6 Tipton Summit Trail

■ 1-2 hours ■ 9.3 miles ■ More difficult

- **Access to trailhead:** From Austin Junction, go north on Highway 7. In 4.3 miles, turn right and pass through gate in the barbed-wire fence (be sure to leave the gate as you found it, open or closed) and park.
- **Nearest Food/Water Source:** Austin Junction.
- **Surfaces Encountered:** Old railroad grade, two-track and improved gravel road.
- **Comments:** Although not extremely difficult, route finding is a bit tricky on this ride because of the abundance of roads, many of them unsigned, in the area. You'll follow back roads up to Tipton Summit, then descend on an abandoned railroad grade.
- **USGS Maps:** Greenhorn, Austin.
- **USFS Maps:** Long Creek Fire/District.

Mileage Log:

0.0-Ride north on FR 449.

0.8-Continue straight; FR 041 on left. Now riding on old railroad cut.

1.1-Continue straight, passing two roads coming in on the left.

1.6-Turn left at "T" onto unmarked FR 2620.

2.3-Continue straight as you pass a sign for Crawford Creek on the left.

3.2-Continue straight (faded sign for "Crawford Mdws Rd." on right).

3.9-Continue on FR 2620; sign here reads, "US Highway 7 -- 1 mile." FR 081 is on the right.

4.8-Turn left onto FR 479, a faint two-track, approximately 200 yards before coming to Tipton Summit on Highway 7.

5.1-Gate; high-voltage line overhead.

5.4-Gate.

5.5-Veer right.

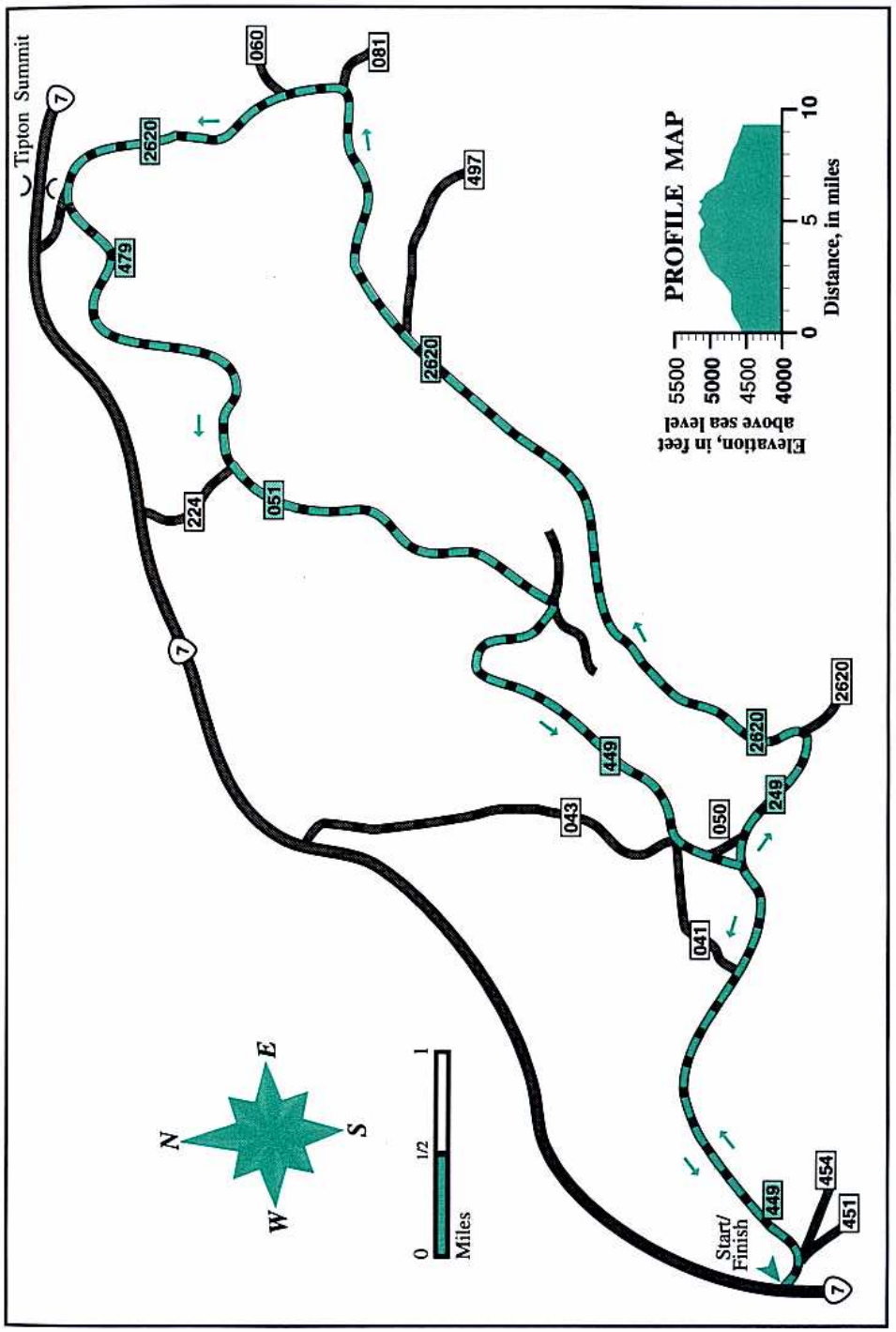
5.8-Bear left onto FR 051; FR 224 is on right at this point.

6.0-High-voltage line overhead.

6.7--Bear right onto best road at junction of unmarked roads.

7.7-Bear left, following "dog-leg" in trail at intersection.

8.0-Turn right at "T" intersection.

8.5-Pass back through railroad cut.

9.3-Back to beginning point.