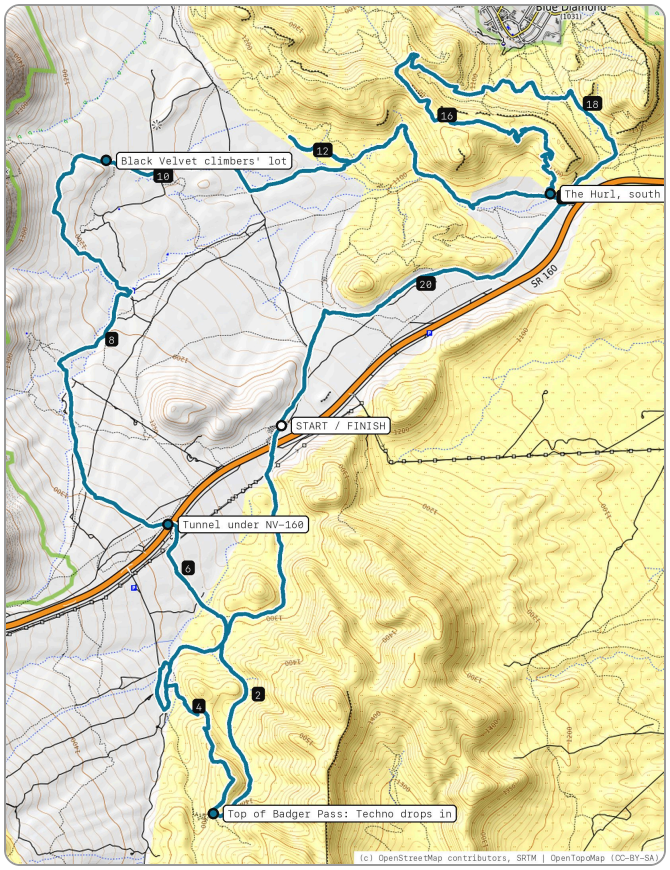
RIDE 23 · BLUE DIAMOND / COTTONWOOD VALLEY · ADVANCED ·

Rock Candy

The rowdy tour: climb Badger Pass, drop Techno, rip Latenight down to Black Velvet, then finish on The Hurl.

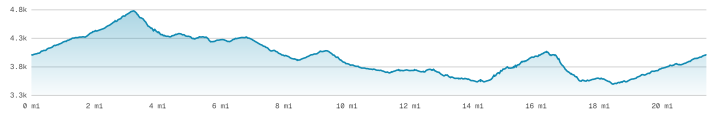
Heads up: Recent rain (0.25 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.



22	2,523	4,731
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
3:20	**High**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (39%)	

singletrack 93% · dirt road 6% · pavement 1%



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/rock-candy/

GETTING THERE

Park at Late Night Trailhead

North side of NV-160 (Pahrump Valley Hwy), about 4.7 mi west of the NV-159 junction at Blue Diamond.

- Paved BLM lot with vault toilets. No fee; it sits outside the Scenic Loop fee area.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Badger Pass Trail SINGLETRACK via Top of Badger Pass: Techno drops in	3.0 mi
3.0	Techno SINGLETRACK	1.3 mi
4.3	3 Mile Smile SINGLETRACK	0.3 mi
4.6	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
4.8	3 Mile Smile SINGLETRACK	0.8 mi
5.6	White Rhino Connector SINGLETRACK	0.1 mi
5.7	White Rhino (Latenight Connector) SINGLETRACK via Tunnel under NV-160	0.8 mi
6.5	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK via Black Velvet climbers' lot	3.5 mi
10.0	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.8 mi
10.8	Black Velvet Access Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
11.0	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.7 mi
11.7	Landmine Loop SINGLETRACK via The Hurl, south end	3.2 mi
14.9	The Hurl SINGLETRACK	3.5 mi
18.4	Monkeyshine SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
19.0	Molly's SINGLETRACK	0.2 mi
19.1	Old Spanish Trail SINGLETRACK	1.0 mi
20.2	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	1.8 mi
22.0	Back at Late Night Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Advanced only. Techno, Latenight Trail and The Hurl are each rated intermediate/difficult to difficult, with ledges, rock gardens and steep rolls. Walk anything you would not ride.
- Direction matters: Techno is a top-down trail from the top of Badger Pass, Latenight drops north from the NV-160 tunnel, and The Hurl is climbed from the highway end, which riders say is the rideable way up.
- About 22 mi and 2,600 ft of climbing, nearly all singletrack and no shade. Pack a spare tire's worth of patience; this ground eats sidewalls.
- Bail-out at mile 11 (Black Velvet climbers' lot): the bottom of Lil' Daytona and the easy Mustang singletrack lead back to the Late Night lot in about 2.4 mi. Legal basis: BLM-designated Cottonwood Valley system, outside wilderness.

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 "Rock Candy ride, parked at Late Night Trailhead, Blue Diamond / Cottonwood Valley", 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.