

Waterloo Hydro Cut ⁵

Wienerschnitzel and mountain biking?

- Distance:** Approx. 20 kms.
Time Required: 2+ hours.
Grunt Factor: (7) Fun singletrack. A couple of climbs with switchbacks.
Techno Factor: (6) Some tight/twisty climbs/descents and a little man-made stuff.
Fear Factor: (5) Classic mountain biking.
Fee: Free
Route Finding: A little confusing. Use the hydro lines and dump for orientation.

Description: This place used to be infamous for a pile of "north shore" man-made obstacles. All of this has been cut out recently, leaving some pretty classic XC mountain bike trails. Starting on the "dead end" street, head west on West Hill Dr. and pick up the singletrack on your right going into the field. After the gully, stay along the fenceline. Take the obvious trail to the left, keeping the dump (you'll hear and smell it) on your right. Try the "Frankenstein" lollipop loop to the right. Then follow one of several trails along the hydro cut towards the west. Make sure you check out Sweet St. and Adam's Trail. Give yourself time to explore and you won't be disappointed.

Directions: From the 401, take Hwy 8 to Kitchener/Waterloo and then take Hwy 86 NORTH to Waterloo. Exit on University Avenue West and follow (for a while) to the end at West Hill Drive. Turn LEFT on West Hill Drive and park on the dead-end street to the LEFT. Note: in Waterloo, street that criss-cross less than three times are referred to as "parallel".