# Welcome to the El Dorado ride

Ride by gpsKevin



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 I created and it also has the Topo maps for the area. In the event of obstacles these Topo maps can be used to route yourself out of the area. 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 you 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 days route.

## Things to remember:

Lawnchair for hanging out in the parking lots

Gas can to fill your bike as there is no gas in Cowtown

Snacks and lunches for packing on your bike, some days the ride is remote and there are no options for food.

Cooler with your own drinks in the evening Sunscreen

#### El Dorado Ride Plan

Mythical Singletrack by gpsKevin

### **Summary Description:**

This is a 6 day dual sport ride in the mountains of Colorado. The ride is a mix of mountain single track trails, ATV trails and forest roads. Each day the ride is a mix of easy scenic sections and some tough sections. This ride is not for beginner riders. The trails can be extremely narrow, often the width of a tire. Many of the trails have extremely steep sideslopes with rocks and stumps hidden in the bushes. Hitting one of these could result in highsiding and falling down steep hillsides. It may be difficult or impossible to retrieve the bike. Riders should be realistic about their abilities, have lightweight bikes and be in good physical condition. Wear good gear, right for the weather. Even the weather can be extreme. Read up on the trails, and be realistic.



**Saturday** Travel TBD, Fly or drive, but get there this day for dinner

<u>Lodging:</u> <u>Great Western Sumac Lodge</u>,

428 Highway 24 South

PO Box 747

Buena Vista, Colorado 81211

888.786.2290

<u>Dinner Plan:</u> You're on Your Own (YOYO)

<u>Riders Meeting:</u> After Dinner we will meet in the evening and discuss the ride details.

**Sunday** Ride 141 (Taylor Park)

Lodging: Great Western Sumac Lodge,

<u>Ride length:</u> 144 miles with up to 44 miles of singletrack <u>Gas Plan:</u> You can get gas at 40 miles in Taylor Park

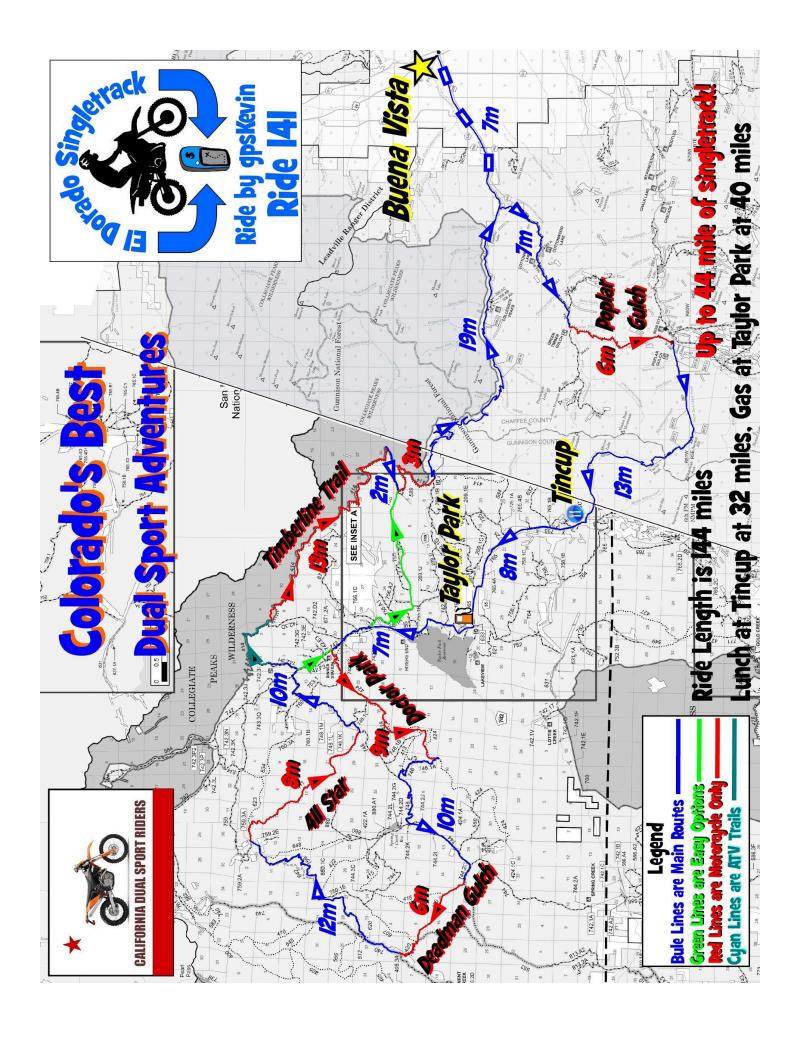
<u>Description:</u> This day is a mix of dirt roads and mountain passes with lots of singletrack. Could be a long day. You should start early. Near the end of the day there are shortcuts (Green lines) if you are having trouble or are late.

