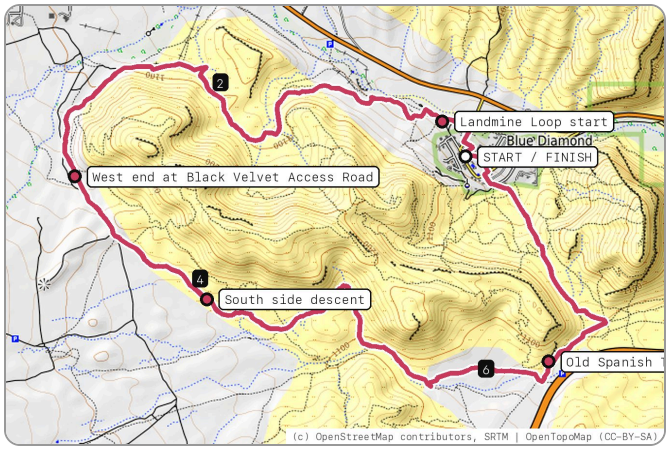
RIDE 22 · BLUE DIAMOND / COTTONWOOD VALLEY · ● INTERMEDIATE ·

Golden Hour

An after-work lap of Landmine Loop from Blue Diamond: gentle climb out west, rolling desert singletrack back as the escarpment lights up.

Good to ride today. High 61°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.



8.3	781	3,773
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:15	**High**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (72.9%)	

singletrack 91% · dirt road 4% · pavement 5%



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/golden-hour/

GETTING THERE

Park at Cottonwood Station

14 Cottonwood Dr, Blue Diamond, NV 89004

- Small-town cafe lot. Park considerately, and buy a coffee after.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.2 mi
0.2	Dirt road DIRT ROAD via Landmine Loop start	0.6 mi
0.8	Landmine Loop SINGLETRACK via West end at Black Velvet Access Road	2.6 mi
3.4	Black Velvet Access Road DIRT ROAD	0.1 mi
3.5	Landmine Loop SINGLETRACK via South side descent	3.0 mi
6.6	Old Spanish Trail SINGLETRACK via Old Spanish Trail crossing	0.3 mi
6.9	Molly's SINGLETRACK	0.1 mi
7.0	WigWag Trail SINGLETRACK	0.3 mi
7.3	Landmine Loop SINGLETRACK	0.8 mi
8.1	Village Boulevard PAVEMENT	0.2 mi
8.3	Back at Cottonwood Station	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Counterclockwise: the north side climbs gradually toward Black Velvet, the south side gives it back on the way home. Local riders call this the direction with the better finish.
- Landmine earns its name in spots: mostly fast hardpack with scattered rock gardens and a few loose drainage crossings. Intermediate, not a cruise.
- Few signs and plenty of side spurs; follow the GPX. A short street section through the village finishes the loop.
- Bring lights if you start late; the lot is in town, but the far end is 3 mi out. Burros and wild horses use the trail at dusk. Legal basis: BLM-designated Cottonwood Valley system.

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 "Golden Hour ride, parked at Cottonwood Station, 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.