

MOUNTAIN BIKING LINGO

Big Hit Bike	Full suspension bike designed with over 6 inches of front and rear wheel travel; usually a downhill bike
Bomber	Any part of a bicycle or gear that is designed with strength as its main feature; also a high speed, wide trail downhill section
Chute	A difficult, steep, narrow section of trail; also known as a 'drop'
Clean	To not put a foot down during a tough climb or descent
Dab	To put a foot down during a tough climb or descent
Drop Trail	Riding your mountain bike in an area with a lot of climbing and descending
Epic	A long, hard ride with great views, lung-busting climbs and white knuckle descents
Hardtail	A mountain bike with front suspension only
OTB	Either 'Off The Bike' or 'Over The Bars,' depending on context
Plush	Something that takes the sting out of the big hits; usually suspension related
Sandbagger	A rider who races below his true skill level; usually in sport or beginner class
Single	Either your marital status or a one speed mountain bike
Sketchy	Riding a trail out of control or a trail that you can't ride in control
Softtail	A mountain bike with pivot-less rear suspension; chainstay flex affords travel
Technical	A trail description that indicates that there are many obstacles
Timber	Logs down in the trail that you may or may not be able to ride over