

Trail Highlight

Rotary Trail Goes Full Circle

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Photo by Aryeh Copa



Choosing to which trail to highlight for the *Voice's* first ever trail report was simple — we picked the first singletrack open and rode it over, and over, and over. We didn't ride it multiple times to get a feel for the trail, or to decide which elements to highlight, we just kept going back because we were enjoying ourselves so much we couldn't get enough.

Rotary trail is going to have its first birthday this summer, and it has developed quite a following in its short lifespan. Rotary's close proximity to town, ease of access to other trails and its incredibly roller-coaster-esque flow are three of the elements that have helped create this following.

To access Rotary Trail, park at the trailhead, go through the gate next to the informative sign, and head onto the trail to your left. Ride about .6 miles along Ridge Trail until you come to a Y, then head to the left to begin Rotary Trail. You will climb a little over 200 feet in just over 1.5 miles, where you will reach the high point of the trail in a patch of gamble oak. Strap on your party hat, buckle your camelback and be prepared to work your cheek muscles as your ceaseless grin leads the rest of your body down the "Rotary Coaster." The next mile and a half rolls beneath the wheels of a bike as smoothly as the reels of an IMAX film spool the

excitement of an overland journey in an airplane. You can jump, pump or wheelie over the obstacles to customize the trail to your ability level. The thrill is equal for all levels of experience, and the trail is as accommodating as it is fulfilling.

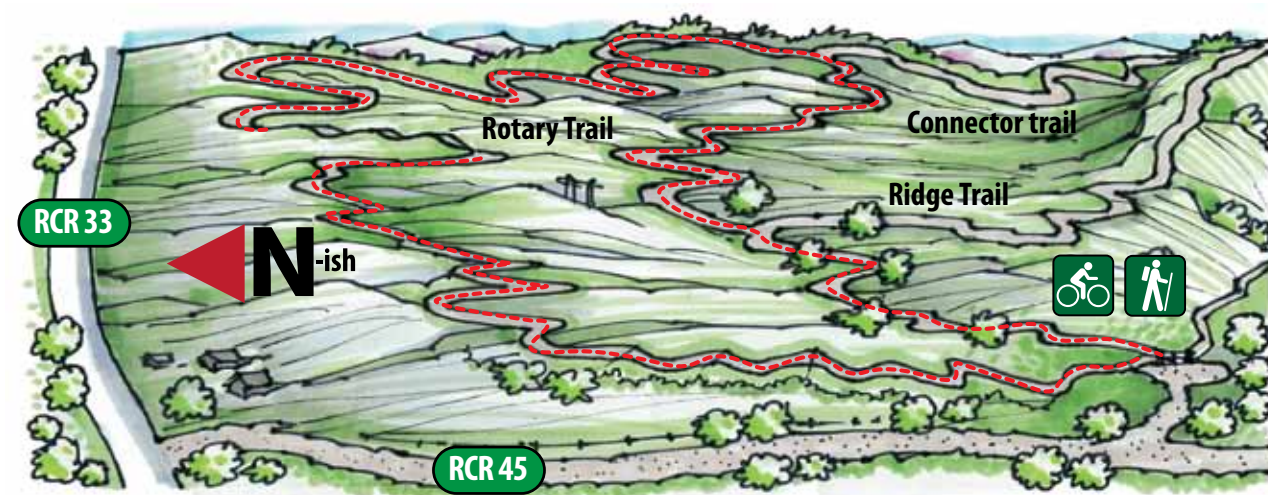
Once you're finished with the "Rotary Coaster," the trail leads you through cow pasture and over a few small climbs back to the parking lot. If you have stayed on the Rotary Trail and not taken any diversions, you will have traveled just over four miles.

If you miss the Y in the beginning of the trail and end up veering to the right, you will ride up Ridge trail, which is also an incredibly fun ride, but with more uphill and mileage. There is a cutoff along the ridge portion of Ridge Trail that will put you back to the high point of Rotary, adding a little extra mileage and a fun downhill through gamble oak that will leaving you yearning for the narrow handlebars of the early '90s. We'll highlight Ridge Trail in a future edition of the *Voice*.

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Directions to Rotary Trail site:

To get to Rotary Trail, you take 20 Mile Road (a.k.a. RCR 33) approximately 6.0 miles west of the James Brown Bridge and then take a left on the nearly-impossible-to-see Cow Creek Road. (If you begin driving up a long, semi-steep hill at the 6 mile mark, turn around toward the farm you just passed and you'll see the road on your right. Cow Creek is much more evident coming from the other direction.) Drive 1.0 mile on Cow Creek Road and park in one of two parking areas on the left hand side of the road. There are access gates through the fence in either parking area, and a trail map and information sign at the second parking area.