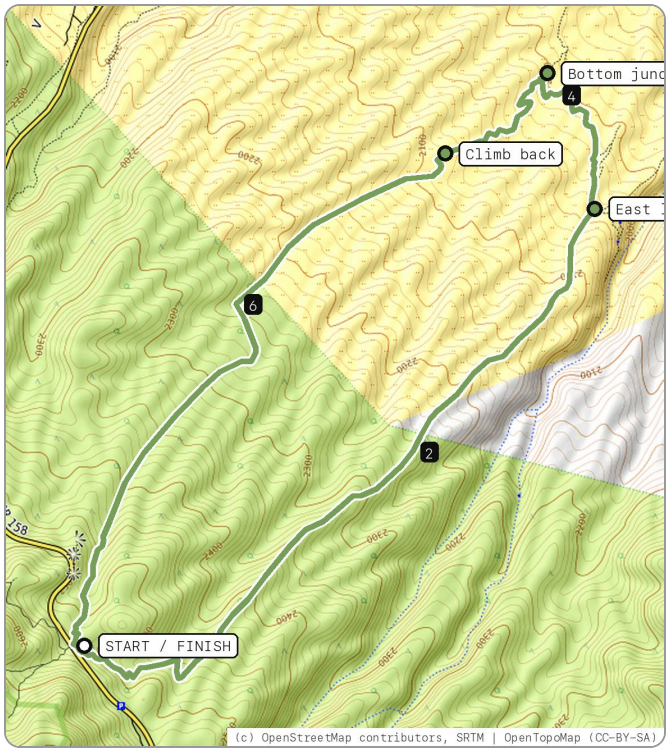
RIDE 14 · MT CHARLESTON TRAILS · ● INTERMEDIATE ·

Catch & Release

Drop off Deer Creek Road, swing through the bottom of the Catch Pen loop and grind the long straight leg back up to 8,300 ft.

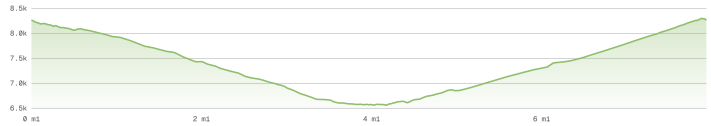
Heads up: Recent rain (0.15 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day. Cold (high 45°F). Layers and full-finger gloves.

⚠ **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.



8	1,834	8,304
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:25	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 100% · dirt road 0% · pavement 0%



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/catch-and-release/

GETTING THERE

Park at Catch Pen Trailhead

NV-158 Deer Creek Rd, 1.9 mi south of Lee Canyon Rd, pullout lot on the east side

- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Catch Pen / Deer Creek Trail SINGLETRACK via East leg · Bottom junction · Climb back	8.0 mi
8.0	Back at Catch Pen Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The first 4 miles descend about 1,700 ft on the east leg. The last 4 miles climb all of it back on the west leg, steady but relentless at roughly 5 to 11 percent.
- All singletrack, mostly smooth with short sandy wash crossings near the bottom.
- Lightly used and lightly signed (trail posts, not name signs). Bring the GPX and water, since there is none at the trailhead.
- Typically rideable May through November. Snow or a closed NV-158 shuts it in winter.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 1.5 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 "Catch & Release ride, parked at Catch Pen Trailhead, Mt Charleston Trails", 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.