

**TRACK:**     ***SILVER LAKE RIDE***

**AREA:**       Region: Hwy 64 North & River Valley  
                  North of River Valley



**DISTANCE:** 70 km.

**RATING:**     3 (see cover letter)

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**ACCESS:**     On highway 539A turn left on hwy 805 and travel up to Pardo Road to park. You can continue on 805 and park at McNish Creek or continue approximately 2 km. where there is another parking spot. The road to the right leads to Silver and Tee Lakes.

**TRACK DESCRIPTION:**

- Depending on the parking area leave from Pardo Road a well- kept logging road and travel approximately 7 km.
- Turn left and travel along a nice trail for 8 to 9 km to Deschamps Lake. Turn right at the main trail. Straight ahead will be our trail on the way back.
- The first place to visit is Lake Deschamps. Here there is located another hunt camp. There is a trail leading to this lake.
- Coming back to the main trail we now turn right and head off to Lake Indian Trail. Again you turn right to visit this lake.
- The third lake to visit is Echo Lake on which Field Lumber used to have a logging camp. You can still see the remanences of the camp. We continue following the main trail to get there. It can be difficult at times and might require a chainsaw. This is a perfect spot to have lunch.
- After lunch you return on your tracks just to after Deschamps Lake turnoff and turn right to Spiank Creek.
- On the map this is called Silver Creek. Go down the steep bedrock with caution. Sometimes the water levels can be high so check this out.
- There is a hunt camp located here. Prospectors have built a good road to the right 7 km. from hwy. 805. If short of time you can take this. We turn to the left.
- Continue on to Tee Lake and Silver Lake. At both lakes there are nice spots overlooking the water. There are small forks that lead to the water.
- Continue on to Hwy. 805 and to our parking areas.
- There is a road to the west going to the Gassy Lake / Sturgeon Rivers but you cannot get there because of over growth.

**HISTORY:**    At Echo Lake you can see the footings of an old logging camp. This is where Field Lumber used to have a camp in 1944-1946. The whole area is one of past logging of the old pine forest.