



Ken's & Jerm's Loop

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Start: Merced Falls

Water: Hornitoes, Mariposa and Bear Valley

Time: About 4.75 Hours

Description: This was a loop I used to do almost every Wednesday afternoon in the winter with Ken Watkins, Jerm Holdway and Mark Duroy. This was before Ken had all of the trick equipment that you can't beat up on gruelling, rough, sharp roads like Indian Gulch.

Indian Gulch is a road you should only take if you can handle rough, steep and dangerous roads. It is a one lane, with an ugly 50mph, one lane descent down to a 1/2 land wooden bridge with huge gaps in between the wood rails for the tires. NOT SAFE. On top of that there are a number of short steep walls on Indian Gulch that you can't stand up on because your wheels will slip out from under you or you will get a pinch flat. Once over this character builder the road goes up the Old Highway to Mariposa, then over the hill to the dump and on the rollers to Bear Valley. Once in Bear Valley it goes over the brut of Bear and into Hornitoes, then back to the car. It's a good long hill ride without any long 3 mile climbs. Good overall fitness ride if you are seriously training in the winter season.

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