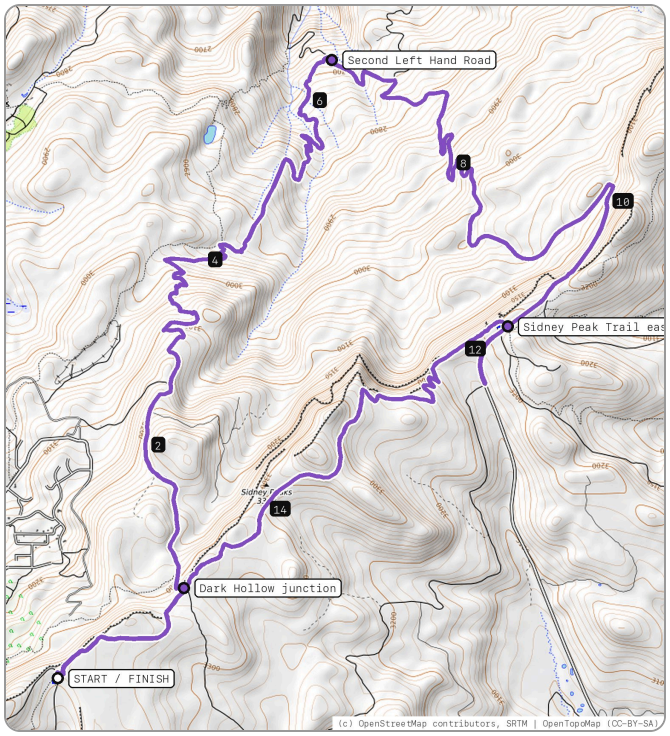
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# Into the Hollow

Sidney Peak Trail to the top of Dark Hollow, the long descent past Cub Lake, then a big gravel-road climb up Sidney Valley and the Sidney Peak ridge home.

**Not today:** Snow on the ground (31 in). Soaked: 1.05 in of rain in the last 48 hrs. Riding now ruts the trail for months. Give it a few dry days. Freezing (high 33°F). Ice and frozen ruts likely.

⚠ **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 | 2,979 | 11,079 |
|---|---|---|
| MILES | FT CLIMB | FT HIGH POINT |
| **2:40** | **Low** | |
| EST. MOVING | CHUNK (0%) | |

singletrack 63% · dirt road 37% · 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/into-the-hollow/

GETTING THERE

## Park at Brian Head Peak Trailhead (Sidney Peak trailhead)

Brian Head Peak Road (FR 047), off SR-143 near the summit, Brian Head, UT 84719

- Forest Service trailhead on the gravel road toward Brian Head Peak, with a pit toilet and no water. Small lot; arrive early on summer weekends.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

## CUE SHEET

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|---|---|---|
| 0.0 | Sidney Peak Trail SINGLETRACK | 1.1 mi |
| 1.1 | Dark Hollow SINGLETRACK | 0.8 mi |
| 1.9 | Dirt road DIRT ROAD | 0.5 mi |
| 2.4 | Dark Hollow SINGLETRACK<br>via Second Left Hand Road | 4.2 mi |
| 6.6 | Second Left Hand Road DIRT ROAD | 0.5 mi |
| 7.1 | Sidney Valley Road DIRT ROAD<br>via Sidney Peak Trail east end | 4.9 mi |
| 12.0 | Sidney Peak Trail SINGLETRACK<br>via Dark Hollow junction | 4.2 mi |
| 16.1 | Back at Brian Head Peak Trailhead (Sidney Peak trailhead) | |

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Most riders shuttle Dark Hollow down to Parowan. This is the self-powered version the Forest Service points to: descend Dark Hollow, then climb about 5 miles of Second Left Hand and Sidney Valley Road back up to Sidney Peak Trail.
- About 16 miles and close to 3,000 ft of climbing, between roughly 8,800 and 11,100 ft. Advanced for the length, altitude and the long road climb, not for the descent itself.
- Do not keep going down Second Left Hand Road toward Parowan unless you have a shuttle waiting. About half a mile after Dark Hollow comes out on Second Left Hand Road, turn onto Sidney Valley Road and climb.
- OSM has a short gap in Dark Hollow around mile 2, bridged here with about half a mile of Forest Service track. Follow the Dark Hollow signs if the trail runs straight through.
- No water. Burned forest in places: watch for standing dead trees. Open roughly Memorial Day to Labor Day, weather permitting.

## 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 "Into the Hollow ride, parked at Brian Head Peak Trailhead (Sidney Peak trailhead), Brian Head Trails", 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.