

2016 Molly-Dharma Run Directions and Maps

Note - This is NOT a beginner's route. If you do not have at least one season of riding twisties under your belt, please take the Flatlander Route. *There is no shame in knowing your capabilities. It is the mark of a wise rider. Flatlander route on page 4.

(THERE ARE SOME OPTIONAL ADDITIONS TO THE ROUTE AGAIN THIS YEAR ON PAGE 3-4) . Feel free to make the ride as long or short as you wish, just be sure to make it back to T-Bird for the food, beer, music and silent auctions in the afternoon!

FROM PARKING TO STAGING TO DEPARTURE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU FOLLOW THE ROAD CAPTAINS PLAN FOR EVERYONES SAFETY THANKS!

Turn South (Right) out of the Platte River Bar & Grill parking lot, South on Santa Fe to C470. (We will be staging and releasing the bikes in waves to minimize traffic impact. (Littleton Police may assist.)

At C470, go past the first exit (East, Fly-over) ramp on the right and take the second onto 470 West. Once on C470, this is no longer a group ride. Choose your speed and your groupings as you will.

Continue several miles to the Morrison Exit which is PAST 285. *Note – In past years we have exited on 285. Go just a little farther to the Morrison Exit instead. At the end of the ramp turn West (Left) and go through Morrison - Politely!

Morrison Road goes straight through town and becomes Hwy 74. The very first curves are SHARP!

***BE CAREFUL, Canyon roads call for strong riding skills, there is lots of gravel, tight turns, bicycles and wildlife. Share the road, keep your speed down, STAY ALERT!**

This tight, twisty and beautiful canyon takes you through Idledale, Kittridge, and soon into Evergreen. **IT IS THE MOST SKILL-INTENSIVE LEG OF THE ROUTE!** *Once again, less seasoned riders will enjoy the flatlander route immensely! There is no shame in knowing your capabilities.*

One of the first options to stop for hydration or bathrooms is **Cactus Jack's in Evergreen.* It is slightly off-route but if you stop, thank Gary and the staff for supporting the Molly Run every year!*

Coming through Evergreen still on Hwy 74 you will glide past the Little Bear Saloon. At the traffic circle at the intersection of HWYs 74 and 73, stay right to continue on 74, which is also referred to at this point as Evergreen Parkway. The big, beautiful lake will ripple past on your left.

Continue past the lake and up over the sweeping hills to Bergen Park. You may be aware that there are a couple Bergen Parkway exits. We will take the VERY FIRST one.

On Bergen Parkway, you'll go through a couple of traffic circles, go basically straight through staying on Bergen Parkway.

Soon you will be directed to turn off to the right by a volunteer – the shelter will be hosting our arrival at Chow Down Pet Store in this small shopping center. Follow the signs and volunteers directions to the topmost spots in the top lots. Park, hike down & meet the animals and staff!

While hiking down, **STAY ON THE ASPHALT PLEASE!** The surrounding terrain is too fragile for our boots. Unwanted erosion is not kind!

Enjoy the tour. 30 Minutes is suggested, but stay as long as you like!

Upon departing the shelter's staging area, we will exit a slightly different path to the right in the parking lots, going in front of Chow Down. From the stop sign at the bottom of the lot (*Lots of gravel here*), go straight short to the light and turn LEFT. No Hurry.

Heading back left on Bergen Parkway, AT THE CIRCLE bear right. This is the “middle” leg of Bergen Parkway. It will take you to the intersection & traffic light on HWY 74, Evergreen Parkway. Once Green, go straight across! This will put you heading West on County Road 65. **Don't play with the light here – cross traffic moves FAST!**

Many of you will find this leg familiar from past years. Continue on CR 65 (Twisty in spots) until you pass over I 70. Then go left on HWY 40 (Stopping for cross traffic) all the way up over Floyd Hill and down to the bottom.

I-70 IS ALSO AN OPTION INSTEAD OF 40 –ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE TAKING THE LOOOOONG ROUTE OVER CENTRAL CITY PARKWAY!

Right on HWY 6 through the tunnels to the junction of 6 and 119.

RIGHT on HWY 6 down through the canyon to Golden. At the stoplight at the intersection with HWY 93 in Golden, Keep going straight on the SH 58 bypass, past Coors Brewery to the exit at McIntyre Street. Turn Left on McIntyre Street. The first intersection will be 44th.

