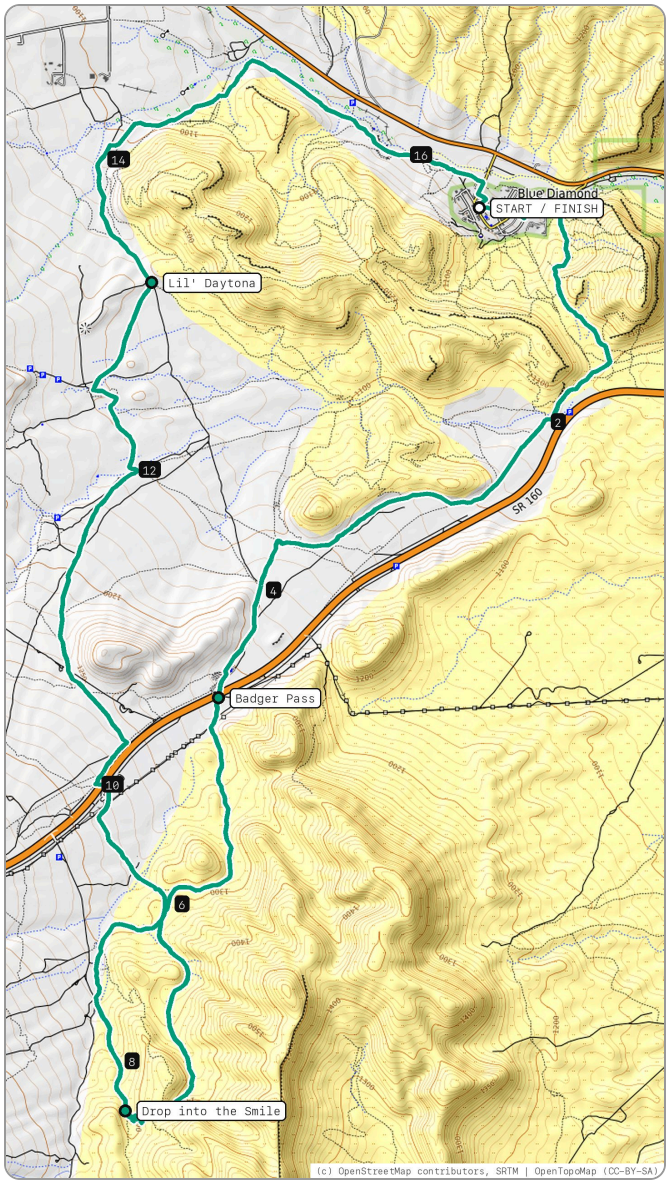
RIDE 01 · BLUE DIAMOND / COTTONWOOD VALLEY · ● INTERMEDIATE ·

Half Grin

Grind up Badger Pass, catch the bottom of 3 Mile Smile, cruise home on Lil' Daytona.

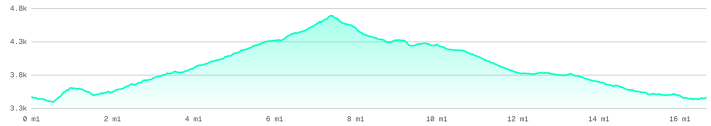
Good to ride today. High 61°F, dry trail.

⚠ **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.



17	1,670	4,642
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
2:35	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (2.3%)	

singletrack 88% · dirt road 8% · pavement 4%



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/half-grin/

GETTING THERE

Park at Cottonwood Station

14 Cottonwood Dr, Blue Diamond, NV 89004

- It's a small-town cafe lot. Park considerately, and grab a coffee after.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Village Boulevard PAVEMENT	0.2 mi
0.2	Sage Lane PAVEMENT	0.1 mi
0.3	Cerrito Street PAVEMENT	0.1 mi
0.5	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
1.1	Monkeyshine SINGLETRACK	0.5 mi
1.6	Molly's SINGLETRACK	0.2 mi
1.8	Old Spanish Trail SINGLETRACK	1.0 mi
2.8	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	1.9 mi
4.7	Badger Pass Trail SINGLETRACK via Badger Pass	2.9 mi
7.6	Badger Pass Climb SINGLETRACK via Drop into the Smile	0.3 mi
7.9	3 Mile Smile SINGLETRACK	1.4 mi
9.3	White Rhino Connector SINGLETRACK	0.1 mi
9.5	White Rhino (Latenight Connector) SINGLETRACK	0.8 mi
10.3	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	2.0 mi
12.3	Lil' Daytona SINGLETRACK	1.3 mi
13.5	Black Velvet Access Road DIRT ROAD	0.8 mi
14.4	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
14.7	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	2.3 mi
17.0	Back at Cottonwood Station	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- You get the lower ~1.4 mi of 3 Mile Smile, because Badger Pass Climb joins it halfway down. Want all three miles? Ride Full Grin.
- 3 Mile Smile is downhill-primary. Ride it northbound only.
- About 0.1 mi of Landmine Loop near the village is the only way through. It's short.
- The 0.3 mi of Badger Pass Climb here runs against its usual uphill flow (public trail maps, checked Oct 8, 2026). Watch for climbers.

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 "Half Grin 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.