

Salmon Idaho Mountain Bike Association (SIMBA) Spring 2023 Newsletter



Finally, *SPRING!*

It took a little longer than normal this year, but Salmon is now enjoying dry trails at Discovery Hill, while many other riding areas in the region are still snow covered. We hope you have gotten a chance to get out on the trails and enjoy the warm(er) weather. Just a quick newsletter here to let you know of a couple of great events coming up.



SPRING EVENTS

Discovery Hill Trail Work Day: We're looking for trail volunteers to join us on EARTH DAY, Saturday, April 22, from 9am to 1pm, at the Discovery Hill Trailhead. Hosted by SIMBA and the BLM Salmon Field Office, we have several projects lined up at Discovery Hill, including new trail construction, trail realignment, trail drainage work, and trash cleanup. No experience necessary. Bring work gloves, comfortable work clothes, and water. Tools will be provided by the Youth Employment Program. Come dig with us and help improve our local trail network! Visit [our website](#) for more information.

The Nine-and-a-Half Hours of Disco: May 20, 2023, starting at 9:30am. After a 3-year hiatus, the Disco mountain bike endurance race is back! This year's race is *only* nine-and-a-half hours, which is totally doable by mere mortals, or, put together a team of 2 or 3 to share the love. If that's not your thing, then just do a hot (or not so hot) lap, and then hang out with cool people while taking in the world famous views from the top of Discovery Hill. There will be beer! If you are 10 years old or younger, join the Kids Race. There will be prizes! In any case, join us for some great competition, epic riding, and fun community atmosphere. Visit [our website](#) for all the details and to register. This race is capped at 100 riders, so don't procrastinate. Let's kick off the mountain biking season in style!



TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

Little Thompson Gulch. This classic trail at Wagonhammer and historic route of Lewis and Clark provides access to Burns Basin and a multitude of trails beyond... although it may not be for everybody. It's a stout mile long climb with sections of 20% grade, but everything is rideable. It's always nice to get to the top, where you can continue on into Burns Basin or head back down the way you came. The way down is all smooth sailing on decomposed granite trail surfaces, but check your speed - this is a multi-use trail that is often used by hikers and horsemen. Remember trail etiquette, and please communicate with the horsemen, as they probably won't be able to get off the trail. Prime riding season is May, when the high country is still snow covered and you can enjoy the arrowleaf balsam root and lupine as you make the grunt. Fall can be great too, but you may want to avoid this area during hunting season, as it can get quite busy. For more info, check out the Wagonhammer trails on [TRAILFORKS](#).



COMING UP - SUMMER 2023

Stay tuned for group rides, trail work days, and more events this summer. We'll keep you posted on our website, Instagram, and Facebook page. Curious about trail conditions or not sure where to ride? Check our [our website!](#)

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Interested in becoming a member? Join us for the ride! Your membership helps to fund operating costs and equipment, and makes this all possible. When you join, you become a member of the SIMBA local chapter of IMBA. Most of your membership dues stay right here with the local community, and you will get some nice perks from IMBA as well. To join, visit [our website!](#)

**Now go ride your bike... or hike... or run...
See you on the trails!**



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