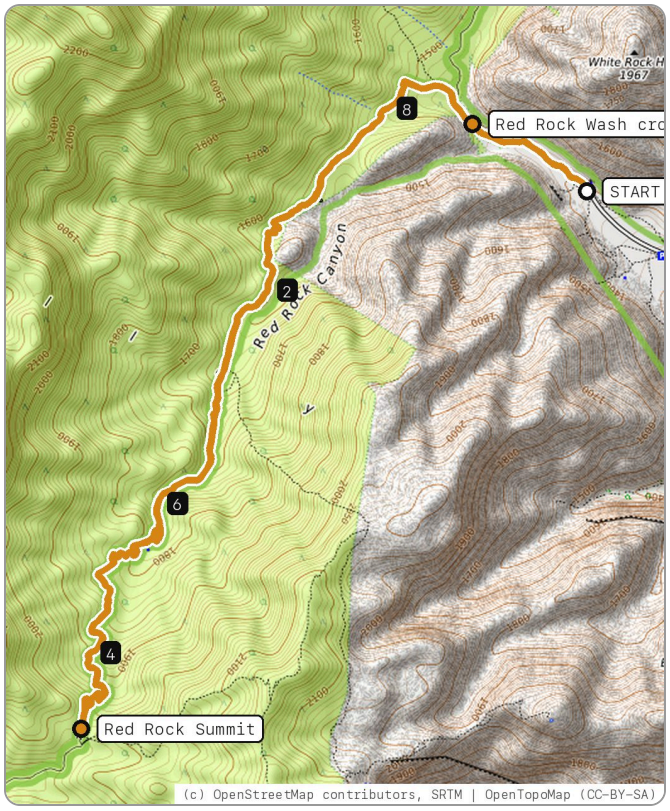
RIDE 07 · RED ROCK BACKCOUNTRY · ● ADVANCED ·

Gap Grind

Leave the Scenic Drive behind and grind up Rocky Gap Road to Red Rock Summit, then rattle back down the way you came.

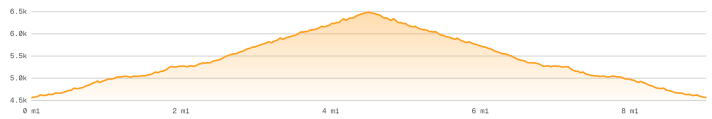
Heads up: Recent rain (0.18 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.



9.4	2,293	6,486
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:40	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 0% · dirt road 100% · 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/gap-grind/

GETTING THERE

Park at Willow Springs Picnic Area

End of the Willow Springs spur off Red Rock Canyon Scenic Drive, about 7 miles into the one-way loop (Red Rock Canyon NCA, Las Vegas, NV)

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

CUE SHEET

0.0	Rocky Gap Road DIRT ROAD via Pavement ends · Red Rock Wash crossing · Red Rock Summit	9.4 mi
9.4	Back at Willow Springs Picnic Area	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- This is a 4x4 road, not singletrack: loose rock, ledges and ruts the whole way, shared with high-clearance trucks. Fitness ride up, bumpy ride down.
- Legal because it is an open road: Red Rock NCA allows bikes only on designated roads and trails, and Rocky Gap runs in a corridor between the Rainbow Mountain and La Madre Mountain wildernesses. Stay on the road.
- Getting there means driving the Scenic Drive: vehicle entry fee, plus a timed-entry reservation from Oct 1 to May 31 for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. arrivals. Check gate closing times so you are not locked in.
- Summit sits near 6,450 ft, about 1,000 ft cooler than town. Still zero shade; carry more water than you think.

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 "Gap Grind ride, parked at Willow Springs Picnic Area, Red Rock Backcountry", 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.