



Chewelah Peak Learning Center

49° North
Chewelah Mtn

Cottonwood Loop

35 Miles

Woodard Meadows

Calispell Lake

Davis Lake



Shoshone

Cottonwood Loop

Getting There: Access is easiest from Chewelah, WA, located on Hwy 395. Head east on Main St (at the only traffic light in town). Main St changes into Flowery Trail Rd as it heads up the mountain towards the ski resort 49 Degrees north. About 10 miles out of town, towards the top of the mountain, just past Cottonwood Divide Rd is a large sno-park/staging area.

Staging/Camping: The staging area is the sno-park on Flowery Trail Rd. There are several RV/camping facilities in Chewelah, as well as dry camping in the Colville National Forest.

Difficulty: The gravel roads are all USFS maintained, with some paved road travel on Flowery Trail Rd from the sno-park. The roads are easy to ride, but the difficulty is staying on track and finding the proper USFS roads to stay on route. USFS road signs are brown carbonite slats, with black road numbers printed on them. They're usually located on the right side of the road you intend to travel on, about 25 feet from the intersection. They can be obstructed by brush or tree branches, so look carefully for them.

Highlights: This is an easy route with some great scenic viewpoints along the route. This mountain route is a tree-lined by-way through the Colville National Forest. An OHV playground is located on Middle Fork Calispell Rd, about halfway through the route. Logging activity may have this area temporarily closed.

Time and Distance: The loop is 35 miles around, so allow 3-4 hours to complete.

Route Description: From the sno-park, head back west on Flowery Trail Rd, turning left onto Cottonwood Divide Rd (USFS RD 4342). Follow this road for about 10 miles, until you come to an intersection with USFS RD 3540, a 'Y' intersection with a hard left uphill turn. Follow 3540 until it intersects with Middle Fork Calispell Rd, turn left. The OHV playground is 1.25 miles down this road on the right. Continue down Middle Fork until it intersects with Flowery Trail Rd. Turn left on Flowery Trail Rd, riding this paved road back to the sno-park. You will pass the 49 Degrees North ski area on your left. No OHV's are allowed in the ski resort.

Other Routes in the Area: A current Colville National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) Southeast area is required to be in your possession on this route. Other routes shown on the map are highlighted by dashed/segmented lines. This is a seasonal route area. Most of the route is open April through November. However, snow does linger in the higher areas well into spring, thus making the road impassable until the snow melts.



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