

# Colorado National Monument Loop

## East to West

**CNM West Entrance**

To Fruita

State Highway 340

**WARNING: Tunnels Be Careful!!**

Visitor Center

Water

Restrooms

Rim

Black Ridge Summit 6,593

Rock

16 1/2 Road

Highest Point on Rim Rock Drive 6,640 ft

**TUNNELS!**  
There are three tunnels on Rim Rock Drive: two on the west side and one on the east side. Colorado National Monument requires "get-you-seen" lights while riding through these tunnels.

**Special Notes:**  
While riding on Rim Rock Drive, cyclists are NOT allowed to ride side-by-side at any time except while passing another cyclists. The 'three-foot law' does apply here but it's all too often ignored (just like everywhere else).

**Cold Shivers Point**

**Tunnell!**

**WARNING: Steep, windy climb with a tunnell!**

**Cold Shivers Point: 6,140 ft**

**High Point: 6,640 ft**

**Black Ridge Summit: 6,593 ft**

**East Entrance: 4,950 ft**

**Visitor Center: 5,770 ft**

**Start / Finish: 4,720 ft**

**West Entrance: 4,715 ft**

**Getting to the Start**  
This route starts from the Lunch Loops Trailhead on Monument Road. From I-70: exit I-70 at Horizon Driver, turn south (if you were westbound on I-70, it's a left turn). Go 1.6 miles to 7th Street, turn left. Go 1.75 miles to Grand Avenue, turn right. Go straight at the light at 1st Street; the road is now named Broadway. Go another 0.9 miles on Broadway to Monument Road, turn left. Go 1.5 miles and look for the left turn lane into the Lunch Loops Trailhead. You have arrived.

**Important:** Front and rear lights which can be seen from at least 500 feet are required (small LED lights work great and are available at most bike shops). You'll also need \$10 per rider or a National Parks pass to get in. A pass will allow entry for the pass holder and up to three other cyclists.

**Distance:** 35.0 miles  
**Total Climbing:** about 2,350 feet  
**Ride Difficulty:** Moderate

**Start / Finish**  
Lunch Loops Trailhead  
Restrooms  
Free Parking  
No Water

**Legend:**

- Suggested Route
- Bike Path
- State Highway
- Other Road (usually paved)
- Colorado National Monument

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