

BLUE MESA TRAIL

INTERMEDIATE TWO TRACK- Ridden as an **Out n' Back** 15 miles or as a **Loop** with a hike a bike approx. 23 miles. The trail follows a high bench on a mostly gentle gradient above the "narrows" section of Hwy 141 as it heads NW towards Blue Creek . The loop ride takes you up onto Blue Mesa after a steep but short bushwhack and onto the two track system back to CR P 12 and the Trailhead.

The **TRAILHEAD** is accessed approx. 9 miles north of Uravan on Hwy 141 just past the Mesa Creek crossing. Follow the **PARADOX TRAIL** sign up CR P 12. The **Blue Mesa Trailhead** is the first two track on the left about 1.5 miles up from the highway. The trail uses an old two track with spectacular views across the Dolores River Canyon of the Sew em Up WSA and the broad bench looking NW towards Gateway. At 7.5 miles the trail has rounded the point defining Blue Creek and is beginning a long decent down to the Blue Creek Ranch. To avoid a trespass, the ride turns into an Out n' Back or for the more adventuresome you can bushwhack up to the mesa top on your right and join a great system of two track roads which can be found on top. The hike a bike bushwhack is about 1/2 mile long with 200 ft. of elevation gain. Follow the map and generally turn right at intersections to keep you heading south and east. The two track eventually drops off Blue Mesa on the SE corner of the mesa back down to CR P12. Go right on P 12 and back to the trailhead. (2 miles)



