

Crank the shield:SSM Stage 2 Stokely Creek back to Stokely Creek

Course length: 48kms

- Start at Stokely Creek lodge, hammer along beautiful Stokely Creek, onto Eva's way trail.
- Continue along Evans Lake trail, and return along Julie's trail through beautiful lands at Stokely.
- Start the long climb up Erling Strom, the main route to the top of King Mtn.
- Turn left onto King Mountain trail, continue gentle climb for 1.5kms
- Turn right onto a 2km, rolling terrain singletrack trail.
- After the Singletrack, turn left onto Erling Strom and continue along the long climb, onto Hakon Lien and West Peak, to the top of King Mountain and Aid station #1
- Here you start the awesome, 3km singletrack along the top of King Mountain, with many gorgeous vistas along the way, you'll want to stop for some selfies! This is rugged trail, with only a few quick hike-a-bike sections.
- Spill off a steep descent onto Frozen Waterfall trail, and fly down over 400 vertical feet of doubletrack to King Mountain, then a hard right onto Peterson road.
- Continue 3 – 4km along Peterson road, making a right turn onto Hakon Lien.
- After some ups (one steep one) and downs, keep left off of Hakon Lien onto a crown land connector trail towards Robertson Lake.
- Enjoy a 2km singletrack (mostly) downhill, a re-route around a dangerous wash-out that has gotten worse since 2018.
- This fun trail spills out onto a gorgeous, sandy beach at the base of Robertson Lake, here there will be a Freezie station and an opportunity to jump in the lake – an incredible swimming hole with the gorgeous backdrop of the Robertson cliffs.
- Continue back to the trail, with a long, gentle climb with technical rock sections, back to the snowmobile trail on the south side of Robertson Lake.
- Make a right and continue down for 3km to the bottom of Robertson Lake, and the start of Robertson Lake Road.
- Here, you will find the second aid station, before you continue 6km along Robertson Lake road, a gravel road with plenty of climbing.
- Make a right onto McGaughan Rose Road, continue for 1km to a short section of the Voyageur Trail, a quick left and then a right.
- Start the long, steep climb back up Erling Strom – getting you halfway back up to King Mountain. One section of this climb is a continuous 20 percent grade – most of you will likely be walking.
- You will now be going back on a section of what you climbed to King Mtn.
- Turn left, onto a super fun 2km mostly downhill singletrack.
- Turn right, and continue straight, onto a 1km section that you already rode at the beginning, but take a left onto another, 1.5km, mostly downhill section of singletrack.
- Spill out right back onto Erling Strom, down a steep rocky downhill, back onto Peterson road, going left for the final stretch back to the finish!
- After some gentle climbs, you will be on a service road behind Stokely Creek. Here, you will repeat the final 900 meter singletrack that you rode in Stage 1, on Stokely property, to the finish line! Enjoy views and sounds of the finish as you descend to the finish!