

LITTLE TOBY-WEST RIDE
State Game Lands No. 44, Elk & Jefferson County
(Bike)

Description: Except for one long climb, this is an easy tour of the Little Toby valley and State Game land food plots.

Distance: 15.2 miles

Time: 3 hours

Trail Type: Dirt and grass-covered roads and some double-track

Comments: This ride follows the Little Toby stream crossing on a swinging bridge.

Access: From Ridgway take Route PA949, 7.5 miles. 100 Yards before you come to Little Toby Creek you will see a dirt and gravel road on your left. Turn left onto this road and continue another 100 yards and park at the pullover on the right. It is marked with a sign that says, Clarion: "Little Toby Rail-Trails Hiking Path".

Mileage Log:

0 Begin by following the sign pointing to the rail-trail hiking path. Head left (upstream). Follow this trail for 4.8 miles until you come to a swinging bridge.

4.8 Cross the swinging bridge over the Little Toby. The trail leads to a railroad. Cross over the rails and turn left. Cycle alongside the tracks for approximately 200 yards. To your right you will see or hear a stream, flowing down from the mountain and crossing under the tracks through a large pipe. Look and listen carefully for this stream. It is not easily seen. Just before you come to the pipe, climb the bank on your right. You will immediately come to a Game Lands service road that winds uphill. Make a right onto this road and pull the hill.

6.2 Once you have reached the peak, turn right onto the ungated dirt and gravel road, go 100 yards and turn left onto a grass-covered Game Lands access road. This road is marked with a sign that reads, "Closed to all vehicles."

6.5 The trail comes to a distinct Y. Turn to the right.

6.9 Pass straight through a distinct intersection.

7 Another Y in the trail, keep to the left.

7.3 You come to yet another Y in the trial, stay to the left.

8.3 A sign marks the boundary between Elk County and Jefferson County.

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8.5 The trail enters a large Game Lands food plot. The trail surface at this point becomes more of a pipeline than a road. It is still very ride able, however.

9.2 The road comes to a T. The remains of what appears to be an old stone quarry are on your left. Make a right turn and head downhill. At the bottom of the hill, the road crosses an old bridge.

11 When you reach the gate, go around it. You will come to an intersection. This is the same road you crossed over earlier. Continue directly across the road and start down another gated grass-covered road.

13 The breastwork of a beaver dam blocks the road. Don't fret though; the water is only inches deep. A little past the dam is an old service road to the right that will take you down to a tunnel. If you don't feel like investigating the tunnel, bypass the old service road and continue straight up the hill. You will pass directly over the tunnel.

15.2 The dirt road brings you to PA949. At this point you have a good view of the Clarion River. Turn right at the intersection and pass over the Little Toby. Soon after crossing the bridge you will see a road on your left that takes you back to your vehicle.

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