

## **Directions to Gooseberry Mesa:**

### **From Zion Cycles:**

Travel west for 3.5 miles to the town of Rockville & turn LEFT onto Bridge Rd. Follow Bridge Rd. for 1.6 miles, staying right at the intersection just beyond the bridge. At 1.6 miles, turn LEFT at the 'T' intersection onto Smithsonian Butte Rd. Continue on Smithsonian Butte Rd. for 4.9 miles until you come to Gooseberry Mesa Rd. This road is usually unmarked, so watch for a fence on the right hand side. Turn RIGHT through the fence onto Gooseberry Rd., pass over a cattle guard & continue for 3.6 miles. After 3.6 miles you will come to a 'Y' intersection. Here you will find a trail map & restroom. Turn LEFT at the 'Y' (onto Left Fork Rd.) & continue for 1.1 mile over a rough road to the main parking area or RIGHT for 1 mile to the Windmill parking area.

### **From Hurricane:**

Travel east on Highway 59 for 14.4 miles. Turn LEFT onto Smithsonian Butte Rd. & continue for 2.8 miles to Gooseberry Mesa Rd. This road is usually unmarked, so watch for a fence on the left hand side. Turn LEFT through the fence onto Gooseberry Rd., pass over a cattle guard & continue for 3.6 miles. After 3.6 miles you will come to a 'Y' intersection. Here you will find a trail map & restroom. Turn LEFT at the 'Y' (onto Left Fork Rd.) & continue for 1.1 mile over a rough road to the main parking area or RIGHT for 1 mile to the Windmill parking area.

### **Trail Info:**

Gooseberry Mesa offers a series of interconnecting trails that allow the rider to customize the length & technical difficulty of each ride. The trail sections can be ridden in any direction for a limitless combination of rides. To help riders navigate the slickrock patches, white dots have been painted & should be followed.

### **Trails:**

#### **Practice Loop:**

The start of the Practice Loop (actually part of the North Rim Trail) is located just a short distance from the main parking area. Although this loop is considered intermediate, it is the easiest portion of singletrack & is highly recommended for those who have little experience with singletrack & slickrock.

#### **South Rim Trail:**

This section of trail begins at the main parking area. It is considered a difficult advanced ride. Expect exposure to steep drop-offs difficult climbs, sharp turns & narrow ledges. Use caution when riding along the rim.

#### **North Rim Trail:**

Beginning from the east end, this intermediate trail gets steadily more difficult toward the Point. Expect narrow ledges along the rim as well as various chutes & domes.

#### **Windmill Trail:**

This trail can be easily accessed by parking at the Windmill, which is the official trailhead. This intermediate trail offers spectacular views of Zion. Expect exposure & use caution.

#### **White Trail:**

This trail is an old jeep road that runs through the center of the mesa & is considered the easiest of all the trails. It is a 3.5-mile long out & back to the Point. It can also be used to access middle portions of the rim trails or as a quick return to the parking area. Expect 2 short stretches of sand along the trail.

#### **Yellow Trail:**

This trail can be used to bypass the sand pit along the White Trail. Although the Yellow Trail is only 1/2 mile long it is a technical trail & those less skilled may prefer the short stretch of sand.

#### **Hidden Canyon Trail:**

This trail connects the White Trail to the South Rim Trail. Although it is an advanced ride, it is well worth the effort!

#### **Bowls & Ledges:**

This is a short intermediate trail that connects the Practice Loop to the Windmill Trail & back to the North Rim Trail.

