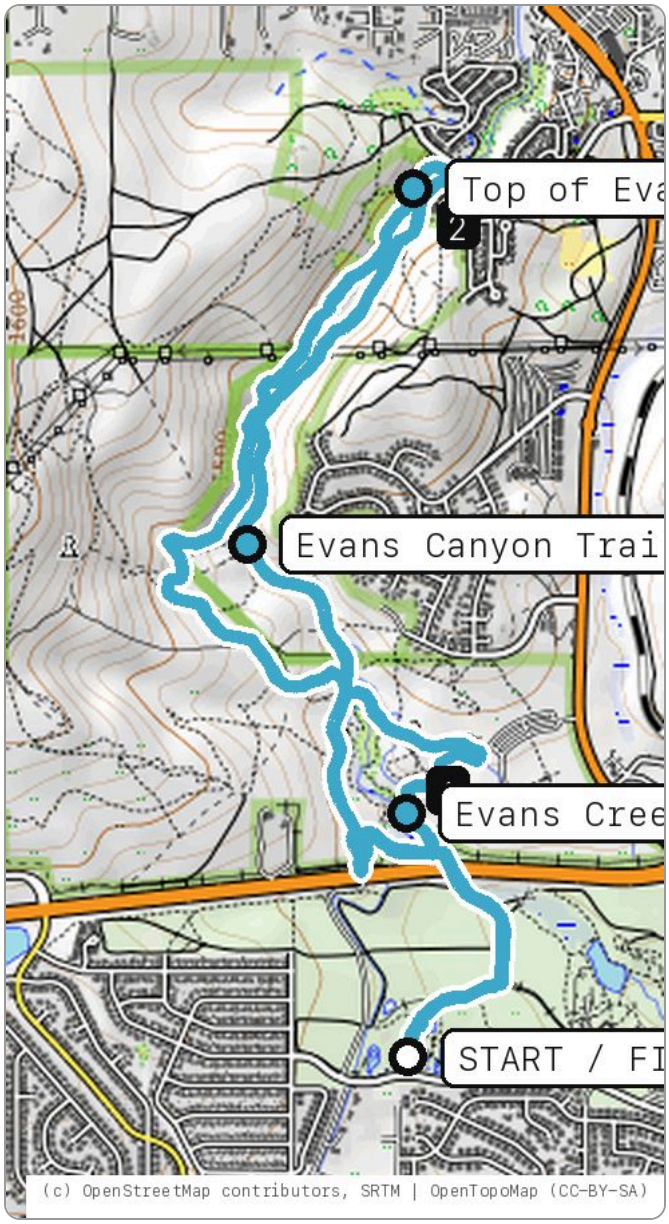
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Canyon Commute

Up Evans Canyon and back down Miners Trail, with a lap of the Evans Creek Trail at the bottom. Rancho San Rafael's mellow side, close to campus.

Heads up: Recent rain (0.31 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **Not yet ridden by us.** This line was routed from OpenStreetMap trail data and hasn't been ridden end to end yet. Trail access and direction can change: check posted signs and the land manager before you ride.



5.2	604	4,888
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
50 min	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 82% · dirt road 12% · pavement 6%



Get the GPS file

Scan with a friend's phone, or tap below. Then open it in your ride app.

https://bsqrd-designs.com/dirt/canyon-commute/

GETTING THERE

Park at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, west lot

San Rafael Dr off Putnam Dr, Reno, NV 89503

- Washoe County regional park lot at the west end of the park, south of North McCarran Blvd. The trail ducks under McCarran to reach Evans Canyon.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Street PAVEMENT	0.2 mi
0.2	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.5 mi
0.7	Evans Canyon Trail SINGLETRACK via Top of Evans Canyon, turn onto Miners Trail	1.6 mi
2.3	Miners Trail SINGLETRACK	1.4 mi
3.7	Basque Monument Trail DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
4.0	Evans Creek Trail SINGLETRACK	0.8 mi
4.8	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.5 mi
5.2	Back at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, west lot	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- A gentle climb up Evans Canyon and a smooth roll back down Miners Trail. Expect a few narrow, rocky spots in the canyon; walking them is fine.
- The west lot is under 1 mile from the University of Nevada, Reno campus (straight-line distance measured on the map), so it is an easy ride over from campus.
- Washoe County trails are multi-use and multi-directional. Hikers, runners and dogs are common here, so slow down at blind corners and say hi.
- Stay on Evans Canyon, Miners and Evans Creek. Keystone Canyon and the rest of the Peavine trails to the west sit inside the Hawk Fire closure on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (order 04-17-26-01-08, extended to Jan 30, 2027 unless lifted). Before you go, check the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest alerts page or call the Carson Ranger District at (775) 882-2766: the exact closed trails are on the order's map, so confirm yours is open.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 1 L for this ride. There's none on the trail.
- **Signal is spotty.** Tell someone your route and your time back.
- **Emergency:** call 911 and say "Canyon Commute ride, parked at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, west lot, Reno, Nevada", plus the coordinates from Locate me.
- **Wildlife:** give horses, burros and anything with horns room, and never feed them.
- **Stay on trail.** Desert crust and mountain soil take decades to heal.