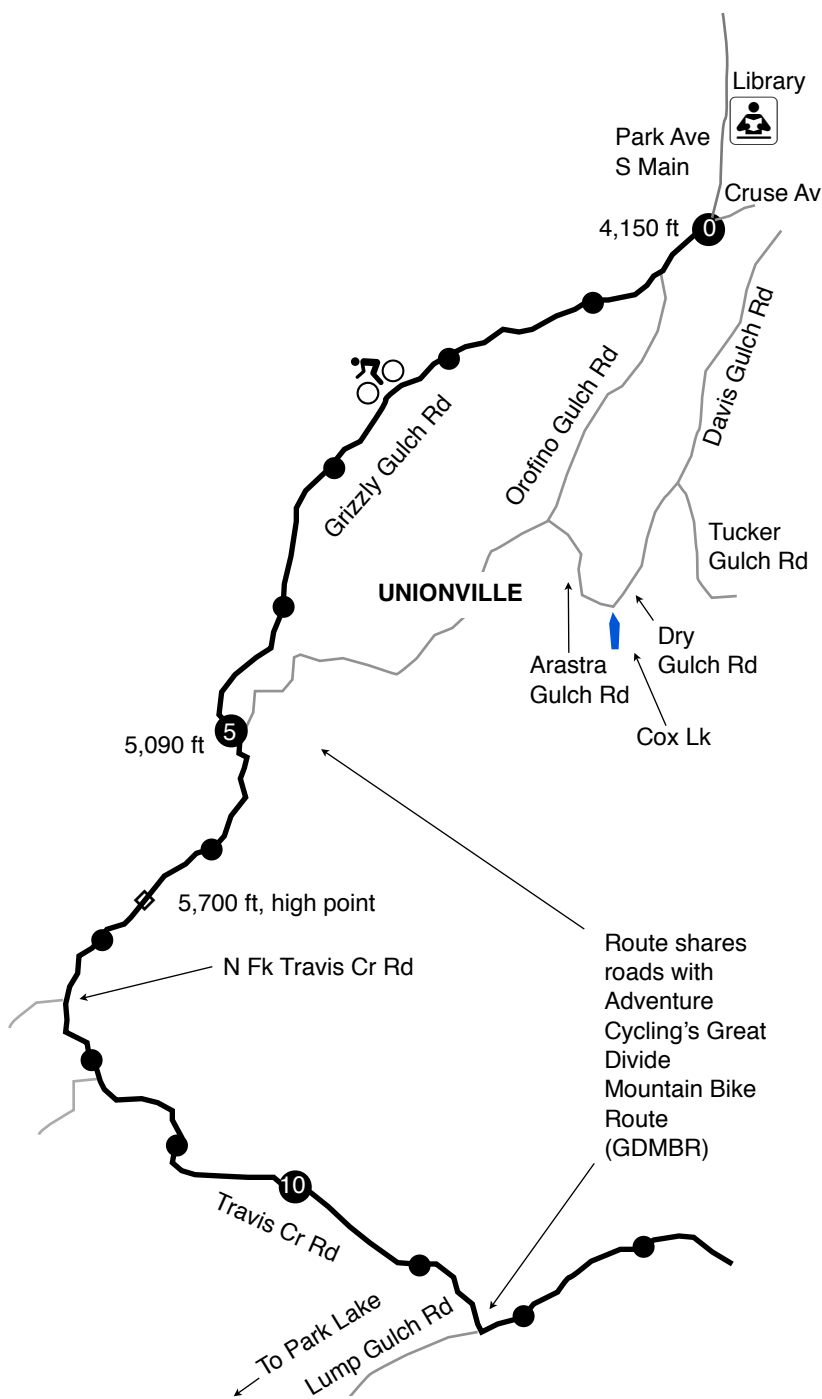


Lump Gulch / Clancy Loop

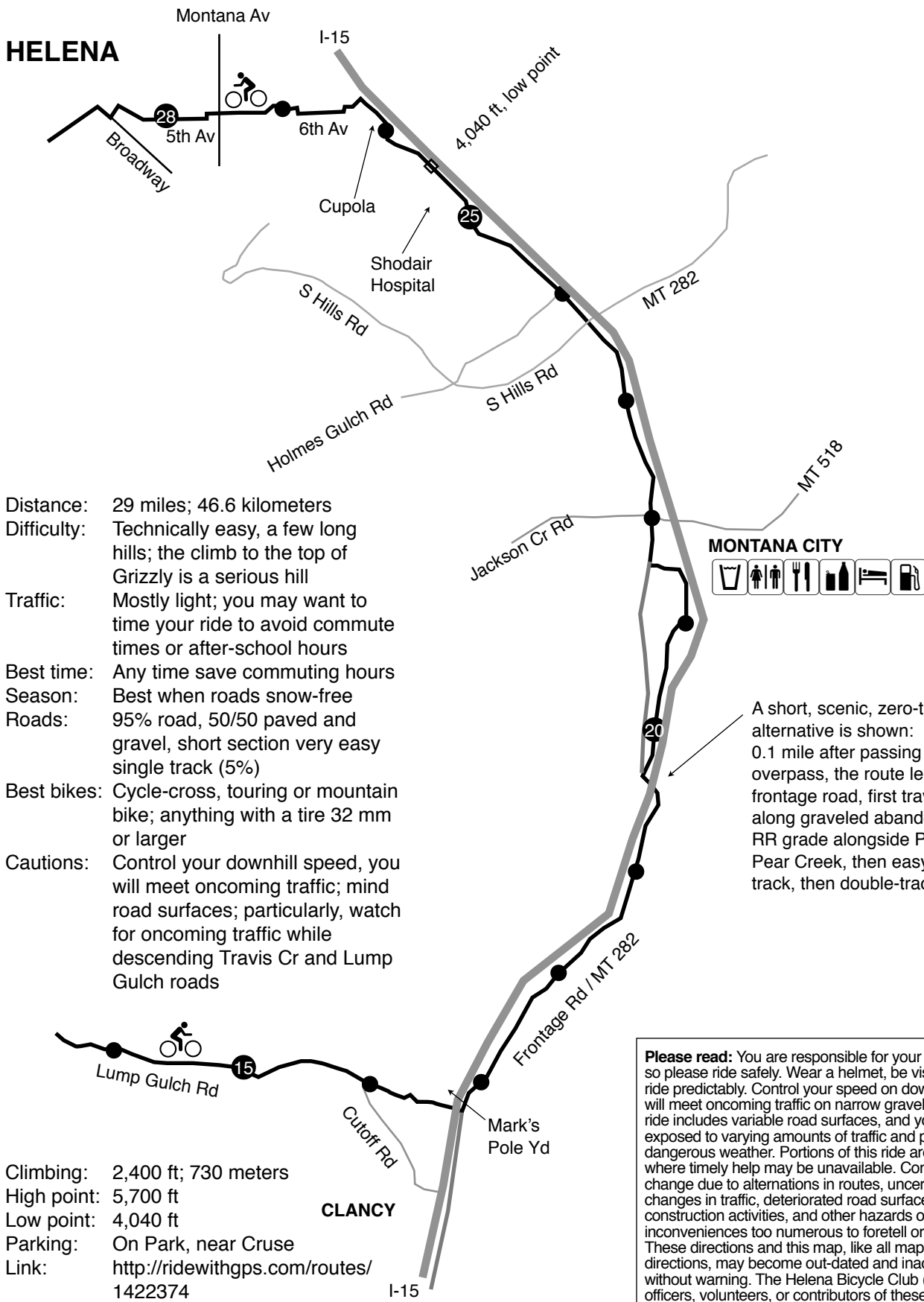
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A varied mixed pavement and gravel romp, with good climbs, great descents, and rural forest roads.

