Ride Description
“Utah Backcountry Adventure Trail”



Enclosed you will find a daily description of the ride and associated plans.
You will also find an SD card for your gps unit. This card contains all the custom ride maps which have been created for the ride. You should install this sd card into your gps prior to the ride and check to see that it is working properly.
If you have trouble with your gps I will be happy to help you at the ride.
You will also find paper daily ride maps. These are to be carried with you as a quick reference to aid you in understanding your gps and the day’s route options.

We will meet in Saturday evening at the

San Juan Inn

US 163 & San Juan River, Mexican Hat, UT 84531 (800) 447-2022
Note: Riders should make arrangements with the hotel to leave their trucks here for the week.

About the ride

This is a 6 day ride designed for adventure bikes. The ride is designed for the advanced and intermediate riders. This is not a good ride for beginners. The main route does contain a mix of dirt roads and pavement. The ride has route options. The main original BDR route is colored **BLUE**. Each day riders can choose easier **GREEN** options or riders can choose to explore rougher dirt sections as **RED** options. Riders should study their choices ahead of time. The main **BLUE** route was designed with a mix for the intermediate riders on bikes like the BMW 1200.



This ride is about exploring the Utah backcountry and the amazing surrounding Red Rock area.

Riders need to pack and carry their own gear on their bike for the week. Riders should be prepared for rain and cold weather. I chose this time of year because most often the weather is nice, but anything can happen, so come prepared.

Consider coming prepared to help your fellow rider: *"It is not just about you riding your scooter across America, it is about all of us riding across America. It is about helping your fellow rider and laughing along the way. Everyone needs help at some time, but would your friends say that you are more likely to need help on a ride or are you more likely to offer help on a ride? When everyone comes prepared to be more helpful then rides turn out awesome. Come with this attitude! And you will find lots of helpful people on this ride. And lots of fun!"*

Saturday Ride Day0 Mexican Hat, UT

Lodging: **San Juan Inn** (800) 447-2022

Riders will meet this evening for an informal group dinner and riders meeting. Time is 6:30pm

Riders arriving early in the day should take a side trip down to explore Monument Valley. Follow the Black line for a tour around the valley.



Sunday Ride Day1 Monticello

Lodging: **Monticello Inn** (435) 587-2274

Ride length: 201 Miles

Gas Plan: Riders should fill their bikes before heading north from Mexican Hat. If you do that and follow the main Blue route the next gas is in Monticello at the end of the day. There is an optional Green shortcut route to Blanding for gas if necessary

Description: The ride starts with your choice of riding 20 miles south on highway to the Arizona border. The official start of the ride. Then riders will head back north, as you pass back through Mexican Hat be sure to fill up your bike with gas. The main Blue route turns to dirt roads at Donut 11 then riders are treated to spectacular Castle Buttes and the Mokee Dugway Grade. At Donut 13 riders can choose the Green Route paved option to avoid a section of soft silt sand. At Donut 15 riders have the option of a tougher Red section. At Donut 17 riders have a Green option of cutting the day short and heading into Blanding for gas and lunch. The main Blue Route continues through the forested mountains of the Manti La Sal National Forest.

Breakfast: You're on your own

Lunch Plan: Riders should pack their own snacks for lunch on the trail. Only lunch option is the shortcut to Blanding.

Dinner Plan: Recommend:



Moki Dugway. Utah

BACKCOUNTRY DISCOVERY ROUTES

Utah BDR Ride Day 1



Hammond Canyon from Overlook



Mokee Dugway

Monticello

Monticello Inn

Gas Blanding

Gas Mexican Hat

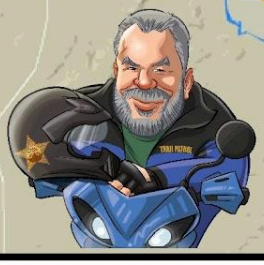
San Juan Inn

Mexican Hat

Utah BDR Start

Monument Valley





Deep Silt Sand

Fry Canyon

White Mesa

Bluff

Montezuma Creek

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Tselakai Dezza

18 23m 19 23m 13m 7m 17 9m 16 14m 19m 15 9m 14 7m 12 25m 28m 13 31m 11 8m 21m

Legend

Blue Lines are main routes

Green Lines are easy options

Red Lines are hard options

Ride Length is 201 miles

UBDR Start to Monitcello UT

Monday Ride Day2, Moab

Lodging: **Hotel Moab Downtown** 182 S Main St, Moab, UT 84532 (435) 259-7141

Ride length: 95 Miles on the main Blue BDR

Gas Plan: Get gas in Monticello before leaving in the morning. There is optional gas at Needles but it is best to check with them ahead of time. (435) 260-1699.

