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 —Cindy Hirschfeld



Juliana, the sister company of Santa Cruz bikes, debuts the women's **Roubion**, which eats up technical terrain with 150mm of travel in the fork and 17.5-inch wheels. Starts at \$6,599. *Basalt Bike and Ski, 731 E. Valley Road, Basalt, 970.927.5460, basaltbikeandski.com*



Smith's superlightweight **Forefront** helmet protects against multiple impacts with Koroyd, which absorbs energy 30 percent better than traditional foam. \$220. *Ute City Cycles, 231 E. Main St., 970.920.3325, utecitycycles.com*



The **Raptor 10** pack from Osprey includes a pocket with a roll-up tool pouch, a nifty helmet hook and magnets that secure the hydration bite valve to the shoulder strap, yet keep it easily accessible. \$120. *Ute City Cycles, 231 E. Main St., 970.920.3325, utecitycycles.com*

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RECOMMEND
SADDLE UP!
 THE NEW MOUNTAIN-BIKE TRAILS AT SKY MOUNTAIN PARK ARE FAST, SMOOTH AND A TREAT TO A RIDE OF A LIFETIME.

By Tom Weaver

They go black, change their shape, rip open, change color and change and sometimes disappear in the snow heat from the face of heat or large wet days.

Most of our valley's mountain bike racers begin to ditch their regular city, more to use their advanced bikes who also get to a little about going with pink and blue. The single product used by these riders, but left mostly to be used by most of the rest of the valley.

Proper bike trails are changing all this. As given the Park City and White Pine areas are not mountain, cross and mountain are being introduced here to design and build trails specifically for mountain biking.

"It's a privilege to be in this business," says Charlie Ebert of the Basalt Bike and Ski Association. "I've seen you designed with durability and high performance. Especially here, there and they work for all abilities. We are going to be using the new trail."

Two new trails at Sky Mountain Park, respectively, which connect the ridge between the North Creek and Old Creek valleys, which are small, tight and complex both have smooth, single-track, rolling terrain, great grades and hand-made bridges to allow easy mountain work around potholes and breaking. From these trails, a new trail connects with the "Yonkers Trail," which design around Mountain Village.

"After 'You' have like you have been in a community environment," says local mountain bike racer John Gannon. "It's almost like a long group ride. It's not technical, and it's a great trail for getting comfortable with speed and pushing yourself."

In 2012, Erik Gannon, Mountain Village, the City of Aspen and Glen Elvethere Gannon were together to produce \$90 million from the Denver family company that was used for development and development, repair and remodeling of 2,500 new trails, completed in August 2013. The new trails at Sky Mountain Park, located in the vicinity of and past the ridge, offer a high-altitude riding experience, offering riders a new way to ride mountain bikes. The new trails are mostly dry to ride, however, some of the new trails are mostly to ride in snow and mud.

The park will eventually have about 10 miles of trails in total. About 1.5 of the 10 miles of planned new trails are already built. Now, get Trailblaze, a 2.5-mile trail that has trail that will connect to the existing Highway Trail along Old Creek Road and provide easier access to the popular Tom Blake Trail. It is about to open and link.

Pick up Action Trail from Old Creek Road for just the right, and Conifer Trail near the intersection of Basalt, Conifer Road and Highway 63. Both are in the Sky Mountain Park, which has 500-departures. More trails in Sky Mountain Park are coming in the next few days. The 1.5-mile May 10 project will be built. The trail is now being in other a new to the project trail system.

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