

Colorado National Monument Loop

East to West

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

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).

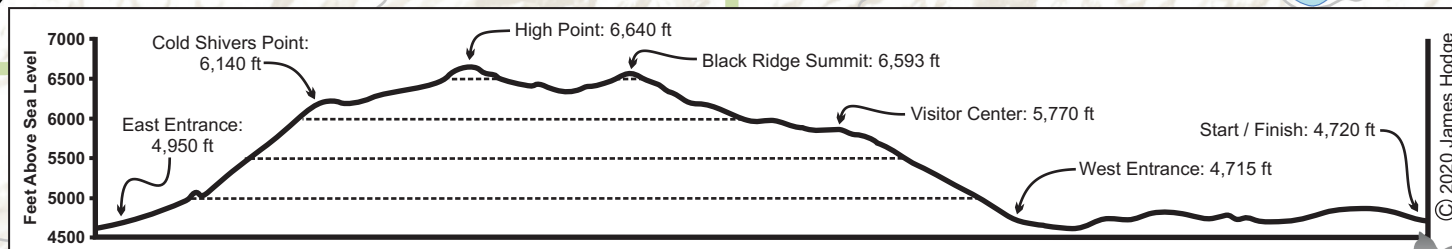
Start / Finish
 Lunch Loops Trailhead
 Restrooms
 Free Parking
 No Water

CNM East Entrance
 \$15 entrance fee or pass required

Tip: An annual pass costs \$45 and admits up to four bicyclists at the same time.

WARNING: Steep, windy climb with a tunnel!

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



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