Breakfast: None, You're on Your Own (YOYO)

Lunch Plan: Have an early lunch at Tincup and/or pack your own snacks

**Dinner Plan:** YOYO





**Monday** Ride 142 (Pitkin and Sargents) Move hotel location after the days ride

Lodging: Old Cow Town Colorado 719-655-2224

Ride length: 123 miles

Gas Plan: Gas in Poncha Springs at 80 miles (Phillips 66)

<u>Description:</u> Great Mix of Scenic Dirt roads and 32 miles of Singletrack. If you need shortcuts you can

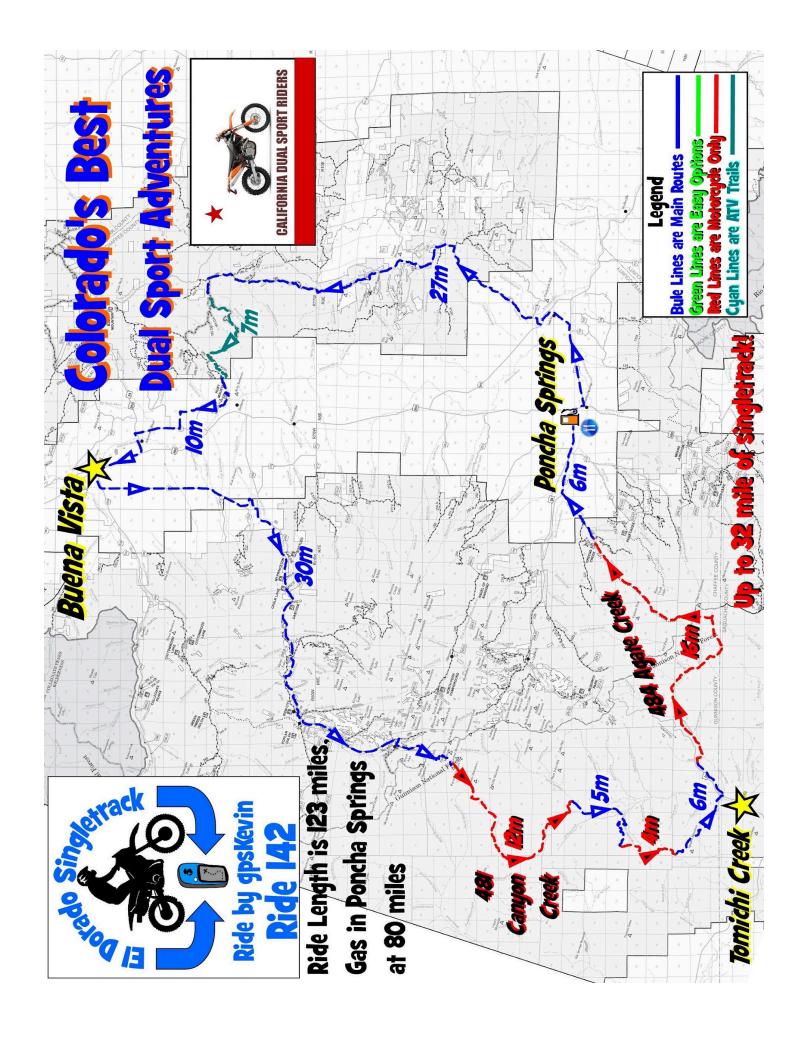
take the Highway just before the last singletrack section.

