Mt Taylor 50k Course Description

All distances in miles.

* 0 Begin at the Rock Tank shelter trailhead. Head east on FR 453.
* 0.4 Turn right off road to XC ski trail.
* 1.4 Turn left off trail back onto FR453 continue right going uphill.
* 2.7 Reaching saddle follow FR453 left up toward La Mosca Peak.
* 3.3 Turn right on FR 453 away from La Mosca Peak.
* 4.2 Ridgeline Aid Station
* 5.0 Stay right.
* 6.0 Follow FR453 left downhill off ridge.
* 8.4 Turn left at fork.
* 8.6 Turn left on FR 451 and stay left when road splits at 8.7.
* 10.3 Left turn off road downhill into Spud Patch Meadow.
* 10.5 Spud Patch Aid Station at south end of meadow.
* 11.0 Exit Spud Patch to the north and turn left at FR451.
* 11.7 Sharp left off FR451 onto Continental Divide Trail. Look carefully

Macintosh HD:Users:kgordon18:Desktop:cdtmini.png for large cairn on left 10 feet off the road. Follow CDT

blazes on trees. XC arrows appear intermittently on the CDT, do

not use them for guidance.

* 12.5 Left onto jeep road for .3 to gate.
* 12.8 Ojo Piedra Tank gate. Go through gate then right at large cairn.
* 13.2 Sharp right.
* 14.3 Turn left uphill.
* 14.5 Go through gate, look for right turn uphill at 14.6.
* 15.5 Left uphill then sharp right at medium cairn.
* 16.1 Stay right at fork.
* 16.4 Stay right.
* 16.7 Rock Tank Aid Station. Exit west the left to rejoin CDT.
* 17.5 Turn right.
* 18.0 Right turn off jeep road look for cairn.
* 18.1 Sharp left after gully.
* 18.3 Stay right through meadow.
* 18.4 Right on road.
* 18.5 Left at cairn.
* 18.7 Hard right at cairn.
* 19.6 Stay left.
* 20.0 Go through gate.
* 20.1 Left turn off CDT trail onto FR 193.
* 21.2 Gooseberry Aid Station. Exit north on Gooseberry trail.
* 21.5 Stay right.
* 21.8 Go straight across road.
* 24.3 Go through gate.
* 24.5 Hard right off trail up to Mt Taylor summit.
* 24.6 Mt Taylor Summit. Continue north on Gooseberry Trail.
* 24.8 Go straight across road then hard right in clearing.
* 24.9 Go through gate.
* 25.2 Caldera Aid Station. Exit down road south into Water Canyon.
* 26.3 Turn left on switchback.
* 27.4 Switchback right.
* 27.7 Switchback left.
* 28.1 Water Canyon Meadow. Hard left onto single-track trail uphill.
* 29.3 Caldera Aid Station. Exit west onto XC ski trail/jeep road.
* 29.9 Sharp right turn on faint trail toward Heartbreak hill.
* 30.0 Left turn down Heartbreak hill and follow XC trail.
* 30.5 Crossing open meadow look for trail on right.
* 30.8 Veer left down hill.
* 31.8 Finish at Rock Tank shelter.