

Kanaka Peak Ride

Parking at Large Dirt Parking Lot at Paige Bar Road and Pelter Valley Road in WNRA

- 0.00 Start at the dirt parking lot at the intersection of Paige Bar Road and Peltier Valley Road proceed west down Peltier Valley Road towards Clear Creek.
- 0.30 At the wide spot on the left side of the road about 0.3 miles from the intersection, take a left across the open area to the far southwest corner to a single track that takes you down the hill. The trail is called by locals as "Loose Rock", you will soon experience why.
- 0.60 At the bottom of the steep loose rock downhill take a right back towards Peltier Valley Road and cross the bridge over Clear Creek.
- 0.80 After crossing the creek, proceed on the dirt road up the hill and through the gate (might be open, might be closed...bikes are good either way) and up the hill.
- 1.00 At the top of the grade, veer to the left onto a little used dirt road (don't continue up and to the right on the well traveled dirt road).
- 1.05 After a very short distance, you will see a trail that takes off to the left, get on this trail and continue straight (don't take the option of the hard left and back down the hill). Stay on this single track, hike over the rocks, and enjoy a few minutes of fun single track.
- 1.40 The single track empties onto the little used dirt road you were on a few minutes ago. Take a left and cross the creek and go up the hill on the other side (stay on the dirt road).
- 1.50 At the top of a very short climb you will see a single track that takes off to your right. This is the Rod Brower Trail...take this trail and get ready for some climbing.
- Just after reaching the top of the climb, the trail will begin to descend and intersect another trail. Stay straight (don't make the hard right).
- 2.60 Just past the bottom of a short descent, you will see a trail taking a hard right up the hill, take this trail.
- 3.10 The trail runs into a creek (Paige Boulder Creek) and takes off again on the other side just upstream. Cross the creek and take this trail.
- 3.30 The trail intersects with the Kanaka Peak Trail....we aren't ready to go there yet. Take a right, cross the creek, and head to a small parking area along a dirt road.
- 3.40 Take a quick breather in the shadow of the awesome oak on your right and then take a left and head up the dirt road (Peltier Valley Road).
- 4.40 About a mile later you will run into a flat, open spot with a trail/road that takes off to the left. Take this road/trail (Peltier Trail) and continue climbing.

- 5.00 Road Trail intersects with a trail signed "Salt Gulch Trail" (some locals call if the Couch) to the right stay to the left on the Peltier Trail (some locals call it the Recliner) and keep climbing a little more before crossing a small creek and heading south on a relatively level trail/fire road.
- 5.70 The trail crosses a creek, enjoy the small water fall, cross the creek and pick up the trail on the other side.
- 6.30 After enduring the rugged trail you will reach a ridge line, note the huge oak on your left, enjoy it before an awesome little single track downhill.
- 6.90 The single track Peltier Trail empties onto a an old road/trail, the Kanaka Peak Trail. Take a right and proceed cross country.
- 7.60 At the bottom of short grade, the Kanaka Peak Trail takes off to the right (don't go left and down on the Kanaka Cut off Trail...yet) and soon starts to climb towards Kanaka Peak.
- 9.30 Go past the bench, all the way to the top, enjoy the view and/or go back to the bench and enjoy the awesome rest and view of Whiskeytown. Few views in the area are better than this one. When you have had enough, head back down the same way you came up.
- 11.00 Back to the intersection you were at earlier before the climb to the peak. Instead of continuing on the Kanak Peak Trail you came in on, take a hard right down hill on the Kanaka Cut off Trail, then up some, and then a rugged/challenging downhill before getting back to the Paige Boulder Creek.
- 12.10 Paige Boulder Creek cross the creek and the trail takes up on the other side. Stay on this trail as it climbs some and then levels out (you have been on portions of this before).
- 12.40 At the top of a short grade you will see the trail you climbed earlier to the right (Rod Brower Trail). Don't take this trail, head left down the hill on the Logging Camp Trail. Stay on this well traveled trail until you have to cross a small creek.
- 13.30 After crossing the small creek, take a left on the dirt road/trail and go up the hill.
- 13.40 At the top of the hill you will see a trail to your right that you took before. Take the trail but instead of continuing on the level grade to the east, drop on the trail down to the campground and the creek below. At the bottom continue straight on the road and back to the bridge to take you across the creek (remember the bridge).
- 13.80 Bridge at Clear Creek cross the bridge and continue up the hill on Peltier Valley Road. Stay on the dirt road until it intersects with Paige Bar Road.
- 14.40 Paige Bar Road the parking lot you started at is across the road. You are back to your start. Congrats, awesome ride!