

Route: Maston Big Loop

Distance: 12.5 miles

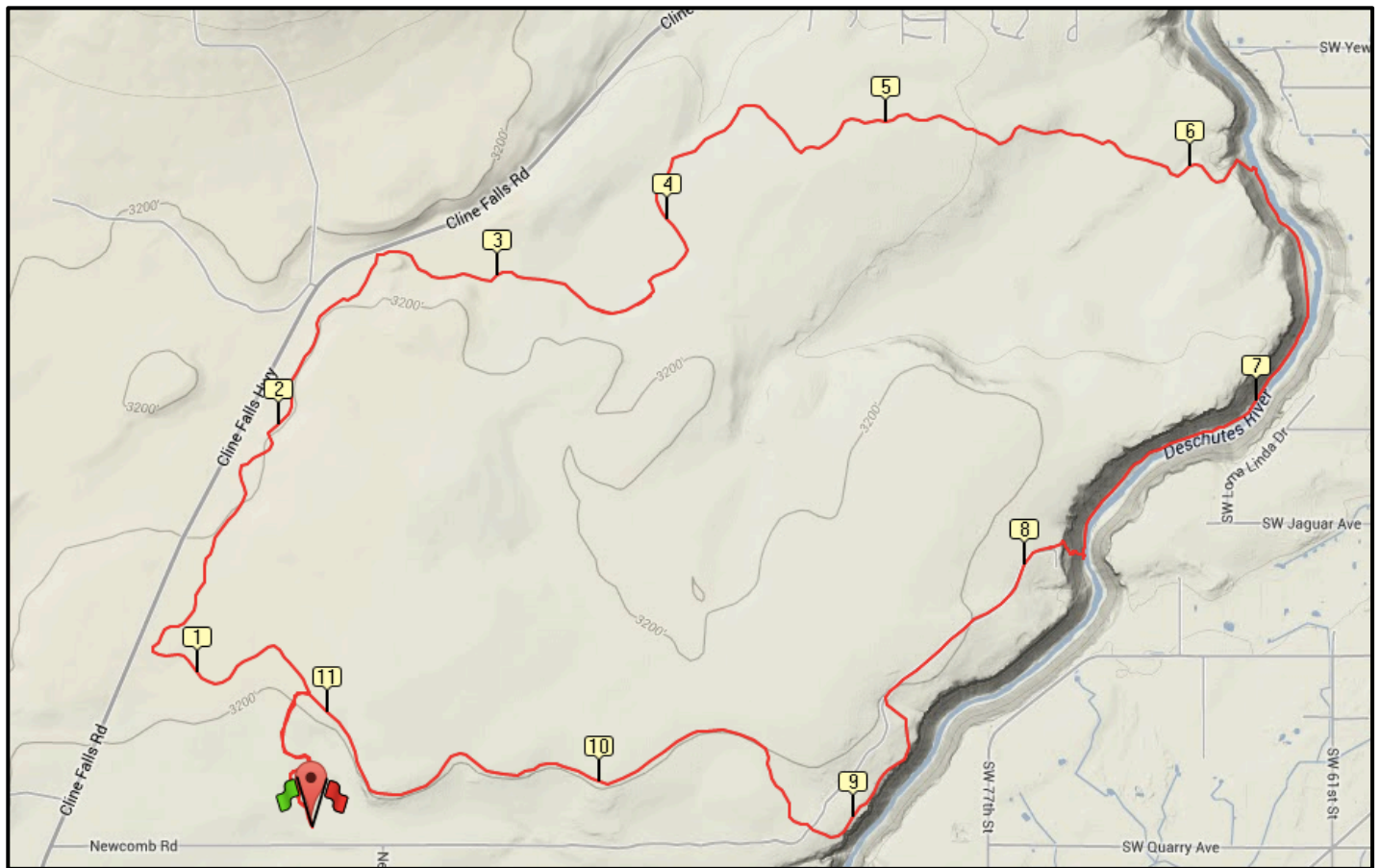
Difficulty: Easy - Good footing, minimum elevation gain

Surface: 100% singletrack on smooth (with a few rocks) Central Oregon dirt

Uses: Bikes, Pedestrians.

Route Directions:

The Maston Trailhead is a well-marked BLM parking lot off Newcomb Rd. Take the Cline Falls Hwy that runs between Tumalo and Redmond to get to Newcomb Rd. Multiple trails wind through the Maston area which makes it easy to get turned around but a river on one side and hwy on the other make it difficult to get lost. Follow the bike/pedestrian trail around the perimeter of Maston for the big loop of about 12.5 miles. Intersections are marked by a post with a number corresponding to the numbers on the BLM map. Going clockwise, continue to take left hand turns at the trail intersections until you return to the intersection taking you back to the Maston Trailhead.



Trail Description:

The Maston Area is popular with runners and riders primarily during the winter and spring months due to soft sandy soil when it's dry and dusty. While the big loop is 12.5 miles it is a flat loop with mostly good footing. Multiple shorter loops are possible modifications. The winding trail runs through the High Desert Juniper forest and rolling lava ridgelines that are predominant features throughout the area. The real treat comes when you reach the Deschutes River Canyon overlook. That section of trail becomes a bit more technical so it's worth slowing down to take a peak over the edge. It's a beautiful stretch of the river and an even better stretch of fun flowing trail.