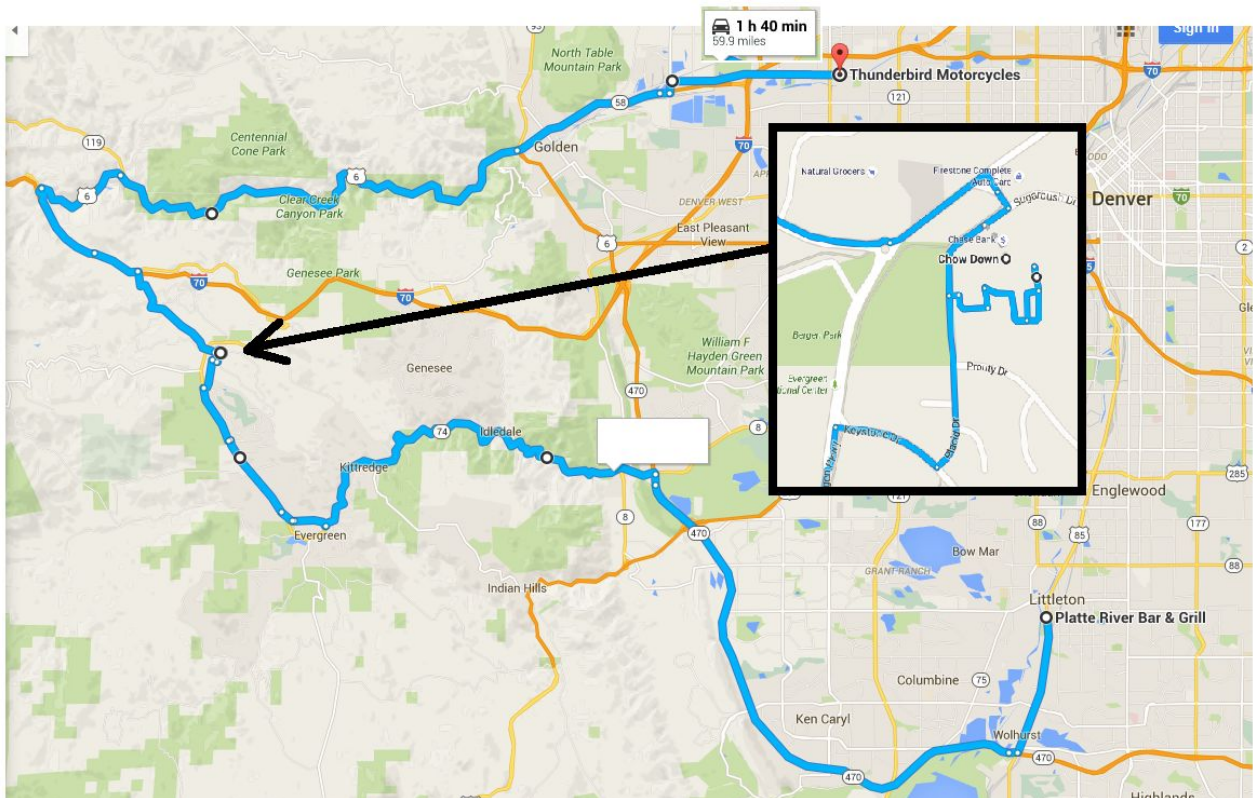
(Many of you will recognize the esteemed Biker Bar, In The Zone, on the left. If you should choose to stop in, tell 'em the Molly-Dharma Run says, “Hi”.)

Turn Right (East) on 44th. Take it several miles all the way to Kipling. Keep going straight, Destination T-Bird Roadhouse will be on the left half a mile.

SMILE AT OUR VOLUNTEERS, THEY WILL GUIDE YOU IN TO PARK!

Follow directions and keep the parking tight!

Map



Optional addition to route

(adds 40 minutes)

From Hwy 40 at the top of Floyd Hill Merge on to I-70

Proceed to Hidden Valley/Central City Exit # 243, turn right over Central City Parkway

Go all the way to Central City, and follow the road down through the center of town to HWY 119

Turn right (down) on 119 to the junction with HWY 6

Pick up the directions from there on page two of the regular map.

2014 Flatlander Route

(Ride Safe!)

[Here's an alternate suggested ride for less experienced riders.](#)

Leave Platte River Bar & Grill

Head south on 85 towards Sedalia

Turn left, east on Meadows/Founders Parkway, north of Castle Rock

Follow Founders Parkway to Hwy. 86, east of Castle Rock

Turn left, east on Hwy. 86 towards Franktown

At the intersection of 86 and 83 is the Stagecoach Inn, excellent stopping place for hydration and restrooms.

Turn left, north on Hwy. 83 in Franktown

Follow Hwy. 83, Parker Rd. north all the way to Hwy 225. Take Hwy 225 South to I-25. Take I-25 a short distance North To Hampden, Or Hwy 285.

Take Hwy 285 South (West) to Kipling, North (Right) on Kipling all the way to 44th. Take 44th East (Right) ¼ mile to T-Bird Roadhouse, 9701 W. 44th Av Wheat Ridge Co.



Keep the parking tight!