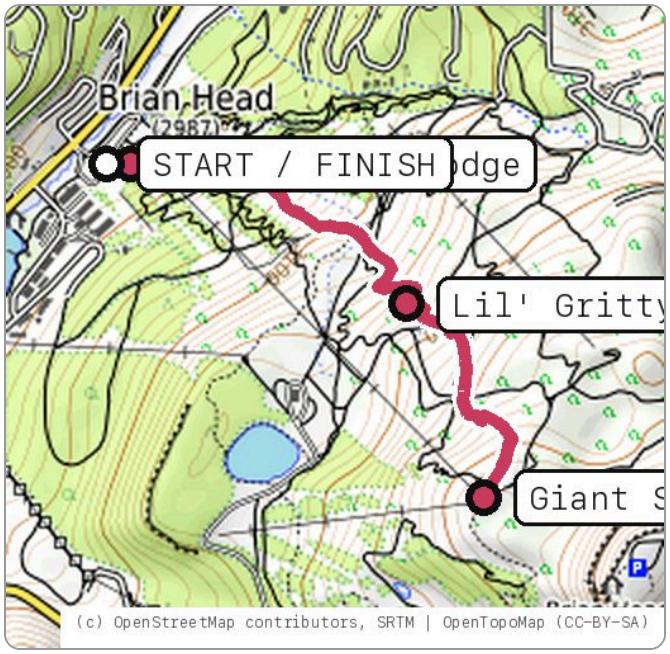
RIDE 79 · BRIAN HEAD BIKE PARK · ADVANCED · LIFT-SERVED ·

True Grit

Lil' Gritty top to bottom, one of the park's two expert lines: the steepest lap off the Giant Steps chair, finishing at the lodge.

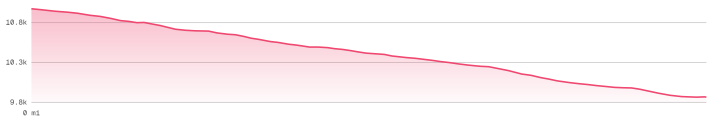
Not today: Snow on the ground (14 in). Soaked: 0.88 in of rain in the last 48 hrs. Riding now ruts the trail for months. Give it a few dry days. Cold (high 39°F). Layers and full-finger gloves.

⚠ **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.



1.3	1,106	10,922
MILES	FT DESCENT (LIFT UP)	FT HIGH POINT
15 min	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 96% · dirt road 4% · 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/true-grit/

GETTING THERE

Park at Giant Steps Lodge (Brian Head Resort base)

329 S Highway 143, Brian Head, UT 84719

- Resort base lot by the Giant Steps Lodge and the Giant Steps Express chair. Lift tickets, rentals and bike tech are at the lodge. Pin is approximate; follow the resort signs.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Upper Lil' Gritty SINGLETRACK via Giant Steps chair top · Lil' Gritty	0.9 mi
0.9	Lower Lil' Gritty SINGLETRACK via Giant Steps Lodge	0.4 mi
1.3	Back at Giant Steps Lodge (Brian Head Resort base)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Lift-served only: ride the Giant Steps Express up and pedal nothing but the descent. A bike park lift ticket is required; the resort uses variable pricing, so buying ahead is cheaper.
- Lil' Gritty is one of the two Expert trails on the resort map. We list it as advanced because that is our top rating; treat it as the hardest thing here after Wildflower.
- About 1.3 miles and 1,100 ft of drop, so it is the steepest lap in this set. The lower section briefly shares Lower Timberline; watch for riders merging.
- A full-face helmet and pads are strongly recommended.
- The resort's summer rules: helmets required (full-face and pads recommended, even on the green), ride only in the posted direction, no uphill travel of any kind on the bike trails, and no e-bikes on the bike park trails or chairlifts.
- 2026 season ran Jun 12 to Sep 20: Friday to Sunday in June and September, daily from late June through Aug 30, lifts 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 2027 calendar is not published yet; check brianhead.com before you go.
- The top of the lift is above 10,900 ft. Thunderstorms build most summer afternoons; ride early and get off the mountain when you hear thunder.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 0.5 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 "True Grit ride, parked at Giant Steps Lodge (Brian Head Resort base), Brian Head Bike Park", 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.