

Mini-Taur 10 KM

The race starts downtown Blairmore at 1292m and in less than 1km, heads up Bluff Mountain on a tiny, rugged switch-backing trail to some moderate open rock slab sections. As the climb eases off, you follow a rocky ridge that is mixed with patches of open forest all the way to the summit of Bluff Mountain at 2145m. On the way up, you have views of the Crowsnest Pass, east to the prairies and west to the Rocky Mountains.

From the summit of Bluff Mountain, you follow tiny trails that gently descend through open forest down to an open alpine meadow at about 1930m. The trail then veers to the east where it descends rapidly down a faint rugged trail that heads down the southwest face of Bluff Mountain. At about 1740m, the trail again veers east contouring over to another one of the steep rocky ridges on Bluff Mountain.

You then follow a small technical rocky trail that heads along the top of steep cliffs running almost due south. Soon you will begin to see the town of Blairmore now about 400m below. Next you leave the ridge on a steep forest trail down to a junction with the same trail that you headed up at the beginning of the race. From here you it is less than 1km to Blairmore and the finish line!

This is a great little course, and a fantastic way to enjoy some epic alpine terrain!