



## Women's Adventure

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Skills: Mountain Biking

Featuring: Verve

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### Gear

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## Mountain Biking

### Your Challenge:

Clear an obstacle that's always caused you to dismount before.  
Timeframe: 3 months

**Who's Done it:**  
**Erin Savarese** | 42, Lafayette Hill, PA  
 "It took me a long time to conquer The Mother—a big, tricky climb—for the first time. Now, even though I don't always make it up the hill, when I do, I know it's going to be a good ride."  
**Christina Faust** | 36, Greensboro, NC  
 "I fell just walking down a 12-foot steep on the course of my first downhill race. I still can't believe I rode it, but people made it look easy and I finally learned to trust in my bike."

**40** length (in mins) of the average adult ride

**What we love about mountain biking?**

Competition	11%
Community & Friendship	11.9%
Trail	14.9%
Speed & Adventure	28.8%
Relaxation	49.4%

**What would get you riding more?**

If it was cheaper	17.2%
Being more like a group	18.1%
An MTB awareness event	42.9%
More trails	43.4%

**What keeps us off the trail?**

It's expensive	9.7%
No nearby trails	25.7%
No one to ride with	26.4%
Too much work	69.4%

**35.7** average days/year a MTB'er hits the trail

**ADVOCATE Jenn Dice**  
 Jenn Dice might be the dirtiest girl in Washington, D.C.—at least when it comes to biking. Her politics? Relatively clean, she claims. As the government affairs director for the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), Jenn's agenda is crystal clear: "We're trying to make sure you have a great place to ride close to home," says the 38-year-old who's been riding knobby tires since 1998. Why does she work so hard so you can ride? Read on:

**What does IMBA actually do?**  
 In addition to lobbying local and national policy makers, we've been successful building literally hundreds of miles of trails all over the U.S. that are open to mountain bikes. We're a great partner with land managers, raising money, building community support, and bringing the expertise and manpower support to build sustainable and fun trails.

**Why is advocacy important?**  
 Especially with mountain biking, it's exciting to be part of a movement or campaign that's bigger than yourself and your individual ride. As cyclists, our power is in our political clout and numbers. That's what I take to elected officials: How many people does IMBA have in their district? If I can show that I represent a lot of cyclists, we have the numbers to effect change. ■

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