**Breakfast:** YOYO Anywhere in town

Lunch Plan: YOYO at Tony's in Poncha Springs (Near the gas station)

Dinner Plan: YOYO get something and have it on the road as you travel to Cowtown





**Tuesday** Ride 143

Lodging: Old Cow Town Colorado 719-655-2224

Ride length: 114 Miles

Gas Plan: None

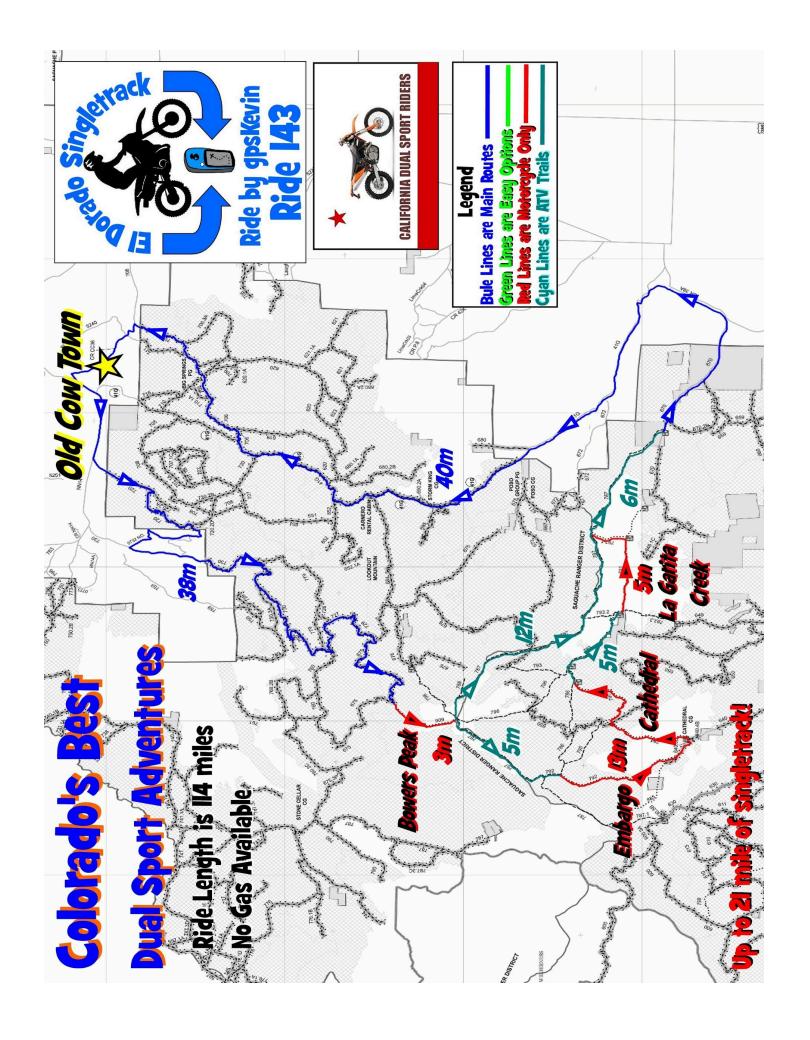
<u>Description:</u> This ride should be a mix of ATV trails and motorcycle only trails. These trails are all connected with dirt roads. The ride length is 114 miles, with 21.1 miles of the ride being motorcycle only rated (singletrack?). There is a optional shortcut on an ATV trail for 11 miles. This would cut out all but 3 miles of singletrack. The day's ride is all in the Rio Grande National Forest. The ride includes following trail sections: #909 BOWER'S PEAK, #787 LA GARITA SD. 011, #792 EMBARGO,# 794 CATHEDRAL, #795 GROUNDHOG, #786 BENINO, #793 LA GARITA CREEK

**Breakfast:** Continental breakfast at the lodge

<u>Lunch Plan:</u> YOYO:bring something to eat on the trail..

