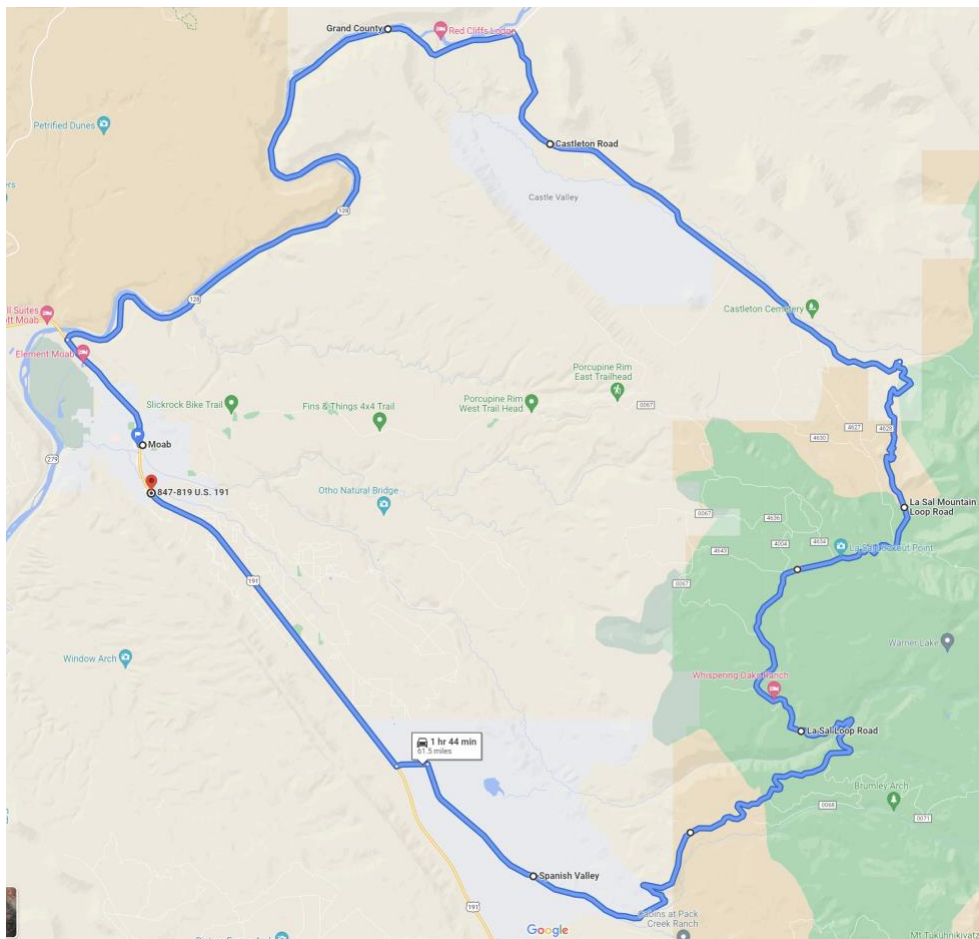


## MOAB DAY RIDES

**Day 1 - May 17 (Tuesday) La Sal Mountain Loop Ride – full day ride:**

- North from Moab, east along the river on Rt. 128 for roughly 45 miles.
- Head south on the La Sal Loop Rd, which becomes Castleton Rd., then becomes the La Sal Mountain Loop Road where it turns to gravel (I think)
- While the road will change names and routes get added, essentially it's staying on the La Sal Loop Road the whole way. The bulk of it is paved, if I remember correctly.
- Stay on La Sal Loop Road all the way back to Hwy 191, pretty much.
- It is just 70 or so total miles, but will seem much longer, giving the elevation changes and amazing views. We will want to stop at overlooks frequently.
- Route overview below:



**Day 2 – May 18 (Wednesday):** Two Half Day Rides, 3 available, choose ONE or TWO from Options A, B or C below. No leader required, pick your own departure times, ride at your own pace.

