

Mountain Bike Race



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Do you like my mountain bike? It has extra heavy tires for riding on rocky trails. That's good, because I'm riding in a race down a mountain. Do you want to come along?



The winner will be the one who rides down the mountain in the shortest time. But first we have to get up to the top. Lucky for us, we can ride up on this ski lift.



Don't worry, our bikes can ride the lift, too! There is a hook to hang a bike on the side of the chair. Look, they are putting your bike on the hook now.



We made it to the top and here comes your bike. Before we start, let's make sure we know which way to go. I think we can see the path from up here.



From here we can see for miles! Do you see the trail down there? That is where we are going to ride. Did you hear that? They just called our names. It is our turn to start down.



The starter will mark down what time we start the race. Someone will also mark what time we get to the bottom. Are you ready? There is the signal to start. Here we go! This is going to be lots of fun!



Look at that red cliff! We are in a hurry, but we just have to slow down for a second and look at the view. Okay, let's go on down the trail.



The trail here is full of sharp rocks.
Oh, no! I hear air hissing! I think your
tire is going flat. We will have to stop.



We can fix that tire right here. I always carry a pump! Push the pump handle up and down to put air back into your tire. Wait, do you hear something in the woods?



Look, there is a moose eating the flowers just down the hill from us. Let's be very quiet while he eats. He sure is big!



Now we should go as fast as we can, so we can make up some time. But if you had not gotten a flat tire we wouldn't have seen that moose!



We are almost to the bottom. Pedal as fast as you can! We did it! We made it all the way down! We didn't win the race, but we had a great ride.

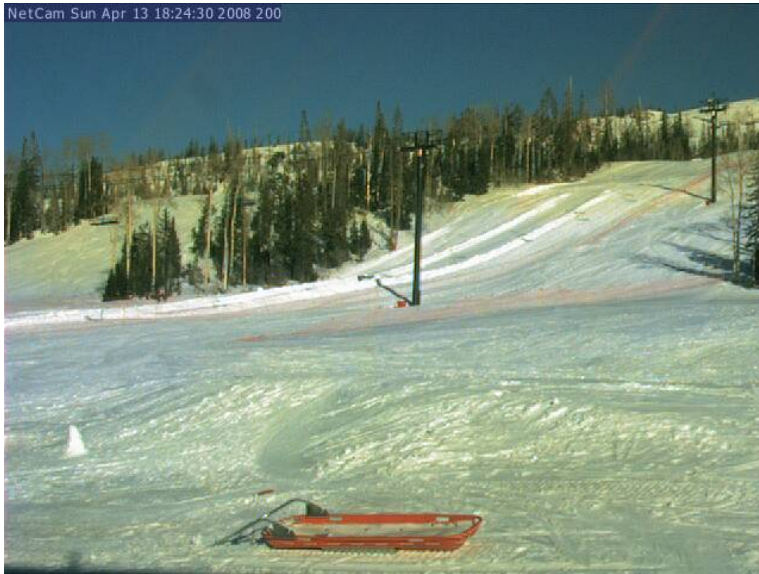


That race was so exciting! I'm not tired at all. Let's go back up the lift. We can ride down the mountain again, just for fun this time.



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All photos were taken by Ann Brundige at the Brian Head ski resort in southern Utah. This is a popular area to ski in the winter. The mountain top is over 10,000 feet, well above the treeline. In the summer, mountain biking takes over. There are 200 miles of bike trails, and since the ski

lift is still running, it is easy to get to the top. Besides races like this one, many people ride to the top and bike down just for fun. Whole families enjoy the cooler temperatures of the mountain as they explore on mountain bikes.

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