



Valley of the Gods Mountain Bike Trail

Trail Name	Miles	Kilometers	Trail Difficulty	Rating	MTB Project Ranking		
					System	New Mexico	National
Valley of the Gods Road	16.3	26.3	Intermediate	3.0	1	487	13,833

Trail Difficulty Key

- Easy 5% grade; 2 inch obstacles
- Intermediate 10% grade; 8 inch obstacles
- Difficult 15% grade; 15 inch obstacles, occasional harder sections
- Extreme Difficulty 20% grade, 15+ inch obstacles, many harder sections

Trail Difficulty, Rating, and Ranking based on the MTB Project (www.mtbproject.com)

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MTB Project Trail Comments

Valley of the Gods Road

This seventeen-mile gravel and clay road winds through the dramatic monoliths of Valley of the Gods. While much of the road is firm, there are enough patches of sand to be a nuisance. If the weather is too hot, or you're not feeling up to the ride, this road can be driven by a reasonably capable vehicle. From the west, the road starts off of Highway 261 at the footstep of the imposing Cedar Mesa. The gradual descent over the first four miles comes to an end at a large wash crossing. After the wash, the road begins to climb north toward Balanced Rock / Lady in a Tub and many other towering examples of the spectacular stratigraphy in the area. The climbing ends at Castle Butte at the nine-mile mark. Two miles of mellow descending bring riders along the east side of Battleship Rock. The next couple miles proceed as near-level rolling terrain that steepen a little for the final ride out. Along the way, Rooster Butte, Setting Hen Butte, and the Seven Sailors all add their outlines to the impressive landscape.