Description: Riders will need to make the choice between Red and Blue routes early in the day. I highly recommend the Red route Lockhart Basin. While it is marked as more difficult, the difficult part is really just one mile of a rocky and sandy canyon. You will be traveling this in the downhill direction making it easier. This Red route into Moab is some of the best scenery in all of the west. If it is a hot day I would avoid the Red route. If you like mountains the Blue route may be your best choice. This route takes you over La Sal Pass at 10,400 feet. There are some rocky, shaly sections as you descend from the pass. Snow can block this pass until late June. At Donut 24 there is a Green easy option to avoid the high mountains. Lastly, on the Red route, there are two Out and Black options: Needles Outpost and Chicken Corners. It may be possible to get lunch or snacks at the Outpost and the views from Chicken Corners are breathtaking.

Breakfast: PJ's of Monticello, next to our motel

Lunch Plan: Riders should pack their own snacks for lunch on the trail.

Dinner Plan: Open in Moab: gpsKevin recommendation: Zax Wood Fired Pizza, 0.3 miles walk from our motel



Lockhart Towers (Red Route)



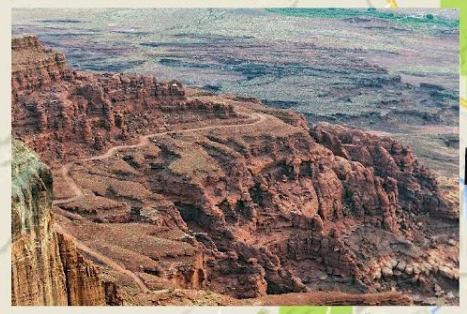
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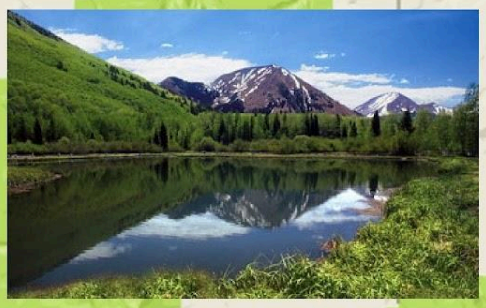


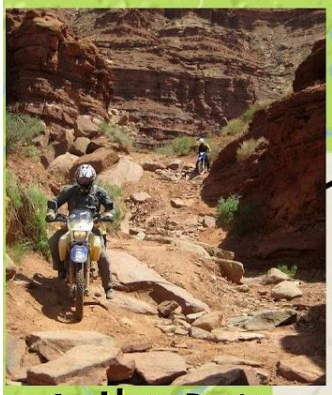
Lockhart Basin Panorama

BACKCOUNTRY DISCOVERY ROUTES

Utah BDR Ride Day 2









Castle Valley

Moab

Hotel Moab Downtown

14m

Hurah Pass

Chicken Corners

7m

29

17m

27

16m

25

4m

23

Needles Outpost

Lockhart Basin

Newspaper Rock

20m

21

9m

20

10m

Monticello

14m

Spanish Valley

10m

28

La Sal Pass

26

12m

13m

18m

24

21m

22

16m

Legend

Blue Lines are main routes

Green Lines are easy options

Red Lines are hard options

Ride Length is 95 miles

Monitcello UT to Moab

Tuesday Ride Day3, Green River

Lodging: **Robbers Roost Motel** 325 Main St, Green River, UT 84525 (435) 564-3452

Ride length: 152 Miles

Gas Plan: Get gas in Moab before leaving. There is no gas on the trail. Optional gas on the Green route in Thompson at about 120 miles

Description: The ride starts by taking you into the Sand Flats Recreation area. You will pass the Slickrock Bike Trail. Those on smaller bike should take a lap around the Slickrock trail. It can be great fun. At Donut 30 there is a paved Green shortcut if the weather conditions are poor. At Donut 31 riders have a Red "Tough Guys" choice. This route contains a tough Jeep hill climb called the Rose Garden. Not recommended for big bikes. The Blue section between Donut 31 and 32 is the Onion Creek Trail. There are lots of fun and easy water crossings. It is paved again until Donut 34. At Donut 34 there is a Green all paved option. Riders continuing on the Blue will be on dirt roads and treated to the back side of Arches National Park. At Donut 36 riders can take a Green shortcut to gas in Thompson. The Blue route between Donuts 36 and 39 is all dirt roads with some slightly sandy sections. This section makes a great loop along the foothill cliffs. There are several Green bail options along the route. The last section from Donut 39 to Green River is all paved old highway.

