail. Next few miles are flowy and fun (up and down)

PM 26.1 – powerline intersection – after the fun you just had on the newer segment of French Fry you will stay straight at the powerline road onto the older section of French Fry for some old school fun

PM 27.9 - trail options – at the top of the hill, stay straight or hang a left, both end up at the same spot. The recommendation is left...flowy and fun!

PM 28.3 – intersection with old railroad grade – once you hit the old railroad grade (note the ballast still intact), take a left and the single track trail will continue to the right

PM 28.6 – French Fry TH (northern end) at Iron Mountain Road – the French Fry ends at Iron Mountain Road. Take a left and head towards Keswick Dam Road

PM 28.65 – Intersection of Iron Mountain Road and Keswick Dam Road – take a right on Keswick Dam Road and head east.

PM 29.6 – Keswick Dam Road Parking Lot and Sac River Trail – take a right onto the Sac River Trail and head downriver past the Stressed Ribbon Bridge

PM 31.0 – Middle Creek Trail Intersection – take Middle Creek Trail back towards the West

PM 32.3 – Middle Creek to 299 Trail – take the single track to your left and head towards Route 299

PM 32.7 – keep on the main trail until it hits the paved frontage road (note at the top of the hill there will be an option to the right...don't take it) – take a left on to the paved frontage road (frontage to Route 299)

PM 32.9 – Route 299 Intersection – Upper Salt Creek Trail Head – the paved frontage road ends and turns to a short unpaved trail that ends at Route 299. Cross Route 299 and the Salt Creek Trail starts on the south side. Take the Salt Creek trail.

PM 34.4 – Upper Salt Creek Trail ends at Lower Springs Road – take a left onto Lower Springs Road

PM 34.5 – Valparaiso Way – almost immediately after getting on Lower Springs Road, take a right onto Valparaiso Way

PM 34.9 – Westside Trail – note the West Side ditch trail you were in earlier? Take a left onto the same trail and back into the ditch.

PM 35.9 – stay in the ditch trail past the downhill option that you went up earlier in the day. Little more ditch fun before you are done with the dirt!

PM 36.9 – intersection with Kilkee Drive – as you already know now, the single track dirt ends at Kilkee Drive. Take Kilkee back towards Mary Lake.

PM 37.1 - East end of Kilkee Drive – at the end of Kilkee take the paved trail towards Mary Lake

PM 37.3 – back at Mary Lake and your Start. Well Done!