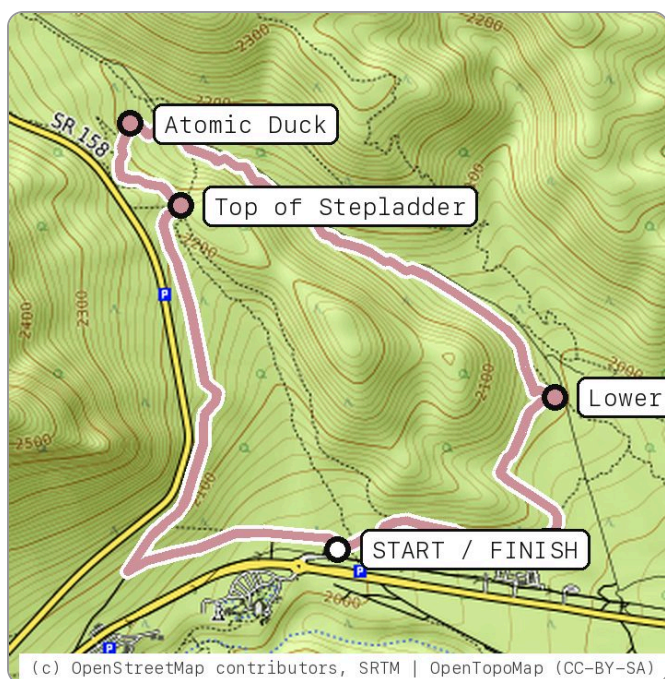


# Short Stack

The quick Kyle Canyon lap: up Stepladder, across on Atomic Duck, and a long mellow run down Shady Hollow.

**Not today:** Soaked: 1.23 in of rain in the last 48 hrs. Riding now ruts the trail for months. Give it a few dry days.  
Cold (high 43°F). Layers and full-finger gloves.

⚠ **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.



4.6

MILES

912

FT CLIMB

7,300

FT HIGH POINT

45 min

EST. MOVING

Low

CHUNK (0%)

■ singletrack 99% ■ dirt road 0% ■ pavement 1%



## 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/short-stack/>

## GETTING THERE

### Park at Cliff Rose Trailhead

NV-157 Kyle Canyon Rd, about 16 mi west of US-95; take the first exit at the roundabout across from the Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway (2525 Kyle Canyon Rd)

- Free, day use 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., vault toilets, no water. Do not use the Visitor Gateway lot, which is open only 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

## CUE SHEET

|     |                              |             |        |
|-----|------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 0.0 | Stepladder Trail             | SINGLETRACK | 1.8 mi |
|     | via Top of Stepladder        |             |        |
| 1.7 | Atomic Duck Trail            | SINGLETRACK | 0.4 mi |
|     | via Atomic Duck              |             |        |
| 2.2 | Shady Hollow Trail           | SINGLETRACK | 2.5 mi |
|     | via Lower Shady Hollow       |             |        |
| 4.6 | Back at Cliff Rose Trailhead |             |        |

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- As of Oct 8, 2026, Trailforks showed a significant issue reported on Stepladder. Check current conditions before you go.
- One climb, one descent: Stepladder gains about 700 ft in 1.7 miles, then Atomic Duck cuts across to Shady Hollow for a 2.5 mile descent that drops roughly 600 ft with one short rise near the bottom.
- All singletrack, about 1,000 ft of climbing in under 5 miles. A good first ride in Kyle Canyon or a warm-up before work; add Link and Tin Can (see Kick the Can) when you want more.
- Atomic Duck is short and the junctions at both ends are lightly signed. Load the GPX. Cliff Rose is free, open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., with vault toilets and no water.
- Rideable roughly May through October at 6,500 to 7,350 ft. Under snow most winters.

## 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 "Short Stack ride, parked at Cliff Rose Trailhead, Mt Charleston Trails", 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.