

# Little Park Road - Monument Loop

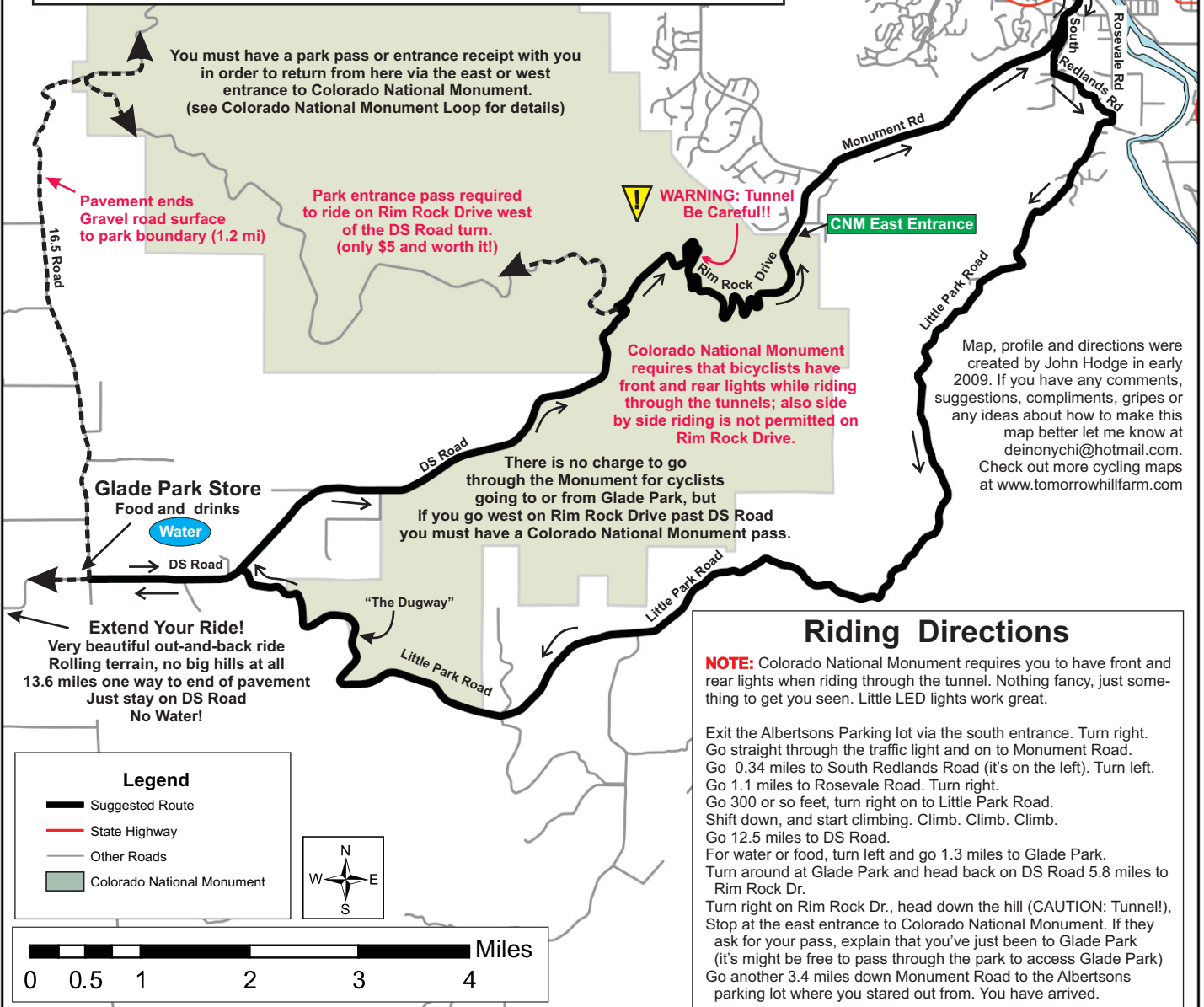
**Distance:** 29.1 miles  
**Total Climbing:** 2840 ft.  
**Ride Difficulty:** Moderate to difficult

This is just a fun, little 29 mile ride. No big deal, right? Oh, did I mention that this ride has over 2800 feet of total climbing, and a 8.8 mile stretch with an average gradient of 5%? Unlike the Monument, which tends to be a steady climb, this has a more "stair-step" profile, which makes for a good workout. Or for a ride that feels longer than it is.

If a mere 2800 feet of climbing isn't enough for you, you can stretch out this ride by returning via Rim Rock Drive in the Colorado National Monument by a variety of routes, as shown on the map. Another favorite is to continue on west from Glade Park on DS Road for an out-and-back ride on a quiet road through a gorgeous landscape.

## Getting to the Start

These directions start from the Albertsons at 2512 Broadway. To get there, Exit I-70 at Horizon Dr., turn south. Take Horizon Dr. to 7th St., turn left. Go 1.75 miles to Grand Ave., turn right. Go straight at the light at 1st St. The road is now named Broadway. Go another 0.9 miles on Broadway (you'll cross the railroad and the river), Albertsons is on the right.



You must have a park pass or entrance receipt with you in order to return from here via the east or west entrance to Colorado National Monument. (see Colorado National Monument Loop for details)

Pavement ends Gravel road surface to park boundary (1.2 mi)

Park entrance pass required to ride on Rim Rock Drive west of the DS Road turn. (only \$5 and worth it!)

**WARNING: Tunnel Be Careful!!**

Colorado National Monument requires that bicyclists have front and rear lights while riding through the tunnels; also side by side riding is not permitted on Rim Rock Drive.

There is no charge to go through the Monument for cyclists going to or from Glade Park, but if you go west on Rim Rock Drive past DS Road you must have a Colorado National Monument pass.

Glade Park Store Food and drinks Water

**Extend Your Ride!**  
 Very beautiful out-and-back ride  
 Rolling terrain, no big hills at all  
 13.6 miles one way to end of pavement  
 Just stay on DS Road  
 No Water!

Map, profile and directions were created by John Hodge in early 2009. If you have any comments, suggestions, compliments, gripes or any ideas about how to make this map better let me know at [deinonych@hotmail.com](mailto:deinonych@hotmail.com). Check out more cycling maps at [www.tomorrowhillfarm.com](http://www.tomorrowhillfarm.com)

## Riding Directions

**NOTE:** Colorado National Monument requires you to have front and rear lights when riding through the tunnel. Nothing fancy, just something to get you seen. Little LED lights work great.

Exit the Albertsons Parking lot via the south entrance. Turn right. Go straight through the traffic light and on to Monument Road. Go 0.34 miles to South Redlands Road (it's on the left). Turn left. Go 1.1 miles to Rosevale Road. Turn right. Go 300 or so feet, turn right on to Little Park Road. Shift down, and start climbing. Climb. Climb. Climb. Go 12.5 miles to DS Road. For water or food, turn left and go 1.3 miles to Glade Park. Turn around at Glade Park and head back on DS Road 5.8 miles to Rim Rock Dr. Turn right on Rim Rock Dr., head down the hill (CAUTION: Tunnel!), Stop at the east entrance to Colorado National Monument. If they ask for your pass, explain that you've just been to Glade Park (it's might be free to pass through the park to access Glade Park) Go another 3.4 miles down Monument Road to the Albertsons parking lot where you started out from. You have arrived.

## Elevation Profile

