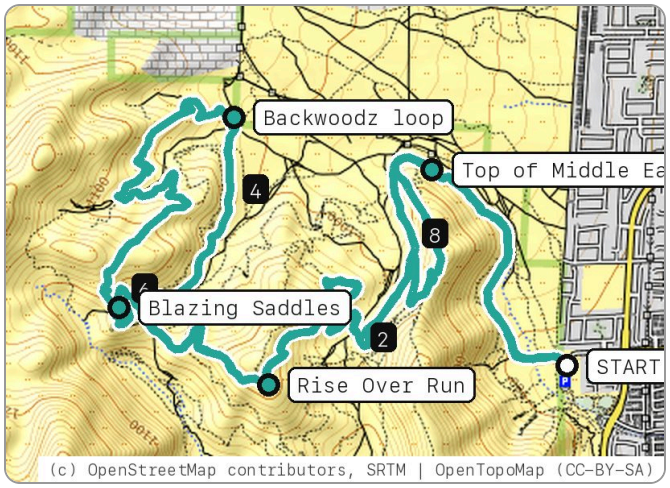
RIDE 18 · CLIFF SHADOWS / LA MADRE FOOTHILLS · INTERMEDIATE ·

Shadow Play

Middle Earth, Top Shelf Bourbon, Toque, Jenny from the Block and Backwoodz, all from the lot at the end of Alexander.

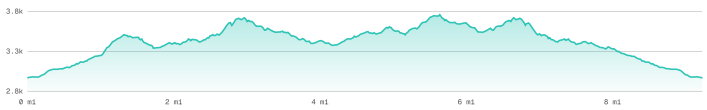
Good to ride today. High 63°F, dry trail.

⚠ **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.



9.8	2,087	3,711
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:40	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 99% · dirt road 1% · 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/shadow-play/

GETTING THERE

Park at Cliff Shadows Open Desert Park trailhead

West end of W Alexander Rd, just west of Cliff Shadows Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89129

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

CUE SHEET

0.0	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK via Top of Middle Earth	1.0 mi
1.0	Top Shelf Bourbon SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
1.6	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
2.2	Toque SINGLETRACK	0.5 mi
2.7	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK via Rise Over Run · Backwoodz loop · Blazing Saddles	5.0 mi
7.6	Toque SINGLETRACK	0.5 mi
8.1	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	1.7 mi
9.8	Back at Cliff Shadows Open Desert Park trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- A figure-eight through the north half of Cliff Shadows. Rise Over Run and part of Toque get ridden both ways, about 3 miles of repeat in all.
- Stays off No Dab and Toque (Technical), the two rockiest trails here. What's left is twisty, punchy singletrack with some limestone ledges. It's not buff.
- Backwoodz has rider-built features. BLM's plan keeps the trail but says those features will be reviewed, so they may change.
- Busy with hikers and off-leash dogs close to the lot. Skip the closed social trails that cut between these routes. No shade, so plan around the heat.

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 "Shadow Play ride, parked at Cliff Shadows Open Desert Park trailhead, Cliff Shadows / La Madre Foothills", 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.