

# THE IDYLLWILD SPRING CHALLENGE - 2013

## 8 Mile Course Description

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Here is a step-by-step guide for following the Spring Challenge course. Printing this along with the map is recommended if you plan on pre-riding the course in the weeks prior to the race.

--- IMPORTANT TO NOTE... THIS IS A POINT-TO-POINT COURSE. WHEN PRE-RIDING PREPARE TO RIDE OUT THE SAME WAY YOU AS YOU STARTED SINCE THE FINISH AREA IS LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY (the Bonita Vista Trail can be eliminated on the way back as the Mirkwood Trail will also lead you to May Valley Rd). THE FINISH AREA WILL ONLY BE ACCESSABLE ON RACE DAY ---

**(A) The Start/Finish** will be located in the Group area 'B' at Hurkey Creek Park. This year's start will head west towards Hurkey Creek and then turn right (north) right before the creek and follow the single track until you reach a dirt road. At this point you will turn left towards Hurkey Creek and cross the creek then ride straight over a dirt road **(B)** to the beginning of the "**Keen Camp Climb**" single track.

**Keen Camp Climb:** This is a gradual climb that gets a little steeper right at the top. It is a little over a mile long. At the top you will connect to a dirt road. **(C)** Continue straight down the hill and look for your next single track ahead.

**Recovery Trail:** The name says it all. This is a fun roller coaster ride.

**Johnson Meadow:** A beautiful wide-open mountain meadow with a gradual climb.

**(D) May Valley Rd:** The climb out of **Johnson Meadow** ends at this dirt road. Turn left on to it and continue to climb.

**(E) Feed Station:** Located on the **May Valley Rd** a little ways past the cattle gate. After the Feed Station continue straight on **May Valley Rd**. (this is new for 2012).

**(F) May Valley Rd:** Shortly after the feed station you will come to a Y. Veer to the left and continue on past the **Mirkwood** trailhead. The road gains some elevation here and you will climb for a little under a mile. Once the road levels off a bit and you pass the large metal gate (which may or may not be there as it was ripped out last year) look for the first turnout to the left with a dead log on the corner.

**(G) Bonita Vista Trail:** After turning off of **May Valley Road**, go 20 yards or so and look for the trailhead on the right. It starts over some broken bark. Mainly a downhill, you'll ride some great single track and cross over a section past some large boulders called the **Roman Highway**. Soon after this section you will be close to connecting with the **Mirkwood Trail**.

**Mirkwood Trail:** When you dead-end into the **Mirkwood Trail** make a sharp right turn. **(H)** This trail is a great sweeping gradual downhill.

**FS Road 3E02:** At the end of the **Mirkwood Trail** you will see an old water tank. **(I)** Turn left on an old Forest Service Road, **3E02**. This will lead you into the north side of the Living Free Animal Sanctuary where the Finish Line will be. This section is short and less than a ½ mile long and ends at a gate. **(J)** During any pre-rides you should turn around and go back the same way you came because Living Free is private property and will only be open to bicycles on race day.