

# 07 Rabbit Hill Resort

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In 2005 I was asked to come to Edmonton to put on a couple of information seminars regarding bike parks. Edmonton was very interested in having key staff sit at the table where they could ask questions regarding every aspect of mountain biking from trails and illegal building to industry trends and skills parks. The second seminar of the day was geared towards neighbouring communities and Rabbit Hill ski resort offering the same informational opportunities.

Summer 2006 Rabbit Hill decided to run a mountain bike program and hired some local help to build the inaugural park proving a very successful year one offering a couple of basic trails, one advanced trail and some dirt jumps and technical feature area.

Spring 2007 I was contacted by Scott and Rich from the hill to come and build advanced jumps with the possibility of shaping a creative line. The hill decided that they had the experience they needed to build their beginner/intermediate line but wanted big jumps with hopefully progression included.

Arriving at the resort on the Monday we promptly hiked their new an improved 07 trails, checked out their jump and features park then swiftly got to work building the advanced jump line which Scott had laid out base materials for from the accepted design I had done. Over 3 long days the talented, enthusiastic and very motivated staff from Rabbit Hill helped me to build one heck of a jump line which was completely rideable at the end of the second day.





While clean up and details were being done on the jump set we moved forward and started building the creative line I have been dreaming of for the last couple of years, basically, a downhill pump track on steroids inspired by the Quebec figure 8 stock car racers. Although there is a obvious risk potential with sending riders head to head with criss cross jumps special car was taken to minimize collisions leaving that choice 100% to the rider.





Each day I got to do beginning and end of day sweep as well as having the opportunity to periodically take breaks to do a couple of laps of the trails. I really like the layout and the flavour of the trails and the staff is very courteous and friendly offering a very positive experience. The jump park rocks and their features area has the most teeter totter combinations I have ever seen in one place offering riders very diverse riding.



Although opening day was the weekend before I came, Norco had had a demo day the following weekend which brought a ton of stoked riders out and from the smiles on everyone's faces I think we hit success!



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