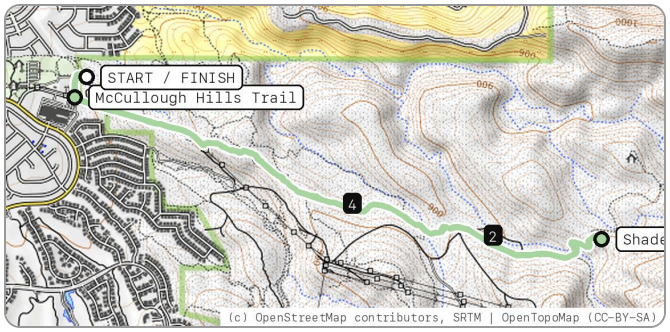
RIDE 32 · HENDERSON / MCCULLOUGH HILLS · INTERMEDIATE ·

First Light

From Anthem, follow the McCullough Hills Trail east up the switchbacks to the shade shelter, then let it roll back down.

Good to ride today. High 66°F, dry trail.

⚠ **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.



5.6	676	3,117
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
50 min	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 98% · dirt road 0% · pavement 2%



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/first-light/

GETTING THERE

Park at Anthem Hills Park (Anthem East Trailhead)

2256 N Reunion Dr, Henderson, NV 89052

- Park lot with restrooms. The trailhead parking is at the east end of the park road, past the power company buildings. City park hours are 6 a.m. to midnight.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Anthem East Trail PAVEMENT via McCullough Hills Trail	0.1 mi
0.1	McCullough Hills Trail SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
0.7	Anthem East - Bursage Loop Trail SINGLETRACK	0.2 mi
0.9	McCullough Hills Trail SINGLETRACK via Shade shelter high point	3.8 mi
4.7	Anthem East - Bursage Loop Trail SINGLETRACK	0.2 mi
4.9	McCullough Hills Trail SINGLETRACK	0.7 mi
5.6	Back at Anthem Hills Park (Anthem East Trailhead)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The first quarter mile out of Anthem Hills Park is the paved Anthem East Trail, then dirt. Near the start the McCullough Hills Trail splits into separate hike, horse and bike treads; take the bike branch.
- Easy rolling for the first two miles, then five or six switchbacks climb to the shade shelter. Those switchbacks are the whole difficulty of this ride.
- Turn around at the shelter and it's a gentle, mostly downhill cruise back to the car.
- Zero shade except the trail shelters. This is an October-to-April ride; in summer go at dawn or skip it, and carry more water than you think.

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 "First Light ride, parked at Anthem Hills Park (Anthem East Trailhead), Henderson / McCullough Hills", 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.