

Blanding UT

4/16/26 – 4/18/26



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Notes Status

Final

Last Update

3/6/26, 11:02 AM

Rider Information

ALWAYS begin each ride with a full tank of fuel and bring spare fuel.

ALWAYS check the weather in the riding area and bring wet-weather gear and warm jackets, etc. It is always cooler at altitude, and rides frequently go to high elevations.

MEALS are the responsibility of the rider for on and off the trail unless indicated in the notes below. Where any other arrangements have been made (socials), the details will be in the ride notes below

Ride Prepared

Ride Briefing Time	8:00 AM	Machine Size Restriction	Machine Limit	Staging Area 1 Coordinates
Ride Start Time	8:30 AM	Any size machine	24	
State Location & Registration		Trail Difficulty Rating		Staging Area 2 Coordinates
Utah		3		

Ride Length (Miles)

Day 1: two groups of twelve machines each
Hotel Rock (Advanced) - 50 miles
Arch Canyon (Intermediate) - 50 miles
Day 2: two groups of twelve machines each
Riverhouse (Easy) - 25 miles + optional 25 miles
Valley of the Gods (Easy) - 70 miles
Day 3: one group of 24 machines
Hook and Ladder (Intermediate) - 30 miles

SXS Registration & Permit Info

Lodging

Riders are responsible for their own lodging. Where any other arrangements have been made (discounts), the details will be in the ride notes below.

Lodging Notes

We will be staying at the Arch Canyon Inn in Blanding, 755 S. Main St, Blanding UT (\$95). There are several other motels and camp grounds in town.

Staging Area Notes

We will meet at the Arch Canyon Inn parking lot in Blanding at 8:00am and trailer to the staging areas each day.

Trail Summary Including Difficulty or Challenges

Days 1 and 2 are restricted to 12 machines per group. The Bears Ears BLM is requiring us to ride in max two groups of twelve machines each.

Day 1: Two separate groups: Arch Canyon (intermediate) 12 machine limit and Hotel Rock (advanced) 12 machine limit. Hotel Rock is an advanced ride that will climb slick rock to Hotel Rock and then proceed up to the Bears Ears. Those who opt for an easier ride will go to Arch Canyon and then loop around to the canyon overlook. Intermediate.

Day 2: Two separate groups: San Juan Hill/Riverhouse Ruins (easy) 12 machine limit and Valley of the Gods, Moki Dugway, Muley Point and Gooseneck(easy) 12 machine limit. Both groups will stop at Bluff Fort on the way to the ride areas. Riverhouse Ruins is an easy pioneer historic trail (Hole in the Rock) with several historic points and some good ruins and petroglyphs. Valley of the Gods is an easy scenic ride (totally navigable in SUV) with great views of rock formations and the San Juan River gorge. We will be riding approximately 20 miles of pavement as well as 50 miles of dirt. There is a \$5.00 charge to enter the Goosenecks overlook. Easy. We will spend an hour at the fascinating Bluff Fort pioneer historic fort and museum.

Day 3: Hook and Ladder (intermediate). Hook and Ladder is a fun ride with great scenery and good trails with lots of ups and downs. Intermediate difficulty. All 24 machines will ride together. It is located 45 minutes north of Blanding, so we will be ending early (3:30) so that those who wish may head on home in the afternoon.

Trail Difficulty Ratings

1–Easy–Well-maintained trails or improved gravel roads, suitable for all skill levels.

2–Intermediate–Rough sections with small rocks, moderate ruts, water crossings, moderate hills.

3–Advanced–Narrow, rocky or off-camber sections, ledges, deep ruts, deeper water crossings, steep hills, and some obstacles may require spotters

4–Expert–Washout, loose unstable slopes, extreme ruts, challenging ledges, boulder fields, frequent need for spotters.

5–Extreme–Rocky or undulated surface, ledges over 3 feet tall, extreme steepness and poor traction.

The club does not offer extreme rides.