

Y-11 TRAIL

Intermediate to Advanced Singletrack. Can be ridden as a **loop** (9 miles) or **out n' back** (6 miles)

Spectacular views of the Hanging Flume and West End canyons are seen on this trail which follows a narrow bench high above the San Miguel and Dolores Rivers. Caution should be used as the trail has at least two exposed sections which get close to the cliff edge.

The **trailhead parking** is at the old iron bridge across from Atkinson Creek on Hwy 141 just downstream from the old townsite of Uravan. CR Y-11 follows the San Miguel River downstream past the confluence with the Dolores River, eventually meeting Hwy 90 in the Paradox Valley. Park either side of the bridge.

The **loop** is best done by following the CR Y-11 past the confluence for about a mile until coming to the large drainage out of Saucer Basin on the left. Follow the knarly two track up for about 1/2 mile until coming to the Y-11 trail marked by a rock cairn. The trail is mostly rideable as it climbs to the east and north until topping out on a long, fast bench as it begins its decent. The trail is ever changing and demands attention as it returns to the trailhead.

For the **out n' back**, the trail can be seen from the trailhead above a fenced open field which runs along the field's south side. As the trail heads down back towards the river it will take off on the bench to the left, climbing gradually as it rounds the confluence. A separate trail to the right will take you above the confluence after about two miles. Continue to climb the broad bench until the trail begins its decent into the Saucer Basin drainage. Turn around here and enjoy the fast decent back down the bench and to the trailhead. Be cautious of exposed sections as the trail gets close to the high cliff edges in places.



