

Cariboo Chilcotin Adventure Guides Spring/99

Ravin

Rec Use:
Rating:



At a Glance

Raven is a new trail which extends along a ridgeline overlooking the Williams Creek Valley, ending in an awesome downhill. Highlights include semi Douglas fir forests, great vistas and connections to a series of roads and trails leading down to the creek valley.

Overall Length: ± 8 km
Average Grade: 5 to 10%
Elevation change: ± 400 meters

The outdoor recreation ratings have been developed through a combination of generally recognized standards for activities such as biking, hiking, kayaking, and local knowledge.



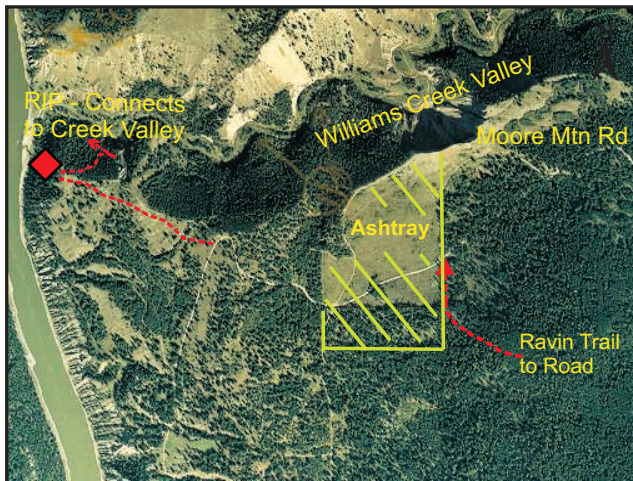
Trailhead (s)

The easiest way to access Ravin is to connect from the end of 'Crankcase Alley' (see Spokey Hollow trail map), where the trail joins the road to the Repeater Site overlooking the city. Almost directly across the road from Crankcase Alley - look for a small rock cairn marking the start of Ravin. If you want to avoid some of the steep climb up Spokey, you can ride up Highway 20 to Hodgson Road, and turn right onto the Birch Lane Forest Road. Continue on the Birch Lane Road for about 2 km to the unmarked road branching off (steep) uphill to the Repeater. See airphoto inset below for details.

The last section of Ravin is too steep to ride up so consider this a one-way trail from the Repeater to the Ashtray..

Trail Description

The singletrack follows a series of deer trails and old logging trails through old fir forests and some logging slash along a ridge system. The trail crosses a high voltage power corridor and continues on an old logging road past a bog and onto the base of a small knoll, Nipple#1. After climbing the single track to the top the going is easy. The trail next crosses a road and through some patch logging before climbing to Nipple #2. The famous 'four corners' of the nearby Box Trail are visible from the second viewpoint. From this point, the long 'free-ride' downhill begins and continues to the ashtray area. Be wary of some steep sections.

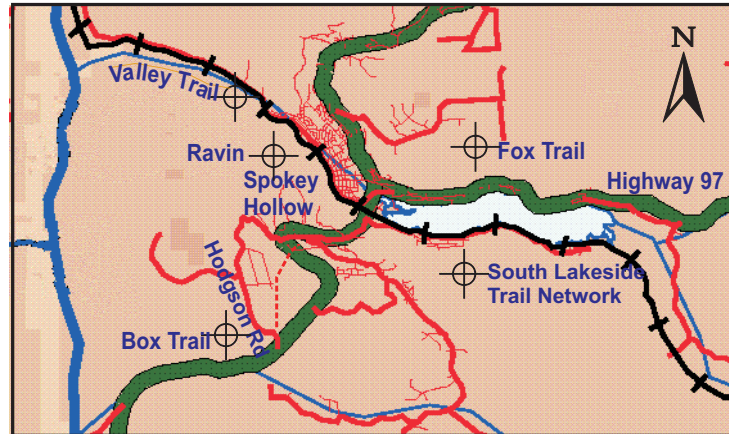


Above: Air Photo Showing End of Ravin - Connection to Creek Valley

Be Aware of..

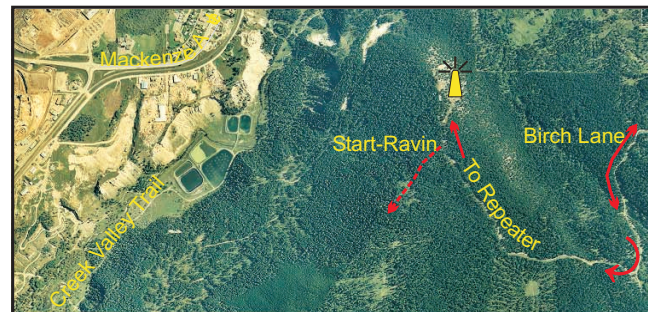
- ▶ Encounters with other trail users - follow trail etiquette.
- ▶ Cattle use in area during summer and fall months.
- ▶ Possibility of bear encounters.

Local Area Overview



Trail Ethics

- ▶ Respect private land. While the Ravin Trail is entirely on Crown land it passes near private land boundaries (see map).
- ▶ Control your bicycles, stay on existing trails, and practice low impact cycling.
- ▶ Slow down when passing hikers or stop to let them pass.
- ▶ Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots.
- ▶ Slow down when approaching cattle and avoid startling the herd so they don't move down the trail ahead of you.



Trail Description continued..

The Ashtray area is private land and also an extremely dangerous area which should be avoided (extreme silt bluff drop-offs). At the end of the downhill, Ravin runs north along private land boundaries (shown in green on inset) to Moore Mtn Road. From here several options are available for a return to town. At the Fraser River bluffs, RIP, is a short expert (all others should hike down) connecting trail down to the Williams Creek Valley trail. An easier option, though less scenic, is to ride Moore Mtn Road back down to the Valley trail. The Valley trail is an easy scenic route following Williams Creek (road closed to vehicles) up to Williams Lake. The trail links to Mackenzie Avenue at two spots.

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