

## Leonard's Loop (Mad River Riders' Beginner Loop at Blueberry Lake)



*Photos by John Atkinson*

Easy, 2.3 miles (out and back) mountain bike trail, +/- 460 vertical feet change from the north entrance.

Thanks to a terrific partnership effort involving the US Forest Service, the Mad River Riders, VT Mountain Bike Association, Sustainable Trailworks, the Town of Warren, Sugarbush Resort, the VT Youth Conservation Corps, Green Mountain Valley School and many others, beautiful new mountain biking trails were completed at Blueberry Lake in in 2012.

The Blueberry Lake trails feature gentle grades, sweeping turns and flowy lines. Start slowly and learn the routes, before increasing speed. Be aware of guide stones near the edges of the trail. These help “guide” users to stay on the trail, which reduces impacts and maintenance.

**Trail Access:** Start at the main trailhead on the north side of the dam. Follow the trail down to a bridge over the stream outlet from Blueberry Lake. After crossing, climb briefly until reaching an intersection. Go right for an easier climb, left for a moderately tougher ascent. These routes reconnect at a main intersection with the upper loop, Flying Squirrel. The right fork is generally easier and less technical than the left fork, which has more turns. Leonard's Loop is named for Leonard Robinson, the original designer of Blueberry Lake and the owner of Blueberry Lake Touring Center.

**Trail Manager:** The Mad River Riders ([www.madriverriders.com](http://www.madriverriders.com)), a local, member-supported organization, manages these trails on Green Mountain National Forest land ([www.fs.usda.gov/greenmountain](http://www.fs.usda.gov/greenmountain)).