Begin	At Cruse and S Park, continue south onto W Main St	0.1
Right	Slight right onto gravel Grizzly Gulch	0.5
Right	Intersection of Grizzly and Orofino; Turn right (continuing more steeply uphill) on Grizzly Gulch Dr	5.1
Straight	Crest hill, 5,690 ft, continue downhill onto Travis Creek Rd	6.7
Left	Intersection of Travis Cr Rd and N Fk Travis Creek Rd; Keep left at the fork continuing on Travis Cr Rd	7.5
Left	Intersection of Travis Cr Rd (road to Park Lk) and Lump Gulch Rd; Slight left onto Lump Gulch Rd	11.6
Left	Intersection of Cutoff Rd (to Clancy) and Lump Gulch Rd (passing Mark's Pole Yard, under Interstate 15, and onto the Frontage Rd, aka Hwy 282); Turn left onto Frontage Rd at mile 16.7	15.9
Left	Continue on Frontage Rd under I-15; Frontage Rd bends north passing gravel parking area on right, immediately after turn leave Frontage Rd and follow gravel rail trail north along Prickly Pear Cr. Rail trail turns (very easy) single track for 0.4 mile	19.6
Straight	Continue past Stoney Brook Dr on gravel road, follow Virginia Rd up short mod. steep hill keeping Rattlesnake Butte to your left. Beyond top of climb, gravel turns to blacktop. Pass several businesses. Turn right on Frontage Rd (Hwy 282) opposite Sidewinder Loop. Continue into Montana City.	21.0
Straight	At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Hwy 282	22.0
Straight	Continue onto Capitol Dr	23.7
Straight	Continue onto Colonial Dr	24.1
Straight	At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Colonial Dr	24.8
Straight, then Left in alley, around Smith Sch	Pass Copula, continue on past Northrop Grumman office building, turning left in the alley immediately to the north of the Northrop Grumman office building. Cautiously continue through the Smith School parking lot, turning right onto 6th Ave where it crosses California St	26.1



Straight	Continue onto 6th Ave at California St, stay on 6th as it jogs north for several yards on Hannaford St	26.9
Right	Turn right, crossing N Lamborn St remaining on 6th	27.0
Left	Turn left onto E 6th Ave; Continue past Montana at Mile 27.5; immediately after crossing Montana Ave prepare to turn left onto N Dakota St	27.0
Left	Turn left onto N Dakota St	27.6
Right	Turn right onto 5th Ave; Cross Rodney St. at Mile 28.2; Continue onto N Warren	27.6
Left	Turn left onto N Warren St	28.4
Right	Turn right onto Broadway St	28.5
Left	Turn left onto S Park Ave, end of ride at Park & Cruse	28.6



- Distance: 29 miles; 46.6 kilometers
- Difficulty: Technically easy, a few long hills; the climb to the top of Grizzly is a serious hill
- Traffic: Mostly light; you may want to time your ride to avoid commute times or after-school hours
- Best time: Any time save commuting hours
- Season: Best when roads snow-free
- Roads: 95% road, 50/50 paved and gravel, short section very easy single track (5%)
- Best bikes: Cycle-cross, touring or mountain bike; anything with a tire 32 mm or larger
- Cautions: Control your downhill speed, you will meet oncoming traffic; mind road surfaces; particularly, watch for oncoming traffic while descending Travis Cr and Lump Gulch roads

A short, scenic, zero-traffic alternative is shown: 0.1 mile after passing under overpass, the route leaves frontage road, first traveling along graveled abandoned RR grade alongside Prickly Pear Creek, then easy single-track, then double-track.

- Climbing: 2,400 ft; 730 meters
- High point: 5,700 ft
- Low point: 4,040 ft
- Parking: On Park, near Cruse
- Link: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/1422374>

Please read: You are responsible for your own safety, so please ride safely. Wear a helmet, be visible and ride predictably. Control your speed on downhills; you will meet oncoming traffic on narrow gravel roads. This ride includes variable road surfaces, and you will be exposed to varying amounts of traffic and potentially dangerous weather. Portions of this ride are remote, where timely help may be unavailable. Conditions change due to alternations in routes, uncertain weather, changes in traffic, deteriorated road surfaces, construction activities, and other hazards or inconveniences too numerous to foretell or specify. These directions and this map, like all maps and directions, may become out-dated and inaccurate without warning. The Helena Bicycle Club (HBC), its officers, volunteers, or contributors of these rides, trip leaders, and others associated with this bicycle ride description and map cannot be held responsible for the conditions of this route, or for any aspect of your ride. HBC is not responsible for any injuries or damages sustained or occurring while riding this route.