

**BEAVER MEADOWS**  
**Allegheny National Forest, Forest County**  
(Bike trail)

Description: A very easy loop, with no major hill climbs, a variety of trail types, and enough miles to make a great afternoon outing.

Distance: 11.3 miles

Time: 1¾ hours

Trail Type: Gravel/dirt roads, double-track and some single-track

Difficulty: Easy

Comments: Easy single-track which heads into remote backcountry offering plenty of opportunity to see wildlife.

Access: From Marienville, take Job Corps Road north for 5 miles. Turn right at Beaver Meadows Recreational Area and park here.

**Mileage Log:**

0 From the parking lot, ride back towards the dam. Cross the dam and then a bridge over the spillway. You may have an opportunity to see some beaver along or in Salmon Creek.

.1 After crossing the bridge climb the wooden stairs and look for the trailhead signs. Take the Salmon Creek Loop to the left.

.8 The trail enters a grassy opening. A trail marker points to a hard right. This is Salmon Creek Trail and we'll leave it for another day. Leave the single-track and cross the opening. On the other side of the grass, You'll cross a small stream and head on down an old logging road.

1.1 Pass an abandoned powder house that once stored dynamite used in drilling gas and oil wells. In front of you is Snowmobile Trail Number 11, turn left onto this trail and follow the orange blazes.

1.3 Pass Forest Road (FR) 178A on your left and continue straight.

1.9 The trail makes a hard right turn.

2.3 Turn left at the T-intersection; turning right brings you out onto Route PA66 a half-mile north of the old Marienville District Forest Office (they've moved).

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2.5 You will be riding into a large meadow with a lake in the center. Follow trail across the meadow, over the dam and into the woods on the other side.

3.1 Enter FR521 and turn left as a right turn takes you to the fire tower on PA66.

- 3.5 Pass a motorcycle trail on your left and cycle around a gate; follow the orange blazes for the snowmobile trail. On your left 100 yards past the gate look for an old logging road that has a log across it. The road leads to a series of ponds.
- 4.2 An intersection of the snowmobile trail and an ATV trail. Continue straight.
- 4.7 Ride the boardwalk over the swamp. This is something you will not see on every trail you ride but be careful, as there are several holes in the boards that could cause a major over-the-bars trip into the swamp.
- 6.1 Cycle around a gate to where the trail makes Y. Turn left on FR221B.
- 6.7 Turn left onto FR221
- 8.3 Cycle around another gate and turn left onto Job Corp Road and follow Snowmobile Trail No. 9.
- 10.3 You'll notice a 35 miles-per-hour speed limit sign and a crossroads. Turn left past a sign for Camp NF6 (a Civilian Conservation Corps camp from the '30s).
- 10.5 There is a stone that is a memorial to CCC workers who died while working for the National Forest Service here. This spot was the headquarters for the CCC camps within the forest.
- 10.6 The road ends but you will see a camp to the right. Follow the grass-covered road that is directly in front of you. Within a few yards the road ends at the footpath that wind to the left around a fence. Stay on this path and it will join a grass and dirt road marked with blue blazes. This will lead you back to Beaver Meadows Campground.
- 10.9 As you enter the campground, cycle around a gate.
- 11.3 You're back where you started.

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