Breakfast: You're on your own

Lunch Plan: Riders should pack their own snacks for lunch on the trail.

Dinner Plan: gpsKevin Recommendation: Ray's Tavern in downtown Green River. It is the biker hangout with great food and good beer.

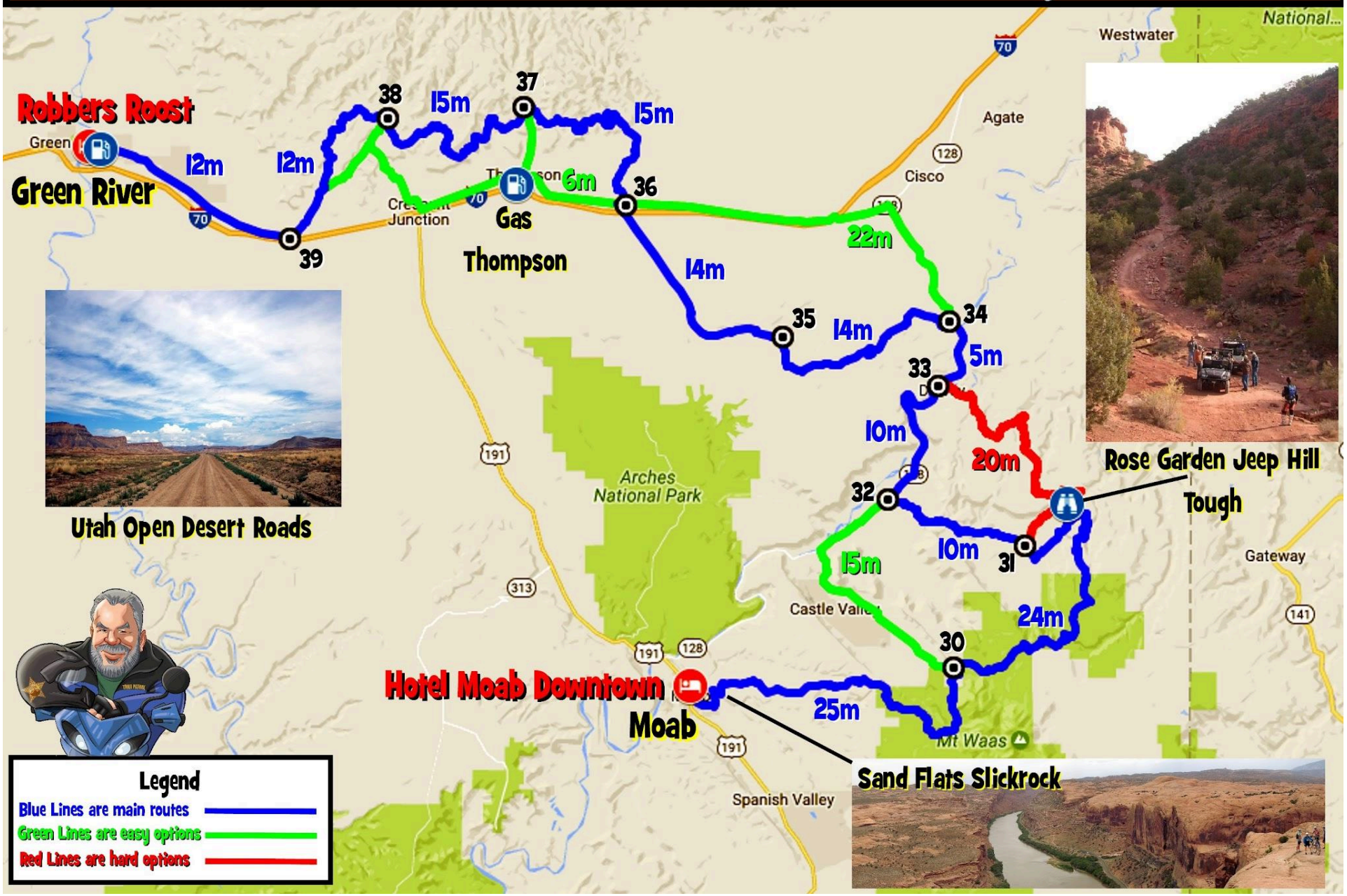


Fisher Towers from Gateway Rd

BACKCOUNTRY DISCOVERY ROUTES

Utah BDR Ride Day 3

Moab to Green River
Ride Length is 152 miles



Wednesday Ride Day4, Strawberry Bay

Lodging: **Strawberry Bay** (435) 548-2500

Ride length: 208 Miles

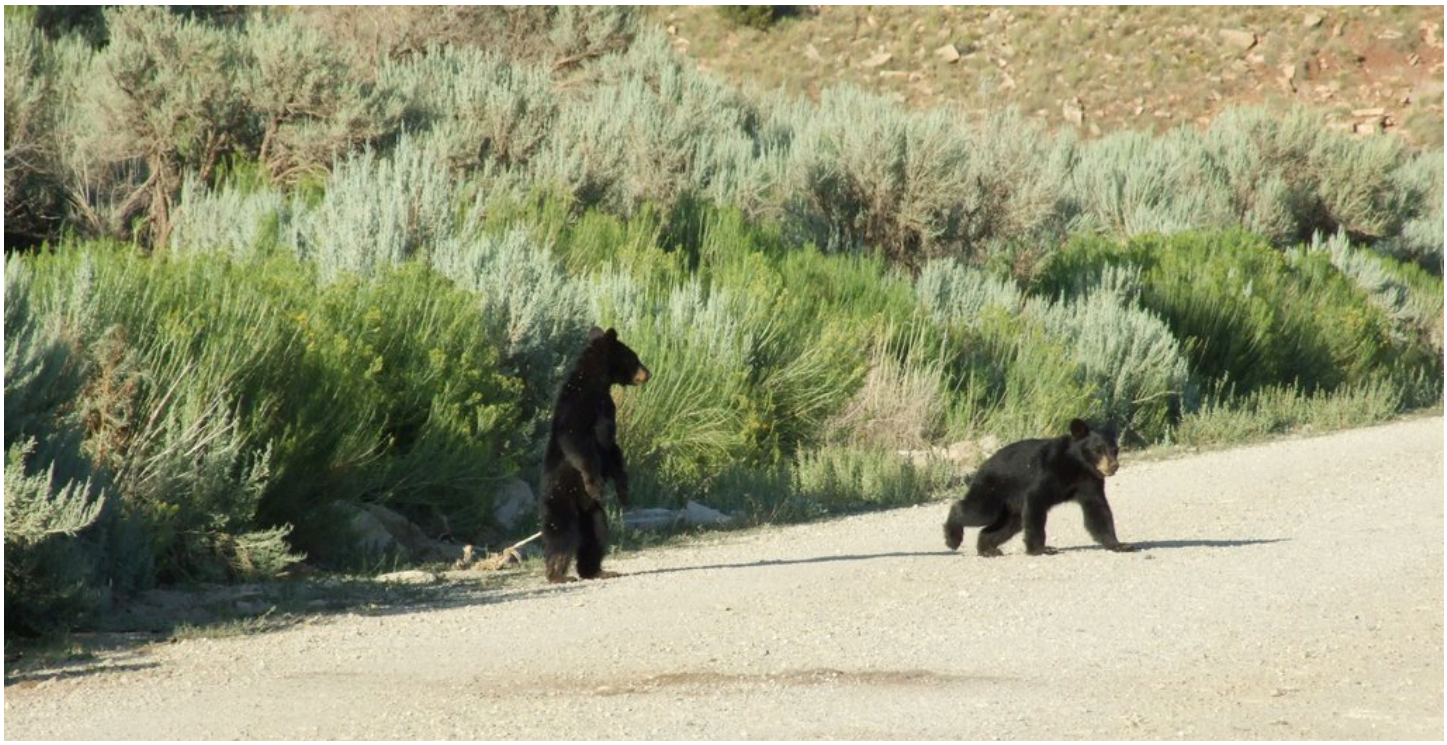
Gas Plan: Get gas in Green River before leaving in the morning. Next gas is at 92 miles in Wellington. There is a last gas option at Donut 49. This is a 9 mile dirt road to gas at Soldier Summit.

Description: The ride starts with a short section down the freeway. Then the dirt begins. At Donut 40 riders have a choice of a tougher Red route. The Red route contains the famous Black Dragon Canyon, the Devil's Racetrack and Fuller's Bottom river crossing. There are several sections of rock and sand. In high water or after rains this route can become impassable. Caution is advised as there are not many workarounds. The main Blue route cuts across the San Rafael Swell and along the old railroad grade to Donut 44 where the two routes join. At Donut 45 riders can choose a Green shortcut into Wellington for gas. At donut 48 riders have another choice for gas at Soldier's Summit. At Donut 49 there is a 9 mile optional Red section of singletrack.

