

PRECAUTIONS

Many spurs branch off the trail. Take special care descending the big ledges on the north side of Yellow Hill. Bring money for the toll.

✓ Always wear a helmet

Most trails are very rocky. Even the best riders can get tired and make mistakes. Helmets can prevent or reduce the severity of head injuries. Medical professionals say that the average cost of treating a major head injury is over a half-million dollars.

✓ Carry lots of drinking water and take high energy food

Take two large bike bottles and a reserve supply in a water bladder or other container. Eating at intervals provides an opportunity to rest and the energy needed to complete the ride.

✓ Check your bike frequently

Riding on Moab trails loosens headsets and puts maximum stress upon frames and components.

✓ Carry and use trail maps

Great trail maps and guidebooks are available at bike shops, the Moab Information Center, bookstores and other locations in town. Check the alignment of the route and key junctions. Never try to cut cross-country to shorten a ride.

✓ Be prepared in case of an emergency

Don't venture into remote areas with nothing but a T-shirt and shorts. Carry a windbreaker, sunscreen, sunglasses, map, matches or lighter, pump, patch kit, first-aid kit, a good bike tool kit, and extra food, water and clothing. Ride with someone else and stay together in case of problems. Discuss your situation calmly and make a plan to improve it.

✓ Develop basic riding skills on easier trails

This trail is not a suitable place to learn basic riding skills.

✓ Stay found, save money

Grand County has the highest incidence of search and rescues in Utah. The high cost of these operations is normally the responsibility of the rescued party. If you decide that you have lost the trail, do not continue on in hopes of finding your way. Retrace your route back towards the trailhead until you pick up the trail, find someone who knows the area, or return to the trailhead. If you cannot retrace your route, stay put, conserve energy and water, make yourself visible, and await rescue.

✓ Respect the desert

Tread lightly when traveling (don't leave bike tracks off trails) and leave no trace of your camping. Help keep Canyon Country clean by taking your trash home and picking up after the less aware. Protect and conserve scarce water sources for wildlife by not washing your bike or yourself in them. Allow space for wildlife by maintaining your distance, and leave historic sites, rock art, ruins and artifacts untouched for the future.

✓ Have fun and learn about the area

Great trails are not the only reason Moab has become an international destination. Take time to enjoy the scenery, study ancient Native American rock art, or marvel at the harmony of a cryptobiotic soil garden.

LOW IMPACT RIDING

To help maintain this area, please:

✓ Stay on the trail

The gardens of juniper trees, cactus and cryptobiotic soils are easily damaged by bike tracks. The dark, often crusty-looking, cryptobiotic soils are the building blocks of the desert and take years to recover once disturbed.

✓ Apply brakes gradually to avoid skidding

Skidding your tires leaves ugly black marks on rock and can promote trail erosion. Feather your brakes for more control.

DISCLAIMER

Trail conditions change rapidly. Signs vanish. Trails deteriorate from weather and use. You are the one responsible for your own safety.

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Kane Creek Canyon Rim/ Pritchett Canyon



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21.8 mi (34.8 km)

Time: 4 to 6 hours average

Rated 3: Physically and technically difficult

Bring dollar bills to pay toll.

KANE CREEK CANYON RIM/ PRITCHETT CANYON (aka Pritchett/Back of Behind)

This relatively long dirt road and jeep trail ride (21.8 miles) is best done by leaving a shuttle vehicle in town or at the end of the trail on Kane Creek Road and then driving to the trailhead. The route features views of the Behind-the-Rocks area and several arches. The trail is a rated a 3, on a scale of 1 to 4, with 4 being the most difficult.

