

Coyote Ridge run

Distance: 20 miles give or take a few (I'd probably give a few)

Elevation Gain/Loss: approximately 6500' ascent / 3000' descent

Route Elevations: 4855' at Druids T/H (start), 11090' at high point on Coyote Ridge, 8390' at Bishop Creek Lodge (finish)

Location: Bishop, CA (Coyote Ridge SW of town)

Time Of Year: June-October (often November as well) will be mostly free of snow, April + May once snow pack has firmed up if you're into covering snowy high country miles on foot rather than skis

Directions From Bishop: west on Hwy 168 (W. Line St.), south(left) on Barlow (2nd and last stoplight), where Barlow forks out past houses veer right and head up toward Chipmunk Canyon (going straight dead ends at a cemetery), the Druid T/H is not marked, the last dirt road you can take to the left before reaching the Chipmunk Cyn community accesses the trail, park on side of main road; to get to Bishop Creek Lodge and the Habegger road access head west on Hwy 168 & turn left where road forks to head toward South Lk., BCL is on the right

Route Description: basically 1 long climb up Coyote Ridge followed by some fairly 'flat' terrain on Coyote Flat finishing with a bomber descent down to Bishop Creek Lodge; the route is single track trail for the 1st several miles climbing steadily up through the pinyon-juniper zone before merging with the network of dirt roads that access and cross Coyote Flat- an exposed, barren alpine zone with awesome views

Odds & Ends:

- 1) car drop is necessary unless you're looking for an epic loop
- 2) if you want a mega climb start at Druid T/H end; if you want a mega quad-busting descent start at Bishop Creek Lodge (ending at BCL has the obvious advantage of an immediate refueling session at their restaurant)
- 3) during the summer months it will most likely be very hot at the Druid T/H end

