



ROUTE 1



WALDEN LOOP

A full-day Rocky Mountain adventure ride

Quick Stats

Distance: 220–300 miles

Ride Time: 6–9 hours

Start/Finish: Estes Park

Route Type: Scenic mountain loop

Estes » Grand Lake » Walden » Fort Collins » Estes

Best done early. Don't skip the Walden lunch stop.

ROUTE

Estes Park » Grand Lake (US-34 / Trail Ridge Road)

Grand Lake » Walden (CO-125 North)

Walden » Fort Collins (CO-14 / Poudre Canyon)

Fort Collins » Estes Park (US-34 / Big Thompson Canyon)

SUGGESTED TIMELINE

7:00–8:00 AM — Depart Estes Park

10:30–12:00 PM — Lunch in Walden

1:00 PM — Depart Walden

4:00–6:00 PM — Return to Estes Park

HIGHLIGHTS

Trail Ridge Road (12,000+ ft summit)

Continental Divide crossing (twice)

Walden Basin open riding

Poudre Canyon sweepers

Big Thompson Canyon finish

KEY STOPS

Fuel: Estes Park • Grand Lake • Walden • Fort Collins

LUNCH STOP

River Rock Café (Recommended)

Alt: Moose Creek Café, Stockman Bar

RIDER NOTES

Trail Ridge Road is seasonal

Rapid weather changes at elevation

Go early to avoid traffic + storms

Watch for wildlife