**Dinner Plan:** YOYO: You buy your own at the Cowtown Restaurant





Wednesday Ride 144

Lodging: Old Cow Town Colorado 719-655-2224

Ride length: 123

Gas Plan: There is gas available at 111 miles in Saguache

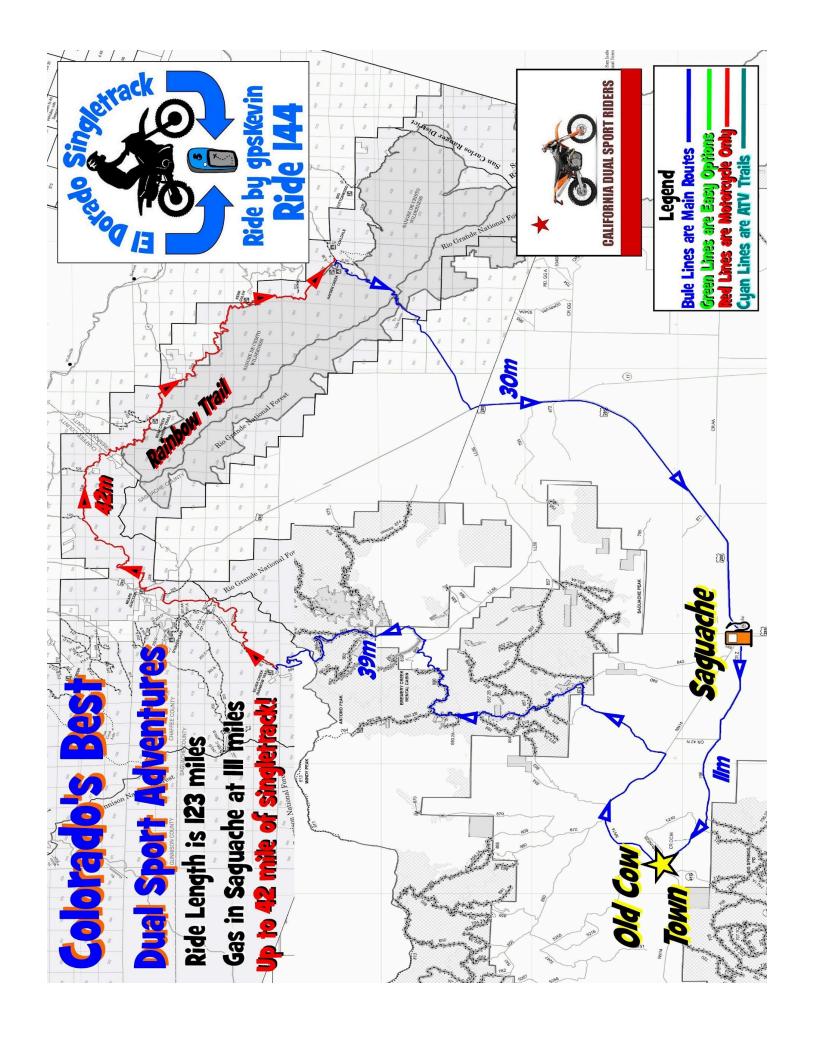
<u>Description:</u> The day's ride is in the San Isabel National Forest. This ride is a mix of dirt roads and one singletrack section called the "Rainbow Trail." The ride length is 122 miles with 41.9 miles of the ride being motorcycle only rated (singletrack?). This is the Rainbow Trail. There are no real planned bailouts today; after 10 miles of the trail, it crosses highway #285, that would be the only out, there is still 30 miles of the trail left. This is supposed to be a great trail.

**Breakfast:** Continental breakfast at the lodge

Lunch Plan: YOYO: bring something to eat on the trail.

<u>Dinner Plan:</u> Group Dinner provided by gpsKevin (I need help cooking)





