

The Nofivesatall Clinical Trial at Alto Pit on 05/07/2023.

The weather was slightly cool to start the day which was just right for riding. Geoff Chain set the morning sections with help from Ron Chain, his dad. Bret Dooley took care of the Afternoon sections.

Sections 1-3 were on the trail past the Kiddy corral. He used some of the smaller obstacles to remake a couple of upper-class sections into lower-class lines. Sec. 3 had a tough down-and-up area that took a lot of points.

Sec.s 4 & 5 were new lines down in the creek area east of the main parking lot. They were mostly up the creek bed with a turn to the exit on 4 and a turn to start through some water in 5. Most riders caught their breath on these sections.

On around to the west side of the main pit was Sec. 6 on a big mounded rock formation that had riders going up and down and around the rock pile. This one tripped up a few riders and some on the third loop when they thought it was cake.

Finally, down the trail to behind the west side of the campground Sec. 7 & 8 were in another one of the creek beds that still were wet. Sec. 7 meandered through some water and made Elites go up a step dirt hill and around a big rock that was challenging. Section 8 was set at the base of an amphitheater rock outcropping. The Start went twisting in the trees and later the Elites went back up into the rocks and turned tight downhill to the exit.

For the Upper-class sections, Bret set Section 1 at the far end of the main stream bed east of the parking lot. Sand and water kept riders dabbing and a couple of newly fallen logs made it a lot brand new. Back up toward the parking area was Sec.2, the good old standard, never gets easier, up the creek bed ride.

Off to the east of the main pit, Sec.s 3 & 4 were in "Area 51". This is a huge rock formation that hides in the pines like so many of the jewels of Alto Pit. The Forest Service probably thinks this OHV site is all about the trails for the fast bikes and quads. Ah, but we know of the many hidden gems like Area 51! Bret set some long, winding lines making us climb and then go back down before letting us exit.

Just off of the numbered trails to the north were Sec.s 5,6 & 7. Sec.5 was short but still took points with a super tight turn. Sec,6 had an off-camber rock down and up that needed hops or a big dab pivot. At the end the split for sportsman was not cleaned on this day. Sec. 7 had a dual exit. Most riders rode around the big rock through a jumble that was hard to clean, but some riders went straight up the big rock to the exit.

Sec.8 was way up to the north end of the pit and completely new. The Prescott Wednesday Riding Group found it and spent much effort prepping it for this event. Just the tip of the rock pile, ravine and hillside was presented for this event.

Only a handful of riders passed the clinical trial with Nofivesatall. Lee Pennington, Trent Caley, Daniel Hare in the afternoon and Bill Montjar, Cyndi Farrell, Roland Moelder, Finn Masten and Jefferey Duke did it in the morning.