**A. Morning Ride: Dead Horse Pass and Grand View Point**

- Super scenery riding through Canyonlands National Park. Many overlooks, all tarmac in good condition. Besides the amazing Dead Horse Point, we'll see Mesa Arches, the White Rim Overlook and great view of the Colorado River.
- Route: North out of Moab and go left, west on Route 313. Turn at the Moab Giants Café, follow to Dead Horse Point, making a left, east, to stay on 313. It is marked.
- After Dead Horse Point Visit, head back 313 and go left, south on to Grand View Point Road. Follow it out all the way until it turns around.
- Distance is about 120 miles total (out and back). Riding time will be about 3 hours and you'll need to add stopping and walking around various overlooks to that, to plan on at least 4 hours.



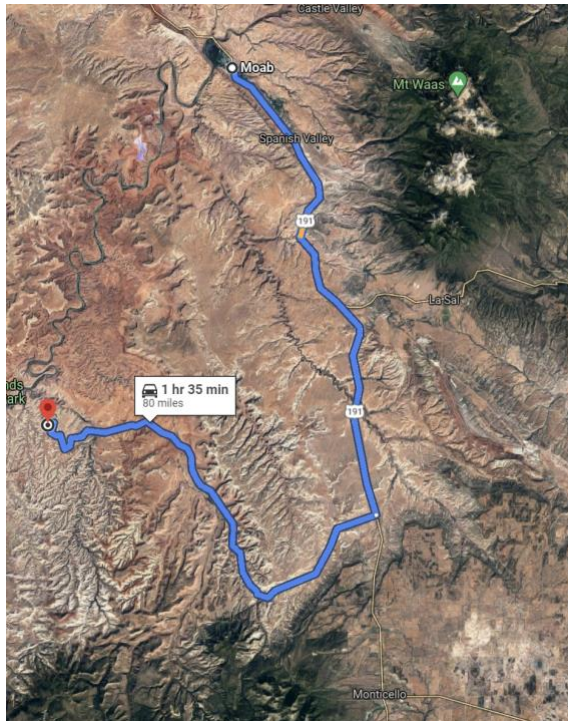
**B. Afternoon Ride – Arches National Park**

This is an afternoon ride. Coming back later in the afternoon should provide superb view with the Sun hitting the arches. Should be gorgeous, even if you've been to Arches before. It is possible it may be easier to get into arches in the afternoon, as sometimes there is a considerable line in the mornings.

- North from Moab on 191 to the Park Entrance, about 8 miles from downtown Moab, a couple of miles after passing the Colorado.
- If you turn around at the Devils Garden Trailhead, you're looking at about 30 miles. Many have been toasted by the scenery at this point and are ready to head home.
- If not, you can take the Salt Valley Rd. (It goes south from the Arches Nat'l Park Rd., a good ways into the park, near Devils Garden.) This road will actually take you to the park's little-used North Entrance. It is quite the alternative road and few people ever ride it. I have, but with off-road tires.



- C. Optional C ride. If Arches is too crowded and lines too long to get in, try this ride. Go to the overlook in the Needles District and see Newspaper Rock along the way. This is another easy ride. Follow 191 south out of Moab to Hwy 211 going west, before you get to Monticello. From the turn off 191, it's a 45 mile ride out and will take about an hour and a half. It is a lovely ride, total about 200 miles round trip.



### Day 3 – May 19 (Thursday) Colorado Loop Ride:

- A bit long, distance wise, at 275 miles, but 25% of that is Interstate. Should be about 5 hours of riding, at most, 5 ½ to 6.
- All Tarmac, good paved roads, great views. Matches motto: High Mileage – Low Expectations.
- **Route:** North from Moab, NE on R. 128 along the Colorado River to I-70. Then 50 miles on I-70 to Grand Junction. From Grand Junction we head south on 141 to Naturita, CO. We'll probably do lunch here. It is about 100 miles from Grand Junction.
- Leaving Naturita, we'll take Hwy 90 west, through La Sal, to Hwy 191, which we will take it north back to Moab. So, one big circle, with more than half the day in Colorado.

