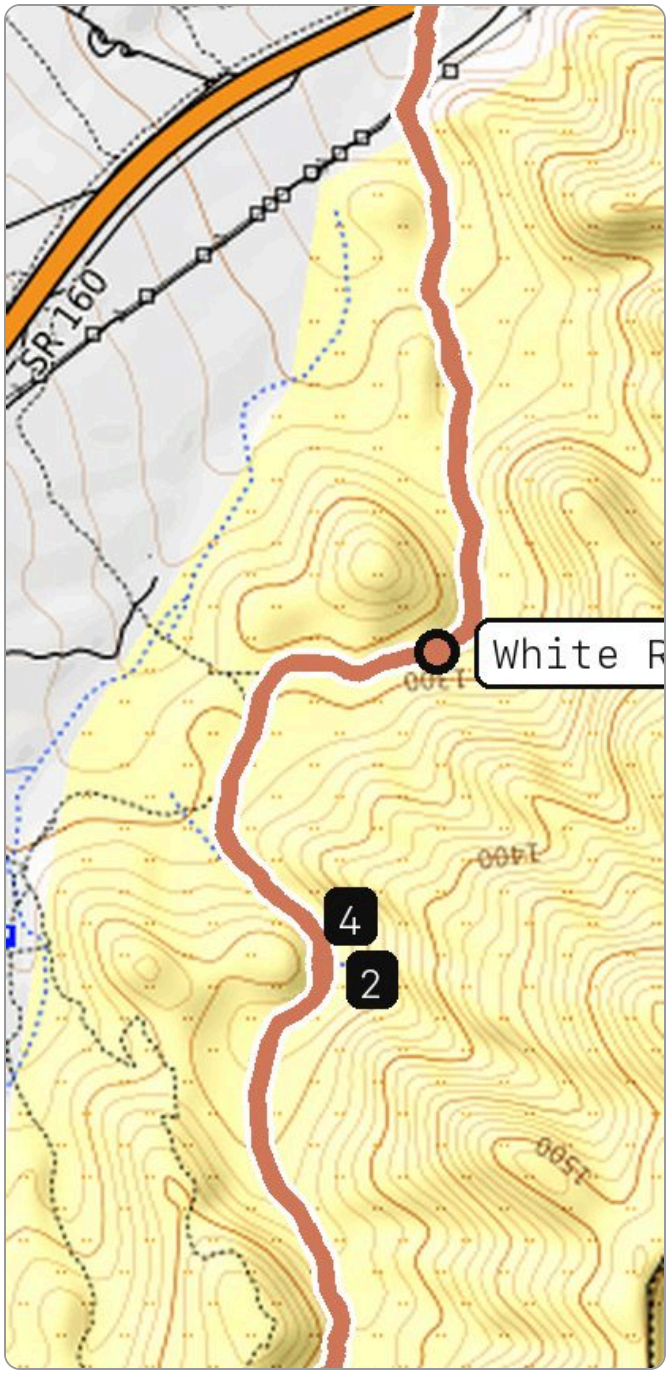
RIDE 24 · BLUE DIAMOND / COTTONWOOD VALLEY · EASY ·

# Tumbleweed

A gentle out-and-back up Badger Pass, the smoothest climb in the valley, with an easy coast home. Turn around wherever the legs say so.

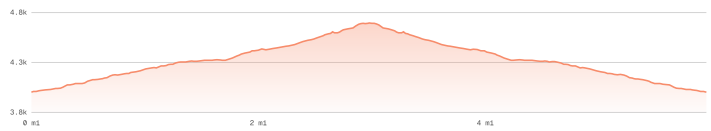
**Heads up:** Recent rain (0.25 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.




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| MILES | FT CLIMB | FT HIGH POINT |
| **55 min** | **Low** | |
| EST. MOVING | CHUNK (0%) | |

singletrack 97% · dirt road 0% · pavement 3%




## 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/tumbleweed/

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

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| 0.0 | Badger Pass Trail SINGLETRACK<br>via White Rhino junction · Turnaround at the top of Badger Pass | 6.0 mi |
| 6.0 | Back at Late Night Trailhead | |

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Badger Pass is rated easy to easy/intermediate: a steady 4% average climb on smooth singletrack, about 700 ft to the top over 3 mi.
- It is an out-and-back, so kids or new riders can turn around at any point and the ride home is downhill.
- Stop at the top. The switchbacks beyond it drop toward 3 Mile Smile and are a step up in difficulty.
- Zero shade. Go early, carry more water than you think, and watch for faster riders descending. Legal basis: BLM-designated Cottonwood Valley system; restrooms at the Late Night 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 "Tumbleweed 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.