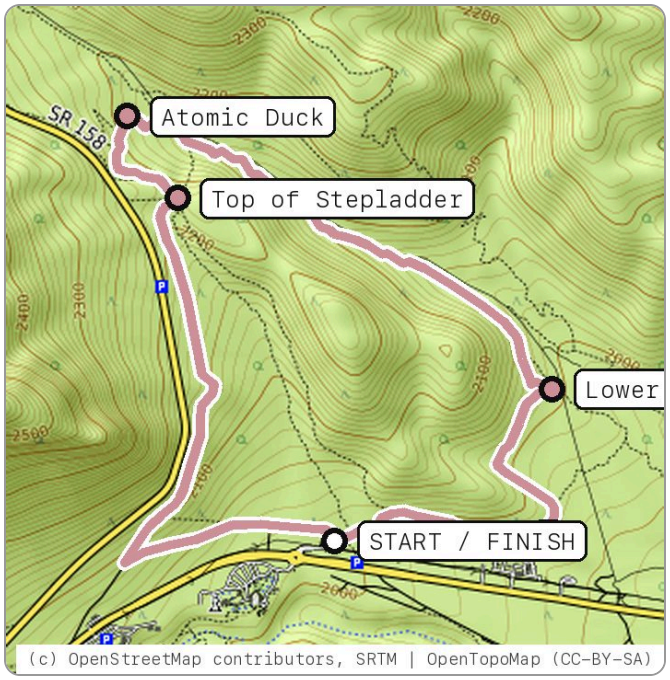
RIDE 41 · MT CHARLESTON TRAILS · ● INTERMEDIATE ·

Short Stack

The quick Kyle Canyon lap: up Stepladder, across on Atomic Duck, and a long mellow run down Shady Hollow.

Heads up: Recent rain (0.23 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.



4.6	912	7,300
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
45 min	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 99% · dirt road 0% · 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/short-stack/

GETTING THERE

Park at Cliff Rose Trailhead

NV-157 Kyle Canyon Rd, about 16 mi west of US-95; take the first exit at the roundabout across from the Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway (2525 Kyle Canyon Rd)

- Free, day use 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., vault toilets, no water. Do not use the Visitor Gateway lot, which is open only 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Stepladder Trail SINGLETRACK via Top of Stepladder	1.8 mi
1.7	Atomic Duck Trail SINGLETRACK via Atomic Duck	0.4 mi
2.2	Shady Hollow Trail SINGLETRACK via Lower Shady Hollow	2.5 mi
4.6	Back at Cliff Rose Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- As of Oct 8, 2026, riders had reported a significant issue on Stepladder. Check current conditions before you go.
- One climb, one descent: Stepladder gains about 700 ft in 1.7 miles, then Atomic Duck cuts across to Shady Hollow for a 2.5 mile descent that drops roughly 600 ft with one short rise near the bottom.
- All singletrack, about 1,000 ft of climbing in under 5 miles. A good first ride in Kyle Canyon or a warm-up before work; add Link and Tin Can (see Kick the Can) when you want more.
- Atomic Duck is short and the junctions at both ends are lightly signed. Load the GPX. Cliff Rose is free, open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., with vault toilets and no water.
- Rideable roughly May through October at 6,500 to 7,350 ft. Under snow most winters.

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 "Short Stack ride, parked at Cliff Rose Trailhead, Mt Charleston Trails", 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.