

eMTB Adventure: Monarch Crest

Salida, Colorado

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE EMTB RIDING:

On federal, state, county and local trails, eMTB access varies significantly.

Generally speaking, any natural surface trail designated for both motorized and non-motorized use is open to eMTBs.

eMTBs may not be allowed on trails managed for non-motorized activities. Do not ride your eMTB in areas where the local rules are unclear. When in doubt, ask your local land manager about access, since local land rules change frequently.

PeopleForBikes and the Bicycle Product Suppliers Association are working to promote better access to eMTBs. It is critical that eMTB riders ride legally and only on authorized trails to show that mountain bikers are responsible users.

OVERVIEW:

Just outside the growing bike destination of Salida, CO, lies a high-altitude stretch of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail known as the Monarch Crest. Also part of the Colorado Trail, it connects Monarch Pass (11,312') to Marshall Pass (10,830') along the spine of the Sawatch Range. Regularly heralded as one of the best mountain bike rides in the country, this eMTB Adventure is an out-and-back ride that captures everything that makes Colorado riding famous: remote, high-alpine singletrack weaving along ridges and peaks, mountainsides dressed in bursts of high country wildflowers, and views of the rugged Rocky Mountains.

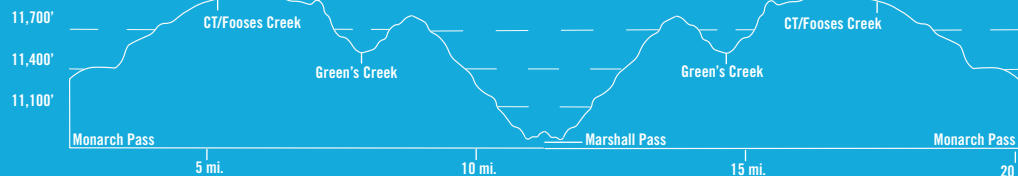
DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD:

From Salida, take US Highway 50 west 22.5 miles to Monarch Pass. The parking lot and trailhead is on the east side of the road, just beyond the Continental Divide monument.



LEGEND

- eMTB Adventure Route
- - - Other Routes Open to eMTB
- P** Trail Access
- Direction of Travel



THE BASICS

START: Monarch Pass
END: Same as Start
MILEAGE: 21.8
ELEV GAIN/LOSS: 2,636'
RIDE TIME: 3.5-4 hours