Breakfast: You're on your own

Lunch Plan: Outlaw Cafe in Wellington

Dinner Plan: Dinner at the Strawberry Bay Resort.



Black Bear Cubs near Wellington

BACKCOUNTRY DISCOVERY ROUTES

Utah BDR Ride Day 4



Ride Length is 208 miles

Green River to Camelot Resort

Thursday Ride Day5, Evanston, WY

Lodging: **Super 8-Evanston** (307) 789-2777

Ride length: 128 Miles

Gas Plan: Get gas at the Big G, just 13 miles along the route.

Description: The ride starts on paved highway then at Donut 50, the dirt roads begin. There is a Green highway option to Donut 51, then the dirt starts there too. These are mostly forest dirt roads heading up and through the mountains. At Donut 55 there is a harder Red option. Depending on weather it should not be too tough. At Donut 57 there is a Green all paved highway option into Evanston. The main Blue route is a mix of dirt and paved.

Breakfast: Get breakfast Strawberry Bay

Lunch Plan: Riders should pack their own snacks for lunch on the trail.

Dinner Plan: Recommend: Bon Rico



Changing Seasons North Slope Uintas

BACKCOUNTRY DISCOVERY ROUTES

Utah BDR Ride Day 5



Near Evanston WY

Super 8-Evanston

25m

35m

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24m

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19m

Butterfly Lake & Hayden Peak



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9m

7m

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18m

9m

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4m

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8m

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7m

12m

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5m

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Strawberry Bay

Kings Peak

Twin Peaks

Bear River

Fort Bridger

Aspen

Piedmont

Robertson

Ogden

Layton

Henefer

Echo

Coalville

Bountiful

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Salt Lake City

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Utah Lake

Springville

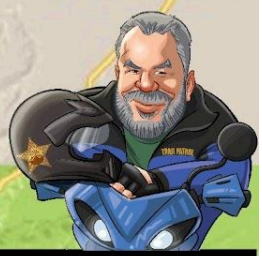
Spanish Fork

Fruitland

Strawberry

Duchesne

Tucker



Legend

Blue Lines are main routes

Green Lines are easy options

Red Lines are hard options

Ride Length is 128 miles

Camelot Resort to Evanston WY

Friday Ride Day6 Garden City, UT

Lodging: **The Lodge Motel** (844) 946-5253

Ride length: 99 Miles

Gas Plan: Get gas before leaving Evanston

Description: This is a short ride day. Riders are faced with a Red or Blue route choice at the start of the day. The Red route is unproven and may include some difficulties. It should offer some great more remote roads through the mountains. The Blue route is paved until Donut 63. At Dount 63 riders have an easy Green choice which is paved until Donut 65 or a Blue mountain dirt road choice. Again at Donut 66 there is another tougher Red option adding about 10 miles to you route. Riders continuing on the Blue route will find great dirt roads unless it is wet weather, then there can be mud. At Donut 68 the route turns to pavement. From Garden City riders can take the Black line highway to the Idaho border and finish the ride.

Breakfast: You're on your own

Lunch Plan: Riders should pack their own snacks for lunch on the trail.

Dinner Plan: Zipz Bear Lake

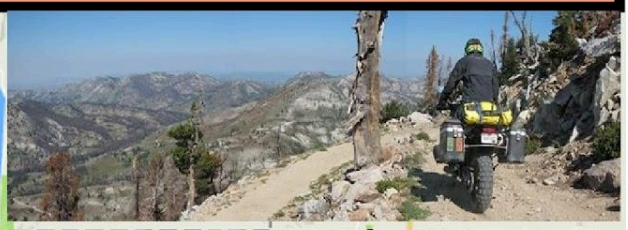


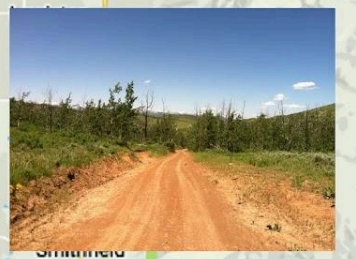
Sign on the way to Bug Lake

BACKCOUNTRY DISCOVERY ROUTES

Utah BDR Ride Day 6

Legend
Blue Lines are main routes
Green Lines are easy options
Red Lines are hard options











