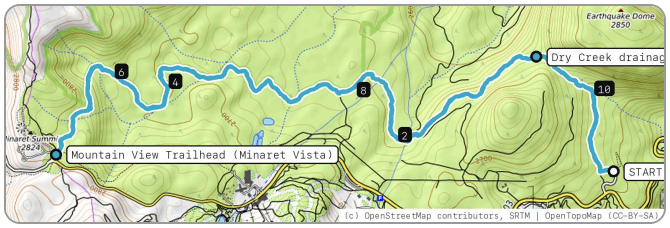
RIDE 83 · MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA · INTERMEDIATE ·

Vista Grind

Out and back on the Mountain View Trail: climb from the Earthquake Fault through the pumice of the Dry Creek drainage to the Minaret Vista end, then turn around for the long descent home.

Not today: Snow on the ground (9 in). Soaked: 0.85 in of rain in the last 48 hrs. Riding now ruts the trail for months. Give it a few dry days. Cold (high 43°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.



10.9	1,211	9,186
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:40	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 98% · dirt road 2% · 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/vista-grind/

GETTING THERE

Park at Earthquake Fault Trailhead

Earthquake Fault parking area off Minaret Rd (CA-203), Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

- Parking, restrooms and trash at the Earthquake Fault, per the Town of Mammoth Lakes trail system. No fee listed. From the lot, roll just south on the road to the trail junction.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Mountain View Trail SINGLETRACK via Mountain View Trailhead (Minaret Vista) · Dry Creek drainage	10.9 mi
10.9	Back at Earthquake Fault Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The climb is the first half: about 600 ft net up to the Minaret Vista end and roughly 1,200 ft of total climbing for the round trip, by our elevation data. The Town notes several sections of soft sand, which is why most people ride this trail downhill.
- Two-way trail. Many riders come down from Minaret Vista, so watch for them on the climb and expect to share the trail.
- The upper trail runs along the Owens River Headwaters Wilderness boundary. Do not leave the Mountain View Trail; the wilderness is closed to bikes.
- This is not part of the Mammoth Bike Park and needs no ticket. Do not drop onto Uptown, Downtown or other bike park trails near the Earthquake Fault; those are inside the bike park and need a bike park ticket.
- Tops out around 9,200 ft. Afternoon thunderstorms are common in summer; turn around early if one builds.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 1.5 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 "Vista Grind ride, parked at Earthquake Fault Trailhead, Mammoth Lakes, California", 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.