

Little Park Road - Monument Loop

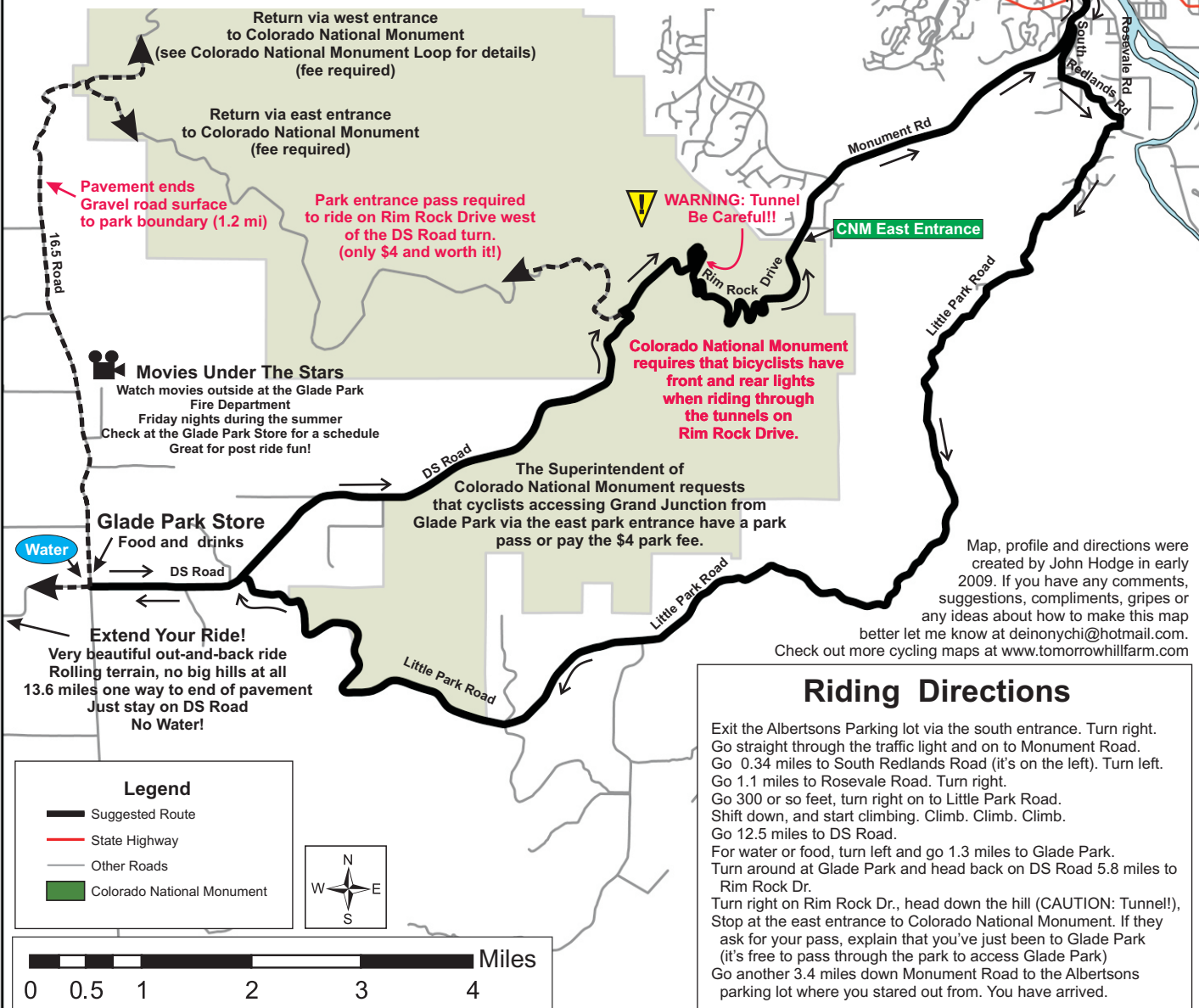
This is just a fun, little 29 mile ride. No big deal, right? Oh, did I mention that this ride has over 2500 feet of total climbing, and a 8.8 mile stretch with an average gradient of 5%? Unlike the Monument, which tends to be a steady climb, this has a more "stair-step" profile, which makes for a good workout. Or for a ride that feels longer than it is.

If a mere 2500 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.

Distance: 29.1 miles
Total Climbing: about 2600 ft.
Ride Difficulty: Moderate to difficult

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.

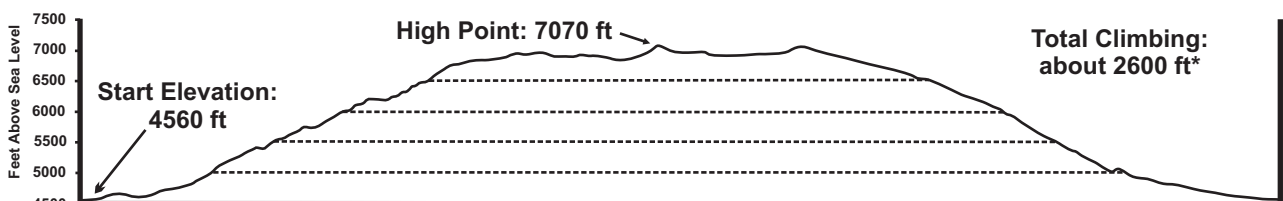


Map, profile and directions were created by John Hodge in early 2009. If you have any comments, suggestions, compliments, gripes or any ideas about how to make this map better let me know at deinonych@hotmail.com. Check out more cycling maps at www.tomorrowhillfarm.com

Riding Directions

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 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



* Total climbing value is approximate since my software got confused by this route.