

POINTS OF INTEREST

THE GREATEST GRAVEL ROADS ON EARTH



CCALT (along entire section of course north of highway 40)
The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) partners with landowners across the state to conserve Colorado's western heritage and working landscapes for the benefit of future generations.

Del's Triangle 3 Ranch (mile marker 27)
Owned by Ray Heid, a fourth-generation local legend, who can be seen around town wearing his infamous duster and earns the title of "Best Cowboy in the 'Boat'" every year without fail.

Fetcher Land (mile marker 40)
The Fetcher ranch has been in the family for over 70 years. The Fetcher family has been instrumental in protecting our lands from future development. They have spread the word about conservation easements and have preserved over 12,000 acres that will remain raw and wild. Thank you, Jay, and the Fetcher family for granting the riders of SBT GRVL the opportunity to ride through several miles of this very special land.

Mystic (mile marker 69)
Named by Fred May, for his boyhood home in Iowa. May came to Routt County in 1901, was hired to teach the Deep Creek school in 1901, and his sister Grace May, was appointed postmaster at Deep Creek.

Twentymile Park (mile marker 87)
Camps and company towns sprang up all through the triangular area formed by twenty mile intervals between Hayden, Yampa and Steamboat Springs and became known as Twentymile Park.

Lucky 8 Ranch (mile marker 90)
This beautiful ranch with 20 miles of winding trails is Colorado's premier Bison Adventure Tour operator. They offer three-hour off-road tours where guests drive ATV's directly through the American Bison herds.

Trout Creek (mile marker 92)
Named for the extremely large native trout caught here. When the mines were closed during the summer or during cutbacks, the grass along the banks would be completely trampled by miners fishing to keep food on the table.

Hickory Flats/Nancy Crawford Blvd (mile marker 112)
This was a rough 'red light' district known for women, booze, and many of Routt County's unsolved murders. When city officials attempted to clean up the area in the late 1930's, more than 100 ladies of the evening were rounded up in one raid.

The Brown Ranch (mile marker 25)
The Brown Ranch sits on 719 acres of precious land and has been in the same family since 1915. This cabin is one of the last "Centennial" homes left in Routt County.

Warhorse Ranch (mile marker 17 and again at 57)
An equine-assisted therapy facility devoted to empowering veterans, first responders, and trauma survivors who live with PTSD, anxiety and depression.

Hahn's Peak (as you summit Fly Gulch & visible heading north)
This extinct volcano is just under 11,000 feet tall and is most recognizable for its low timberline—trappers used to call the mountain "Old Baldy" before it was renamed after a gold prospector, Joseph Hahn.

Sandhill Cranes (along CR 44)
Keep your eyes peeled for these tall, lanky birds in wetland areas along the course. Between 600 and 1200 cranes settle in Yampa Valley for the summer, before departing for winters in the South.

Sleeping Giant (look to your west as you ride north)
Just West of Steamboat, you'll notice a long, stand-alone mountain named for its resemblance to a sleeping giant. Several legends of the giant that once protected the valley from an intruder and has been sleeping peacefully ever since.

Oak Creek (mile marker 115)
Site of the county's first coal mine, opening in the late 1880s. By 1905, Sam Perry had a successful mine operation and the community of Oak Creek was officially formed in 1908.

Cow Creek (mile marker 131)
Named by the Crawford family because one of their cows wandered off and was found following the creek with her newborn calf.

