

Salmon Idaho Mountain Bike Association

Winter 2025 Newsletter

SIMBA

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From the crew here at SIMBA, we would like to wish everybody a very happy New Year! 2024 was another successful year for SIMBA - scroll down to read about some great community events and improvements to our local trails. Wherever you are this Winter, we hope you're finding good trails or good snow, and here's to a great 2025 of mountain biking, trails, and community!



SIMBA NEWS

DISCO 2024. The Nine-and-a-Half Hours of Disco Endurance Mountain Bike Race sold out in 2024, with 143 riders participating in the 9.5-hour race, 12 riders braving the 1-hour Kids Race, and 14 riders happily partaking of a "Hot Lap." The competition was intense, and the stoke level was high. Thanks to all participants, volunteers, and sponsors who helped to make this a great day of mountain biking in Salmon, Idaho. Results and race photos are posted at the [Disco Race Website](#). Stoked for DISCO 2025? Scroll down for the event date and more info!



Trail Improvements at Disco Hill. The Disco Sign Project is steadily progressing. In April, SIMBA held a trail work day in partnership with the BLM to install new trail signs on the lower portion of the trail network. Thanks to the 26 awesome volunteers who helped out with this effort! Over the course of the year, SIMBA continued to address drainage issues (about 40 new or rebuilt drainage structures), made other trail improvements throughout the trail network, and finished the planning for Phase 2 of trail sign installation. Look for more trail signs to go up in the Spring, as well as a new trailhead map! On the final trail work day of the year, in late October, SIMBA completed the construction of the Pelvis Trail extension. Huge thanks to the crew of 16 amazing volunteers who helped out with this one, and to the BLM for their support. This 0.3-mile long section of new trail, along with 0.3 miles of adopted cow trail, is now part of the official trail network, linking up some great loop options on the upper Disco trails.



And more trail work. No surprise here, but trees continued to fall on trails in 2024. SIMBA focused trail clearing efforts this year on several local trails, including Powderhouse #6079, Rattlesnake Ridge (*aka* Double R) #6085, Thunder Mountain #6040, and 3 segments of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) #6111 that SIMBA has adopted to maintain through the Continental Divide Trail Coalition. SIMBA cleared over 155 trees from these trails in 2024.



TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

CDT South of Lemhi Pass. If you've ever run the 100K Beaverhead Endurance Run, you know the section of CDT from Goat Mountain to Lemhi Pass to be a rocky 2-track with steep hills full of loose rock. Not exactly a classic mountain biking destination. However, this is all about to change, with implementation of the CDT Re-route Project South of Lemhi Pass, led by the Youth Employment Program (YEP), in partnership with the BLM and Lemhi County. This 3-phase project will ultimately result in about 10 miles of new high elevation machine-built singletrack, replacing the existing route of the CDT that is currently on the 2-track road.

Phase 1 was implemented in 2024, completing 3 miles of new singletrack. A crew of SIMBA board members and volunteers spent a day helping out with the finish work on this trail in August, gaining appreciation for the rugged terrain along this route. This trail features airy views down into the Lemhi Valley while cruising in and out of high elevation meadows and forests at 8400 feet (and yes, it's a bit of a stiff climb to get up there as well).

Lemhi Pass is a great place to explore, not just for the amazing landscapes and trails, but also for the rich history of native American culture, early settlers, and intrepid miners. If you do venture out in search of this new section of trail, keep in mind that not all trail segments have been completed at this time - the CDT route still follows one section of steep 2-track to access the trail segment completed in Phase 1, and expect crews to be working on Phase 2 in 2025. Learn more about this trail on Trailforks at <https://www.trailforks.com/trails/cdt-copper-queen/>.



COMING UP!

Earth Day Trail Work Day at Disco. April 26, 2025 (Time TBD, Discovery Hill Trailhead). Join us to help install new trail signs (Phase 2) on the upper trail network of Discovery Hill. Detailed instructions and tools will be provided for small groups to venture out on their own. Lunch will be provided. Thank you trail volunteers!

Nine-and-a-Half Hours of Disco 2025. May 10, 2025 (10:00am-7:30pm - Discovery Hill). Whether you're in it for the podium or the party, join us for another epic celebration of early season dirt in the sagebrush hills of Discovery Hill just outside of Salmon, Idaho. You don't have to be in shape for this endurance mountain bike race, but it would certainly help if you want to have any chance of keeping up with those kids from Sun Valley. Solo, Team (of up to 3), and Hot Lap categories on a 10-mile looped course, and Kids Race category on a <1-mile course. REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1. See the [Disco Race Website](#) for more information.

Group Rides, Trail Work Days, and more. SIMBA will be hosting a handful of group rides and trail work days during the 2025 summer season, and possibly some additional events. We'd love to have you join us! Stay tuned for more info.

SUPPORT SIMBA!

Join us for the ride! There are many ways to support your local Mountain Bike Association - attend an event, volunteer at a Trail Work Day, make a donation, become a member, or just get in touch and let's chat trails. Membership dues help to fund operating costs and equipment, making this all possible. Membership is through the SIMBA local chapter of IMBA - if you choose to become a member, most of your membership dues stay right here with the local community, and you will get some nice perks from IMBA as well. THANK YOU MEMBERS!!

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MAY YOUR 2025 BE FULL OF EPIC RIDES! SEE YOU ON THE TRAILS!

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