

**DUHRING RIDE**  
**Allegheny National Forest, Forest County**  
(Bike)

Description: This ride is a back-road, backcountry tour of Spring Creek and some fine forest scenery.

Distance: 17 miles

Time: 2 hours

Trail Type: Mostly dirt roads

Comments: Most of the trip is an easy cycle on packed roads. The trail is easy to follow since it is marked with orange diamonds. The trip begins on an old railroad bed and passes through the village of Duhring. About a mile north of Duhring was a WWII Prisoner of War camp for German soldiers. Less than ½ mile into your ride is the stone quarry and boulder field where the German prisoners from Duhring labored

Access: From Marienville take Route PA66 north six miles. Just before the Forest Ridge Motel turn right onto Forest Road (FR) 131.1. Stay on FR131.1 for 5 ½ miles. Kelly Pines Recreational Facility will be on the left.

**Mileage Log:**

0. Leave Kelly Pines camping area and turn right onto FR131.1. When you make this turn, you will see trail markers - orange diamonds with black arrows inside - which you will follow for the majority of the ride.

.5 Turn right off the dirt road onto a double-track, grass-covered snowmobile trail.

1.6 Ride around a gate and past some houses. This is the Village of Duhring.

2.2 The snowmobile trail empties onto a dirt and gravel road. Turn right, following the orange markers.

3.6 Pass FR403. The loop will return to this point.

3.9 Turn right onto FR227.

7.8 The road begins to follow Spring Creek. You'll hug its banks for the next two miles.

9.1 Pass a gate.

9.8 Ahead is a huge boulder surrounded by water from a beaver dam. It marks the spot where prisoners from the Duhring prisoner camp (which is just upstream) labored cutting rock. To your right are the remains of a loading platform, where rocks were loaded onto railroad cars. Directly above the loading dock, on top of the mountain, is

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the quarry where the stone was cut. An interesting side trip is to follow the single-track to the right of the boulder. When you reach the top of the knoll, you will notice a well-worn hiking path heading up the mountain to your right. Follow this straight up. In approximately 200 yards you will pass some rock formations. This area is the old rock quarry. You'll notice what appears to be a room carved out of two boulders; this is where they kept the explosives used in quarrying. When you are ready to continue the ride, stay on the pipeline for another 100 yards and this will come back out on the road. Turn right.

11.7 If you're a risk taker you won't want to miss the "Descent of Death". Turn left onto the gas road and continue to follow this mileage log. If you're not up for it, stay on the dirt road you've been on. In another  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, you will come back onto FR124.1 (You passed this intersection at 3.6 miles.) Turn left onto this road and follow it back the way you came.

12.5 If you're following this log you will find that the road disappears and single track begins.

12.6 Head to the left but be ready to dodge rocks.

13 Turn left and follow the road over the bridge and either turn left, back onto the snowmobile trail, and return the way you came; or go up the road 50 yards, turn left, and follow the road back to Kelly Pines.

15.4 End of the Ride!

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