

SATRA RIDE RATINGS

We strive to rate trails and assign a rating from “beginner” to “advanced” to help give a general sense of the trail’s difficulty, characteristics, and type of facilities. These ratings are estimations based on an average user, with average physical abilities and skills, to take to complete the trail in ideal conditions. While these difficulty ratings are useful, be sure to take into consideration other factors such as ***grade, elevation*** and ***terrain, current weather*** and ***trail conditions***, as well as ***your and your horse’s fitness level*** and ***experience*** and ***acrophobia*** (fear of heights), when deciding whether a trail is right for you and your horse.

BEGINNER:

- Distance: ~0 to 10 km
- Estimated time: ~2-4 hours
- Elevation: Mild ~0-300m
- No obstacles (other than foot/bike traffic), easy to find, wide trail or multiple choices to choose from
- Trailhead and info easily accessible/ close to urban areas
- Facilities may include parking lots, washroom, benches

EXAMPLES:

- Pavan Park – Lethbridge
- Taber Trout Pond
- Fort Macleod River Bottom
- North Drywood Falls – Castle Area
- Syncline – Castle Park



INTERMEDIATE:

- Distance: ~10 to 25 km
- Estimated time: ~3-6 hours
- Elevation: Moderate ~400-800m
- Wide/ quad trail and/or single-track trail
- Trailhead access usually require a few miles of gravel roads
- Shoes and Trail Bags with necessities required
- Obstacles may include, acrophobia, rocky or steep sections, water crossings, bridges, OHVs/ATV's

EXAMPLES:

- Spades Peak/ Hastings Ridge – Castle Area
- Haig Lake – Castle Park
- Ironstone/ Carbondale Lookout – Crowsnest Pass/ Castle Park
- Gardiner Creek - Castle Park
- Bovin (Blue) Lake – Castle Area



ADVANCED:

- Distance: ~10 to 40 km
- Estimated time: ~4-10 hours
- Elevation: Moderate to Extreme ~400-1000m
- Wide/ quad trail and/or very narrow single-track trail
- Trailhead access may require miles of gravel/ rough roads
- Shoes and Trail Bags with necessities required
- Obstacles may include, acrophobia, route finding, narrow trails, rocky and steep sections, (deep) water crossings, bridges, OHVs/ATV's

EXAMPLES:

- Yarrow Canyon – Castle Area
- Sugarloaf Lookout – Livingstone Pluz
- Middle Pass Lakes – Castle Park
- Seven Sisters – Crowsnest Pass
- North York Creek – Crowsnest Pass

