HORTH HILL TO LANDS END ROAD AND BACK

This is a 3-booter that will take about 1.5 hours or so. It has a number of significant uppy bits and the trails, for the most part, are groomed. You'll also run into a short staircase on the hill off Lands End Road.

- 1. From the car park at Horth Hill Park turn left and follow the main Perimeter Trail around to the north side of the park. When you get to 'A' you will find a signpost with a map on it opposite a trail leading off to the left. That trail will lead you down to Eagle Way. You'll find that there are a couple of steep downy bits on this section.
- 2. Once at Eagle Way, turn right and follow the road to the junction with Hedgerow Drive where you turn left. About 150m down the road you'll see a marked trail off to the right at 'B".
- 3. The trail will lead you to a cul-de-sac where you turn left. Once at the junction with Elderberry Way turn left. At the bottom of Elderberry, on the left, you'll see a <u>dalmatian fire hydrant!</u> At Lands End Road, turn right. Normally, you'd cross the road to walk facing the on-coming traffic; however, given that Lands End can be a bit busy and there is a wide enough verge to walk along on the right hand side of the road, it'll be OK to walk the roughly 150m until you reach the trail at 'C'.
- 4. The next section of the trail leads back up the hill. There's a fairly steep bit and a short set of stairs. The trail ends at a T-junction where you will turn right. In a short distance you'll cross Tanager Road and then along the side of a house. At the bottom of the house's yard, take the trail to the left at 'D'. A short distance down that trail you'll reach a new, groomed trail at 'E'.
- 5. This new trail is part of the trails that have been put through a new park area donated by the developer of the new subdivision that you'll see on your left hand side. Keep left on the trail but be aware that there is a short and steep uphill piece. A little later you'll come to a section of the trail that has a short but very steep downhill section. Fortunately, the trail builder realized that that section was a problem so he put in a switchback that turns to the left take it!
- 6. After the switchback the trail splits into two for a short distance. The left hand route leads you down to Littlewood Road but from there there's a trail off to the right that'll join up with the other section of the trail.
- 7. From that junction there are a number of ways to wind your way back to the car park. For the geographically challenged the best bet is to keep walking parallel to Littlewood Road until you reach the main trail back to the parking lot. The more adventurous can risk it just don't go up any long hills!