

The Red Dirt Randonnee Borderlands Cruise--Reverse Route

This scenic and challenging 200K route prominently features the remote beauty and rugged terrain of the Virginia Dale area northwest of Fort Collins, Colorado. Begin downtown at The Bean Cycle and head north through Irrigation Lake Country, with a Jaunt around Deadman Butte to the Forks, where world-renown cinnamon rolls await. Once adequately fueled, begin the extended climb into the Laramie Mountains to the Red Feather Lakes, swoop across the Prairie Divide, then Dash up to the Wyoming Border and return to the Forks. Finally Steal down Horsethief Pass via Owl Canyon and head back into town for a much-deserved coffee and treat at The Bean Cycle.

Please come prepared for extreme weather, 68mi of unpaved (dirt) roads, and moderately hilly to slightly mountainous terrain. The ride organizer recommends taking extra supplies and using 28mm or wider section tires. Maximum elevation is around 8,300 ft at Red Feather Lakes, with about 40mi of riding above 7,000 ft.

Distance (mi)			Turn	Description
Trip	Last Contrl	Total		
			<b>CONTROLE</b>	The Bean Cycle, 144 N. College Avenue Store Hours 0700-2200 Controle open +0h00
0.0	0.0	0	L (S)	on College Avenue/US 287
0.1	0.1	0.1	L (E)	on Mountain Avenue
1.0	1.1	1.1	L (N)	--Cross Riverside, becomes Lincoln Avenue On 9th St/Lemay Avenue
3.2	4.3	4.3	R (N)	--Lemay becomes Lindenmeyer, then Douglas CO 1 at T-intersection
2.8	7.1	7.1	L (N)	on CR 15--Busy Intersection
4.2	11.3	11.3	L (W)	On CR 66--END PAVEMENT
1.1	12.4	12.4	R (N)	on CR 17
6.2	18.6	18.6		Cross CR 78--BEGIN PAVEMENT
1.0	19.6	19.6	L (W)	on CR 80
1.0	20.6	20.6		--END PAVEMENT
2.0	22.6	22.6		--Cattle Guard Crossing [CX]
0.3	22.9	22.9	<b>CONTROLE</b>	Information Control:  Open +1h14. Close +2h28
0.0	0.0	22.9		Continue West on CR 80
6.1	6.1	29.0	R (N)	--3X CX @ 0.2, 0.9, and 3.8mi on US 287--BEGIN PAVEMENT RECOMMEND Fuel Stop: The Forks, 0.7 mi S on US 287. They Have Cinnamon Rolls.... Store Hours 0700-1900. 56 mi, mostly on dirt, climbing to 8300 ft to next supplies
6.3	12.4	35.3	R (E)	on CR 37--END PAVEMENT
6.5	18.9	41.8		3X Switchbacks LOOSE GRAVEL
3.2	22.1	45.0	<b>CONTROLE</b>	Border With Wyoming Information Control:  Open +2h24 close +4h48
0.0	0.0	45.0	U-TURN (S)	on CR 37
9.7	9.7	54.7	L (S)	on US 287--BEGIN PAVEMENT
3.9	13.6	58.6	R (W)	On CR 80C--END Pavement
13.2	26.8	71.8	L (S)	on CR 179-Prairie Divide Rd
5.7	32.5	77.5	<b>CONTROLE</b>	Information Control:  Open +4h10 Close +8h20 Continue South on CR 179/Prairie Divide Road
0.0	0.0	77.5		BEGIN PAVEMENT
7.4	7.4	84.9		Main Street, Red Feather Lakes
0.8	8.2	85.7	L (S)	Red Feather Trading Post
0.1	8.3	85.8	<b>CONTROLE</b>	Hours 0700-1900 Open +4h36 Close +9h12
0.0	0.0	85.8	U-TURN (W)	On Main St
0.1	0.1	85.9	L (S)	on Prairie Divide Road
0.7	0.8	86.6	L (E)	on CR 74C
23.7	0.0	110.3	R (S)	on US287
3.8	27.5	114.1	L (E)	on CR72/Owl Canyon Road--END PAVEMENT
3.1	30.6	117.2	R (S)	On Cr 21
1.2	31.8	118.4		--Road bears Left (E) at 1.2 mi, becomes CR 70
0.2	32.0	118.6	<b>CONTROLE</b>	Information Control:  Open +6h22 close 12h44
0.0	0.0	118.6		Continue East on CR 70
0.8	0.8	119.4	R (S)	on CR 19--BEGIN PAVEMENT
6.9	7.7	126.3	L (E)	on CR 56 --Becomes North Shields St/CR17 (N-S road)
4.8	12.5	131.1	L (E)	on Vine Drive
0.3	12.8	131.4	R (S)	on Wood Drive
0.1	12.9	131.5	L (E)	on Elm Drive
0.1	13.0	131.6	R (S)	on Loomis Drive
0.5	13.5	132.1	L (E)	on Laporte Avenue
0.5	14.0	132.6	R (S)	Cross College, bear right on E sidewalk to finish
0.1	14.1	132.7	<b>CONTROLE</b>	The Bean Cycle, 144 N. College Avenue Open +7h00 Close +14h00