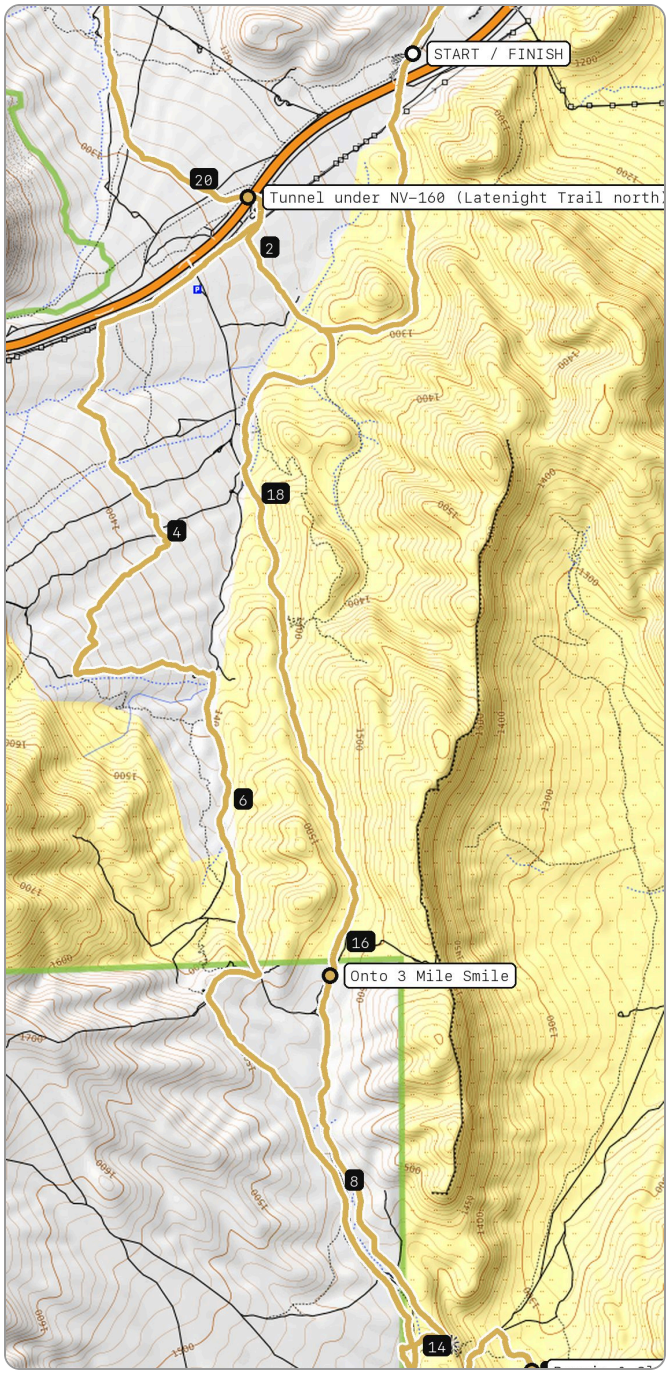
RIDE 20 · BLUE DIAMOND / COTTONWOOD VALLEY · ADVANCED ·

The Works

One big lap of the whole valley: Bonnie & Clyde in the far south, 3 Mile Smile down the middle, Latenight under the highway and out to Landmine.

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.



29.1	3,179	5,003
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
4:25	**High**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (18%)	

singletrack 80% · dirt road 19% · 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/the-works/

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	1.6 mi
1.6	White Rhino (Latenight Connector) SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
2.2	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.8 mi
3.0	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	2.0 mi
5.0	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.6 mi
5.6	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	1.3 mi
6.9	Cottonwood Pass West Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
7.2	Dead Horse Loop Southwest SINGLETRACK	1.1 mi
8.4	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.3 mi
8.6	Dead Horse Loop Southwest SINGLETRACK	0.6 mi
9.2	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	0.1 mi
9.3	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.6 mi
9.9	Bonnie & Clyde SINGLETRACK	2.7 mi
12.7	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
12.9	Bonnie & Clyde SINGLETRACK	0.7 mi
13.7	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
13.9	Cottonwood Pass Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
14.2	Overlook SINGLETRACK	0.1 mi
14.4	Dead Horse Loop SINGLETRACK via Onto 3 Mile Smile	1.7 mi
16.1	3 Mile Smile SINGLETRACK	3.0 mi
19.2	White Rhino Connector SINGLETRACK	0.1 mi
19.3	White Rhino (Latenight Connector) SINGLETRACK via Tunnel under NV-160 (Latenight Trail north)	0.8 mi
20.1	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	3.5 mi
23.6	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.8 mi
24.4	Black Velvet Access Road DIRT ROAD	0.3 mi
24.6	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.7 mi
25.3	Landmine Loop SINGLETRACK	1.6 mi
26.8	Switchy Hill SINGLETRACK via Switchy Hill turn	0.4 mi
27.3	Cactus Slalom SINGLETRACK	0.7 mi
28.0	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	1.1 mi
29.1	Back at Late Night Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- About 29 miles and 3,200 ft of climbing with no water on course. Carry at least 3 liters, start at first light, and skip it from May to September.
- Ride it in this direction. The long dirt-road climb comes first, 3 Mile Smile is the payoff at mile 16, and Latenight Trail drops about 500 ft north of the NV-160 tunnel.
- Latenight Trail and the short Dead Horse links carry rock gardens and ledges. Rated advanced for the length plus those sections; the rest is intermediate singletrack and dirt road.
- Bail-out: at mile 19 you are back at the tunnel, about 1.5 mi from the Late Night lot. Legal basis: all of it is the BLM-designated Cottonwood Valley system, outside the Scenic Loop fee area and outside wilderness.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 3.5 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 "The Works 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.