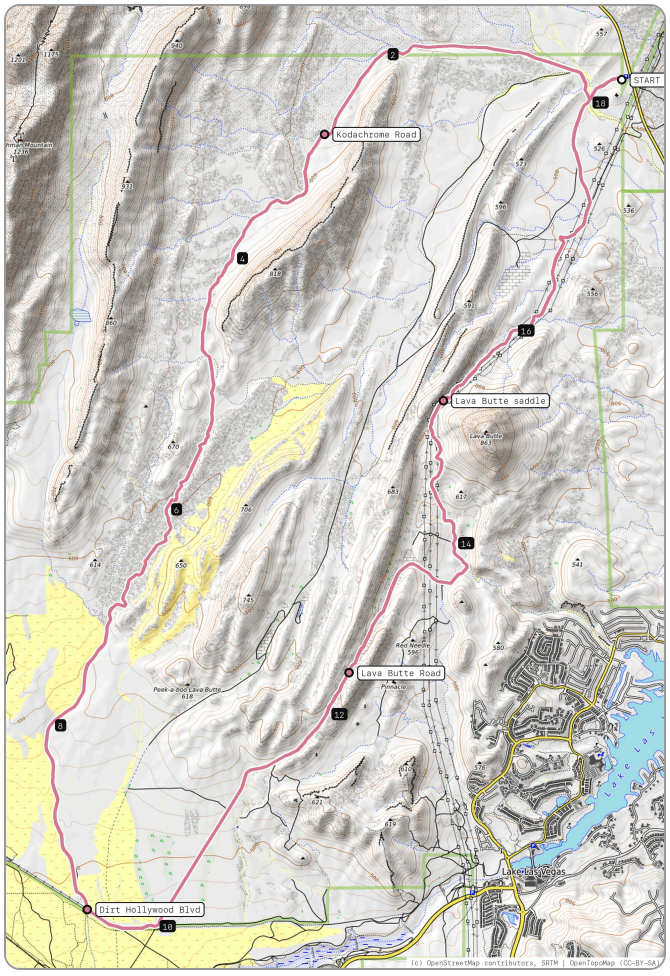
RIDE 45 · RAINBOW GARDENS / FRENCHMAN MOUNTAIN · INTERMEDIATE ·

Paint Box

Drop down Kodachrome Road under the striped face of Frenchman Mountain, then grind back north on Lava Butte Road through the badlands.

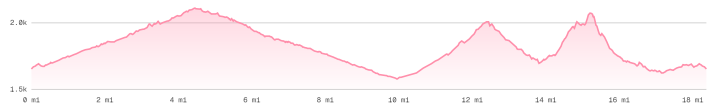
Good to ride today. High 69°F, dry trail.

⚠ **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.



18.5	1,503	2,110
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
2:45	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 0% · dirt road 100% · 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/paint-box/

GETTING THERE

Park at Rainbow Gardens North Staging Area

E Lake Mead Blvd (SR 147) at Rainbow Gardens Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89156

- BLM dirt pullout on the south side of Lake Mead Blvd, signed for the Sunrise Mountain area. No water, shade or restroom, and car break-ins are reported on this stretch, so leave nothing in sight.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Rainbow Gardens Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
0.3	Dirt road DIRT ROAD via Kodachrome Road · Dirt Hollywood Blvd	9.2 mi
9.5	South Hollywood Boulevard DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
9.8	Dirt road DIRT ROAD via Lava Butte Road · Lava Butte saddle	7.8 mi
17.7	Rainbow Gardens Road DIRT ROAD	0.8 mi
18.5	Back at Rainbow Gardens North Staging Area	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- This is a dirt-road ride, not singletrack. BLM limits bikes to the approved roads in Rainbow Gardens, so stay on the main tracks and skip the spur lines and washes.
- Kodachrome is mostly a mellow downhill cruise. The work is the climb back up Lava Butte Road, which has a few steep, loose pitches near the saddle.
- OSM leaves Kodachrome and Lava Butte unnamed, so the cue sheet shows them as plain 'Dirt road'. The pins mark the real names.
- Zero shade and no water out there. Ride it in the cool months, carry more water than you think, and skip it after rain, when the clay ruts up.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 2.5 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 "Paint Box ride, parked at Rainbow Gardens North Staging Area, Rainbow Gardens / Frenchman Mountain", 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.