**eMTB Adventure: Iron Mountain**
**Damascus, Virginia**

**THE BASICS**
- **START:** Downtown Damascus
- **END:** Same as start
- **MILEAGE:** 25.7
- **ELEV GAIN/LOSS:** +2,510’
- **RIDE TIME:** 1.5-3 hours

**OVERVIEW:**
Nicknamed “Trail Town, USA”, Damascus, Virginia, is a small and scenic town near the Virginia/Tennessee border with a big heart for trails. With routes easily accessed from town, you can park your car and be pedaling in minutes. One great adventure is the Iron Mountain Trail, a long section of ridgeline riding with rocky terrain, big views, and beautiful oak forests. The route goes out and back to Skull Creek Gap, climbing on the outgoing leg. On the return trip you’ll be hooting and hollering with a big, mostly descending ride back to Damascus.

**DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD:**
Take exit 19 from Interstate 81 and drive southeast on US Highway 58 (Jeb Stuart Hwy) to Damascus, VA. Park your car and start pedaling east on E 4th St towards Rebel Circle. Continue on this road for 1.7 miles until you hit the southern end of the Iron Mountain Trail.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE EMTB RIDING:**

On federal, state, county and local trails, eMTB access varies significantly. Generally speaking, any natural surface trail designated for both motorized and non-motorized use is open to eMTBs. eMTBs may not be allowed on trails managed for non-motorized activities. Do not ride your eMTB in areas where the local rules are unclear. When in doubt, ask your local land manager about access, since local land rules change frequently.

PeopleForBikes and the Bicycle Product Suppliers Association are working to promote better access to eMTBs. It is critical that eMTB riders ride legally and only on authorized trails to show that mountain bikers are responsible users.