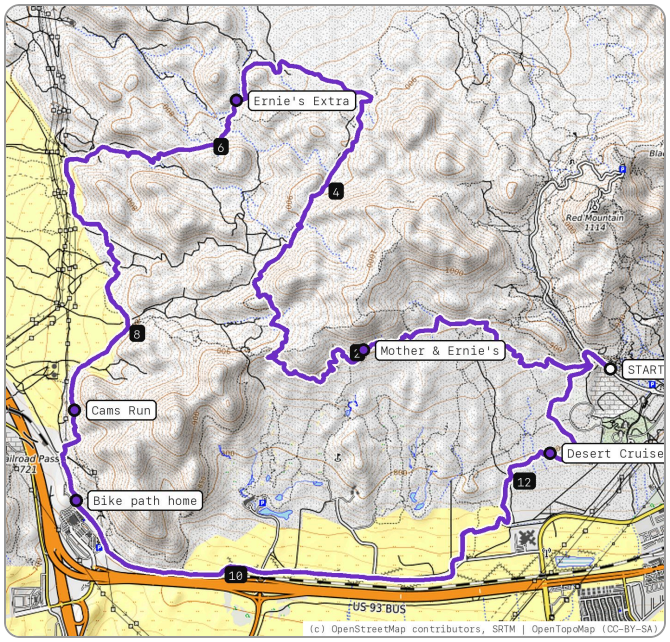
RIDE 37 · BOULDER CITY / BOOTLEG CANYON · ADVANCED ·

Long Way Home

Out Mother and Ernie's to the far west ridge, rip Ernie's Extra and Cams Run down to Railroad Pass, cruise back on the bike path.

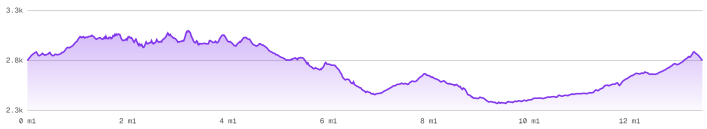
Good to ride today. High 64°F, dry trail.

⚠ **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.



14.3	2,011	3,048
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
2:15	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 88% · dirt road 3% · pavement 10%



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/long-way-home/

GETTING THERE

Park at Bootleg Canyon Park trailhead

Bootleg Canyon Rd, Boulder City, NV 89005

- Free city lot at the foot of the bike park; take Yucca St north off Nevada Way and follow the Bootleg Canyon signs. No water on the trails.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Bootleg Canyon Road DIRT ROAD	0.2 mi
0.2	IMBA (Easy) SINGLETRACK	0.9 mi
1.1	Mother & Ernie's Epic (Difficult) SINGLETRACK via Mother & Ernie's	4.1 mi
5.2	Ernie's Extra (FKA Caesar) SINGLETRACK via Ernie's Extra	3.5 mi
8.7	Cams Run SINGLETRACK	0.9 mi
9.6	River Mountains Loop Trail PAVEMENT via Bike path home	2.9 mi
12.5	Desert Cruise SINGLETRACK	1.6 mi
14.1	Bootleg Canyon Road DIRT ROAD	0.1 mi
14.3	Back at Bootleg Canyon Park trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The first half is the same rough Mother climb as Tough Love; the payoff is the long Ernie's Extra descent (formerly Caesar), which runs southbound only.
- Cams Run has tight switchbacks; one rider-marked black-diamond alternate line is optional.
- About 2.9 mi of the return is the paved River Mountains Loop Trail along Boulder City Parkway. It is the honest price of closing the loop legally.
- No water or shade anywhere out west. This is a cool-season ride.
- Heads up: some trail maps show IMBA ridden uphill and others (checked Oct 8, 2026) list it as downhill-primary. Climb it alert for riders coming down.

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 "Long Way Home ride, parked at Bootleg Canyon Park trailhead, Boulder City / Bootleg Canyon", 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.