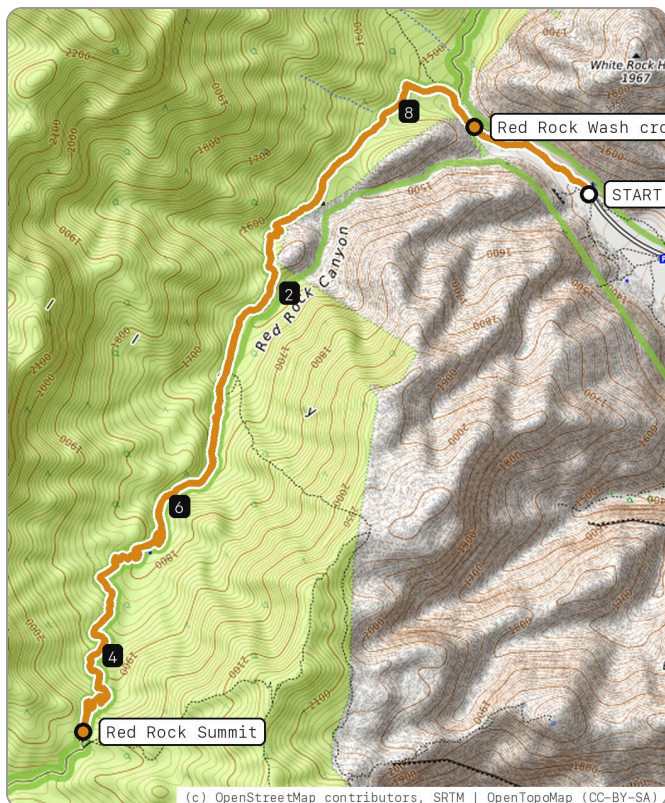


Gap Grind

Leave the Scenic Drive behind and grind up Rocky Gap Road to Red Rock Summit, then rattle back down the way you came.

Not today: Soaked: 1.25 in of rain in the last 48 hrs. Riding now ruts the trail for months. Give it a few dry days.

⚠ **Not yet rider-checked.** This line was routed from OpenStreetMap trail data and hasn't been ridden end to end yet. Cross-check turns against the trail signs or Trailforks.



9.4

MILES

2,293

FT CLIMB

6,486

FT HIGH POINT

1:40

EST. MOVING

Low

CHUNK (0%)

■ singletrack 0% ■ dirt road 100% ■ 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/gap-grind/>

GETTING THERE

Park at Willow Springs Picnic Area

End of the Willow Springs spur off Red Rock Canyon Scenic Drive, about 7 miles into the one-way loop (Red Rock Canyon NCA, Las Vegas, NV)

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

CUE SHEET

0.0	Rocky Gap Road DIRT ROAD via Pavement ends · Red Rock Wash crossing · Red Rock Summit	9.4 mi
9.4	Back at Willow Springs Picnic Area	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- This is a 4x4 road, not singletrack: loose rock, ledges and ruts the whole way, shared with high-clearance trucks. Fitness ride up, bumpy ride down.
- Legal because it is an open road: Red Rock NCA allows bikes only on designated roads and trails, and Rocky Gap runs in a corridor between the Rainbow Mountain and La Madre Mountain wildernesses. Stay on the road.
- Getting there means driving the Scenic Drive: vehicle entry fee, plus a timed-entry reservation from Oct 1 to May 31 for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. arrivals. Check gate closing times so you are not locked in.
- Summit sits near 6,450 ft, about 1,000 ft cooler than town. Still zero shade; carry more water than you think.

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 "Gap Grind ride, parked at Willow Springs Picnic Area, Red Rock Backcountry", 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.