St Charles
Fish Haven
Franklin
Utah BDR Finish
Bear Lake
Onward to Idaho BDR
Garden City
The Lodge Motel
68
7m
11m
Garde
Meadowville
Laketown
67
22m
17m
7m
Hyde Park
North Logan
Logan
66
15m
Providence
10m
Randolph
64
Hyrum
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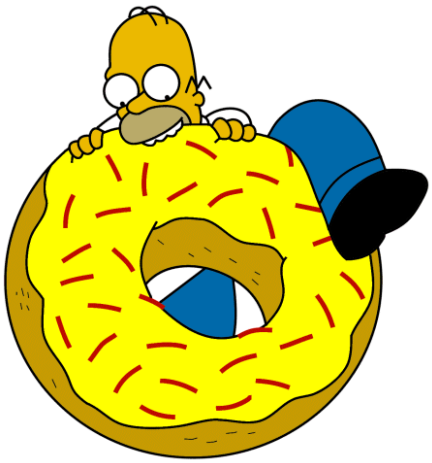
Ride Length is 99 miles **Evanston to Garden City UBDR Finish**

Saturday Ride Day7 Ride over

Riders can either return to the ride start or head home.

Lodging: None, ride ends

Donut Holes: Are we doing Donut Holes?



This ride includes Donut Holes. Donut Holes are suggested as meetup spots for riders riding in groups. It is recommended that you join a group of riders and not ride alone. Ride groups should be 6 people or less. Using gps to navigate while riding in a group presents lots of new challenges and opportunities. First, riders tend to ride at their own pace and often ride out of sight of the others in the group. Some riders may like to stop and take pictures and others simply like to stay out of the dust. When using GPS, riders often unknowingly pass or change their position within the group. While the rider, say Jeff, thinks Brian is in front of him, Brian is now behind. Jeff and both riders don't know that this change has occurred. What happens next is Brian slows to allow Jeff to catch up and Jeff speeds up to try to catch Brian. The gap between them gets ever bigger and the riders may never see each other again. These situations can escalate into big confusion and issues.

To mitigate the group confusion this ride includes meetup points called Donut Holes. Donut Holes are big circles embedded into your GPS. These circles mark the spot that riders take a quick stop to check in with the other riders and verify that everyone is accounted for without issue.

When a rider turns up missing at the Donut Hole, it is up to the group to decide to ride back to the last known sighting of the missing rider. Riders should not skip a Donut as the rest of the group may turn back looking for the missing person. This allows ride groups to catch issues early before they become big problems

As your riding group forms, the riders should ask each other, are we doing Donuts? If your group agrees to do Donuts, then that means everyone is responsible for ensuring everyone in the group is present at the Donut Holes. Stay on the trail. Much of this ride borders wilderness areas. In some places the ride cuts right through wilderness areas on road easements so it is very important to stay on the route at all times

On GPS Maps

Remember you are not looking to find tracklogs, but rather MAPS. This ride uses a separate map for each day's ride. The SD Card contains 8 separate maps. You will have to turn off all 8 maps and then only turn on the map for the correct day's ride. You will have to turn off and on a new map every day.

FAQ's

Q: How do I check my GPS to see if the SD card is working?

A: There are two ways you can check your GPS.

1. See the trail on the GPS yourself. Turn on the GPS and zoom out to about 50 or 30 miles. Use the cursor to pan over to an area where you know the trail should be. Now begin zooming in. Wait for the gps to refresh its screen as they can be slow. As you zoom in, you should see the trail as a wide bold blue line made up of arrows. OK, good job, you did it right.

2. Check to see if the map is in the GPS unit's memory: The steps to do this vary depending on which Garmin gps unit you have (and there are hundreds). Most work like this:

- Alternate 1: From the "Map" page select Menu. Then select "Setup Map" then scroll down and select "Select Map." Now you can scroll down and read the maps in you unit. You should find a map called "Route 66." Make sure it is enabled and you are done!

- Alternate 2: Some GPS units (like Nuvi's) work like this. Select "Settings" then "Maps" then "Info" and now you should find the map "Route 66" Make sure that it is checked and you're done.
- Alternate 3: Some work like this. Select "Tools" then "Settings" then "Map" then "Map Info." You should find the map "UBDR" Make sure that it is checked and you're done.

Again, your gps may have a different way to access the maps, but the download does work in all Garmin gps units with a card slot. Sorry, there are just too many garmin gps units for me to go through them all.
If you are new to this stuff or having trouble I will help you at the ride.