

CRANK THE SHIELD SSM

Day 2 – Stokely to Searchmont – detailed description

After a nice breakfast, riders leave Stokely at 10:00am!

- A fast hammer alongside beautiful Stokely Creek for 2 km.
- A hard left takes you up a long hill, making a right and quick ride through re-opened singletrack.
- Ride a tough, loose gravel climb to the start of 7 continuous kms of tough singletrack – after 5km of riding, it should be well spread out, but make sure you enter the trail in good position.
- The first of 3 sections of trail is about 2km long, mostly uphill, tough but rewarding singletrack!
- After 3km of fun trail, you enter the second section, (by the outhouse), a marshal will ensure you go straight, this is a rider crossing, designed to allow you to ride the third, 2km section as mostly a downhill!
- Gorgeous country and a series of bridges (slippery when wet) await you on all the singletrack, the third section is really pretty country and spills onto King Mountain trail.
- After two right hand turns, a long climb brings you back to the marshalled “crossing” at the outhouse – make sure you go straight!
- 3 more kms of mostly climbing bring you to the top of King MTN – one of Ontario’s highest peaks, and an incredible view, all part of the Algoma Highlands Conservancy!
- Aid Station #1, as well as artist Norman Brown will be at the first of many views – in fact from this view you can see the top of Batchawana MTN, which you summited the day before!
- A fantastic, re-invigorated snowshoe trail along the peak features great riding and many view points – look for the “view” signs, for those allowing time to stop and take photos!
- Thanks to local legend Bob Yankus for the construction of these trails, we have 4 awesome Kms eventually bringing us back to the main trails in Stokely Creek.
- Upon seeing your next marshal, fast doubletrack trails on the Peterson/Trappers trail towards Norm’s Cabin take us to the west edge of Bone Lake, where we go right on Hakon Lien trail.
- Some big downhills take us to the end of Robertson Lake road. A marshal will be there to ensure you are on track!
- The snowmobile trail from the end of Robertson Lake road to Searchmont is rough, with many washouts and some true backcountry riding, approx. a 20 km section.
- As you enter the town of Searchmont, a short ride along the quiet Searchmont road will bring you to a marshalled crossing, onto Searchmont property.
- 3.5 km of classic singletrack, once used for Ontario Cup races and the “Loose Moose” almost 20 years ago, has been unearthed! Some tough sections, and some fast sections, these trails will be sure to put you to the test 60 kms into the day!
- As you ride along the base of Searchmont, seeing the finish arch, you will ride by it – knowing your ride is not nearly done. From here, you start your long, 1000+ foot climb up the rocky, loose, access road to the very top of Searchmont! The vistas as you climb are incredible, if you have a chance to look...
- One marshalled course crossing will be located near the top, where you should drop your post for the 2km re-opened Downhill! Steep sections, and a few drops (with lines around) will be an

Exhilarating end to a tough 70 kms in the saddle. You have just climbed both King MTN, and Searchmont in the same day!

Finish the day with a few slices of pizza, and take a quick ride over to the Goulais river for a swim!