

## GRIZZLY VALLEY ATV CLUB

## TRAIL DIFFICULTY RATINGS

“Ratings are "maximum"; i.e. most of the trail may be a rating "1", but there may be a difficult obstacle somewhere on the trail that may increase the rating to "3".

1. **Easy;** suitable for brand-new riders. Generally wide open and fairly flat, with minimal off-camber sidehills, and the occasional cross-ditch.
2. **Moderately easy;** suitable for new riders who are looking to expand their skills. Some minor off-camber sections, hill-climbs, rocks, mud, and other obstacles.
3. **Moderate;** suitable for riders with experience. Some off-camber sections, hill climbs, rocks, mud, water, and other obstacles. Some narrow or twisting areas requiring slow speeds, high shelf roads, trees, etc.
4. **Moderately difficult;** suitable for experienced riders who are looking for a bit of a challenge. May contain off-camber sidehills, rock climbing, narrow, twisting trails through the trees, steep sections, water crossings, deep mud, and plenty of the usual obstacles.
5. **Difficult;** suitable for very experienced riders only. Tough, technical trails, dirt-bike trails, tight squeezes, tires in the air, and lots of obstacles such as large rocks, bottomless mud, or deep water.



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*Wide open spaces*

*Mountain trails*

*Memories for a lifetime*

## Onion Lake Trail



**Distance :** 27 km one way

**Difficulty:** 5 - Difficult

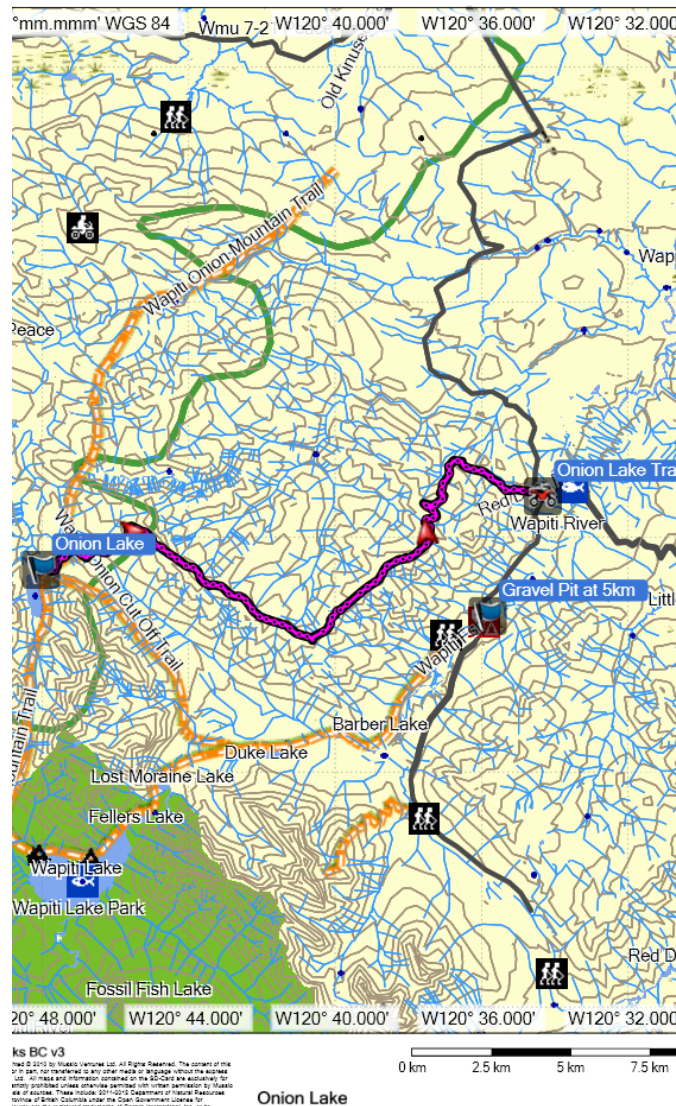
# Onion Lake Trail

The Onion Lake Trail is one of the premier trails in the Tumbler Ridge area. This very technical, steep and rocky trail, leads to ridge after ridge of beautiful alpine riding that culminates at the shores of the picturesque Onion Lake. On a clear day, this superb alpine area offers unbeatable views of the Rocky Mountain scenery.

This trail is not for the faint of heart and requires above average riding skills. Due to the difficulty of the trail and the time required (10-12 hrs return), it is best attempted in small groups of 3-5 machines, after July 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid snowpack in the alpine areas.



*The infamous Onion Lake Trail*



## DIRECTIONS:

46.5 km south of Tumbler Ridge, from the Co- Op bulk station, turn right onto the Wapiti Forest Service Road (also known as the Ojay Main). Follow this road south for 25 km to a junction and keep right onto the 2500 road. Approximately 100 feet past the junction and partway down the short hill, the trailhead is on the right and usually partially obscured by alders. An offload area is available at the bottom of the short hill on the left.

Should you be planning to several trips in this area there is a gravel pit at km 5 that makes an excellent campsite and offload for any of the riding in this area, such as Warner Lake and the Red Deer Fire Tower. A Forest Service Recreation site, 0.5 km further, is available on the shores of the Wapiti River. Alternatively, if you stay left at the km 25 junction there is a Forest Service Recreation site a short distance away where parking and camping can also be sought.

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