## **Thursday** Ride 145

Early morning: pack bikes into vehicles and move to South Fork

Lodging: UTE Bluff Lodge, South Fork, CO 800-473-0595

27680-US 160 South Fork, CO 81154 Waypoint: N37 40.613 W106 35.603

<u>Ride length:</u> 102 <u>Gas Plan:</u> None

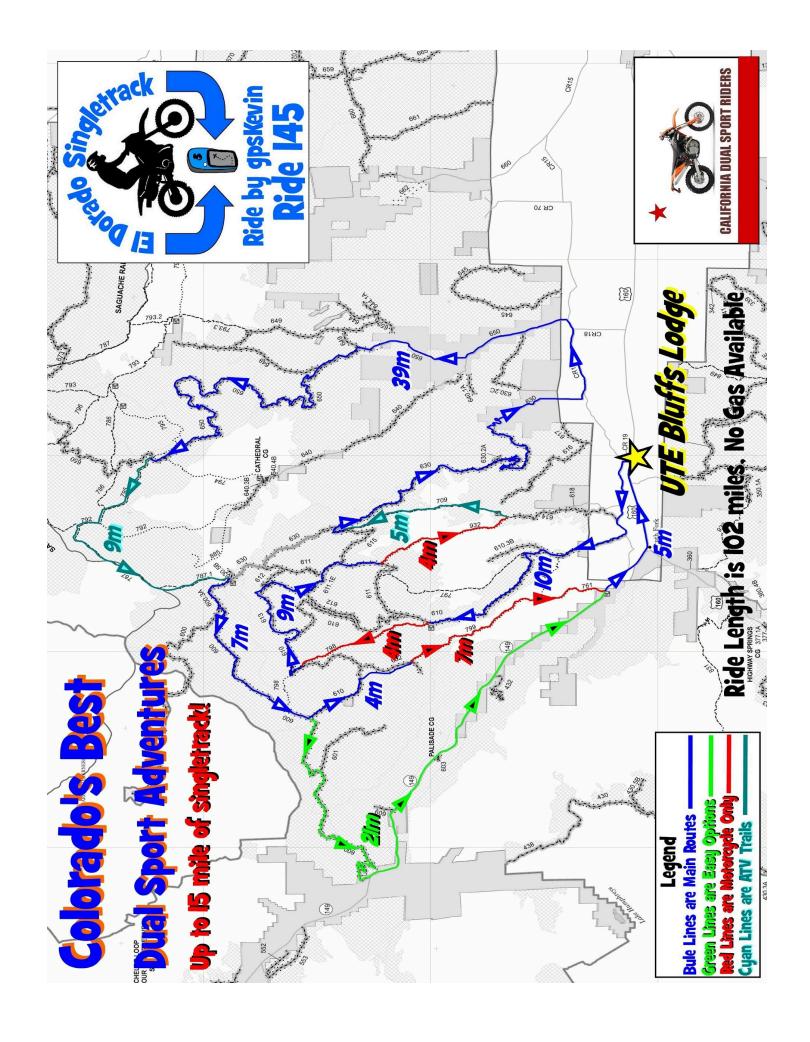
<u>Description:</u> This ride is a mix of ATV trails and motorcycle only trails. These trails are all connected with dirt roads. The ride length is 109 miles, with 12 miles of the ride being singletrack and 21 miles being ATV rated. There is an option for a shorter day at 96 miles: you can take highway 149 home. The day's ride is all in the Rio Grande National Forest. The ride includes the following trail sections: #798 WEST ALDER, #932 WEST BEAR, #709 BEAR CREEK, #795 GROUNDHOG, # 786 BENINO, #792 EMBARGO, #787 LA GARITA SD, 799 ALDER BENCH, 761 PALISADE

Breakfast: YOYO: in town

Lunch Plan: YOYO:bring something to eat on the trail.

**Dinner Plan:** YOYO in town





Friday Ride 146

Lodging: UTE Bluff Lodge, South Fork, CO 800-473-0595

Ride length: 114 Miles

Gas Plan: None

<u>Description:</u> This ride is a mix of ATV trails and motorcycle only trails. These trails are all connected with dirt roads. The ride length is 114 miles, with 24 miles of the ride being singletrack and 31 miles being ATV rated. No shortcut options today. The ride includes the following trail sections:#842 TEWSKBERRY, #717 VALDEZ, #737 WILLOW MOUNTAIN, #706 BIG LAKE (SHAWCROFT), #703 ALAMOSA ROCK, #704 SILVER MTN, #850 WEST FRISCO, #894 FRISCO-FITTON, #873 BURRO, #898 SHADY

Breakfast: YOYO: in Town

<u>Lunch Plan:</u> YOYO:bring something to eat on the trail.

<u>Dinner Plan:</u> YOYO: Final celebration dinner by gpsKevin, We will meet in the rec room in the lodge



