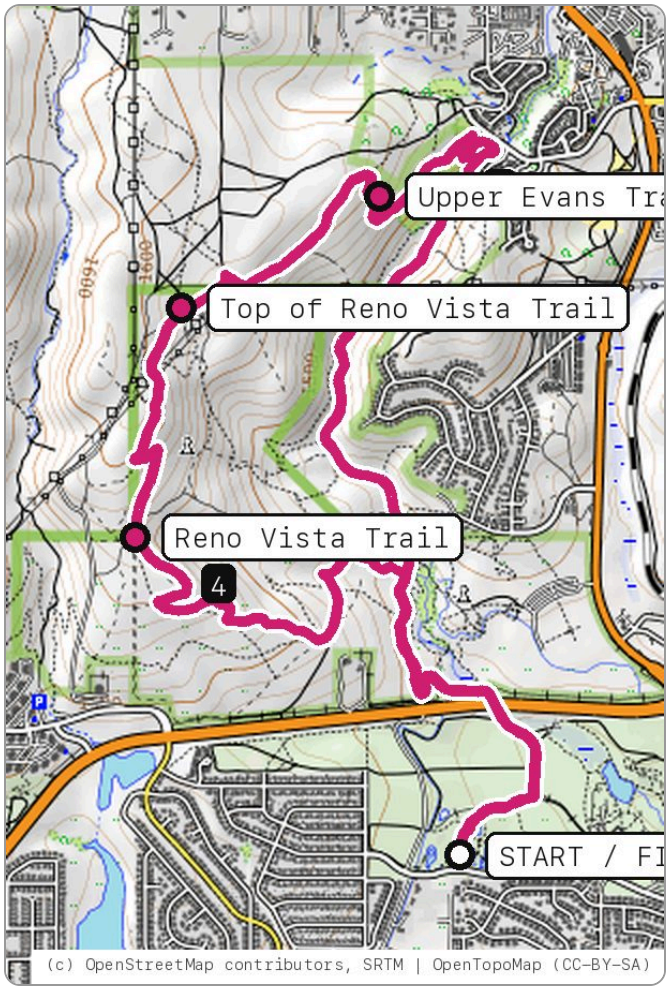
RIDE 106 · RENO, NEVADA · INTERMEDIATE ·

Vista Drop

Climb Evans Canyon, traverse Upper Evans across the hill, then let the rebuilt Reno Vista Trail carry you back down with the whole valley in front of you.

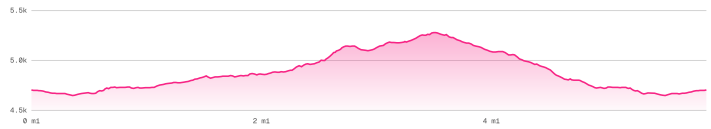
Heads up: Recent rain (0.31 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.



6.1	787	5,279
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
55 min	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 82% · dirt road 13% · pavement 5%



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/vista-drop/

GETTING THERE

Park at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, west lot

San Rafael Dr off Putnam Dr, Reno, NV 89503

- Washoe County regional park lot at the west end of the park, south of North McCarran Blvd. Under 1 mile from the UNR campus (straight-line distance measured on the map).
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Street PAVEMENT	0.2 mi
0.2	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.5 mi
0.7	Evans Canyon Trail SINGLETRACK	1.6 mi
2.3	Upper Evans Trail SINGLETRACK	1.0 mi
3.3	Reno Vista Trail DIRT ROAD via Top of Reno Vista Trail	1.5 mi
4.8	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK	0.4 mi
5.2	Evans Canyon Trail SINGLETRACK	0.5 mi
5.7	Dirt road DIRT ROAD	0.5 mi
6.1	Back at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, west lot	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Closed right now: the Hawk Fire closure (Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest order 04-17-26-01-08, extended Oct 23, 2026) shuts the Upper Evans Trail, the national forest stretch this ride needs to reach Reno Vista, through Jan 30, 2027, unless the Forest lifts it sooner. Before you go, check the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest alerts page or call the Carson Ranger District at (775) 882-2766: the exact closed trails are on the order's map, so confirm yours is open. Once it reopens, expect burn damage, loose soil and missing signs.
- Upper Evans is the crux: a semi-technical traverse with a few rocky lines. Most have ride-arounds; walk anything that looks wrong.
- Reno Vista was rebuilt as a beginner-to-intermediate flow descent with berms, rollers and optional jumps and drops. It is ridden downhill only on this loop. Do not climb it.
- While the closure is on, Canyon Commute rides the open Evans Canyon and Miners trails from the same 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 "Vista Drop ride, parked at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, west lot, Reno, Nevada", 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.