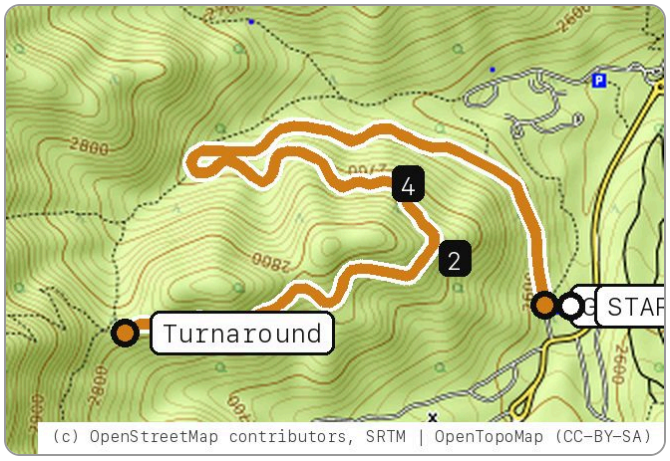
RIDE 16 · MT CHARLESTON TRAILS · ● INTERMEDIATE ·

Old Timer

Steady old-road climb on Lower Bristlecone through fir and aspen to 9,200 ft, then turn around and coast back down.

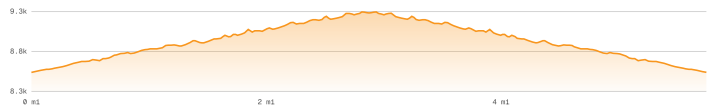
Heads up: Recent rain (0.22 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.



5.8	1,155	9,245
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:00	**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/old-timer/

GETTING THERE

Park at Lower Bristlecone Trailhead

NV-156 Lee Canyon Rd, about 16.7 mi from US-95, signed dirt spur on the right just past Lee Meadows

- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Lower Bristlecone Trail SINGLETRACK via Gate · Turnaround	5.8 mi
5.8	Back at Lower Bristlecone Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Out and back. You climb about 750 ft at a gentle, even 5 to 8 percent, then descend the same line. The highest point is about 9,200 ft, so expect to feel the altitude.
- It's an old gravel road bed (Scout Canyon Road), not singletrack. The surface is wide, loose in spots, and not technical.
- Turn around at the pin, just short of the Bonanza junction. Upper Bristlecone is closed by Forest Order 04-17-25-04 until at least May 2027, and Bonanza is wilderness with no bikes.
- This is the highest ride here. Snow often lingers into May, and it is typically rideable June through October.

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 "Old Timer ride, parked at Lower Bristlecone 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.