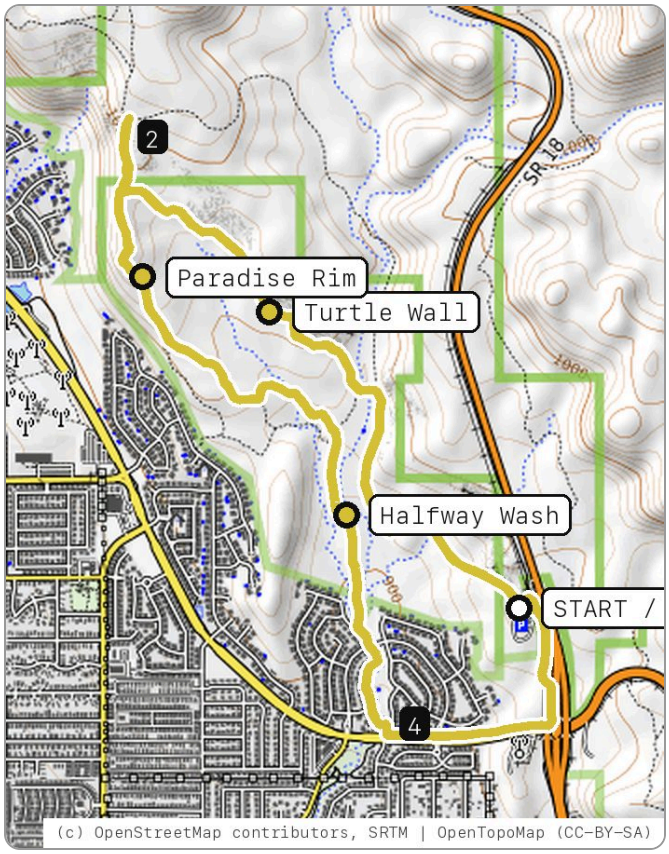
RIDE 55 · ST. GEORGE, UTAH · INTERMEDIATE ·

Shell Game

Short lollipop in Paradise Canyon: Chuckwalla out, Turtle Wall slickrock, Paradise Rim views, then the flowy Halfway Wash drop and a paved spin back.

Heads up: Recent rain (0.15 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	581	3,327
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
45 min	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 82% · dirt road 0% · pavement 18%



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/shell-game/

GETTING THERE

Park at Chuckwalla Trailhead (Red Cliffs Desert Reserve)

West side of Bluff St (SR-18), about 0.2 mi north of Red Hills Pkwy, St. George, UT 84770

- Paved reserve lot shared with climbers and hikers. Fills early on weekends.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Chuckwalla SINGLETRACK	0.9 mi
0.9	Turtle Wall SINGLETRACK	1.0 mi
1.8	Paradise Rim SINGLETRACK	1.4 mi
3.3	Halfway Wash SINGLETRACK	0.8 mi
4.1	Street PAVEMENT	0.6 mi
4.7	SR-18 Bike Path PAVEMENT	0.3 mi
5.0	Back at Chuckwalla Trailhead (Red Cliffs Desert Reserve)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Red Cliffs Desert Reserve is desert tortoise habitat. Stay on signed trails; several nearby trails are hiker only.
- Beck Hill is skipped on purpose. Sources disagree on whether it is open to bikes.
- Expect sand in the washes and a few slickrock moves on Turtle Wall and the rim. Walk anything that looks sketchy.
- Halfway Wash ends in a neighborhood, so the last 0.9 mi is pavement: a quiet street, then the SR-18 bike path back up to the lot.

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 "Shell Game ride, parked at Chuckwalla Trailhead (Red Cliffs Desert Reserve), St. George, Utah", 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.