GETTING STARTED

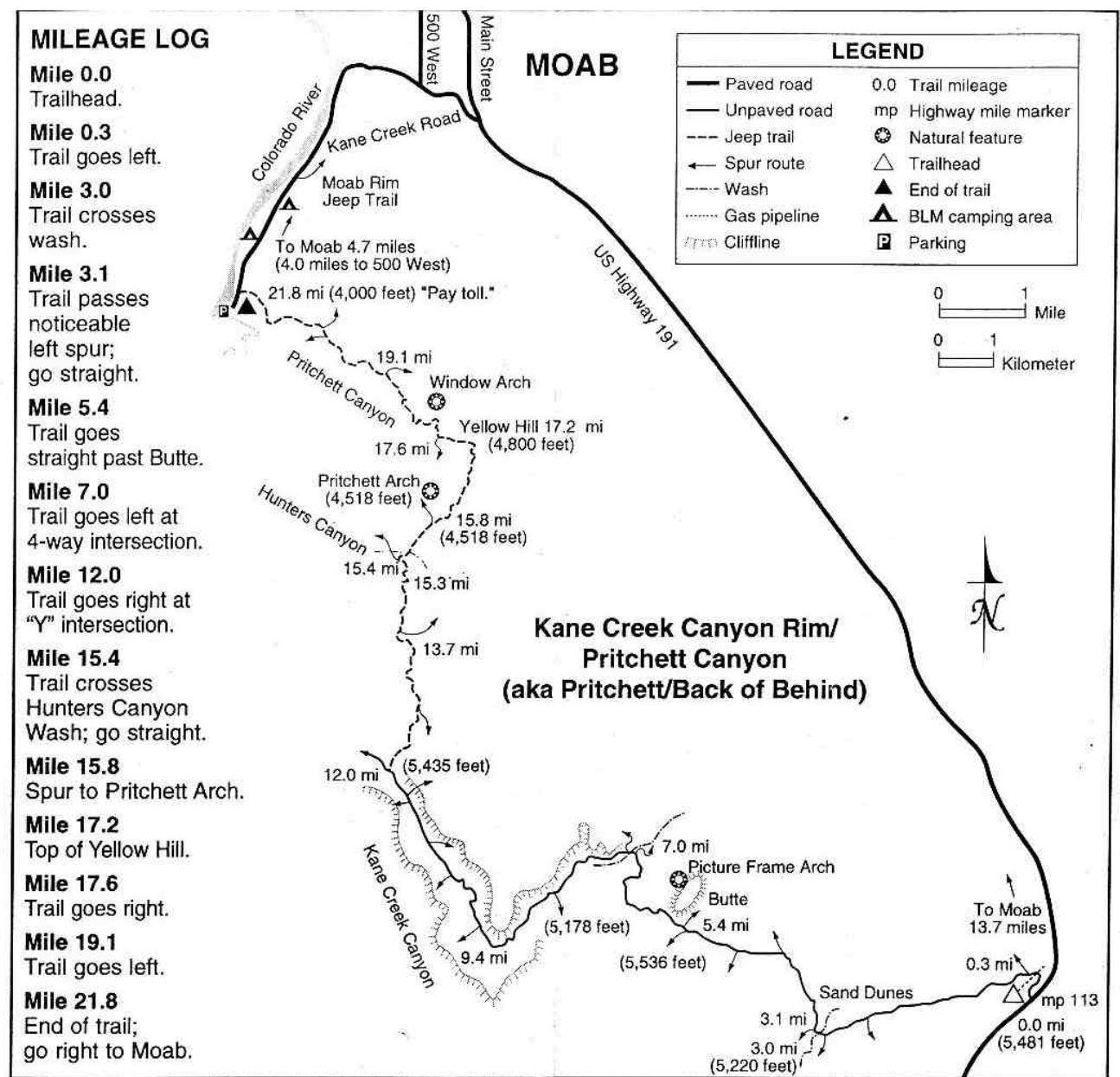
From Moab (Main and Center), drive 13.7 miles south on Highway 191 to the top of the hill at the end of the valley. Turn right at the end of the passing lane at highway mile marker 113. Cross the cattleguard and park just off the highway in the juniper trees near the trailhead bulletin board, the only facility. The normal riding season is March through November, with summer being extremely hot. The trailtail parking area is just past a cattleguard, at the end of the pavement on the Kane Creek Road, 4.7 miles from Main and Center in Moab.

NOTE: The last 600 feet of this trail is across private land. The owners charge a \$1/bike toll.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

While there are many spur routes, the trail almost always follows the most prominent road. As the trailhead is over 1,400 feet higher than the trailtail, much of the route is downhill. However, there are three climbs along the way. The first one rises 200 feet from the sand dunes to the base of a small butte. The second one ascends 300 feet to the top of the ridge between Kane Creek and Hunters canyons, and the third one climbs 300 feet from the wash in Hunters Canyon to the top of Yellow Hill.

From the trailhead on Highway 191, climb a small rise, stay left on the main road, and descend through trees to a large open area. Near the bottom of the open area, cross a wash adjacent to some sand dunes, bear right and go straight up the hill on the main road. Continue past the butte on your right at the top of the hill and follow the main road down to a four-way junction at the bottom of the drainage. Stay left and cross the very sandy wash and continue southwest along the base of the cliffs. Follow the main road along the rim of Kane Creek Canyon and then climb the ridge that separates Kane Creek



and Hunters canyons. From the top of the ridge, follow the main road, past numerous spurs, as it runs straight and nearly level for about 1.5 miles and go right at a sometimes faint "Y" junction. Just beyond this intersection, the condition of the road deteriorates as it descends 900 feet to Hunters Canyon Wash. Cross the wash and continue straight ahead up a sandy rise. About 1/2 mile from the wash, pass the

left spur to Pritchett Arch. Continue along the very sandy jeep trail and then climb to the summit of Yellow Hill. Carefully descend the series of big ledges on the north side of Yellow Hill into Pritchett Canyon and follow the rocky jeep trail all the way to the private property at the mouth of the canyon. Put your buck into the pipe and go right on the pavement to return to Moab.