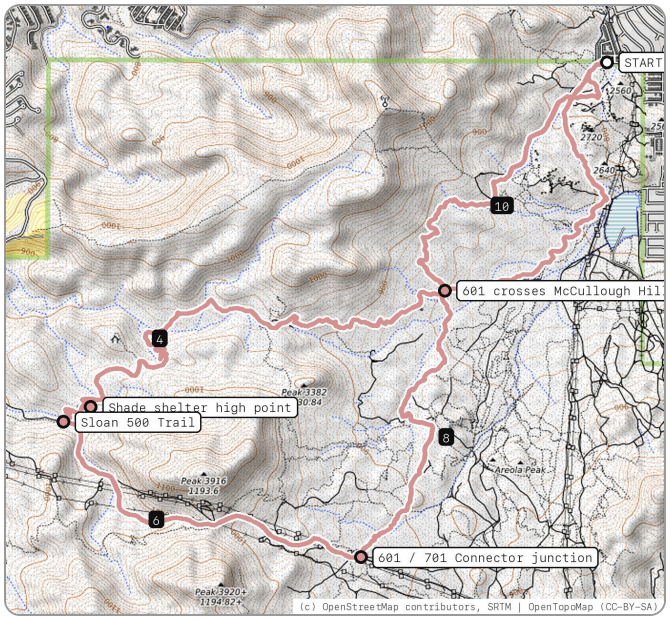
RIDE 30 · HENDERSON / MCCULLOUGH HILLS · INTERMEDIATE ·

Shade Break

Climb the McCullough Hills Trail to the shade shelter on top, drop south on the 500, and wind home on the 601.

Good to ride today. High 66°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.



11.9	1,460	3,396
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:50	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 86% · dirt road 13% · 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/shade-break/

GETTING THERE

Park at McCullough Hills Trailhead

295 E Mission Dr, Henderson, NV 89002

- BLM/City trailhead at the end of the pavement on Mission Drive. Restroom, water and shade kiosk; separate horse lot, so leave that side for trailers.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	McCullough Hills Trail PAVEMENT via Shade shelter high point · Sloan 500 Trail · 601 crosses McCullough Hills Trail	5.6 mi
5.6	Sloan 500 Trail SINGLETRACK	2.0 mi
7.6	601 SINGLETRACK via 601 / 701 Connector junction	0.5 mi
8.1	601 / Flowbee SINGLETRACK	0.4 mi
8.5	601 / Nitro Backside SINGLETRACK	0.5 mi
9.0	601 / Nitro SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
9.6	601 SINGLETRACK	1.3 mi
10.9	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.2 mi
11.1	601 SINGLETRACK	0.3 mi
11.5	601 Lower SINGLETRACK	0.4 mi
11.9	Back at McCullough Hills Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Out on the McCullough Hills Trail, the climb tops out at the shade shelter around mile 5.5. That's the snack stop.
- The Sloan 500 starts as singletrack and turns into an old powerline road for its second half, so expect some loose gravel and a bit of sand.
- Home on the 601 means rock gardens and a couple of sharp wash dips. Bike-park side lines branch off it; follow the 601 posts.
- Zero shade except the trail shelters. This is an October-to-April ride; in summer go at dawn or skip it, and carry more water than you think.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 1.5 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 "Shade Break ride, parked at McCullough Hills Trailhead, Henderson / McCullough Hills", 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.