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Comments: Please stop turning all of the trail in the National Forests into RACE TRACKS. I am an avid mountain biker. Have been since 1992. Grew up riding motocross in the woods & Details on the tracks. Getting people into the woods should not be an engineered experience. It should be organic. Riding needs to be as organic as hiking in Pisgah. There are more & Details or more hand built berms (mounds of dirt that turn to mud) around every corner & Details or the natural world. BMX tracks, bike parks, pump tracks and dirt jumps all have man made berms galore & Details or the National Forests need to be their own separate experience. Everywhere a berm is built, it disrupts the enjoyment of the forest. No parents wants to hike in or ride a horse in and say "Look mommy at that giant pile of red clay in the woods with all those tire marks or muddy grooves".

Pisgah National Forest has begun to resemble a dirt luge track. We mountain bikers are more than capable of navigating natural terrain without the use of catch berms around every corner. Only within the last 5 years and the advent of the monetary business of trail "building" has this issue compounded. Useless, non permanent and costly to maintain. They also cost time and money that could be put toward making trails blend in rather than pull more soil to the surface and get piled up only to wash away. Trail building should FIT the forest, not change or overpower the natural world around it. Trail companies are taking advantage of the Forests, building in costs for doing self serving things that cost the public man hours, waste funds & treate excessive work for volunteers in the future.