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ROAD RIDES ON
COLORADO'S WESTERN SLOPE

A cyclist wearing a green helmet and dark clothing is riding a blue road bike on a two-lane asphalt road that curves through a lush, green forested canyon. The road has a double yellow line in the center. The background shows rolling hills covered in dense trees under a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent dark blue box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and some of the descriptive text.

LITTLE PARK ROAD

Difficulty:	Moderate to Challenging
Time:	1.5 - 3 Hrs
Distance:	26.3 Miles
Elevation Gain:	2937 ft
Best Season	Year Round - depending on winter
Road Conditions:	Smooth pavement and a challenging sustained climb, with generally low traffic and sweeping canyon views. Riders should expect steep grades, narrow shoulders, exposed sections with wind, and occasional gravel or debris near the road edges.



FRUITA FARMS LOOP

Difficulty:	Easy
Time:	1.5 - 3 Hrs
Distance:	37 Miles
Elevation Gain:	835 ft
Best Season	Year Round
Road Conditions:	Smooth, mostly flat pavement on quiet rural roads, with generally good riding conditions and light traffic. Riders should watch for occasional rough shoulder sections, farm equipment, and afternoon winds common across the valley.

A photograph of three cyclists on a paved mountain road. The cyclist in the foreground is a woman wearing a bright yellow-green jacket, black leggings, and a white helmet. Behind her are two other cyclists, one in a pink jacket and one in a green jacket. The road is narrow and curves through a rocky, hilly landscape under a blue sky with light clouds. A large brown semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and some of the text.

COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT

Difficulty:

Moderate to Challenging

Time:

2.5 - 4 Hrs

Distance:

39.5 Miles

Elevation Gain:

3518 ft

Best Season

Year Round

Road Conditions:

Smooth pavement and breathtaking climbing, but riders should expect narrow roads with little to no shoulder, tight curves, tunnels requiring bike lights, occasional rockfall debris, and steep drop-offs in sections.

A photograph of two female cyclists standing on a paved mountain trail. They are both wearing helmets, sunglasses, and cycling jerseys. The cyclist on the left is wearing a light blue jersey, and the one on the right is wearing a purple jersey with a pink arm sleeve. They are both smiling at the camera. The background shows a vast mountain landscape with green forests and distant peaks under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A large evergreen tree is visible in the upper left corner.

GRAND MESA

Difficulty:

Very Challenging

Time:

4.5-7.5 Hrs

Distance:

68.2 Miles up and back

Elevation Gain:

6747 ft

Best Season

Spring to Fall

Road Conditions:

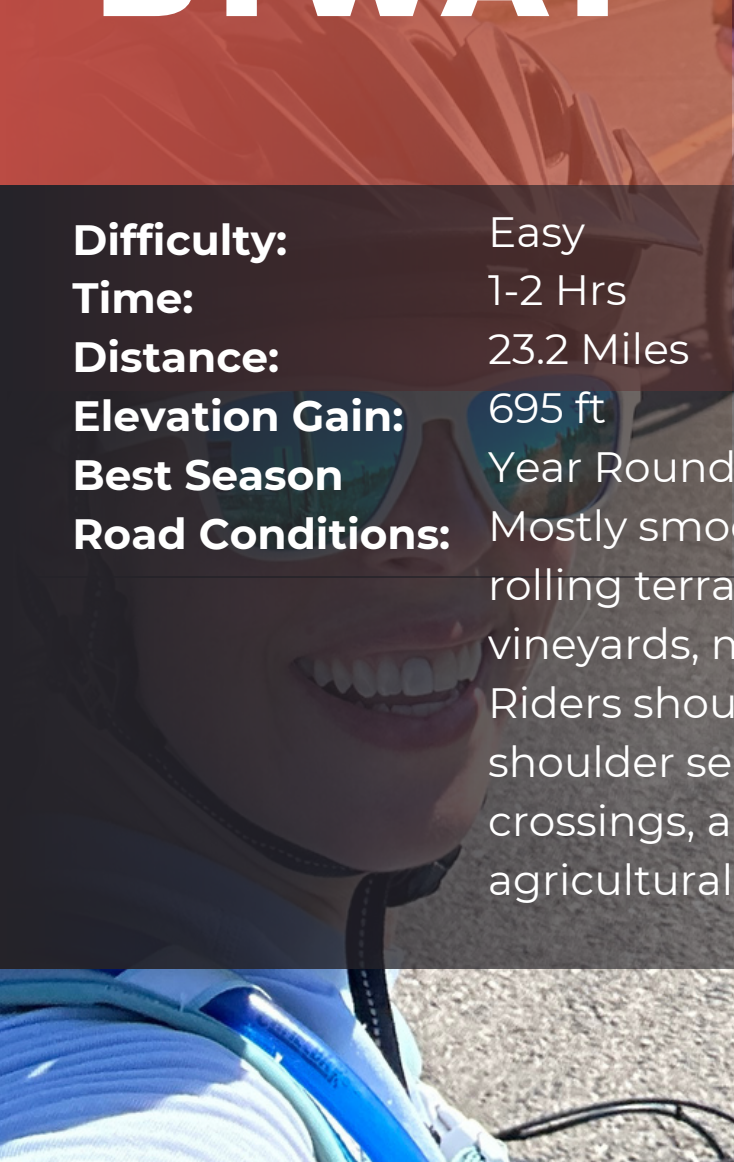
Grand Mesa roads offer smooth pavement and long alpine climbs with cooler mountain temperatures, but riders should expect steep grades, narrow shoulders, changing weather, and occasional debris or sand near the road edges—especially early in the season.

A scenic view of Unaweep Canyon, showing a winding road through a deep valley with layered rock formations and sparse vegetation. The sky is clear and blue.

UNAWEEP CANYON

Difficulty:	Challenging
Time:	5-7 Hours
Distance:	88.5 Miles out and back
Elevation Gain:	5589 ft
Best Season	Spring thru Fall
Road Conditions:	Smooth pavement and light traffic make Highway 141 a premier road ride, though riders should expect narrow shoulders, occasional gravel from rockfall, and limited services through the canyon.

PALISADE FRUIT AND WINE BYWAY



Difficulty:	Easy
Time:	1-2 Hrs
Distance:	23.2 Miles
Elevation Gain:	695 ft
Best Season	Year Round - depending on winter
Road Conditions:	Mostly smooth pavement and gentle rolling terrain through orchards and vineyards, making for an easy scenic ride. Riders should expect occasional rough shoulder sections, farm traffic, railroad crossings, and seasonal debris from agricultural activity.