

Colorado National Monument Loop

West to East

Getting to the Start

This route starts from the Colorado Welcome Center, 340 Colorado State Highway 340, in Fruita. To get there exit I-70 at the one and only Fruita exit (Exit 19) and turn south (left if you're coming from Grand Junction). After going over the interstate you'll come to a roundabout. Go 3/4 of the way around the first roundabout and turn onto Frontage Road. The next right is the entrance to the Colorado Welcome Center. Water and restrooms are available even after the Welcome Center is closed for the day.

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: 38.2 miles
Total Climbing: about 2,350 feet
Ride Difficulty: Moderate

Numerous side streets and driveways cross bike path at an angle. Drivers may not see you.

WARNING: Tunnels Be Carefull!

Two Ways Of Getting Back:

Alternate Route: Return via South Broadway and Hwy 340. One mile shorter but with rolling hills.

Suggested Route: Return via the flat and scenic Colorado Riverfront Trail.

Turn right on to the unsigned concrete bike path before the boat launch parking lot

Port-a-potty

CAUTION
 Tricky Roundabout
 You can either take the lane or use the sidewalk and crosswalk.

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).



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- Suggested Route on Road
- Suggested Route on Bike Path
- Alternative Route
- State Highway
- Other Road (usually paved)

