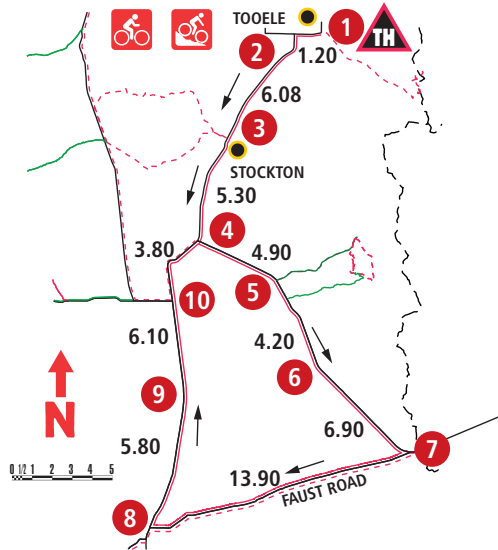


RUSH VALLEY LOOP

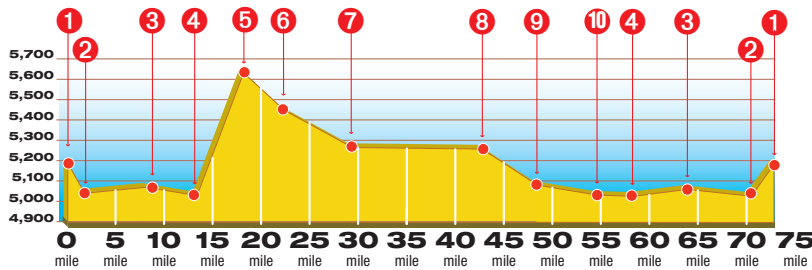
Type: Loop/out & back. Road or Mountain Bike only. Horseback and ATV/OHVs allowed on Faust Road/Pony Express Trail. Due to lack of services and water, Support and Gear (SAG) vehicle highly recommended, especially during summer. **Distance:** 72 miles **Elevation gain:** 1,768 feet. **Rating:** Due to distance, moderate to challenging **Trail time:** up to 8 hours (on mountain bike) **Signage:** Yes **Season:** March to November **Water:** Highly limited. Water is available in Tooele, Stockton, Ophir, Vernon and Clover. Yet, due to large distances between those communities, bicyclists are strongly encouraged to be accompanied by a SAG (Support and Gear) vehicle and driver. Any surface water found along the route should be purified before consuming. **Services:** Groceries, fuel and general services available in Tooele and Stockton **USGS 7.5 topo maps:** Tooele, South Mountain, St. John, Johnson's Pass, Stockton, Ophir, Faust. **How to get there:** The trail starts at the Oquirrh Mountain Trailhead located next to Oquirrh Hills Golf Course at 1255 E. Vine, Tooele.



Red Waypoint dots on map correspond with trail waypoint/GPS coordinates list below, and waypoints on elevation chart.

Trail Waypoint

Waypoint	Description	Distance	Altitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	Oquirrh Mountain Trailhead	0	5,196	N40 31.907	W112 16.464
2	Intersection of Vine St. and SR-36 (Main Street)	1.2	5,038	N40 31.831	W112 17.861
3	Stockton	6.08	5,083	N40 27.146	W112 21.721
4	Intersection of SR-36 and SR-73	13.3	5,036	N40 22.834	W112 23.212
5	Intersection of SR-73 and Ophir Canyon Road	18	5,622	N40 21.046	W112 18.618
6	Intersection of SR-73 and Mercur Road	22.2	5,461	N40 17.897	W112 16.504
7	Intersection of SR-73 and Faust Road/Pony Express Trail	29.1	5,285	N40 13.844	W112 11.063
8	Faust Road/Pony Express Trail and SR-36	43	5,251	N40 10.435	W112 25.617
9	Ajax Underground Store Historical Marker	48.8	5,072	N40 15.138	W112 23.926
10	Intersection of SR-36 and SR-199	54.9	5,006	N40 20.226	W112 24.603
4	Intersection of SR-36 and SR-73	58.7	5,036	N40 22.834	W112 23.212
3	Stockton	64.1	5,083	N40 27.146	W112 21.721
2	Intersection of SR-36 and Vine Street	70.8	5,038	N40 31.831	W112 17.861
1	Oquirrh Mountain Trailhead	72	5,196	N40 31.907	W112 16.464



Trail Description: At 72 miles in length, the Rush Valley Loop is one of Tooele County's more challenging road rides. Along the way, you'll pass through historical Stockton, ride on the Pony Express Trail and see Rush Valley's broad views. You can also increase the day's mileage by taking alternative routes to the mining ghost town of Ophir and Johnsons Pass. **The ride begins** at Oquirrh Mountain Trailhead (**Waypoint #1**) in Tooele. Proceed west on Vine Street for 1.2 miles to intersection of Vine St. and Main Street/SR-36 (**Waypoint #2**). Turn left and proceed south on SR-36 for 6.08 miles to Stockton (**Waypoint #3**), and then continue for another 5.3 miles to the intersection of SR-36 and SR-73 (**Waypoint #4**). Turn left and begin gradual climb (5% gradient) on SR-73 for 4.9 miles to intersection of SR-73 and Ophir Canyon Road (**Waypoint #5**). Turn left here for 8-mile side trip to Ophir. Or continue for 4.2 miles to intersection of SR-73 and Mercur Canyon Road (**Waypoint #6**), and 6.9 miles to intersection of SR-73 and the Pony Express Trail/Faust Road at Five Mile Pass (**Waypoint #7**). Head west on Pony Express Trail for 13.9 miles to intersection of trail and SR-36 (**Waypoint #8**). Turn right and continue north on SR-36 for 5.8 miles to Ajax Underground Store historical marker (**Waypoint #9**); 6.1 miles to intersection of SR-36 and SR-199 (**Waypoint #10**); 3.8 miles to intersection of SR-36 and SR-73 (**Waypoint #11**), which completes the loop. Continue north on SR-36 for 11.38 miles to Vine Street in Tooele (**Waypoint #2**). Turn right on Vine St. and head east for 1.02 miles back to trailhead (**Waypoint #1**).