

Riding Around the Sierra Nevada Roads



Timberline Road
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Timberline Road is located near the north eastern corner of Carson City by the local community college. The road officially starts quite a bit higher and further up from the community college but I decided to count the climb to it as part of the overall climb. It's a short climb at 2.3 miles and it's perfect for another “quick and dirty” workout. However, short doesn't mean easy. The grade kicks up beyond 10% in some short places and it's easy to feel that in the legs!



Here's a short section of a steep rise about half way up. It doesn't long for this road to become rural fast. There's another great climb that T's off of this road and I'll cover that one next week. Watch out for the gravel on the side and sharp twisty turns going downhill!



The surrounding area was devastated by a fire about 2-3 years ago and the damage is pretty evident as you climb closer to the top. Most of the trees are charred and seemingly dead but if you look closely you will see some new seedlings taking root. The area is slowly recovering.

Yes, there is an eagle near the center of the picture. It is a beautiful wooden sculpture! Thanks to the neighbor for his artistic contribution!



The pavement ends at a fire service road. It's not too hard to get around this gate but there isn't much else beyond it. You can find a few ferocious streams coming down the mountain side but there are almost no trails to get to them.

So what are the final stats here then? It's a 2.3 mile long climb with a starting elevation of 4809 ft and a finishing elevation of 5544 feet.



