

# Nason Ridge

**Activity:** Mountain Biking

**Region:** Lake Wenatchee District - Wenatchee NF, Washington

**Difficulty:** Difficult - Single Track

**Round Trip Mileage:** 18

**Round Trip Time:** 3 hours

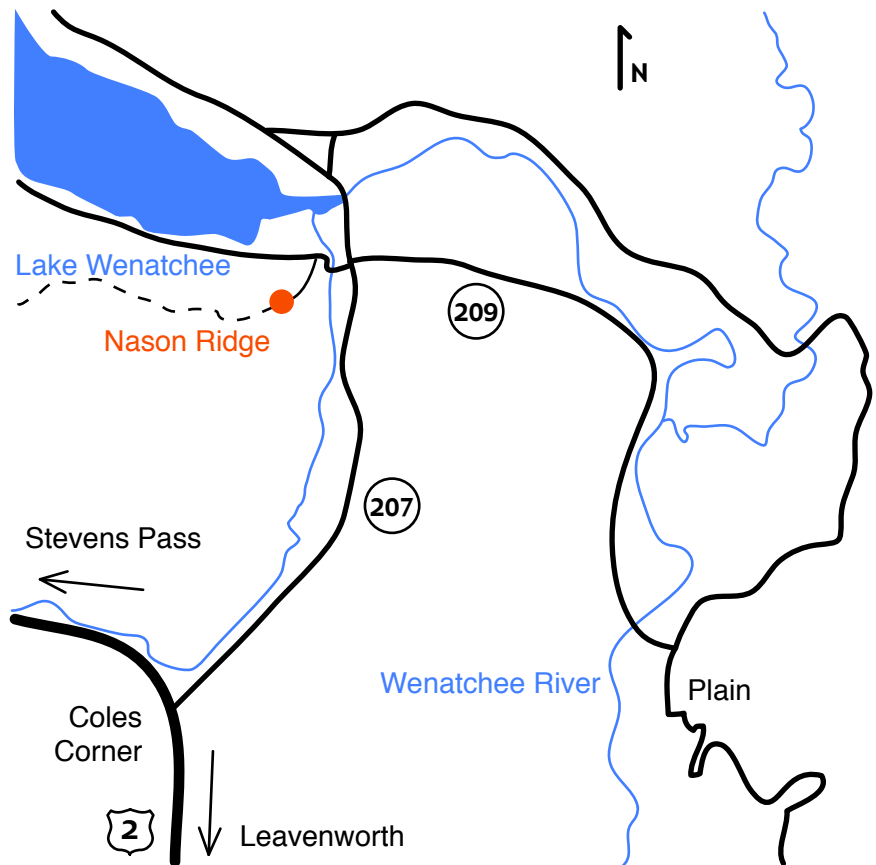
**Suitable For:** Adults and Hearty Teens

**Seasons Open:** Early Summer - Early Fall

**Permits Necessary:** USFS Trail Park Pass

## Trail Description

This is a thigh-pumping, brake-burning type of ride that no sane person would attempt if it were not for the awe-inspiring views at the top. The trail is dry and hot so make sure that you have plenty of water for the journey and fill your belly with lots of carbs. From the trailhead, follow Nason Creek Trail #1583. After a short jaunt through the lakeside forest you will begin a grinding ascent. In 2 miles you will get glimpses of Lake Wenatchee and Fish Lake. At 2.6 miles, you reach an intersection. Go right following the trail signs up an old logging road. At 3.2 miles you will top out and begin descending. Alas, the descent does not last as soon you begin climbing again. Switchback your way up to Round Mountain which you will reach at 6 miles. This is an admirable turn-around point. You can continue further to a saddle in 9 miles, but only if you are true believer in finding pain in your gain. From Round Mountain, bear right to a series of thumping switchbacks. Ride all the way to the top of this ascent (at about 8.8 miles), catch your breath, take in the views, and eat a Power Bar. Turn around and get ready to test your brakes for an exciting descent back down to the car.



## Driving Directions

From Leavenworth, start your odometer after you pass the gas station on the corner of Icicle Road and Highway 2 West. Drive 14.5 miles on Hwy 2 West and take a right on route #207 following signs to Lake Wenatchee/Fish Lake Recreation Area (or if traveling from Stevens Pass go 20.2 miles and take a left on #207). Go 3.6 miles and turn left on Cedar Brae Road (follow the signs to Nason Creek Campground). At 4 miles Cedar Brae Road turns left (follow the signs to Kahler Glen). At 4.3 miles turn left following signs to Kahler Glen. At 4.5 miles bear right at the fork. At 4.6 miles, you will reach the Nason Ridge trailhead. Park on the right.

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