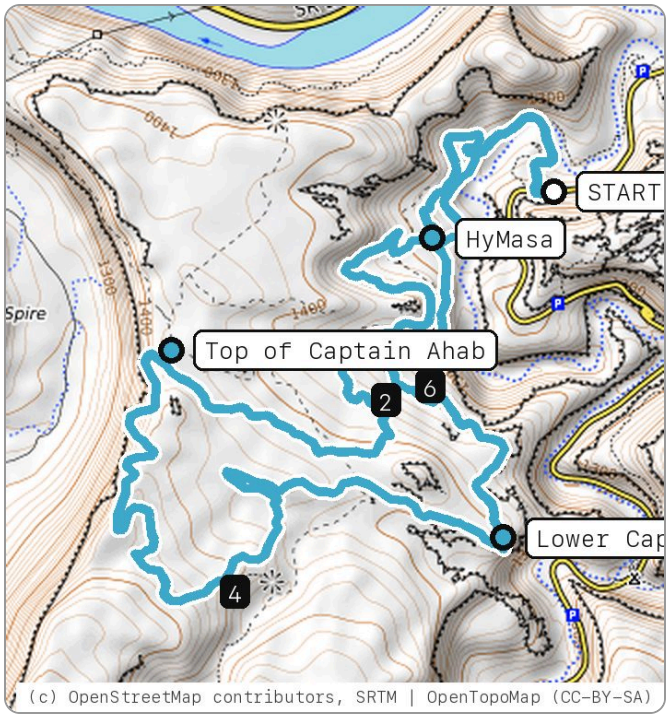
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White Whale

Climb HyMasa, then chase the whale: Upper and Lower Captain Ahab, one way, ledge after ledge back to Kane Creek.

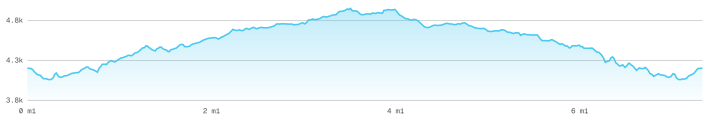
Heads up: Recent rain (0.15 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.



7.7	1,847	4,902
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
1:20	**High**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (81.7%)	

singletrack 82% · dirt road 18% · 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/white-whale/

GETTING THERE

Park at Amasa Back Trailhead

Kane Creek Rd, about 2.5 mi past the Colorado River, Moab, UT 84532

- BLM trailhead on Kane Creek Road. It fills early on spring weekends.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Cliff Hanger Trail DIRT ROAD	0.8 mi
0.8	HyMasa Trail SINGLETRACK via HyMasa · Top of Captain Ahab	2.2 mi
3.0	Upper Captain Ahab Trail SINGLETRACK	2.1 mi
5.2	Lower Captain Ahab Trail SINGLETRACK via Lower Captain Ahab	2.0 mi
7.2	Cliff Hanger Trail DIRT ROAD	0.5 mi
7.7	Back at Amasa Back Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Captain Ahab is marked one-way on the BLM Amasa Back map. Ride it only downhill from the HyMasa junction; never climb it.
- HyMasa is the climb. BLM built it so riders do not have to use the Amasa Back 4WD road; expect jeeps on the short road pieces at the start and finish.
- This is expert terrain: big slickrock ledges, rollers and exposure above the Colorado River. Walk what you would not want to crash on.
- Hot and shadeless. Start early, carry plenty of water, and do not ride it wet.

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 "White Whale ride, parked at Amasa Back Trailhead, Moab, Utah", 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.