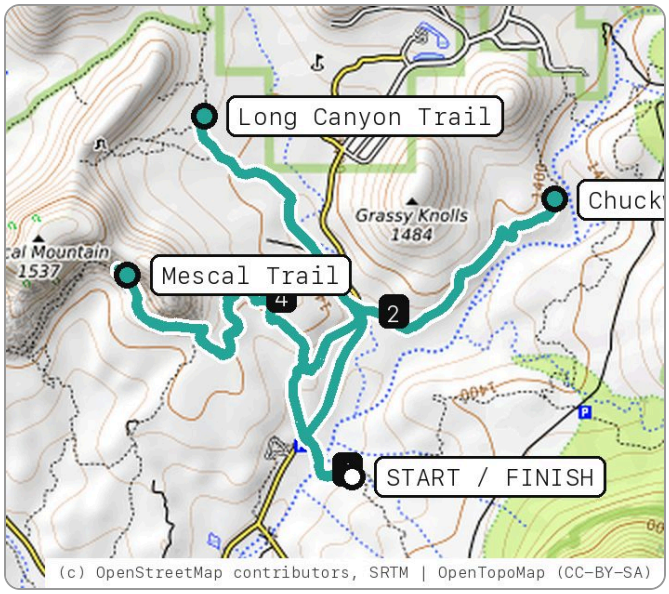
RIDE 63 · SEDONA, ARIZONA · INTERMEDIATE ·

Mescal Mosey

Chuckwagon north to lower Long Canyon, then the Mescal ledge traverse back to the car.

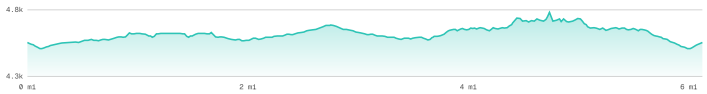
Heads up: Recent rain (0.40 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.



6.4	705	4,731
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:00	**High**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (63.3%)	

singletrack 94% · dirt road 0% · pavement 6%



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/mescal-mosey/

GETTING THERE

Park at Mescal Trailhead

Long Canyon Rd off Boynton Pass Rd, Sedona, AZ 86336

- A Red Rock Pass ($5 a day, $15 a week, $20 a year) or an America the Beautiful pass is required to park here; buy it at the kiosk, the Red Rock Ranger District Visitor Center or Recreation.gov (Coconino NF, checked Oct 9, 2026).
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Mescal Trail SINGLETRACK	0.2 mi
0.2	Long Canyon Road PAVEMENT	0.4 mi
0.6	Chuckwagon Trail SINGLETRACK	1.5 mi
2.1	Long Canyon Trail SINGLETRACK	1.4 mi
3.5	Mescal Connector SINGLETRACK	0.3 mi
3.9	Mescal Trail SINGLETRACK	2.6 mi
6.4	Back at Mescal Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Only the lower part of Long Canyon is open to bikes. The upper canyon is Red Rock-Secret Mountain Wilderness, closed to bikes by law, so turn off at the Mescal connector as the cue sheet says.
- Mescal has a narrow ledge section with a drop on one side. Walk it if in doubt; there is no shame on that cliff.
- Starts with a short stretch on Long Canyon Road. Watch for cars.
- Red Rock Ranger District trails are shared with hikers and horses, and many were hit by erosion after recent wildfires (Coconino NF). Expect rough, washed-out spots.

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 "Mescal Mosey ride, parked at Mescal Trailhead, Sedona, Arizona", 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.