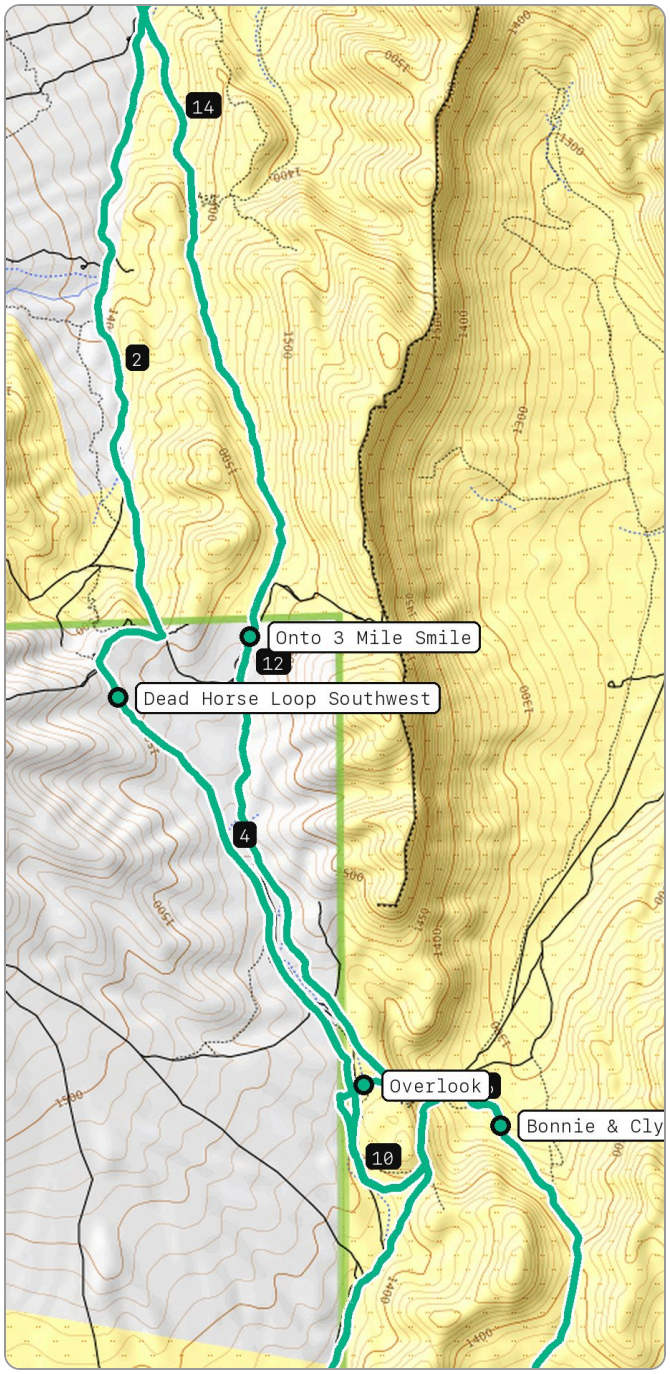
RIDE 21 · BLUE DIAMOND / COTTONWOOD VALLEY · INTERMEDIATE ·

Getaway

Climb Cottonwood Pass Road into the quiet south end, loop Bonnie & Clyde, then cash it all in on 3 Mile Smile.

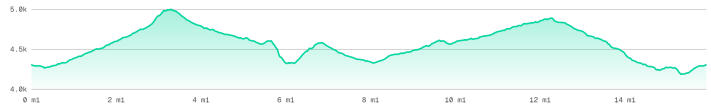
Heads up: Recent rain (0.25 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.



16.1	1,795	5,003
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
2:25	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 67% · dirt road 33% · 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/getaway/

GETTING THERE

Park at Cottonwood Valley Trailhead (south)

South side of NV-160, about 5.9 mi west of the NV-159 junction. Turn left onto dirt Cottonwood Valley Road; the lot is about 200 yards in.

- Large dirt BLM lot with a vault toilet. No fee. The left turn off NV-160 is fast traffic; use the slow-vehicle turnout.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	3.0 mi
3.0	Cottonwood Pass West Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
3.3	Dead Horse Loop Southwest SINGLETRACK	1.1 mi
4.4	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.3 mi
4.7	Dead Horse Loop Southwest SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
5.3	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	0.1 mi
5.4	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.6 mi
6.0	Bonnie & Clyde SINGLETRACK	2.7 mi
8.7	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
9.0	Bonnie & Clyde SINGLETRACK	0.7 mi
9.8	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
10.0	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
10.3	Overlook SINGLETRACK	0.1 mi
10.5	Dead Horse Loop SINGLETRACK via Onto 3 Mile Smile	1.7 mi
12.2	3 Mile Smile SINGLETRACK	3.0 mi
15.3	White Rhino Connector SINGLETRACK	0.1 mi
15.4	White Rhino (Latenight Connector) SINGLETRACK	0.2 mi
15.6	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.4 mi
15.9	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	0.2 mi
16.1	Back at Cottonwood Valley Trailhead (south)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Counterclockwise as mapped: a steady 3 mi dirt-road climb, a dip down Dead Horse Loop Southwest, then Bonnie & Clyde gains back gently before Dead Horse Loop and the 3 mile descent home.
- Bonnie & Clyde is the least-ridden corner of the system. A few hundred yards of it braid with Cottonwood Pass Road; keep the GPX open where the cue sheet flips between trail and road.
- 3 Mile Smile is downhill-primary. Ride it northbound only, and expect climbers on Dead Horse Loop.
- No shade and the lot is the only toilet. Legal basis: BLM-designated Cottonwood Valley system, outside wilderness and the Scenic Loop fee area.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 2 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 "Getaway ride, parked at Cottonwood Valley Trailhead (south), Blue Diamond / Cottonwood Valley", 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.