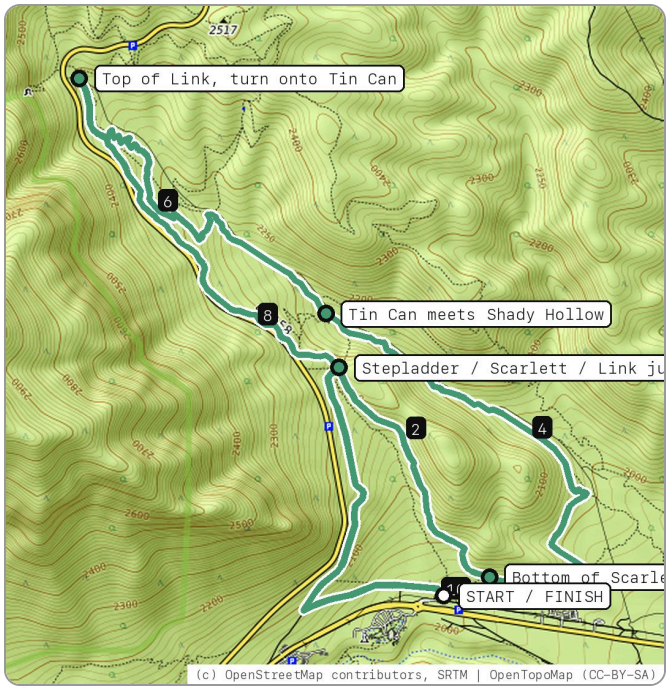
RIDE 40 · MT CHARLESTON TRAILS · ● INTERMEDIATE ·

Kick the Can

Up Stepladder and Scarlett, roll Shady Hollow and Tin Can, then Link and Stepladder back down to the car.

Heads up: Recent rain (0.23 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.



10.3	2,165	7,858
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:45	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 100% · dirt road 0% · 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/kick-the-can/

GETTING THERE

Park at Cliff Rose Trailhead

NV-157 Kyle Canyon Rd, about 16 mi west of US-95; take the first exit at the roundabout across from the Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway (2525 Kyle Canyon Rd)

- Free, day use 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., vault toilets, no water. Do not use the Visitor Gateway lot, which is open only 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Stepladder Trail SINGLETRACK	1.7 mi
1.7	Scarlett Trail SINGLETRACK via Bottom of Scarlett	1.1 mi
2.8	Shady Hollow Trail SINGLETRACK via Tin Can meets Shady Hollow	2.4 mi
5.1	Tin Can Trail SINGLETRACK	1.5 mi
6.7	Link Trail SINGLETRACK via Stepladder / Scarlett / Link junction · Top of Link, turn onto Tin Can	2.0 mi
8.6	Stepladder Trail SINGLETRACK	1.7 mi
10.3	Back at Cliff Rose Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- As of Oct 8, 2026, riders had reported a significant issue on Stepladder. Check current conditions before you go.
- Three climbs, three descents: up Stepladder (about 670 ft), down Scarlett, then the big push up Shady Hollow and Tin Can (about 1,250 ft) to roughly 7,850 ft just below NV-158.
- The payoff is the end: Link drops about 640 ft (its usual downhill direction), then Stepladder takes you the last 600 ft back to the car. Stepladder is mostly ridden uphill, so take it slow and yield to climbers.
- All singletrack through pinyon and juniper at 6,500 to 7,850 ft. Expect loose, rocky pitches mixed with smoother tread. Robbers Roost, Pack Rat and Kunav Huveep nearby are hiking only, so stay on the route.
- Rideable roughly May through October, often into November. Snow covers it most winters and July and August bring afternoon thunderstorms. Carry all your water.

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 "Kick the Can ride, parked at Cliff Rose Trailhead, Mt Charleston 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.