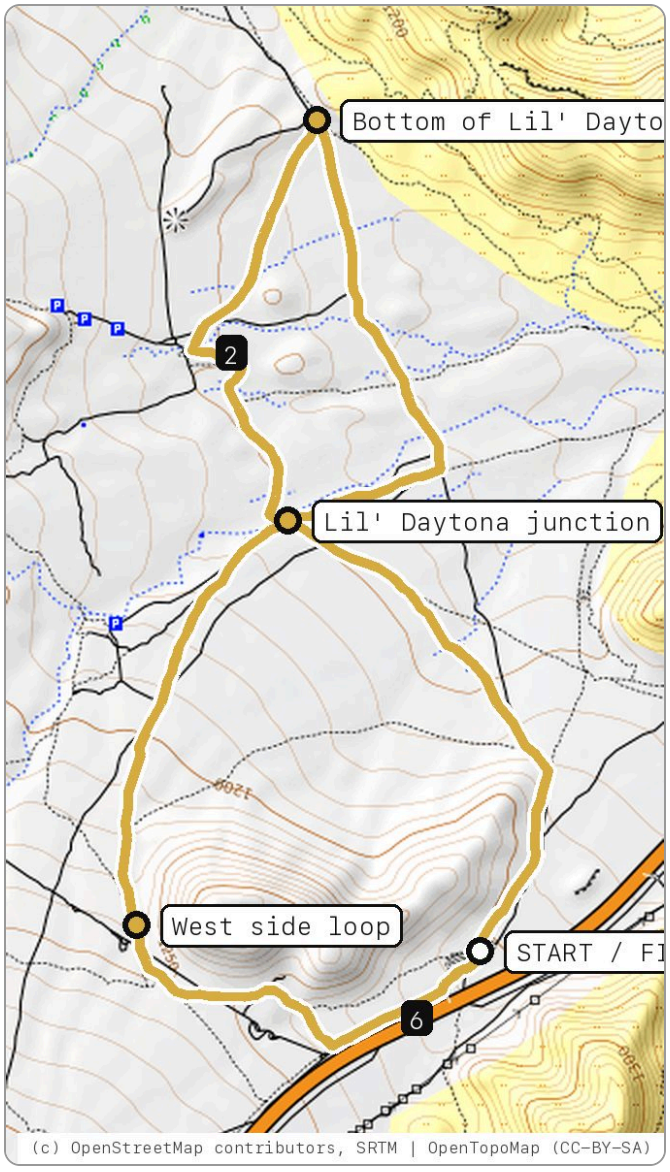
RIDE 03 · BLUE DIAMOND / COTTONWOOD VALLEY · EASY ·

Wild Pony

Gentle singletrack loop from Late Night with a dip down Lil' Daytona and an easy dirt-road spin back.

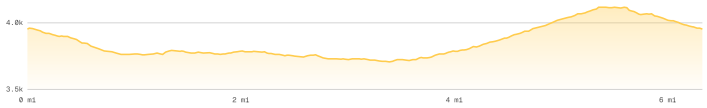
Heads up: Recent rain (0.25 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day.

⚠ **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.



6.4	469	4,117
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
55 min	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 83% · dirt road 15% · pavement 2%



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/wild-pony/

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 lot, vault toilets, no fee.

- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK via Lil' Daytona junction	1.4 mi
1.4	Lil' Daytona SINGLETRACK via Bottom of Lil' Daytona	1.3 mi
2.7	Black Velvet Access Road DIRT ROAD	0.9 mi
3.7	Singletrack connector SINGLETRACK via West side loop	2.7 mi
6.4	Back at Late Night Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The outer ring is the beginner loop riders call Mustang / Late Night: low grades, about 3.9 mi on its own. Trail markers are posted but spurs are everywhere, so keep the GPX open.
- The Lil' Daytona out and back adds the fun part. Down is fast and smooth, the climb back on Black Velvet Access Road is wide dirt with a steady grade.
- Sandy and washed-out spots in the low drainages. No shade at all; ride early from May to September.
- Legal basis: Cottonwood Valley is a BLM-promoted mountain bike system inside Red Rock Canyon NCA, outside the Scenic Loop fee area.

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 "Wild Pony 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.