

Riding Around the Sierra Nevada Roads



Combs Canyon Road
March 25th, 2007

Combs Canyon Road is along the way to Timberline Road – not too far from the community college. See the March 24th file. It's not quite as tortuous as Timberline Road but it does kick up in a few places. Here you can see the climb as you make your way to it from afar.



The scenery starts off somewhat barren but then when you cross some imaginary line the trees just appear out of seemingly nowhere. Suddenly you think you are riding through the Santa Cruz mountains because there are pine trees everywhere! The road is ideally suited for cyclists and there are many cycling route signs along the way (see the cover slide).



Combs Canyon Road by itself is pretty short. It begins to slope downward to a T intersection. You can turn left on Numaga Pass and continue climbing for a little more. Keep going along Numaga Pass and follow it down. You'll be treated to a view of nearby Washoe Lake. It is a beautiful site!

There are actually many roads around this neighborhood. It's almost impossible to get lost here so be sure to explore! They are all pretty short but they are fun to ride!



The elevation at the crest of Numaga Pass is approximately 5421 feet. I started at the same spot as the ride for Timberline Road – right across the street from the community college. The starting elevation for Timberline Road was 4809 ft. Now the Garmin read 4781. Being off by 28 ft isn't bad at all. The total distance was a mere 2.32 miles which is perfect for another “quick and dirty” ride.

